

**TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS**

<b>Sale Name :</b>	Saddle NE SBA	<b>Type of Sale :</b>	Scaled
<b>National Forest :</b>	Tahoe	<b>Ranger District :</b>	Sierraville
<b>Bidding Method :</b>	Sealed Bid	<b>Bid Guarantee :</b>	\$2,100.00

**Location of Bid Opening :** Nevada City

**Date :** 09/19/2016

**Time :** 10:00 AM

**1. INTRODUCTION.** This prospectus furnishes prospective bidders with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable bidders to decide whether or not to further investigate the sale. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a sale. The contract does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data in this prospectus, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale and make their own estimates. Timber sale Contract 2400-6 will be used. Inspect the sale area and the sample contract before submitting a bid. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the timber, and conditions of sale and bidding at Forest Service offices listed above and in the named attached advertisement.

**2. BIDDING.** This is a Sealed Bid sale. Bidders must submit sealed bids on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the attached advertisement. The forms include instructions for bidding and submission of the required certifications. A bid guarantee must be included with the bid in the form of cash, a bid bond on form FS-6500-13 (4/82) or later, certification of annual bid bond allocation on form FS-6500-13a (4/82) or later, an irrevocable letter of credit, a certified check, bank draft, cashiers check, official bank check, or bank or postal money order payable to the Forest Service, USDA in the amount specified above and in the bid form. The bid guarantee shall be returned to each bidder whose bid is not accepted.

This is a small business set-aside sale. The Forest Service shall readvertise the sale without restriction on the size of bidders if no self-certifying, qualified small business concern makes a valid bid.

**Total Sale Value Bidding:**

Prospective purchasers must submit bids in terms of the minimum acceptable total sale value. The bid form states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total sale value. The advertised minimum acceptable total sale value is only for the biddable species, as listed on the bid form in the upper section of block 14. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed in the lower section of block 14 titled "Required Removal at Fixed Rate. Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The bidder should enter the offer on the bid form only in terms of the total sale value. The Forest Service shall establish bid rates by species in the contract by multiplying each species' minimum acceptable bid rate by the bid increase percentage. Such rates will be rounded to the nearest cent. The bid increase percentage is the bidder's total sale value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total sale value. The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

**3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER.** Refer to the sample contract and sale area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of sale area, location of subdivisions, location of cutting units, the acreage of sale area, and the cutting unit acreage.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE SALE AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

The Saddle NE SBA Timber Sale area is located in portions of Sierra and Plumas Counties, California and is within the Sierraville Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. The Sale Area is comprised of 1,389 acres; of which approximately 511.9 acres is commercial

thinning with individually marked timber, group selection consists of approximately 48.3 acres and is leave tree marked, and radial thinning on 6.7 acres which is leave tree marked for a total of 566.9 treated acres

The Sale Area is located within portions of Section 1, T.21N., R.13E.; portions of Section 6, T.21N., R.14E.; portions of Section 36, T.22N., R.13E.; and portions of Sections 17, 20, 29, 30, and 31, T.22N., R.14E.; M.D.M.

The sale area is located approximately 7 air miles northwest of Sierraville, CA. The main access the sale area is via Highways 49 and 89 to Forest Road 71 north of Calpine, CA.

There is approximately 295 GT Douglas-fir sawtimber, 2,359 GT incense cedar sawtimber, 9,731 GT ponderosa pine sawtimber, and 1,436 GT white fir sawtimber in all subdivisions.

**4. TIMBER QUANTITIES AND RATES.** The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, bidders are urged to examine the timber sale area and make their own estimates.

**Road Construction Costs.** The advertised rate does not include the estimated cost of specified road construction. The estimated road construction cost has been included in the appraisal as a cost that the purchaser will incur. The purchaser will be responsible for the road construction cost and WILL NOT receive credit towards stumpage costs for this expense, i.e., THIS SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURCHASER CREDIT and bidders should consider the cost of road construction when developing their bids.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED BID FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

**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	Road Maintenance
Combined Softwood	Sawtimber	Ton	13,822.00	N/A	\$1.47	\$1.36	\$1.37	\$0.52
	<b>TOTAL</b>	Ton	13,822.00				\$18,936.14	\$7,187.44

The minimum acceptable total sale value bid for advertised timber is \$20,318.34. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed on the bid form in the lower section of block 14 titled "Required Removal at Fixed Rate. Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

The bid rate for species and unit of measure are assigned under procedures for average bid premium bidding, as noted in this prospectus. This rate has been established by appraisal, with a cost allowance for the roads specified by the contract, if any. Required deposits for slash disposal and road maintenance are in addition to the advertised rates for timber. Purchasers are responsible for the cost of specified road construction. Specified road construction costs ARE NOT available to use as credit for the payment of stumpage, i.e., THIS SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURCHASER CREDIT.

Estimated Knutson-Vandenberg deposit for sale area improvement work in a total amount of \$7,547.00 is included in total timber value.

**5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT.** The normal operating season covers the period between 06/01 and 10/15. Contract termination date is 10/15/2020. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the purchaser has met specified conditions.

If an appeal or lawsuit is filed challenging the decision to award this contract or upon determination by the Regional Forester that

conditions existing on this timber sale are the same as, or nearly the same as, conditions existing on other timber sale(s) in appeal or litigation, Contracting Officer may delay award or reject all bids. If delay in award is for 30 days or more during Normal Operating Season after bid opening, Contracting Officer shall, upon award, adjust the contract term to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the time award is delayed during Normal Operating Season.

The purchaser must submit a Plan of Operations to the Contracting Officer for approval before operations begin or within 60 days of sale award, whichever is earlier. The plan must show how the purchaser plans to complete the contract by the termination date. In addition to the Plan of Operations, the purchaser must submit an annual Operating Schedule before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual Operating Schedule does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

**6. PAYMENT.** Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. The Purchaser may transfer purchaser credit into the contract, or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. Payment for required deposits must be a cash payment. The purchaser shall make advance deposits in accordance with provision B(T)4.212 - Advance Deposits.

The high bidder whose bid is accepted shall, at the time the contract is signed and returned by the bidder, make a downpayment pursuant to Title 36, Section 223.49, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Contracting Officer will notify the high bidder of the amount necessary to make this payment. In no case shall the downpayment be less than 10 percent of the total advertised value plus 20 percent of the bid premium. After receipt of the downpayment and a satisfactory performance bond and upon execution of the timber sale contract, the Forest Service will return the bid guarantee. A cash bid guarantee may be applied to the downpayment at the request of the purchaser. The purchaser cannot apply the amount deposited as a downpayment to cover other obligations due on the sale until conditions stated in the contract for release of downpayment have been met. Refer to the sample contract for the specific conditions.

By 04/01/2019 , the purchaser shall have paid for, or in lieu thereof, deposited cash in the amount of: (1) 50 percent of the total estimated bid premium, or (2) 35 percent of the total estimated sale value at bid date, exclusive of required deposits, rounded up to the next \$100.

By 04/01/2020 , the purchaser shall have paid for, or in lieu thereof, deposited cash in the amount of 75 percent of the total estimated sale value at bid date, exclusive of required deposits, rounded up to the next \$100.

**7. PERFORMANCE BOND.** A performance bond is required. The penal sum of the bond will be 10 percent of the total bid value of the sale, rounded up to the nearest \$100 when the total bid value is \$10,000 or less; and rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 when the total bid value exceeds \$10,000 or \$3,000.00 whichever is greater. If an irrevocable letter of credit is used to secure the performance bond, the termination of the letter of credit must be at least 6 months past the contract termination date.

**8. SPECIFIED ROADS.** The Forest Service has determined that the following National Forest System roads shall be constructed or paid for, in whole or in part, by the timber sale purchaser. Sufficient information to permit a prospective bidder to calculate the likely cost to be incurred for road construction is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. See the sample contract for verification of specific details and information concerning construction specifications. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH RELATED SPECIFICATIONS, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. The following roads are those that Forest Service considers necessary to remove the timber from this sale.

Road Number	Road Name	Traffic Service	Approximate Miles/Kilometers	Estimated Road Construction Cost	Type of Work *
0071-041-70	CARMEN VALLEY SPUR	C	0.54 / 0.87	\$15,369.17	R

\* C = Construction  
R = Reconstruction

The required specified road completion date for all roads is 09/15/2017. If provision C(T)5.13# - Road Completion Date has different dates for projects, this is the final road completion date.

Total estimated construction cost allowed in appraisal is \$17,322.38

The estimated road construction cost includes the cost of road reconstruction engineering services, pursuant to Public Law 88-657, 78 Stat. 1089, 16 U.S.C. 532-537. Refer to provision C(T)5.213# - Deposit for Reconstruction Engineering Services in the sample contract for additional information.

Purchaser shall make a cash deposit in the amount \$1,953.21 for engineering services completed by Forest Service in preparation of this contract. The Forest Service shall complete reconstruction related engineering services on the following schedule:

Road or Facility No.	Termini From -To (MP or Sta.)	Engineering Services Completion Date
0071-041-7	0 - .54	09/15/2017

**9. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Purchaser shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with purchaser's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by purchaser in connection with this sale. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the purchaser's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in Section 4 and in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

**10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**12. SET-ASIDE SALES.** Preferential award of this sale to a self-certifying, qualified small business concern is authorized by section 15 of the Small Business Act of 1958. All bidders shall designate their small business status as specified on the bid form. The bidder, by signing the bid for advertised timber, certifies its small business status and agrees to the provisions of the sample contract including disposal and record keeping. 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 under 36 CFR 223.103.

The high bidder's size status is subject to verification by the Small Business Administration (SBA). A small business that does not qualify for the program must obtain a recertification of size from SBA before self-certifying again for small business set-aside sales.

The bidder, by signing the bid form, agrees not to sell more than 30 percent of the advertised sawtimber quantities included in this sale to firms not qualifying as small businesses under section 15 of the Small Business Act. Volume distribution requirements do not apply if the sale is readvertised under 36 CFR 223.103 and is awarded without restrictions to bidder size.

**13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS.** The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The bidder, by signing the bid for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each bid.

**14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW.** If the total bid value plus required deposits for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the high bidder to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

**15. AWARD.** The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of bidder responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To determine a purchaser to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The purchaser has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The purchaser is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The purchaser has a satisfactory performance record on timber sale contracts. A prospective purchaser that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the purchaser's control and were not created through improper actions by the purchaser or affiliate, or that the purchaser has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a purchaser is not a responsible contractor. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;
- d. The purchaser has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- e. The purchaser has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for logging the timber and for meeting the resource protection provisions of the contract;
- f. The purchaser is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that, to the best of bidder's knowledge the bidder will meet the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101, determination of purchaser responsibility, and, if awarded this contract, that bidder will complete the timber sale contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber.

**16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT.** Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that they are aware that bidder is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

**17. DAMAGES.** This contract shall be terminated for breach pursuant to paragraph 16, 19, and/or 21 of the bid form and the terms of the sample contract if: 1) bidder fails to execute a timber sale contract, furnish a downpayment, or furnish a satisfactory performance bond within 30 days of the award letter's date; or 2) bidder is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the bid form including not meeting purchaser responsibility requirements, and bidder has made a false statement. The bid guarantee shall be retained, in whole or in part, by the Forest Service to satisfy any damages that may be assessed.

**18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION.** Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017).

These rules require each timber sale purchaser, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when bidding on sales. The bidder must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the bid form. The bidder, by signing the bid form, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the bidding. Also, as a timber sale purchaser enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with bid forms. Purchaser must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested.

The certification forms and instructions for subcontractor transactions are provided as an addendum to the bid form.

**19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) LOGGING REGULATIONS.** Conduct of operations on this timber sale is subject to inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266 by OSHA. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist purchasers to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this timber sale from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, California Department of Industrial Relations, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, California 94612.

**20. GENERAL.** Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms>.

**A. OUTSIDE NORMAL OPERATING SEASON STANDARDS (10/16 to 05/31):** If a potential bidder intends to conduct operations outside the Normal Operating Season (NOS) as shown in Standard Provision A16 of the sample contract, be advised that administration of operations by the Forest Service outside of the stated NOS will be under the guidance of the "Outside Normal Operating Season Standards" for the Tahoe National Forest, if operations outside the NOS are approved. These standards are available for review at the office soliciting bids for this contract. It is recommended that potential bidders review these standards prior to bidding.

**B. CRUISE STANDARDS:** Marking and cruising of the Included Timber was completed in 2012. The Sampling Error is 9.95% for sawtimber.

**C. CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION:** Sites are confidential and not shown on the Sale Area Map. Cultural Resource sites are flagged on the ground with Blue and Black striped flagging. See contract provision C6.24# - Site Specific Protection Measures. Harvest cards or a separate CONFIDENTIAL Controlled Area Map will be provided to Purchaser after award.

**D. THIRD PARTY SCALING:** 100% Weight Scaling shall be used for all Included Products. Unit of measure shall be GREEN TONS. A copy of the weight certificate for each load shall be returned with the load receipt ticket to the District Resource Assistant - Truckee Ranger District, Truckee, CA.

**E. TIMBER AND BOUNDARY DESIGNATION (C2.35#):** This Sale Area includes approximately 1,389 acres. The Sale is a green sale with a Leave Tree Mark (LTM) and Individual Tree Mark (ITM) for sawtimber. The silvicultural treatments for this sale consist of a combination of Commercial Thinning (511.9 ac.), Group Selection (48.3 ac.), and Radial Thinning (6.7 ac.) for a total of 566.9 treated acres. The harvesting equipment requirement for this sale requires a combination of Mechanical Harvesting (fellerbuncher), handfelling of oversized trees, and endlining to protect resources. Maximum cut tree size for this sale is 29.9 inches DBH. If trees less than 9.9 inches diameter are cut during timber harvesting operations they will be yarded to the landing for disposal as slash and will be machine piled. The tops with limbs attached from sawtimber trees which will be treated as landing slash to be machine piled. By agreement, limb slash may be used for erosion control material (mulch) where designated by the Sale Administrator under contract provision C6.6# - Erosion Prevention and Control.

All subdivisions are pre-designated. All LTM trees are marked with ORANGE paint above and below stump height for retention in the Group Selection areas. All ITM trees are marked with BLUE paint above and below stump height for cutting in the Commercial and Radial Thinning areas. Radial Thin Conifer Leave Trees are designated in ORANGE with 2 horizontal paint bands at DBH and one paint mark below stump height. Biomass trees in . Boundaries of thinning, groups, and wildlife enhancement patches are designated with ORANGE paint. Equipment exclusion signs and flagging are used to denote resource protection and/or equipment exclusion areas.

**F. MATERIAL SOURCES:** The Forest Service has appraised local material source from Blasted Rock, Beckwourth, CA. Forest Service has not obtained any commitment for price, quantity, or when, or if, such material would be available. Bidders must make their own determination of price, availability, quantity, and time material will be available.

**G. ROAD MAINTENANCE (C5.32#):** Purchaser shall make required deposits for road maintenance of \$0.52 per GT. See the Road Maintenance Deposit Schedule in the Road Maintenance Package for more detailed information.

**H. SURFACE REPLACEMENT (C5.35#):** Purchaser shall make required deposits for Surface Replacement of \$0.86 per GT. See the Surface Replacement Deposit Schedule in the Road Maintenance Plan for more detailed information.

**I. WATER SOURCES (C6.315#):** Due to current drought conditions, water sources may not continually be available. Because of this, magnesium chloride and/or extended travel distances to water sources may be required. The following measures will be required to use water sources:

1. Use an approved water source for obtaining water.
2. Where streams are the sole water source, drafting would be allowed until stream flows reach 2 cfs. Below 2 cfs, drafting would only be allowed in previously developed off-site water impoundments as approved by the Forest Service.
3. Drafting hose will have a suction strainer with holes 2 millimeters or less in size.
4. The end of the drafting hose will be placed in a clean plastic 5 gallon bucket to avoid disturbing the sediment in the stream channel.
5. Drafting will occur in the deepest portion of the stream channel.

6. Drafting equipment shall be secured to prevent equipment from drifting down stream.
7. Do not overfill tanks when collecting water as this can lead to increased sedimentation to the stream channel.
8. Do not back water trucks beyond the established access developed to access the water source.
9. If use of water source creates sediment movement. Apply clean crushed gravel or other means to control sediment, and maintain water quality.

**J. TREATMENT OF STUMPS:** Purchaser shall treat stumps of all live conifer trees, except incense cedar and juniper, equal to or greater than 14.0 inches stump diameter with a borate compound registered with the Environmental Protection Agency in the State of California for prevention of annosus root disease (C6.41#). The applicator of this borate compound must meet all Sierra and Plumas County licensing and certification requirements.

**K. EROSION CONTROL:** Within RHCAs, equipment should be limited to slopes 20% if the slope is directly above, and runs continuously down to a stream channel. If the slope is >20%, but does not slope directly into the creek, the 30% rule with no short pitches to 35% will be permitted. Do not track up and down drainage pathways and minimize all equipment movement through swales. When equipment is operating inside RHCAs, minimize ground disturbance with short perpendicular entries into the RHCA. Backblade any berms created by equipment that could concentrate water. Ground skidding equipment will be used on slopes no greater than 30% slope with short pitches up to 200 feet up to 35%. Short pitches over 35% may be agreed to on a site-specific basis as approved by the Forest Service. All skid trails over 30% will be mulched. Mulch will be spread to a maximum depth no greater than 4.0 inches on skid trails. Existing slash adjacent to skid trails will be used, if available, before slash from the landings. All operations conducted under this contract are subject to the requirements of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board "Timber Waiver".

**L. EQUIPMENT CLEANING (B6.35):** All equipment that operates off roads shall be cleaned before entering the Sale Area, if the equipment has previously operated in areas infested with non-native invasive plants (NNIPs). Any equipment that operates in an infested area shall be cleaned before the equipment moves on to another area (within or outside the current Sale Area). If NNIPs infestations are found during harvesting operations avoid soil disturbance to areas by buffering the infested area by 50 feet until the Forest Service makes a determination that the infestation has been eradicated or is not a concern.

**M. SALE OPERATIONS SCHEDULE:** Additional requirements related to operations are covered under C6.315# - Sale Operations Schedule. See Sample Contract for additional special requirements listed by sale subdivision:

1. Skidding operations will only be permitted when soil moisture conditions are such that compaction, gulying, and/or rutting will be minimized. See contract provision C6.315# - Sale Operations for specific Subdivision equipment limitations/restrictions based on soil moisture and soil dryness requirements.
2. Specific special requirements for operations conducted with in Riparian Habitat Conservations Areas (RHCAs) to protect water quality.
3. Limited Operating Periods for protection of threatened or endangered species. If a new Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive (TES) animal species is listed or discovered, or a nesting TES species is found within 0.25 miles of project activities, a limited operating period appropriate for the TES species will be implemented for the effected subdivisions based on the recommendation by a qualified wildlife or fisheries biologist.
4. If detection of a wolverine or Sierra Nevada red fox is verified, the Forest Service will determine if activities within 5 miles of the detection have a potential to affect the species. If necessary, a Limited Operating Period (LOP) will be implemented from January 1 through and including June 30, to avoid adverse impacts to potential breeding. No operations will be allowed in affected units during the LOP, if implemented.

**N. FIRE PRECAUTIONARY SYSTEM:** The Project Activity Level (PAL), an industrial operation's fire precaution system, will be used for this sale. Forest Service, in its sole discretion, may change the predicted activity level if the current fire suppression situation, weather and vegetation conditions warrant an adjustment. The PAL East SIG will be used to calculate the Project Activity Level. The "Normal Operating Season" is from June 1 to October 15, inclusive. The Expected Days per Month at each PAL value for the "Normal Operating Season" is shown in the following table.

## PROJECT ACTIVITY LEVEL CLIMATOLOGY

Station/SIG/Unit: PAL West

Month	PAL LEVEL					
	A	B	C	D	Ev	E
	Expected Days per Month at each PAL Value					
May	17.1	8.6	5.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
June	6.0	8.8	13.3	1.6	0.3	0.0
July	0.8	3.6	19.5	5.3	1.8	0.0
August	0.8	2.6	12.3	8.5	6.5	0.2
September	2.1	4.0	10.7	7.9	4.8	0.6
October	4.0	5.1	13.1	6.2	2.4	0.2
November	12.6	8.5	8.1	0.6	0.2	0.0

O. USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDAs TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.