United States Department of Agriculture | **Forest Service** | **Willamette Middle Fork Ranger District** | **46375 Hwy 58 Westfir, Oregon 97492**

Reply to: 2430
Date: 06/24/2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 07/26/2016, at 10:00 AM, initial bids for Oral Auction will be opened in the Supervisor's Office for the Gulch Thin sale. This sale is located in Sections 1, 11, 12, T.24S., R.4E., Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, T.24S., R.5E., W.M. Surveyed, Lane County, Oregon. Timber sale Contract 2400-6 will be used. The termination date for this sale is 12/31/2022. This is a small business set-aside sale.

This sale will be preferentially awarded to a qualified small business concern. In the absence of any bids from a self-certifying qualified small business concern, the sale will be readvertised without restriction on the size of bidders.

There are 36.69 miles (59.06 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road construction cost of $168,013.98 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 86,800 Ton. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits: Slash Disposal	Required Deposits: Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species except Pacific Yew	Sawtimber	Ton	86,800.00	13.40	$16.01	$0.99	$7.28	$8.96
	Total	Ton	86,800.00				$631,904.00	$777,728.00

The minimum acceptable weighted average bid rate is $16.01 per Ton.

There is a $139,000.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Middle Fork Ranger District, 46375 Highway 58, Westfir, OR 97492. 541-782-2283.

Sincerely,

/s/ Justin P. Burkey

Justin P. Burkey
Contracting Officer

Enclosure