

Region: Pacific S-West  
National Forest: Eldorado  
Ranger District: Placerville

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE  
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT  
(Ref. FSM 2430, FSH 2409.18)

FS-2400-3S (6/06)

Sale Name: <i>Caples Hazard Tree SSTS</i>	Contract Number	Award Date	Termination Date (B8.2)
Purchaser's Name and Complete Address:			12/31/2020
Total Sale Acres		Acres to be Cut	Type of Sale
135		42	Scaled
Legal Description of Sale Area (B1.1): T10 N R15 E sections 21 & 22 MDM			

The parties to this contract are the United States of America, acting through the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called Forest Service, and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called Purchaser. Standard Provisions of this contract begin on page 2. Specific Conditions are given below. Numbers in parentheses refer to Standard and Special Provisions. Forest Service address to receive payments (B4.0): USDA Forest Service, (at address on Bill For Collection). Products will be Scaled, counted, or otherwise measured according to the National Forest Log Scaling Handbook (FSH 2409.11), as amended and supplemented. Scaling location is the sale area, unless agreed otherwise.

**Included Timber (B2.1, B2.2, B2.4, B3.1, B4.0, and B6.4)**

Species	Product	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Measure	Minimum Specifications					Payment Rates per Unit of Measure		
				DBH (Inches)	No. of Minimum Pieces per Tree	Length (Feet)	D.I.B. at Small End (Inches)	Net Merch. Factor	Base Rates \$	Bid Rates \$	Required Slash Disposal \$
Incense Cedar	Sawtimber	2.00	MBF	10.0	1	10	6.0	25	.50		.00
Jeffrey Pine	Sawtimber	73.00	MBF	10.0	1	10	6.0	25	.50		.00
Sugar Pine	Sawtimber	5.00	MBF	10.0	1	10	6.0	25	.50		.00
White Fir	Sawtimber	29.00	MBF	10.0	1	10	6.0	25	.50		.00

**Timber Subject to Agreement Under Special Provision C2.11#**

Combined Softwood	Non-Saw	Unestimated	MBF	9.0	1	10	6.0	25	.50		.00
<b>Total Quantity</b>		109.00	MBF	<b>Total Sale Value \$</b>							\$ .00

Inapplicable Standard Provisions: B4.211 B8.64 B4.4	List of Special Provisions: C2.11#, C2.2#, C2.35#, C2.353#, C4.211, C4.212, C4.4, C5.125#, C5.31#, C5.32#, C5.35#, C6.24#, C6.315#, C6.331, C6.37, C6.41#, C6.42#, C6.5, C6.6#, C6.7#, C6.815#, C7.2#, C7.22#, C8.64, C8.65# (Option 1), C8.74
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Maximum Stump Height (B6.412): 12 inches	<p align="center"><b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>By (Signature)</i></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>Contracting Officer</b></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>(Title)</i></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>PURCHASER</b></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>By (Signature)</i></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>(Title)</i></p>
Purchaser's Operations Fire Suppression Liability (B7.41) is: \$36,100.00 per Fire.	
Fire Precautionary Period (B7.2): From: May 01 To: December 01	
Responsibility to Furnish Crews & Equipment (B7.3):	
Initial Suppression: 25 road miles	
Fire Suppression Reinforcement: 100 road miles	
Normal Operating Season (B6.31):	
First Period: From: May 01 To: October 15	
Second Period: From: To:	
Performance Bond Amount (B9.1):	
Downpayment Amount (B4.211):	<hr/> <p align="center"><i>By (Signature)</i></p> <hr/>
Periodic Payment Amount (B4.213):	
Initial Payment: Date:	
Additional Payment: Date:	<hr/> <p align="center"><i>(Title)</i></p>
<b>WITNESSES</b>	
In witness hereof, the parties hereto have executed this contract as of the award date.	
_____	
(Witness Signature)	
_____	
(Witness Signature)	

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ named as Purchaser herein; that \_\_\_\_\_ who sign \_\_\_\_\_ of said corporation; that said conby authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

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## TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

This contract is organized into Parts, Sections, Subsections, and Items. These are numbered in accordance with the following scheme: Part B1.0, Section B1.1, Subsection B1.11, and Item B1.111. References to a Part include all Sections, Subsections, and Items within that Part; references to a Section include all Subsections and Items within that Section; and references to a Subsection include all Items within that Subsection. Cross-references within this contract cite the reference number of the applicable Part, Section, Subsection, and Item. Descriptive headings used are not to be considered in determining the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder.

The Standard Provisions are subject to Specific Conditions of the contract stated on Page 1. Wherever appropriate, Specific Conditions established on Page 1 are cited by reference number. The listing of inapplicable Sections, Subsections, or Items on Page 1 has the effect of striking or deleting them from the contract. Page 1 lists Special Provisions that are included in the contract. Where appropriate, references to Special Provisions are made by citing the applicable reference numbers.

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## B1.0-SALE AREA

B1.1 Sale Area Map. The boundaries of "Sale Area" and any subdivision thereof, are as shown on the attached "Sale Area Map" that is made a part hereof, and were, before timber sale advertisement, designated on the ground by Forest Service to meet the anticipated needs of the parties. The location of Sale Area and its approximate acreage are stated on Page 1. Subdivisions may be revised and additional ones may be established only by written agreement. Subdivisions or cutting units may be eliminated from Sale Area under conditions described in B6.36.

Where applicable, the following are also identified on Sale Area Map:

- (a) Identified claims limiting Purchaser's rights under B1.2;
- (b) Boundaries of Clearcutting Units, Overstory Removal Units, and Understory Removal Units under B2.3;
- (c) Diameter limits for Overstory Removal Units and Understory Removal Units under B2.33 and B2.34;
- (d) Areas where leave trees are Marked to be left uncut under B2.35;
- (e) Roads where log hauling or use is prohibited or restricted under B5.12;
- (f) Roads and trails to be kept open under B6.22;
- (g) Improvements to be protected under B6.22;
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- (l) Streamcourses to be protected under B6.5;
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- (n) Locations of wetlands requiring protection under B6.62;
- (o) Locations of temporary roads to be kept open under B6.631; and
- (p) Other features required by standard or special provisions.

B1.2 Claims. Valid claims are excluded from Sale Area, except those on which timber cutting is authorized in writing by the claimant and except mining claims on which cutting is authorized by the Act of July 23, 1955 (30 USC 614). Claims that limit Purchaser's rights to operate under this contract and that Forest Service has been able to identify are shown on Sale Area Map. Purchaser is not obligated to operate contrary to existing claim limitations. Forest Service shall designate boundaries of claims on the ground to the extent necessary to identify Included Timber.

## B2.0-TIMBER SPECIFICATIONS

B2.1 Included Timber. "Included Timber" consists of:

B2.11 Standard Timber. Live and dead trees and portions thereof that meet Utilization Standards under B2.2 and are designated for cutting under B2.3.

B2.12 Substandard Timber. Live and dead trees that:

- (a) Do not meet Utilization Standards and
- (b) Are located in Clearcutting Units or are otherwise designated for cutting.

B2.13 Damaged Timber.

B2.131 Damaged by Purchaser. Undesignated live trees meeting Utilization Standards that are damaged by Purchaser in logging and are subsequently Marked before Purchaser has completed skidding or yarding operations in the immediate area.

By agreement, such trees may be left without charge if their removal would cause undue damage or be grossly uneconomic.

B2.132 Negligent or Willful Damage. Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards and unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut by Purchaser, if included by Contracting Officer.

B2.134 Minor Damage by Natural Causes. Undesignated trees within Sale Area and meeting Utilization Standards, in amounts less than specified in B8.22, that become insect infested, windthrown, suffer serious damage, or die, as designated by agreement.

B2.14 Unintentionally Cut Timber. Trees, within or immediately adjacent to Sale Area, not designated for cutting under B2.3 but that are cut through mistake by Purchaser, when included by Contracting Officer.

B2.16 Other Material. Species or products not listed on Page 1, upon written approval of Contracting Officer under B3.41.

B2.2 Utilization and Removal of Included Timber. "Utilization Standards" for trees and minimum pieces are stated on Page 1. To meet minimum tree specifications, trees must equal or exceed tree diameters listed on Page 1 and contain at least one minimum piece. Except for timber required or authorized to be left, Purchaser shall fell and buck such trees and

shall remove from Sale Area and present for Scaling all pieces that:

- (a) Meet minimum piece standards on Page 1 or
- (b) Do not meet such standards, but would have qualified as part of minimum pieces if bucking lengths were varied to include such material.

B2.3 Timber Designations. Timber designated for cutting shall be confined to Sale Area, except as provided in B2.131, B2.14, B2.32, and B5.1.

The boundaries of Clearcutting Units, Overstory Removal Units, and Understory Removal Units were plainly Marked on ground before timber sale advertisement and are shown on Sale Area Map. Boundary trees shall not be cut. The approximate acreage of timber designations is stated on Page 1.

B2.31 Clearcutting Units. All trees that meet Utilization Standards within "Clearcutting Units" are designated for cutting.

B2.32 Clearing. All timber is designated for cutting that is within the clearing limits of authorized clearings. All dead or unstable live trees are designated for cutting that are sufficiently tall to reach Purchaser's landings or the roadbed of roads when Marked in advance of felling of timber in the immediate vicinity. Pieces meeting Utilization Standards from such dead or unstable live trees shall be removed, unless there is agreement that to do so could damage the road.

B2.33 Overstory Removal Units. All trees within "Overstory Removal Units" are designated for cutting when they meet Utilization Standards and equal or exceed the diameter limits shown on Sale Area Map.

B2.34 Understory Removal Units. All trees within "Understory Removal Units" are designated for cutting when they meet Utilization Standards and are smaller than the diameter limits shown on Sale Area Map.

B2.35 Individual Trees. All trees to be cut, other than in the units described in B2.31, B2.32, B2.33, and B2.34, are Marked or designated by description. Trees are "Marked" when individually designated by Forest Service with paint marks above and below stump height.

Sale Area Map indicates areas plainly identified on the ground where leave trees are Marked to be left uncut.

B2.37 Minor Changes. Within Sale Area, minor adjustments may be made in boundaries of cutting units or in the timber individually Marked for cutting when acceptable to Purchaser and Forest Service.

B2.4 Volume Estimate. The estimated volumes of timber by species designated for cutting under B2.3 and expected to be cut under Utilization Standards are listed on Page 1. The estimated volumes stated on Page 1 are not to be construed as guarantees or limitations of the timber volumes to be designated for cutting under the terms of this contract.

### B3.0-RATES OF PAYMENT

B3.1 Current Contract Rates. Included Timber that is removed by Purchaser and presented for Scaling in the product form stated on Page 1 shall be paid for at Current Contract Rates determined under this Section. "Current Contract Rates" are listed on Page 1, unless superseded by rates redetermined under B3.3. In addition, "Required Deposits" shall be made as listed on Page 1, C5.32, and C6.816, or established under B3.3.

In the event Termination Date is adjusted under B8.21, Current Contract Rates shall be continued in the same manner as immediately prior to the adjustment period.

Current Contract Rates for timber cut and removed from Sale Area that remains unscaled after Termination Date, as adjusted, shall be Current Contract Rates in effect on Termination Date.

"Current Contract Value" is the sum of the products of Current Contract Rates and estimated remaining unscaled volumes by species of Included Timber meeting Utilization Standards. "Bid Premium Rates" are the amounts by which Purchaser's bid is in excess of Advertised Rates. "Advertised Rates" are the minimum acceptable Bid Rates for timber. "Bid Rates" are the rates bid by Purchaser. "Base Rates" are the lowest rates of payment for timber that are authorized by this contract.

B3.3 Rate Redetermination. Rates may be redetermined as set forth in this Section. Bid Premium Rates shall be added to all redetermined rates, except as provided in B3.31 and B3.33.

Rate redeterminations shall be made in accordance with the standard Forest Service methods in effect 45 days prior to rate redetermination. Such methods shall take into consideration factors that may affect timber value at said rate redetermination date.

Redetermined rates shall not be less than Base Rates listed on Page 1, except for reduction under B3.31 or B3.33. Required Deposits shall be redetermined.

B3.31 Rate Redetermination for Environmental Modification. In the event of a contract modification under B8.33 or partial termination under B8.34, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the revision and the appraised unit

value of Included Timber to be cut under the modification.

Current Contract Rates in effect at the time of the revision will be adjusted by said differences to become the redetermined rates. Accordingly, Base Rates shall be adjusted to correspond to the redetermined rates if redetermined rates are less than the original Base Rates, subject to a new Base Rate limitation of the cost of essential reforestation or 25 cents per hundred cubic feet or equivalent, whichever is larger.

Redetermined rates and Required Deposits shall be considered established under B3.1 for timber Scaled subsequent to the contract revision.

**B3.33 Rate Redetermination for Market Change.** In the event of delay or interruption, exceeding 90 days, under B8.33, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately prior to the delay or interruption and the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately after the delay or interruption. The appraisal shall be done after any rate redetermination done pursuant to B3.31, using remaining volumes.

Current Contract Rates in effect at the time of delay or interruption or established pursuant to B3.31 will be reduced, if appraised rates declined during the delay or interruption. Increases in rates will not be considered. Accordingly, Base Rates shall be adjusted to correspond to the redetermined rates if redetermined rates are less than the original Base Rates, subject to a new Base Rate limitation of the cost of essential reforestation or 25 cents per hundred cubic feet or equivalent, whichever is larger.

Redetermined rates shall be considered established under B3.1 for timber Scaled subsequent to the delay or interruption.

#### **B3.4 Other Payment Rates.**

**B3.41 Material Not on Page 1.** Incidental amounts of products or portions of trees of species listed on Page 1 that do not meet Utilization Standards may be removed without charge. Such material may be purposely removed in more than incidental amounts without charge upon written approval of Contracting Officer, and subject to agreement on deposits if needed for road maintenance and use.

Other species or products not listed on Page 1 may be cut and removed upon written approval of Contracting Officer and subject to agreement on rates of payment and deposits if needed for road maintenance and use. When any material suitable for use in a product form included on Page 1 is removed in another product form, the rates of payment shall be not less than but approximately equivalent to Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits.

**B3.42 Timber Cut Through Mistake.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards, cut by Purchaser through mistake and included by Contracting Officer under B2.14, shall be removed and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits, unless such material is not listed on Page 1. In such event, Contracting Officer, in accord with standard Forest Service methods, shall establish rates to be paid.

**B3.43 Designated Timber Cut But Not Removed.** Standard timber shall be removed, as provided in B2.2, prior to acceptance of subdivision for completion of logging under B6.36. There shall be no charge when:

- (a) The leaving of incidental material is justified under existing conditions, including those under B6.4 or
- (b) Cut timber is left by option or requirement, as under B2.31, B2.32, and B6.4.

**B3.44 Undesignated Timber Damaged Without Negligence.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards, damaged without negligence by Purchaser and designated by Forest Service under B2.131, shall be cut, removed, and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits.

**B3.45 Undesignated Timber Unnecessarily Damaged or Negligently or Willfully Cut.** Undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards and unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut by Purchaser, if included by Contracting Officer under B2.132, shall be cut, removed, and paid for at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits that are in addition to liquidated damages under B3.46.

If such timber is of a species or size not listed on Page 1 or is of a quality different from designated timber, Contracting Officer shall establish payment rates in accord with standard Forest Service methods.

**B3.46 Liquidated Damages.** Unnecessary damage to or negligent or willful cutting of undesignated timber, as described in B3.45, on portions of Sale Area cut over under this contract is likely to cause substantial silvicultural or other damage to the National Forest. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to determine the amount of such damage. Therefore, Purchaser shall pay as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages an amount equivalent to the amount payable at Current Contract Rates. If designated by Contracting Officer, Purchaser shall remove such damaged or cut timber and pay for it at Current Contract Rates.

**B3.47 Defect Caused by Abnormal Delay.** Scaling deductions made for rot, check, or other defect resulting from abnormal delay in Scaling caused by Purchaser shall be recorded separately and charged to the Timber Sale Account at Current Contract Rates and applicable deposits.

**B4.0-PAYMENTS**

B4.1 Amount Payable for Timber. Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits in effect when the timber is Scaled shall be applied to the Scaled volume to determine the amount Purchaser shall pay.

B4.2 Timber Sale Account. The "Timber Sale Account" is an account maintained by Forest Service of all Purchaser's deposits, credits, payment guarantees, and the charges for:

- (a) Timber at Current Contract Rates;
- (b) Slash disposal, road maintenance, and contract Scaling at Required Deposit rates;
- (c) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under B4.218; and
- (d) Other charges provided in this contract.

Cash deposits shall be recorded currently in such account.

Charges for timber cut shall be made when Forest Service prepares and furnishes to Purchaser periodic statements of volume and value of such timber cut and Scaled.

B4.21 Cash Deposits. Within the limitations of this Subsection, Purchaser shall make cash deposits to meet Purchaser's obligations within 15 days of billing by Forest Service. Deposits shall be made to the address on Page 1. Forest Service shall explain the bill at the time it requests each deposit.

B4.211 Downpayment. The downpayment amount shown on Page 1 may not be applied toward any other payment required under the provisions of this contract, except damages determined pursuant to B9.4, transferred to other timber sales, or refunded until stumpage value representing 25 percent of the total bid value of the timber sale has been charged and paid for, or if 36 CFR 223.49(e) is applicable, the estimated value of the unscaled timber is equal to or less than the amount of the downpayment.

If Forest Service makes a determination that this contract should not have been included under increased downpayment requirements (36 CFR 223.49(e)), the downpayment shall be revised and applied in accordance with 36 CFR 223.49(f).

B4.212 Advance Deposits. Purchaser agrees to make cash deposits in advance of cutting to meet charges under B4.2.

Forest Service billings for advance cash deposits shall be in such amounts that the Timber Sale Account will maintain an unobligated balance equal to the applicable charges for timber Forest Service estimates will be cut in not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days. This advance cash deposit may be reduced to a smaller amount by the terms of B4.211, B4.213, and/or B4.215. Except for amounts required pursuant to B4.211 and B4.213, Purchaser shall not be required to make advance deposits above those required under this Item.

When the credit balance in the Timber Sale Account is less than the amount due for timber estimated to be cut in 10 days, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Purchaser's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received.

B4.213 Periodic Payment Schedule. Purchaser shall make periodic payment for stumpage value, as shown on Page 1.

In the event Purchaser has not paid the amount stated on Page 1 as stumpage for volume removed by the periodic payment determination date, Forest Service shall issue a bill for collection for the difference between the required amount and payments made by Purchaser. If payment falls due on a date other than a normal billing date, the payment date shall be extended to coincide with the next Timber Sale Account billing date.

The amount of the periodic payment will be reduced if the payment would result in Purchaser's credit balance for timber charges exceeding the Current Contract Value.

Only cash may be used for this purpose. No other form of payment is acceptable. Forest Service will apply the payment to subsequent charges on this contract under the terms of B4.212.

A periodic payment determination date that has not been reached shall be adjusted one day for each additional day of contract time granted.

B4.215 Deposits When Payment Guaranteed. To the extent payment guarantee is provided under B4.3, requirements for advance cash deposits under B4.212 shall be waived for the value of timber on Sale Area that is cut, but not removed, and for the value of products removed from Sale Area for not more than a monthly billing period, subject to the provisions of B4.4.

B4.216 Blanket Cash Deposits. Purchaser may make cash deposits under a written agreement to cover charges made under this and other timber sale contracts within the same National Forest. Forest Service shall allocate such deposits to such timber sales. When there is to be no timber cutting hereunder for 30 days or more and payment of current charges has been made, the allocation to this timber sale shall be reallocated to other timber sales within the same National Forest at Purchaser's request. Purchaser shall not start cutting until allocation has again been made to this timber sale.

B4.218 Cooperative Deposits. On a basis of cooperation or assistance (16 USC 572) and by a written agreement,

Forest Service shall perform all or portions of the work that Purchaser is obligated to perform under this contract, as well as furnish other services in connection with activities under this contract. When Forest Service is to perform such work, Purchaser shall make one or more deposits to cover the estimated cost of said work. On request of Purchaser, Forest Service shall render monthly accounts, as may be specified in such agreement.

B4.22 Temporary Reduction of Downpayment. When, under B8.33, Contracting Officer orders a delay or interruption of Purchaser's Operations for more than 30 days when scheduled operations would be occurring but for the order, the downpayment amount required shall be temporarily reduced upon the written request of Purchaser or at the discretion of the Contracting Officer. For the period of the delay or interruption, the downpayment on deposit may be reduced to \$1,000 or two (2) percent of the downpayment amount listed on Page 1, whichever is larger.

Any downpayment amount temporarily reduced pursuant to this Subsection may be refunded or transferred at the request of Purchaser. However, if Purchaser has outstanding debt owed to the United States, Contracting Officer must apply the amount of downpayment that could be refunded to the debt owed in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act, as amended (31 USC 3701, et seq.).

Upon Purchaser's receipt of bill for collection and written notice from Contracting Officer that the basis for the delay or interruption no longer exists, Purchaser shall restore the downpayment to the full amount shown on Page 1 within 15 days after the date the bill for collection is issued, subject to the provisions of B4.4. Purchaser shall not resume contract operations until the downpayment amount is fully restored.

B4.23 Refund of Excess Cash. If at any time the credit balance of the Timber Sale Account exceeds the charges for timber that Forest Service estimates will be cut within the next 60 days, any portion of such excess that is due to cash in the account shall be refunded, if requested by Purchaser, unless deposited under B4.211 or B4.213. If Purchaser plans no cutting within the next 60 days, Forest Service may refund the entire unencumbered cash balance, except as provided in this Subsection. After a refund for a shutdown, deposits shall be made to meet the requirements of B4.212 before additional timber may be cut.

B4.24 Refund after Scaling Completed. Any cash deposit, in excess of that required to meet charges under B4.2, shall be refunded or transferred within 15 days of Purchaser's request after Scaling is completed, except for amounts estimated to be required under B9.5.

B4.3 Payment Guaranteed by Bond or Deposited Securities. To guarantee payment, Purchaser may furnish and maintain an acceptable surety bond or deposit in a Federal Depository negotiable securities of the United States. The securities shall be deposited through the Regional Fiscal Agent accompanied by a power of attorney and agreement authorizing the bond-approving officer to sell or collect such securities if payment is not made within 15 days of billing by Forest Service. The penal sum of such surety bond or the market value at time of deposit of such negotiable securities shall be the maximum amount of the payment guaranteed.

For payment purposes, said penal sum of the surety bond or market value at time of deposit of negotiable securities shall be in lieu of the performance bond furnished under B9.1.

B4.31 Blanket Bond. If Purchaser furnishes an acceptable bond, or deposits securities, in accordance with B4.3, to guarantee payment for timber from this and other timber sales within the same National Forest, the amount of such bond or deposited securities shall be allocated to such timber sales by Forest Service. When there is to be no timber cutting hereunder for 30 days or more and payment of current charges has been made, the allocation to this timber sale shall be reallocated to other timber sales at Purchaser's request. Purchaser shall not start cutting hereunder until this timber sale receives an allocation that will meet the obligation for payment guarantee.

B4.32 Letters of Credit for Payment Bond. Notwithstanding the provisions of B4.3, Purchaser may use letters of credit in lieu of a surety bond for payment bond purposes when approved by Contracting Officer.

B4.4 Payments Not Received. (a) Payments are due and payable on the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection. When a payment for timber cut and other charges is not received at the location designated by Forest Service by the date allowed in the bill for collection for receipt of payment, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Purchaser's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received. Other charges include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Slash disposal, road maintenance, and contract Scaling deposits,
  - (ii) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under B4.218,
  - (iii) Damages pursuant to B9.4,
  - (iv) Road use fees,
  - (v) Restoration of downpayment pursuant to B4.22,
  - (vi) Periodic payment pursuant to B4.213, and
  - (vii) Other mandatory deposits.
- (b) Failure to pay amounts due by the date allowed in the bill for collection for receipt of payment shall be

considered a breach under B9.3. The 30-day notice period prescribed therein shall begin to run as of the end of business on the date allowed for receipt of payments. If the performance or payment is guaranteed by surety bond, the surety will receive a copy of the written notification of breach. Demand will be made on the surety or other institution providing the guarantee or bond instrument for immediate payment 10 days after issuance of written notification of the breach,

(c) Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, as amended, if payment is not received by Forest Service within 15 days after the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection:

(i) Simple interest shall be assessed at the higher of the Current Value of Funds Rate or the Prompt Payment Rate as established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Interest will begin to accrue as of the date of issue indicated on the initial bill for collection.

(ii) Debtors will be assessed administrative charges, in addition to the delinquent amount due. Administrative charges are those additional costs incurred by the Government in processing, handling, and collecting delinquent debts.

(iii) A penalty charge of six (6) percent per annum will be assessed on any portion of a debt delinquent more than 90 days. This penalty charge is in addition to interest and administrative charges under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii). The penalty charge shall accrue from the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection, and shall be assessed on all outstanding amounts, including interest and administrative costs assessed under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii).

(iv) Payments will be credited on the date received by the Federal Depository or Collection Officer designated on the bill for collection.

(d) Forest Service remedies for Purchaser's failure to make payment for timber cut and other charges when due, except for accrual of interest, suspension of all or any part of Purchaser's Operations, and administrative offset, shall be stayed for so long as:

- (i) A bona fide dispute exists as to Purchaser's obligation to make such payment and
- (ii) Purchaser files and prosecutes a timely Claim.

#### B5.0-TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

B5.1 Authorization. Purchaser is authorized to construct and maintain roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities, as needed for harvesting Included Timber on National Forest lands.

Maintenance shall be governed by B5.3. The location and clearing widths of all roads or facilities shall be agreed to before construction is started.

B5.11 Requirements of Rights-of-Way. Purchaser's use on rights-of-way identified in attached list or C5.11 shall be confined to rights-of-way and limited by the related easements and stipulations, if any, unless Purchaser makes other arrangements that will not infringe upon or adversely affect the grantee's rights. Easements or right-of-way documents are available in the offices of the Forest Supervisor and District Ranger.

B5.12 Use of Roads by Purchaser. Except as provided herein, Purchaser is authorized to use existing National Forest system roads, when Forest Service determines that such use will not cause damage to the roads or National Forest resources.

C5.12 lists existing roads shown on Sale Area Map that for such reasons as limitations in structural capacity, safety, and protection of soil, water, and roads:

- (a) Cannot be used for log hauling or
- (b) May be used only under the restrictive limitations stated therein.

B5.3 Road Maintenance. Purchaser shall maintain roads, commensurate with Purchaser's use, in accordance with Road Maintenance Requirements in C5.31 and the Road Maintenance Specifications. Performance of road maintenance work by Purchaser may be required prior to, during, or after each period of use. The timing of work accomplishment shall be based on Purchaser's Operating Schedule under B6.31.

When two or more commercial users are simultaneously using the same road where Forest Service is not requiring maintenance deposits, the commercial users will develop maintenance responsibilities and arrangements for accomplishing the work. Forest Service must agree to this plan. If the commercial users cannot agree on maintenance responsibilities, Forest Service shall resolve the differences.

If Purchaser elects to use different roads than those listed in C5.31, Forest Service shall determine Purchaser's commensurate share of road maintenance and revise road maintenance deposits in C5.32.

If Forest Service cannot perform its full commensurate share of road maintenance, Forest Service shall make a cash payment to Purchaser for performance of such work.

Unless agreed in writing, prehaul maintenance shall be completed on any portion of road prior to hauling on that portion. Maintenance, as used in this contract, does not include road reconstruction or repairs of an extraordinary nature.

**B6.0-OPERATIONS**

B6.1 Representatives. Unless otherwise agreed, Purchaser shall designate, in writing, a representative who is authorized to receive notices in regard to performance under this contract and take related action. In no case shall Purchaser designate any representative to this contract who is currently debarred, proposed for debarment, or suspended by the Federal Government. Purchaser's representative shall provide a copy of the contract to Purchaser's field supervisor and persons authorized to assume responsibilities in the field supervisor's absence. Prior to initial operations and after shutdowns of 10 days or more, Purchaser's representative shall notify Forest Service 2 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, before any operations begin on Sale Area.

Purchaser's representative shall designate, in writing, a field supervisor, one of whose responsibilities shall be on-the-ground direction and supervision of Purchaser's Operations. The field supervisor shall be readily available to the area of operations when operations are in progress and shall be authorized to receive notices in regard to performance under this contract and take related action. The responsibilities of the field supervisor shall include the safeguarding of National Forest resources and performance within the terms of the contract. Purchaser representative will furnish Forest Service with names of persons authorized to assume responsibilities in field supervisor's absence. Such delegations may be made a part of Purchaser's annual Operating Schedule under B6.31.

Unless Contracting Officer designates another Forest Service representative and notifies Purchaser in writing, the District Ranger is the representative of Forest Service. Forest Service representative shall:

- (a) Receive notice in regard to performance under this contract,
- (b) Take action in relation to this contract, and
- (c) Be readily available to the area of logging operations.

Contracting Officer or Forest Service representative shall designate other on-the-ground representatives in writing along with their specific contractual responsibilities and authority. Representatives with authority delegated in writing are the only Forest Service personnel authorized to provide notice or take related actions under the contract. Such delegation shall be made within 60 days of contract award.

B6.11 Notices. Notices by either party as to action taken or to be taken by the other respecting this contract shall be made in writing to the other party's designated representative.

B6.2 Improvements. Purchaser shall comply with the rules and regulations governing the operation of premises that are occupied and shall perform the contract in a manner that will not interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Forest Service business.

Forest Service shall grant written permission before any camp, storage, or service area is opened or operated on National Forest land or administered land. A camp is interpreted to include the campsite or trailer parking area of any employee, agent, contractor, Subcontractor or their employees or agents working on the project for Purchaser. Such permission, if granted, shall be without charge to Purchaser.

B6.22 Protection of Improvements. So far as practicable, Purchaser shall protect improvements (such as roads, trails, telephone lines, ditches, and fences):

- (a) Existing in the operating area,
- (b) Determined to have a continuing need or use, and
- (c) Designated on Sale Area Map.

Purchaser shall keep roads and trails needed for fire protection or other purposes and designated on Sale Area Map reasonably free of equipment and forest products, and debris resulting from Purchaser's Operations. Purchaser shall make timely restoration of any such improvements damaged by Purchaser's Operations and, when necessary because of such operations, shall move such improvements, as specified in C6.22.

B6.221 Protection of Improvements Not Owned by Forest Service. Forest Service will notify all utility companies, or other parties affected, and make arrangements for all necessary adjustments of the public utility fixtures, pipelines, and other appurtenances likely to be affected by Purchaser's Operations.

When Purchaser's Operations are adjacent to properties of railway, telephone, or power companies, or other property, work shall not begin until Purchaser has identified actions necessary to prevent damage.

Purchaser shall cooperate with the owners of any underground or overhead utility lines in their removal and/or rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner, utility duplication or rearrangement work may be reduced to a minimum, and services shall not be unnecessarily interrupted.

In the event of interruption to utility services because of accidental breakage or as a result of lines being exposed or unsupported, Purchaser shall promptly notify the proper authority and shall cooperate with that authority in the restoration of service until the service is restored.

When materials are to be hauled across the tracks of any railway, Forest Service will make arrangements with the railroad for the use of any existing crossing or for any new crossing required. Purchaser shall make arrangements for use of alternate crossings. All work to be performed by Purchaser on the railroad right-of-way shall not damage railroad company's property.

B6.222 Protection of Property. Purchaser shall not unnecessarily remove, deface, injure, or destroy trees, shrubs, or other natural features, unless specifically authorized. To the extent practicable, Purchaser shall confine operations to within the clearing limit or other areas designated in the contract and prevent the depositing of rocks, excavated materials, stumps, or other debris outside these limits.

Material that falls outside these limits shall be retrieved, disposed of, or incorporated in the work to the extent practicable and necessary to protect adjacent resource values, unless otherwise agreed.

B6.23 Protection of Land Survey Monuments. Forest Service shall appropriately designate on the ground all known survey monuments, section corners, and other corner accessories. Forest Service shall post identifying signs on two sides of each known bearing tree.

Forest Service shall arrange protective or perpetuate action that does not cause unnecessary delay to Purchaser in authorized clearings, such as Clearcutting Units, and in other instances where damage to monuments, section corners, and other corner accessories is unavoidable.

Purchaser shall protect all known survey monuments, witness corners, reference monuments, and bearing trees against avoidable destruction, obliteration, or damage during Purchaser's Operations. If any known monuments, corners, or accessories are destroyed, obliterated, or damaged by Purchaser's Operations, Purchaser shall hire the appropriate county surveyor or a registered land surveyor to reestablish or restore at the same location the monuments, corners, or accessories. Such surveyors shall use procedures in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States" for General Land Office surveys and in accordance with State law for others. Purchaser shall record such survey in appropriate county records.

B6.24 Protection Measures Needed for Plants, Animals, Cultural Resources, and Cave Resources.

(a) Areas, known by Forest Service prior to timber sale advertisement, needing special measures for the protection of plants, animals, cultural resources, and/or cave resources are shown on Sale Area Map and/or identified on the ground, and shall be treated as follows:

(i) Unless agreed otherwise, wheeled or track laying equipment shall not be operated in areas identified as needing special measures except on roads, landings, tractor roads, or skid trails approved under B5.1 or B6.422. Purchaser may be required to backblade skid trails and other ground disturbed by Purchaser's Operations within such areas in lieu of cross ditching required under B6.6. Additional special protection measures needed to protect such known areas are identified in C6.24.

(ii) Unless agreed otherwise, trees will not be felled into areas identified as needing special measures.

(iii) Purchaser shall conduct operations in a manner that does not damage or disturb identified areas. In the event that protective measures identified by the Forest Service are for any reason inadequate, Contracting Officer may delay or interrupt Purchaser's operations, under this Contract, and/or modify this Contract pursuant to B8.33.

(iv) Purchaser shall immediately notify the Forest Service if its operations disturb or damage any area identified as needing special protection, and shall immediately halt its operations in the vicinity of such area until the Forest Service authorizes continued operations. In the event that Purchaser's operations disturb or damage an area identified as needing special protection, then Purchaser shall reimburse the Forest Service for the full cost and expense of any evaluative and remedial measures undertaken by the Forest Service in connection with such disturbance or damage. Such payment shall not relieve Purchaser from civil or criminal liability under applicable law.

(b) Nothing contained in this Subsection shall establish, or be deemed to establish any express or implied warranty on the part of the Forest Service (i) that the Forest Service has identified all areas within the Sale Area requiring special protection, or (ii) that measures prescribed by the Forest Service for protection of such areas are adequate.

(c) Following sale advertisement, additional areas needing special measures for protection may be discovered or identified; protective measures may be revised or newly prescribed; and, additional species of plants and/or animals may be added to federal lists of protected species. In such event, Contracting Officer may delay or interrupt Purchaser's operations, under this Contract, and/or modify this Contract pursuant to B8.33.

(d) Discovery, by either the Purchaser or the Forest Service, of additional areas, resources, species, or members of species needing special protection shall be promptly reported to the other party.

B6.3 Control of Operations. Under this contract, "Purchaser's Operations" shall include activities of or use of equipment of Purchaser, Purchaser's employees, agents, contractors, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents, acting in the course of their employment in operations hereunder on National Forest lands or within Forest Service protection boundary (unless

acting under the immediate supervision of Forest Service).

Purchaser's Operations shall be conducted in a workmanlike and orderly manner. The timing of required Forest Service designation of work on the ground and the performance of other Forest Service work shall not be such as to cause unnecessary delay to Purchaser.

B6.31 Operating Schedule. Purchaser shall, before commencing operations, provide in writing an annual Operating Schedule of anticipated major activities and needs for logging Included Timber, such as logging, road maintenance, and Scaling. Upon reasonable notice to Forest Service, such schedule shall be subject to modifications necessitated by weather, markets, or other unpredictable circumstances.

Subject to B6.6 and when the requirements of B6.66 are met, Purchaser's Operations may be conducted outside Normal Operating Season. "Normal Operating Season" is the period(s) beginning and ending on the dates stated on Page 1 of any year.

B6.32 Protection of Residual Trees. Purchaser's Operations shall not unnecessarily damage young growth or other trees to be reserved.

B6.33 Safety. Purchaser's Operations shall facilitate Forest Service's safe and practical inspection of Purchaser's Operations and conduct of other official duties on Sale Area. Purchaser has all responsibility for compliance with safety requirements for Purchaser's employees.

In the event that Contracting Officer identifies a conflict between the requirements of this contract or agreed upon methods of proceeding hereunder and State or Federal safety requirements, the contract shall be modified and Purchaser may request an adjustment in Current Contract Rates to compensate for the changed conditions.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, when Purchaser's Operations are in progress adjacent to or on Forest Service controlled roads and trails open to public travel, Purchaser shall furnish, install, and maintain all temporary traffic controls that provide the user with adequate warning of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions associated with Purchaser's Operations. Purchaser and Forest Service shall agree to a specific Traffic Control Plan for each individual project prior to commencing operations. Devices shall be appropriate to current conditions and shall be covered or removed when not needed. Except as otherwise agreed, flagmen and devices shall be as specified in the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" (MUTCD) and as shown on Sale Area Map, Traffic Control Plan, or in specifications attached hereto.

B6.34 Sanitation and Servicing. Purchaser shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent pollution of air, soil, and water by Purchaser's Operations. If facilities for employees are established on Sale Area, they shall be operated in a sanitary manner. In the event that Purchaser's Operations or servicing of equipment result in pollution to soil or water, Purchaser shall conduct cleanup and restoration of the polluted site to the satisfaction of Forest Service.

Purchaser shall maintain all equipment operating on Sale Area in good repair and free of abnormal leakage of lubricants, fuel, coolants, and hydraulic fluid. Purchaser shall not service tractors, trucks, or other equipment on National Forest lands where servicing is likely to result in pollution to soil or water. Purchaser shall furnish oil-absorbing mats for use under all stationary equipment or equipment being serviced to prevent leaking or spilled petroleum-based products from contaminating soil and water resources. Purchaser shall remove from National Forest lands all contaminated soil, vegetation, debris, vehicle oil filters (drained of free-flowing oil), batteries, oily rags, and waste oil resulting from use, servicing, repair, or abandonment of equipment.

B6.341 Prevention of Oil Spills. If Purchaser maintains storage facilities for oil or oil products on Sale Area, Purchaser shall take appropriate preventive measures to ensure that any spill of such oil or oil products does not enter any stream or other waters of the United States or any of the individual States.

If the total oil or oil products storage exceeds 1,320 gallons in containers of 55 gallons or greater, Purchaser shall prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan. Such Plan shall meet applicable EPA requirements (40 CFR 112), including certification by a registered professional engineer.

Purchaser shall notify Contracting Officer and appropriate agencies of all reportable (40 CFR 110) spills of oil or oil products on or in the vicinity of Sale Area that are caused by Purchaser's employees, agents, contractors, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of Purchaser's Operations. Purchaser will take whatever initial action may be safely accomplished to contain all spills.

B6.342 Hazardous Substances. Purchaser shall notify the National Response Center and Contracting Officer of all releases of reportable quantities of hazardous substances on or in the vicinity of Sale Area that are caused by Purchaser's employees, agents, contractors, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of Purchaser's Operations, in accordance with 40 CFR 302.

B6.35 Equipment Cleaning. (a) Areas, known by Forest Service prior to timber sale advertisement, that are infested with invasive species of concern are shown on Sale Area Map. A current list of invasive species of concern and a map

showing the extent of known infestations is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. For purposes of this provision, "Off Road Equipment" includes all logging and construction machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, service vehicles, water trucks, pickup trucks, cars, and similar vehicles.

(b) Purchaser shall adhere to the following requirements with regard to cleaning "Off-Road Equipment":

(i) Prior to moving Off Road Equipment onto the Sale Area, Purchaser shall identify the location of the equipment's most recent operation. Purchaser shall not move any Off Road Equipment that last operated in an area infested with one or more invasive species of concern onto Sale Area without having cleaned such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and having notified Forest Service, as provided in (iii). If the location of prior operation cannot be identified, then Purchaser shall assume that the location is infested with invasive species of concern.

(ii) Prior to moving Off Road Equipment from a cutting unit that is shown on Sale Area Map to be infested with invasive species of concern to, or through any other area that is shown as being free of invasive species of concern, or infested with a different invasive species, Purchaser shall clean such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and shall notify the Forest Service, as provided in (iii).

(iii) Prior to moving any Off-Road Equipment subject to the cleaning requirements set forth above, Purchaser shall advise Forest Service of its cleaning measures and make the equipment available for inspection. Forest Service shall have 2 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, to inspect equipment after it has been made available. After satisfactory inspection or after such 2 day period, Purchaser may move the equipment as planned. Equipment shall be considered clean when a visual inspection does not disclose seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds. Purchaser shall not be required to disassemble equipment unless so directed by the Forest Service after inspection.

(iv) If Purchaser desires to clean Off Road Equipment on National Forest land, such as at the end of a project or prior to moving to, or through an area that is free of invasive species of concern, Purchaser shall obtain prior approval from Contracting Officer as to the location for such cleaning and measures, if any, for controlling impacts.

(v) Contracting Officer may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to B8.33.

(c) Nothing contained in this Section shall be interpreted as creating any warranty on the part of the Forest Service that all locations of invasive species of concern have been described herein, elsewhere in this Contract, or designated on the ground. Following sale advertisement, additional locations may be described or designated, and other species may be added to the list of invasive species of concern. In such event, Contracting Officer may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to B8.33.

(d) The parties shall promptly communicate with one another with respect to description or designation of additional locations; discovery of locations of new species or new infestation; and, addition of species to the list of invasive species of concern.

**B6.36 Acceptance of Work.** Upon Purchaser's written request and assurance that work has been completed, Forest Service shall perform an inspection within 5 days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, so as not to delay unnecessarily the progress of Purchaser's Operations. Such a request may be for acceptance of:

(a) Specific requirements on a subdivision of Sale Area (such as logging, slash disposal, erosion control, or snag felling) or

(b) All contract requirements on a subdivision of Sale Area.

Forest Service may perform such inspections without request from Purchaser.

Within 2 days of inspection, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, Forest Service shall furnish Purchaser with written notice either of acceptance or of work remaining to be done.

In the event that Forest Service is unable to make such inspection within 5 days of Purchaser's request, Purchaser shall be notified in writing of necessity for postponement and time when inspection can be made.

When all contractual work of Purchaser has been accepted for any subdivision of Sale Area or cutting unit identified on Sale Area Map, subdivision or cutting unit shall be eliminated from Sale Area on written notice of either party to this contract.

**B6.4 Conduct of Logging.** Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, Purchaser shall fell trees designated for cutting and shall remove the portions that meet Utilization Standards, as provided in B2.2, prior to acceptance of subdivision for completion of logging under B6.36. Forest Service may make exceptions for occasional trees inadvertently not cut or trees or pieces not removed for good reason, including possible damage to forest resources or gross economic impracticability at the time of removal of other timber. Logging shall be conducted in accordance with the following, unless C6.4 provisions set forth requirements to meet special or unusual logging conditions:

**B6.41 Felling and Bucking.** Felling shall be done to minimize breakage of Included Timber and damage to residual timber. Unless agreed otherwise, felling shall be done by saws or shears. Bucking shall be done to permit removal of all

minimum pieces set forth on Page 1. Purchaser may buck out cull material when necessary to produce pieces meeting Utilization Standards. Such bucked out material shall contain a minimum amount of sound wood, not in excess of the net scale in percentage of gross scale, or based on the merchantability factor, whichever is stated on Page 1. If necessary to assess extent of defect, Purchaser shall make sample saw cuts or wedges.

B6.411 Felling in Clearings. Insofar as ground conditions, tree lean, and shape of clearings permit, trees shall be felled so that their tops do not extend outside Clearcutting Units, clearings, and areas of regeneration cutting.

B6.412 Stump Heights. Stumps shall not exceed, on the side adjacent to the highest ground, the maximum height set forth on Page 1, except that occasional stumps of greater heights are acceptable when Purchaser determines that they are necessary for safe and efficient conduct of logging. Unless otherwise agreed Purchaser shall re-cut high stumps so they will not exceed height specified on Page 1 and shall dispose of severed portions in the same manner as other logging debris. The stump heights shown on Page 1 were selected with the objective of maximum reasonable utilization of the timber, unless Sale Area Map shows special areas where stump heights are lower for aesthetic, land treatment, or silvicultural reasons.

B6.413 Bucking Lengths. Trees shall be bucked in various lengths to obtain the greatest utilization of material meeting Utilization Standards.

B6.414 Limbing. When Forest Service determines it is necessary to minimize damage to the residual stand during skidding, Purchaser shall cut exposed limbs from products prior to skidding. Purchaser may leave uncut those limbs that cannot be cut with reasonable safety.

B6.42 Skidding and Yarding. Methods of skidding or yarding specified for particular areas, if any, are indicated on Sale Area Map. Outside Clearcutting Units and clearings, insofar as ground conditions permit, products shall not be skidded against reserve trees or groups of reproduction and tractors shall be equipped with a winch to facilitate skidding.

B6.421 Rigging. Insofar as practicable, needed rigging shall be slung on stumps or trees designated for cutting.

B6.422 Landings and Skid Trails. Location of all landings, tractor roads, and skid trails shall be agreed upon prior to their construction. The cleared or excavated size of landings shall not exceed that needed for efficient skidding and loading operations.

B6.423 Skidding on Roads. Products may be skidded on permanent roads authorized for hauling under B5.12 only by prior written agreement.

B6.424 Arches and Dozer Blades. Unless otherwise specified in C6.424, skidding tractors equipped with pull-type arches or dozer blades wider than tractor width or C-frame width, whichever is greater, shall not be used in residual timber outside Clearcutting Units and other authorized clearings, except on constructed tractor roads or landings, unless there is written agreement that residual timber will not be damaged materially by such use.

B6.5 Streamcourse Protection. "Streamcourses" that are subject to provisions of this Section are shown on Sale Area Map. Unless otherwise agreed, the following measures shall be observed to protect Streamcourses:

(a) Purchaser's Operations shall be conducted to prevent debris from entering Streamcourses, except as may be authorized under paragraph (d). In event Purchaser causes debris to enter Streamcourses in amounts that may adversely affect the natural flow of the stream, water quality, or fishery resource, Purchaser shall remove such debris as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 2 days, and in an agreed manner that will cause the least disturbance to Streamcourses.

(b) Culverts or bridges shall be required on roads at all points where it is necessary to cross Streamcourses. Such facilities shall be of sufficient size and design and installed in a manner to provide unobstructed flow of water and to minimize damage to Streamcourses. Trees or products shall not be otherwise hauled or yarded across Streamcourses unless fully suspended.

(c) Wheeled or track-laying equipment shall not be operated in Streamcourses, except at crossings designated by Forest Service or as essential to construction or removal of culverts and bridges.

(d) Flow in Streamcourses may be temporarily diverted only if Forest Service gives written authorization. Such flow shall be restored to the natural course as soon as practicable and, in any event, prior to a major storm runoff period or runoff season.

B6.6 Erosion Prevention and Control. Purchaser's Operations shall be conducted reasonably to minimize soil erosion. Equipment shall not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result. Purchaser shall adjust the kinds and intensity of erosion control work done to ground and weather conditions and the need for controlling runoff. Erosion control work shall be kept current immediately preceding expected seasonal periods of precipitation or runoff.

If Purchaser fails to do seasonal erosion control work prior to any seasonal period of precipitation or runoff, Forest Service may temporarily assume responsibility for the work and any unencumbered deposits hereunder may be used by Forest Service to do the work. If needed for such work, Purchaser shall make additional deposits on request by Forest Service. Any money deposited or used for this purpose shall be treated as cooperative deposits under B4.218.

B6.61 Meadow Protection. Reasonable care shall be taken to avoid damage to the cover, soil, and water in meadows shown on Sale Area Map. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used on meadows, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved under B5.1 or B6.422. Unless otherwise agreed, trees felled into meadows shall be removed by endlining. Resulting logging slash shall be removed where necessary to protect cover, soil, and water.

B6.62 Wetlands Protection. Wetlands requiring protection under Executive Order 11990 are shown on Sale Area Map. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used in such wetlands, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved under B5.1 or B6.422. Additional measures needed to protect such areas are provided in C6.62.

B6.63 Temporary Roads. As necessary to attain stabilization of roadbed and fill slopes of temporary roads, Purchaser shall employ such measures as outsloping, drainage dips, and water-spreading ditches.

After a temporary road has served Purchaser's purpose, Purchaser shall give notice to Forest Service and shall remove bridges and culverts, eliminate ditches, outslope roadbed, remove ruts and berms, effectively block the road to normal vehicular traffic where feasible under existing terrain conditions, and build cross ditches and water bars, as staked or otherwise marked on the ground by Forest Service. When bridges and culverts are removed, associated fills shall also be removed to the extent necessary to permit normal maximum flow of water.

B6.631 Temporary Roads to Remain Open. To maintain short term access to portions of Sale Area for post-sale treatments and other purposes after a temporary road has served Purchaser's purpose, pursuant to B6.63, Purchaser agrees, that on temporary roads designated on Sale Area Map as "Remain Open," to construct cross ditches and water bars, as designated, staked, or otherwise directed by Forest Service, that can be traversed by a normal two-wheeled drive pickup truck. On "Remain Open" roads, all bridges and culverts shall remain in place and ditches shall not be eliminated. All drainage structures shall be left in functional condition.

B6.64 Landings. After landings have served Purchaser's purpose, Purchaser shall ditch and slope them to permit water to drain or spread. Unless agreed otherwise, cut and fill banks around landings shall be sloped to remove overhangs and otherwise minimize erosion.

B6.65 Skid Trails and Fire Lines. Purchaser shall construct cross ditches and water-spreading ditches on tractor roads and skid trails, where staked or otherwise marked on the ground by Forest Service. Forest Service shall designate cross ditching on Purchaser-built fire lines prior to or during construction. By agreement, Purchaser may use other comparable erosion control measures, such as backblading skid trails, in lieu of cross ditching.

B6.66 Current Operating Areas. Where logging is in progress but not completed, unless agreed otherwise, Purchaser shall, before operations cease annually, remove all temporary log culverts and construct temporary cross drains, drainage ditches, dips, berms, culverts, or other facilities needed to control erosion.

Such protection shall be provided, prior to end of a Normal Operating Season, for all disturbed, unprotected ground that is not to be disturbed further prior to end of operations each year, including roads and associated fills, tractor roads, skid trails, and fire lines. When weather permits operations after Normal Operating Season, Purchaser shall keep such work on any additional disturbed areas as up to date as practicable.

B6.67 Erosion Control Structure Maintenance. During the period of this contract, Purchaser shall provide maintenance of soil erosion control structures constructed by Purchaser until they become stabilized, but not for more than 1 year after their construction. Contracting Officer may agree to perform such structure maintenance under B4.218, if requested by Purchaser, subject to agreement on rates. Purchaser shall not be responsible for repair of such structures damaged by other National Forest users whose activities are not a part of Purchaser's Operations.

B6.7 Slash Disposal. Purchaser's timing of product removal and preparatory work shall not unnecessarily delay slash disposal. Specific slash disposal measures to be employed by Purchaser are stated in C6.7 and are in addition to Required Deposits for slash disposal.

B6.8 Scaling. "Scaling," as used herein, involves:

- (a) Various volume determination methods, such as log rule, sampling, measuring, linear measuring, counting, weighing, or another method or combination of methods;
- (b) Various sites, such as truck Scaling stations, rollways, weighing stations, woods landings, water Scaling stations, or other sites; and
- (c) Various geographic locations.

B6.81 Scaling Services. Scaling services shall be performed by Forest Service personnel or parties under contract to Forest Service, except that weighing services may be performed by personnel or parties approved by Forest Service. Scaling shall be provided in accordance with the instructions specified on Page 1. Scalers shall be currently certified to

perform accurate Scaling services. The Scaling services provided shall be selected exclusively by Forest Service.

Scaling services may be Continuous, Intermittent, or Extended. "Continuous Scaling Services" is Scaling at one site five (5) 8-hour shifts a week, exclusive of Sundays and Federal holidays. "Intermittent Scaling Services" are non-continuous Scaling services. "Extended Scaling Services" are Scaling services exceeding Continuous Scaling Services and may include Sundays and designated Federal holidays.

Upon written request of Purchaser and approval of Contracting Officer, Forest Service may provide other services, such as but not limited to grading, tagging, or marking of Scaled logs.

B6.811 Scaling Location. Forest Service shall provide Scaling services on Sale Area. Purchaser may request, in writing, an alternate Scaling site, such as at a private mill yard, private truck ramp, or a privately operated log transfer facility. Contracting Officer may approve an alternate Scaling site, when Contracting Officer determines that Scaling conditions at an alternate site are acceptable. Such conditions shall include at a minimum:

- (a) Scaler safety and comfort,
- (b) Product accountability and security,
- (c) Facilities and practices conducive to accurate and independent Scaling, and
- (d) The ability to provide for remote check Scaling.

Upon approval of an alternate Scaling site, Forest Service and Purchaser shall enter into a written memorandum of agreement governing Scaling at that alternate location. Purchaser agrees that Forest Service personnel or persons under contract with Forest Service shall perform Scaling services at an alternative Scaling site. In no instance shall Purchaser or employees of Purchaser perform Scaling services.

B6.812 Scaling Adjustments. Forest Service shall check the accuracy of the Scaling performed on National Forest logs. Scaling will be satisfactory if performed within the accuracy standards stated in governing instructions identified on Page 1. In the event Forest Service check Scale(s) shows a variance in net Scale in excess of the allowable variance, an adjustment to volume reported Scaled may be made by Forest Service.

Such adjustment will be based on the difference between Forest Service check Scale(s) and original Scale for sale volume Scaled within the adjustment period. The volume to which this difference will be applied will be:

- (a) One-half of the volume Scaled between the last satisfactory check Scale and the first unsatisfactory check Scale or, if a period of 120 days or more occurs without Scaling National Forest timber for stumpage, the adjustment will be applied to 100 percent of the volume Scaled after this period and
- (b) 100 percent of the volume Scaled between unsatisfactory check Scales and
- (c) One-half of the volume Scaled between the last unsatisfactory check Scale and the next satisfactory check Scale, or if no satisfactory check Scale is completed and a period of 120 days or more occurs without Scaling of National Forest timber for stumpage, the adjustment will be applied to 100 percent of the volume Scaled since the last unsatisfactory check Scale.

Adjustments may increase or decrease the original Scaled volume. Adjustments will be applied to the Timber Sale Account to correct charges for Included Timber, plus deposits, Scaled during the adjustment period.

B6.813 Delayed or Interrupted Scaling Services. In the event Scaling services are delayed or Interrupted, Purchaser shall discontinue hauling. Purchaser agrees that in the event such a delay or interruption occurs for reasons not caused by Purchaser, its sole and exclusive remedy shall be:

- (a) Contract Term Adjustment and
- (b) Out-of-Pocket Expenses incurred as a direct result of the delay or interruption of Scaling services under this Item.

Purchaser further agrees that no logs will be presented for Scaling outside agreed upon Scaling services schedule.

B6.814 Weighing Services. Weighing services for stumpage payment purposes may be provided by either public or privately owned and operated weighing facilities. A "Weighing Services Agreement," approved by the Forest Supervisor, must be executed at each weighing facility providing weighing services.

Scales used to weigh National Forest products for payment purposes must be a currently certified scale in accordance with State law and be capable of weighing the entire load of logs in a single operation. The weighing of less than the entire load or weighing two loads at once is prohibited. Unless otherwise agreed, the minimum sized weighing facility shall be a 60-ton capacity scale with a 10 foot by 70 foot platform or larger. The weighmaster must work in a position where it is possible to verify that the truck wheels are on or off the scales.

Weighing facilities shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- (a) Be an electronic design,
- (b) Use electronic load cells or have a fully enclosed and sealed weigh-beam,
- (c) Have digital weight meters sealed with a seal approved by the State,

- (d) Have a zero interlocking device on the printer,
- (e) Have an automatic zero-setting mechanism,
- (f) Have an automatic motion-detecting device,
- (g) Be shielded against radio or electromagnetic interference, and
- (h) Have a date and time stamp and gross and tare weights that print electronically with each weighing. Contracting Officer may waive electronic printing for public or third party weighing facilities.

Purchaser shall bear all charges or fees for weighing services.

B6.82 Presentation for Scaling. Purchaser shall present products so that they may be Scaled in an economical and safe manner. If prior to Scaling, Included Timber is to be mixed with other timber, Purchaser shall, prior to mixing, provide for distinguishing, by means approved by Forest Service, each product included in this contract.

Trees or pieces presented for Scaling that have not been bucked to separate material meeting minimum piece standards from material not meeting minimum piece standards due to diameter, shall be Scaled as though such bucking had been done.

Deductions made for rot, check, or other defects resulting from abnormal delay in Scaling caused by Purchaser shall be recorded separately and charged to the Timber Sale Account under B3.47.

Any timber that has been removed from Sale Area during the period of this contract, but remains unscaled after Termination Date, shall be Scaled at the earliest reasonable date.

B6.83 Scaling Other Products. The Scaled volume of material presented for Scaling in forms other than those stated on Page 1, when appropriate, shall be converted to the Page 1 unit of measure by the application of standard converting factors and procedures in effect at the time the sale was sold. Other converting factors may be used by written agreement.

B6.84 Accountability. When Scaling is performed away from Sale Area, products shall be accounted for in accordance with Forest Service written instructions or an Accountability Agreement between Forest Service and Purchaser and as follows:

- (a) Purchaser shall plainly mark or otherwise identify products prior to hauling in accordance with B6.842;
- (b) Forest Service shall issue removal receipts to Purchaser;
- (c) Purchaser shall assign a competent individual at the landing to complete removal receipts and attach them to each load of products removed from Sale Area;
- (d) Removal receipts shall be returned to Forest Service at periodic intervals;
- (e) When products are in transit, the truck driver shall possess or display removal receipt and show it upon request as evidence of authority to move products;
- (f) The scaler's portion of removal receipt shall be surrendered at point of Scaling, the unloading point, or as requested by Forest Service; and
- (g) Purchaser shall notify Forest Service of lost or off-loaded logs and their location within 12 hours of such loss.

Purchaser shall not place products in storage for deferred Scaling until an accountability system has been agreed to in writing for a stated period.

B6.841 Route of Haul. As part of the annual Operating Schedule, Purchaser shall furnish a map showing the route of haul over which unscaled products will be transported from Sale Area to the approved Scaling location. Such route of haul shall be the shortest, most economical haul route available between the points.

Upon advance written agreement, other routes may be approved. All unscaled products removed from Sale Area shall be transported over the designated routes of haul. Purchaser shall notify Forest Service when a load of products, after leaving Sale Area, will be delayed for more than 12 hours in reaching Scaling location.

Purchaser shall require truck drivers to stop, if requested by Forest Service, for the following reasons:

- (a) For accountability checks when products are in transit from Sale Area to the designated Scaling location or
- (b) For a remote check Scale when products are in transit after being truck Scaled at the designated Scaling location.

Purchaser and Forest Service shall agree to locations for accountability checks and remote check Scales in advance of haul. Such locations shall be established only in areas where it is safe to stop trucks.

Forest Service shall notify Purchaser of the methods to be used to alert truck drivers of an impending stop.

B6.842 Product Identification. Before removal from Sale Area, unless Contracting Officer determines that circumstances warrant a written waiver or adjustment, Purchaser shall:

- (a) Hammer brand all products that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound, on each end that is seven (7) inches or more in diameter.
- (b) West of the 100th meridian, paint with a spot of highway-yellow paint all domestic processing products that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound, on each end that is seven (7) inches or more in diameter. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size.

Contracting Officer shall assign brands and, if Sale Area is within a State that maintains a log brand register, brands shall be registered with the State. Purchaser shall use assigned brand exclusively on logs from this sale until Contracting Officer releases brand. Purchaser will furnish and apply highway-yellow paint of a lasting quality (oil-base or equivalent).

All hammer brands and/or highway-yellow paint must remain on logs until they are domestically processed. Purchaser shall replace identifying marks if they are lost, removed, or become unreadable. Purchaser may remanufacture products into different log lengths. Except for logs remanufactured as part of the mill in-feed process immediately before processing, remanufactured products must be rebranded with the assigned timber sale brand and repainted with highway-yellow paint, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Contracting Officer. For such remanufactured products, Contracting Officer may approve use of a brand to be used exclusively as a catch brand, in lieu of the assigned timber sale brand.

**B6.85 Scaling Lost Products.** The volume of lost products shall be determined by the best methods currently available, using data from the records for the period in which the loss occurred or the most applicable period if loss should occur substantially after cutting. In the absence of specific information indicating size or species of lost products, species distribution and volume for entire truckloads shall be assumed to be the same as the average volume Scaled per truck during the report period, and for individual products it shall be assumed that the volume and species were the average volume of the highest priced species Scaled during the report period.

**B6.851 Scaling Lost Sample Loads.** If Scaling is being done by sampling loads of logs, Purchaser shall present such sample loads for Scaling by Forest Service. If loads of logs selected to be sample Scaled are placed in the decks before they are Scaled, they will be considered as lost sample loads. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to determine the volume and species contained in such loads for payment purposes. Therefore, lost sample loads will be deemed to have a Scale volume and species composition equal to that of the highest value load Scaled during the sampling period, as established by Forest Service. If no sample loads were Scaled during the period, the Scale data for the high valued load will be taken from the most current preceding sampling period with Scale. Sample loads lost as a result of Forest Service actions shall be treated as non-Scaled loads.

**B6.86 Scale Reports.** Forest Service shall provide Purchaser a copy of Forest Service scaler's record, if requested in writing.

**B6.9 Records.** Upon request, Purchaser shall provide access to appropriate annual records in Purchaser's books and accounts to enable Forest Service to obtain and analyze accurate operating costs and selling price data for appropriate use in appraising Federal timber. Operating cost and selling price data shall include that applicable for appraising timber obtained from Federal sources in or processed in the Region. Purchaser shall provide access to such data on behalf of subsidiary entities owned or controlled by Purchaser to the extent they participate in harvesting, manufacturing, or marketing said timber into products recognized in National Forest timber appraisals in the area. To a like extent, Purchaser shall request in writing Purchaser's contractors and Subcontractors to make such data available to Forest Service.

Information so obtained shall be treated as confidential, as provided in regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 1.12), and shall be available for review by parties from whom such data are obtained.

## **B7.0-FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND CONTROL**

**B7.1 Plans.** Prior to initiating Purchaser's Operations during Fire Precautionary Period, Purchaser shall file with Forest Service a Fire Prevention and Control Plan providing for the prevention and control of fires on Sale Area. Such Plan shall include a detailed list of personnel and equipment at Purchaser's disposal for implementing the Plan. This requirement may be met by preparing a single Plan for more than one timber sale.

**B7.2 Fire Precautions.** Specific fire precautionary measures listed in C7.2 shall be applicable during Purchaser's Operations in "Fire Precautionary Period" described on Page 1. Contracting Officer may change the dates of Fire Precautionary Period by advance written notice, if justified by unusual weather or other conditions. Required tools and equipment shall be kept in serviceable condition and immediately available for fire fighting at all times during Purchaser's Operations in Fire Precautionary Period.

**B7.21 Substitute Precautions.** Forest Service may authorize substitute measures or equipment, or waive specific requirements by written notice, if substitute measures or equipment will afford equal protection or some of the required measures and equipment are unnecessary.

**B7.22 Emergency Precautions.** Forest Service may require the necessary shutting down of equipment on portions of Purchaser's Operations, as specified by the emergency fire precautions schedule of C7.22. Under such conditions, after Purchaser ceases active operations, Purchaser shall release for hire by Forest Service, if needed, Purchaser's shutdown equipment for fire standby on Sale Area and personnel for fire standby or fire patrol, when such personnel and equipment are not needed by Purchaser for other fire fighting or protection from fire. Equipment shall be paid for at fire fighting equipment rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates and, if Purchaser requests, shall be operated only by personnel

approved by Purchaser. Personnel so hired shall be subject to direction and control by Forest Service and shall be paid by Forest Service at fire fighting rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates.

B7.3 Fire Control. Purchaser shall, both independently and in cooperation with Forest Service, take all reasonable and practicable action to prevent and suppress fires resulting from Purchaser's Operations and to suppress any forest fire on Sale Area. Purchaser's independent initial fire suppression action on such fires shall be immediate and shall include the use of all necessary personnel and equipment at Purchaser's disposal on Sale Area or within the distance of Sale Area stated on Page 1.

B7.31 Purchaser's Reinforcement Obligations. Whenever an Operations Fire or Negligent Fire, whether on or off Sale Area, or any other forest fire on Sale Area, has not been suppressed by initial action and appreciable reinforcement strength is required, Forest Service may require further actions by Purchaser until such fire is controlled and mopped up to a point of safety. Such actions may include any or all of the following as necessary to fight such fire:

B7.311 Suspend Operations. To suspend any or all of Purchaser's Operations.

B7.312 Personnel. To release for employment by Forest Service any or all of Purchaser's personnel engaged in Purchaser's Operations or timber processing within the distance of Sale Area stated on Page 1. Any organized crew so hired shall include Purchaser's supervisor, if any. Personnel so employed shall be paid at Forest Service standard emergency fire fighting rates.

B7.313 Equipment. To make available for Forest Service rental at fire fighting equipment rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates any or all of Purchaser's equipment suitable for fire fighting and currently engaged in Purchaser's Operations within the distance of Sale Area stated on Page 1. Equipment shall be operated only by personnel approved by Purchaser, if so requested by Purchaser.

B7.4 Fire Suppression Costs. Purchaser's obligations for cost of fire suppression vary according to three classifications of fires as follows:

B7.41 Operations Fire. An "Operations Fire" is a fire caused by Purchaser's Operations other than a Negligent Fire.

Forest Service, except as provided in B7.3, shall use cooperative deposits under B4.218 to perform fire suppression activities on Operations Fires. Purchaser agrees to reimburse Forest Service for such cost for each Operations Fire, subject to a maximum of the dollar amount stated on Page 1. The cost of Purchaser's actions, supplies, and equipment on any such fire provided pursuant to B7.3, or otherwise at the request of Forest Service, shall be credited toward such maximum. If Purchaser's actual cost exceeds Purchaser's obligation stated on Page 1, Forest Service shall reimburse Purchaser for the excess.

B7.42 Negligent Fire. A "Negligent Fire" is a fire caused by negligence or fault of Purchaser's Operations, including, but not limited to, one caused by smoking by persons engaged in Purchaser's Operations during the course of their employment, or during rest or lunch periods; or if Purchaser's failure to comply with the requirements of B7.2 and B7.3 results in a fire starting or permits a fire to spread. Damages and the cost of suppressing Negligent Fires shall be borne by Purchaser.

B7.43 Other Fires on Sale Area. Forest Service shall pay Purchaser, at fire fighting rates common in the area or at prior agreed rates, for equipment or personnel furnished by Purchaser pursuant to B7.3, or otherwise at the request of Forest Service, on any fire on Sale Area other than an Operations Fire or a Negligent Fire.

B7.5 State Law. Purchaser shall not be relieved by the terms of this contract of any liability to the United States for fire suppression costs recoverable in an action based on State law, except for such costs resulting from Operations Fires. Amounts due Purchaser for fire fighting expenditures in accordance with B7.41 shall not be withheld pending settlement of any such claim or action based on State law.

B7.6 Performance by Contractor. Where Purchaser's employees, agents, contractors, Subcontractors, or their employees or agents perform Purchaser's Operations in connection with fire responsibilities, Purchaser's obligations shall be the same as if performance was by Purchaser.

## B8.0-OTHER CONDITIONS

### B8.1 Title and Liability.

B8.11 Title Passage. All right, title, and interest in and to any Included Timber shall remain in Forest Service until it has been cut, Scaled, removed from Sale Area, and paid for, at which time title shall vest in Purchaser. For purposes of this Subsection, timber cut under cash deposit or payment guarantee under B4.3 shall be considered to have been paid for. Title to any Included Timber that has been cut, Scaled, and paid for, but not removed from Sale Area by Purchaser on or prior to Termination Date, shall remain in Forest Service.

B8.12 Liability for Loss. If Included Timber is destroyed or damaged by an unexpected event that significantly

changes the nature of Included Timber, such as fire, wind, flood, insects, disease, or similar cause, the party holding title shall bear the timber value loss resulting from such destruction or damage; except that such losses after removal of timber from Sale Area, but before Scaling, shall be borne by Purchaser at Current Contract Rates and Required Deposits. Deterioration or loss of value of salvage timber is not an unexpected event, except for deterioration due to delay or interruption that qualifies for Contract Term Adjustment or under B8.33.

In the event Included Timber to which Forest Service holds title is destroyed, Purchaser will not be obligated to remove and pay for such timber. In the event Included Timber to which Forest Service holds title is damaged, Contracting Officer shall make an appraisal to determine for each species the difference between the appraised unit value of Included Timber immediately prior to the value loss and the appraised unit value of timber after the loss. Current Contract Rates in effect at the time of the value loss shall be adjusted by differences to become the redetermined rates.

There shall be no obligation for Forest Service to supply, or for Purchaser to accept and pay for, other timber in lieu of that destroyed or damaged. This Subsection shall not be construed to relieve either party of liability for negligence.

**B8.2 Period of Contract.** All obligations of Purchaser shall be discharged not later than "Termination Date" stated on Page 1, unless it is adjusted pursuant to B8.21, excepting only those obligations for which Forest Service has given written permission to delay performance. Such written permission shall be considered a Contract Term Adjustment for the purpose of Purchaser completing performance of obligations covered by such permission.

**B8.21 Contract Term Adjustment.** "Contract Term Adjustment" means adjustment only as provided in B8.2 and for the three circumstances described in this Subsection. Under said circumstances, the contract term shall be adjusted in writing to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the actual time lost, except as limited by paragraph (b) in this Subsection.

To qualify for such adjustment, Purchaser shall give written notice of the lost time not later than 30 days after end of Normal Operating Season in which time was lost and at least 10 days before Termination Date. Contracting Officer shall make prompt written acknowledgment of such notice, indicating concurrence with the number of days in the notice or the number of days Forest Service considers as qualifying for the adjustment. Lost portions of days shall be disregarded in computing time lost. The three circumstances qualifying for a Contract Term Adjustment are:

(a) Purchaser experiences delay in starting scheduled operations or interruptions in active operations, either of which stops removal of Included Timber from Sale Area through curtailment in felling and bucking, yarding, skidding and loading, or hauling, as scheduled under B6.31, for 10 or more consecutive days during a Normal Operating Season due to causes beyond Purchaser's control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of Government, labor disputes, fires, insurrections, or floods.

(b) Causes described in paragraph (a) substantially affect the disposition or processing of Included Timber during Normal Operating Season through their effects on primary timber processing facilities, with a resulting delay of 60 days or more in use of such facilities. In such event, Contract Term Adjustment shall not extend for more than 12 consecutive months.

(c) (i) Contracting Officer requests Purchaser in writing to delay or interrupt operations during the normal operating season for any purpose other than suspension under B4.4 or B9.3 or

(ii) Purchaser suffers a delay or interruption of Purchaser's Operations affecting skidding, yarding, and loading because of fire emergency closure ordered by Forest Service (or another agency in its behalf), and the total of such lost time is 10 or more days during any Normal Operating Season.

**B8.22 Termination for Catastrophe.** In event of Catastrophic Damage, this contract shall be terminated without liability to either party due to the termination. "Catastrophic Damage" is major change or damage to Included Timber on Sale Area, to Sale Area, to access to Sale Area, or a combination thereof:

(a) Caused by forces, or a combination of forces, beyond control of Purchaser, occurring within a 12-month period, including, but not limited to, wind, flood, earthquake, landslide, fire, forest pest epidemic, or other major natural phenomenon and

(b) Affecting the value of any trees or products meeting Utilization Standards, within Sale Area and estimated to total either:

(i) More than half of the estimated timber volume stated on Page 1 or

(ii) More than two hundred thousand cubic feet (2,000 CCF) or equivalent.

**B8.3 Contract Modification.** The conditions of this timber sale are completely set forth in this contract. Except as provided in B8.33, this contract can be modified only by written agreement between the parties. Only Contracting Officer may make contract modifications, with compensating adjustments to Current Contract Rates where appropriate, on behalf of Forest Service.

**B8.31 Changed Conditions.** When it is agreed that the completion of certain work or other requirements hereunder

would no longer serve the purpose intended because of substantial change in the physical conditions of Sale Area or Included Timber since the date of this contract, the requirements shall be waived in writing. The estimated cost of such waived work or other requirement shall be charged to the Timber Sale Account.

B8.33 Contract Suspension and Modification. (a) Contracting Officer may, by written order, delay or interrupt authorized operations under this contract or, notwithstanding B8.3, modify this contract, in whole or in part:

(i) To prevent environmental degradation or resource damage, including, but not limited to, harm to habitat, plants, animals, cultural resources, or cave resources;

(ii) To ensure consistency with land and resource management plans or other documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321 4347;

(iii) To conduct environmental analysis, including, but not limited to, engaging in consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 USC 1531, et seq.; or

(iv) Upon agreement of the Regional Forester, due to administrative appeal or litigation, regardless of whether Contracting Officer's order is required by a court order or this contract is named in such a proceeding.

(b) In the event of an order delaying or interrupting Purchaser's Operations under this Subsection, Purchaser's remedy shall be:

(i) Contract Term Adjustment,

(ii) reimbursement for Out of Pocket Expenses,

(iii) rate redetermination to measure any decline in the market,

(iv) temporary reduction of downpayment,

(v) temporary bond reduction. However, the foregoing remedies shall be available only to the extent that the Contracting Officer's order was the sole and exclusive cause of the delay or interruption of Purchaser's operations.

(c) In cases of modification under this Subsection, Purchaser shall only receive a rate redetermination pursuant to B3.31. However, if there is an order delaying or suspending operations in addition to a modification, then Purchaser shall also be entitled to the remedies provided under B8.33(b) for such delay or suspension.

(d) Remedies awarded to the Purchaser shall not be duplicative, and Contracting Officer shall have the right to structure remedies provided herein to avoid duplicative compensation.

(e) Purchaser agrees that this Subsection, and the remedies provided herein shall apply regardless of any finding by any court or administrative body that the Forest Service failed to comply with any statute, regulation and/or policy in connection with awarding, advertising, or authorizing this sale, or a similar sale. However, nothing in this Subsection precludes Purchaser from exercising rights under the Contract Disputes Act.

B8.34 Contract Termination This contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, by Forest Service or Purchaser, as provided in Items B8.341 and B8.342, respectively. In the event of any such termination, Purchaser shall be entitled to the applicable remedies, subject to the limitation upon duplicative compensation set forth in B8.33(d). Purchaser agrees that this Subsection, and the remedies contained in the following Items shall apply regardless of any finding by any court or administrative body that the Forest Service failed to comply with any statute, regulation and/or policy in connection with awarding, advertising, or authorizing this sale, or a similar sale. However, nothing in this Subsection precludes Purchaser from exercising rights under the Contract Disputes Act.

B8.341 Termination by Forest Service. (a) The Chief or the Chief's designee may unilaterally terminate this contract, in whole or in part, for any of the reasons set forth in paragraph (a) of B8.33.

(b) Purchaser's compensation for termination of this contract under this Item shall be:

(i) refund or release of advanced deposits for timber cut but not removed,

(ii) reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses, and

(iii) replacement timber under subparagraph (c), and/or liquidated damages under subparagraph (d); provided that liquidated damages shall be available if, and only if, after good faith efforts, the Parties (1) cannot locate replacement timber or agree upon the applicable stumpage price, or (2) the volume of deleted timber exceeds the volume of any replacement timber.

(c) Subject to applicable laws, regulations and policies, Forest Service and Purchaser shall make good faith efforts to identify replacement timber of similar volume, quality, access, and topography within Sale Area. If suitable replacement timber cannot be located within Sale Area, the parties shall expand the search to the National Forest in which the Sale Area is located. Stumpage price shall be adjusted under B3.31 to account for differences between replacement timber and deleted timber. If Forest Service and Purchaser agree upon suitable replacement timber and the applicable stumpage price, then this contract shall not terminate and instead shall be modified pursuant to 36 CFR 223.85(c) and shall remain in force with respect to such replacement timber and, in the case of partial termination, any remaining Included Timber. If the parties cannot agree on suitable replacement timber or the applicable stumpage price of such timber, either party may end

the search and Purchaser shall be compensated under subparagraph (d).

(d) Forest Service shall pay as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages an amount equivalent to 15 percent of the estimated delivered log value of the volume of timber not harvested due to the termination or partial termination. Estimated delivered log value and volume of timber not harvested shall be determined by the Contracting Officer as of Termination Date, using Forest Service methods in use as of the Termination Date.

(e) In any instance of partial termination, in which the Forest Service deletes one or more cutting units from the Sale Area, Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy with regard to remaining units shall be a rate redetermination pursuant to B3.31. Purchaser shall be required to complete Contract Operations with regard to remaining units and any obligations pertaining to cessation of operations on deleted units, including without limit erosion control, brush disposal, and road maintenance. If Purchaser fails to fulfill any such duty or obligation, then Contracting Officer may make deductions from compensation due Purchaser, including without limit costs and expenses of completing such work.

B8.342 Termination by Purchaser. (a) Purchaser may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, as described herein,

(i) in the event of an order delaying or interrupting its operations pursuant to B8.33, or

(ii) in the event of an order modifying this Contract pursuant to B8.33, if Purchaser decides to reject the terms of the modification prior to its acceptance. Purchaser shall have the right to terminate this Contract in whole only when the Contracting Officer's order under B8.33 applies to all cutting units within the Sale Area. When the order affects only a portion of the cutting units, Purchaser shall have the right to terminate this Contract in part, by deleting one or more of the units covered by the Contracting Officer's order. The foregoing right of termination, in whole or in part, shall not exist when the delay, interruption, or modification arises from wind, flood, landslide, fire, forest pest epidemic, or other major natural phenomenon.

(b) Purchaser's compensation for termination of this Contract, in whole or in part, under this Item shall be:

(i) refund or release of advanced deposits for timber cut but not removed,

(ii) reimbursement for Out of Pocket Expenses, and

(iii) if the duration of the delay or interruption exceeds either six months of Normal Operating Season time, or one calendar year from the date of the order, then: replacement timber as provided under (c) and/or liquidated damages under (d); provided that liquidated damages shall be available if, and only if, after good faith efforts, the Parties (1) cannot locate replacement timber or agree upon the applicable stumpage price, or (2) the volume of deleted timber exceeds the volume of any replacement timber.

(c) Subject to applicable laws, regulations and policies, Forest Service and Purchaser shall make good faith efforts to identify replacement timber of similar volume, quality, access, and topography within Sale Area. If suitable replacement timber cannot be located within Sale Area, the parties shall expand the search to the National Forest in which the Sale Area is located. Stumpage price shall be adjusted under B3.31 to account for differences between replacement timber and deleted timber. If Forest Service and Purchaser agree upon suitable replacement timber and the applicable stumpage price, then this contract shall not terminate and instead shall be modified pursuant to 36 CFR 223.85(c) and shall remain in force with respect to such replacement timber and, in the case of partial termination, any remaining Included Timber. If the parties cannot agree on suitable replacement timber or the applicable stumpage price of such timber, either party may end the search and Purchaser shall be compensated under subparagraph (d).

(d) Forest Service shall pay as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages an amount equivalent to 15 percent of the estimated delivered log value of the volume of timber not harvested due to the termination or partial termination. Estimated delivered log value and volume of timber not harvested shall be determined by the Contracting Officer as of Termination Date, using Forest Service methods in use as of the Termination Date.

(e) In any instance of partial termination, in which Purchaser deletes one or more cutting units from Sale Area, Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy with regard to remaining units shall be a rate redetermination pursuant to B3.31. Purchaser shall be required to complete Contract Operations with regard to remaining units and any obligations pertaining to cessation of operations on deleted units, including without limit, erosion control, brush disposal, and road maintenance. If Purchaser fails to fulfill any such duty or obligation, then Contracting Officer may make deductions from compensation due Purchaser, including without limit costs and expenses of completing such work.

B8.35 Out-of-Pocket Expenses. "Out of Pocket Expenses" are unrecovered expenditures arising directly from performing the contract that were rendered unrecovered due to delay, interruption, or termination pursuant to B8.33 or B8.34. An expenditure is "Unrecovered" within the meaning of this Subsection when Purchaser did not gain the benefit of its expenditure because Contract operations were not permitted. In determining whether an expenditure is "Unrecovered," Contracting Officer shall not conclude that an award of liquidated damages constitutes the benefit of that expenditure.

(a) Out of Pocket Expenses shall not include, in particular and without limitation, any of the following:

- (i) attorneys fees;
  - (ii) costs and expenses of operating a saw mill or other processing facility;
  - (iii) expectancy damages; and,
  - (iv) anticipatory profits
- (b) Forest Service shall reimburse Purchaser for only the following Out of Pocket Expenses:
- (i) Out of Pocket Expenses for maintenance of the timber sale performance and payment bonds during the period when operations were delayed or interrupted or, if terminated, from the date operations were halted until the expiration of the bonds;
  - (ii) Out of Pocket Expenses for maintenance of the downpayment or other cash deposits during the period when operations were delayed or interrupted or, if terminated, from the date operations were halted until the cash is returned to Purchaser;
  - (iii) Out of Pocket Expenses for the lesser of move out and move in or leaving equipment and/or logging camps on site, if the Purchaser and Contracting Officer have agreed to leave equipment and/or logging camps on site in lieu of move out and move in;
  - (iv) Out of Pocket Expenses for felling, bucking, lopping, skidding, yarding, and decking any products so processed, but not removed from Sale Area because: (1) the sale was terminated, or (2) the products no longer meet Utilization Standards because of delay or interruption;
  - (v) If terminated, in whole or in part, Out of Pocket Expenses for unamortized Temporary Roads, road maintenance, dust abatement and improvements authorized under B6.2; and
  - (vi) If terminated, in whole or in part, Out of Pocket Expenses for bid preparation, including review of sale offering.
- (c) Purchaser shall submit documentation of claimed expenditures, including those actually paid and those for which the Purchaser has a legal obligation to pay but has not yet paid, and supporting analysis to Contracting Officer to assist in Contracting Officer's calculation of reimbursement. Contracting Officer shall determine the amount of reimbursement under this Subsection using information from Purchaser and/or Forest Service methods in use on the date that operations were delayed, interrupted, or terminated. Purchaser's failure to substantiate any claimed Out of Pocket Expense may constitute grounds for Contracting Officer's denial of reimbursement.
- (d) Purchaser shall make reasonable efforts to minimize its Out of Pocket Expenses.  
Purchaser shall make all reasonable efforts to minimize Out-of-Pocket Expenses.
- B8.36 Termination for Market Change.** (a) In the event of delay or interruption under B8.33, exceeding 90 days, and Contract has not been modified to include replacement timber, this contract may be terminated upon election and written notice by Purchaser, if (i) a rate redetermination for market change under B3.33 shows that the appraised weighted average Indicated Advertised Rate of all Included Timber remaining immediately prior to the delay or interruption has been reduced through a market change by an amount equal to or more than the the weighted average Current Contract Rate, or (ii) the appraised value of the remaining timber is insufficient to cover the adjusted base rates as determined under B3.33.
- (b) Prior to termination under this Subsection, Purchaser shall complete all obligations on areas not affected by the delay or interruption.
- (c) Damages caused by termination of contract under this Subsection will be limited to Out-of-Pocket Expenses.
- B8.5 Sale of Other Materials.** Forest Service reserves the right to sell from Sale Area during the period of this contract any materials or products not subject to its terms, but shall not permit removal, possession, or use thereof that will materially interfere with Purchaser's Operations. Purchaser shall not be obligated to do any work made necessary by the action of others.
- B8.6 Provisions Required by Statute.**
- B8.61 Covenant against Contingent Fees.** Purchaser warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial agencies maintained by Purchaser for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Forest Service shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or to require Purchaser to pay, in addition to the contract price or consideration, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.
- B8.62 Officials Not to Benefit.** No member of Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, unless it is made with a corporation for its general benefit (18 USC 431, 433).
- B8.63 Nondiscrimination in Employment.** If the total value of this contract is in excess of \$10,000, Purchaser agrees during its performance as follows:
- (a) Purchaser will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion,

sex, or national origin. Purchaser will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Purchaser agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by Forest Service setting forth the provisions of this Subsection.

(b) Purchaser will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Purchaser, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) Purchaser will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which Purchaser has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by Forest Service, advising the labor union or worker's representative of Purchaser's commitments under this Subsection, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) Purchaser shall comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 and Executive Order No. 12086, and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Purchaser will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to books, records, and accounts by Forest Service and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In event of Purchaser's noncompliance with this Subsection or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, and Purchaser may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked, as provided in Executive Order or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) Purchaser will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor or vendor. Purchaser will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as Forest Service may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event Purchaser becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a Subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by Forest Service, Purchaser may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**B8.64 Debarment and Suspension Certification.** Pursuant to 7 CFR 3017, Purchaser shall obtain certifications from its Subcontractors regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion, including additional Subcontractors obtained after award of this contract. "Subcontractors" are participants in lower tier covered transactions.

Purchaser may rely upon a certification of a prospective Subcontractor that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions or timber sales, unless Purchaser knows that the certification is erroneous.

Purchaser shall keep the certifications of its Subcontractors on file until timber sale Termination Date and any adjustments thereof, and will provide a copy at the written request of Contracting Officer. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this Subsection. The knowledge and information of Purchaser is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

If Purchaser knowingly enters into a timber sale transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions or timber sales, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, Forest Service may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

The Subcontractor for a timber sale shall complete a "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion."

**B8.65 Contract Consistency With Other Laws.** The contract shall govern if State and local environmental quality laws conflict with or preclude performance of contractual requirements.

## B9.0-PERFORMANCE AND SETTLEMENT

**B9.1 Performance Bond.** As a further guarantee of the faithful performance of the provisions of this contract, Purchaser delivers herewith and agrees to maintain a surety bond in the dollar amount stated on Page 1, unless the amount is adjusted

as provided in B9.11 or B9.13. In lieu of surety bond, Purchaser may deposit into a Federal Depository, as directed by Forest Service under B4.21, and maintain therein, cash in the dollar amount stated on Page 1 or negotiable securities of the United States having market value at time of deposit of not less than the dollar amount stated on Page 1.

Any adjustment of time for completion of this contract beyond 1 year may be granted only with the consent of surety on bond or delivery of a new bond. Should the sureties on the bond delivered herewith, or any bond delivered hereafter in connection with this contract, become unsatisfactory to Forest Service, Purchaser shall, within 30 days of receipt of demand, furnish a new bond with surety satisfactory to Forest Service.

**B9.11 Bond Reduction.** Upon Purchaser's written request, Contracting Officer shall redetermine the amount of Purchaser's performance bond to an amount not less than Purchaser's remaining obligations, including the value of Included Timber remaining on Sale Area, plus the estimated cost of uncompleted work required of Purchaser and any unpaid billings due on the timber sale. Contracting Officer shall provide written notice of the redetermined amount to Purchaser and to Purchaser's surety. Similarly, Contracting Officer shall report to Purchaser in writing the amount of deposited cash or deposited securities required thereafter, if such deposits exist in lieu of a surety bond.

As soon as security for the performance of this contract or the settlement of Claims incident thereto is no longer necessary, appropriate notice shall be given to surety or deposits that may have been made in lieu of surety bond shall be returned to Purchaser, subject to the conditions in B9.5.

**B9.12 Letters of Credit.** Notwithstanding the provisions of B9.1, approved letters of credit may be used in lieu of a surety bond for performance bond purposes. Such letters of credit shall be subject to approval by Contracting Officer.

**B9.13 Temporary Bond Reduction.** When, under B8.33, Contracting Officer orders a delay or interruption of Purchaser's Operations for more than 30 days when scheduled operations would be occurring but for the order, the performance bond amount required shall be temporarily reduced upon the written request of Purchaser or at the discretion of Contracting Officer. For the period of the delay or interruption, the performance bond may be reduced to an amount not less than the estimated cost of uncompleted work required of Purchaser and any unpaid billings due on the timber sale.

Upon Purchaser's receipt of written notice from Contracting Officer that the basis for the delay or interruption no longer exists, Purchaser shall restore the performance bond to the full amount shown on Page 1 within 15 days. Purchaser shall not resume contract operations until the performance bond amount is fully restored.

**B9.2 Disputes.** This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 USC 601, et seq.). Except as provided in the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved in accordance with this Section.

As used herein, "Claim" means a written demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a legal right, the payment of money, adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief, arising under or relating to this contract. A voucher, invoice, or request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a Claim. However, where such submission is subsequently not acted upon in a reasonable time, or disputed either as to liability or amount, it may be converted to a Claim. A Claim by Purchaser shall be made in writing and submitted to Contracting Officer for decision. A Claim by the Government against Purchaser shall be subject to a decision by Contracting Officer.

For Purchaser Claims of more than \$100,000, Purchaser shall submit with the Claim a certification that the Claim is made in good faith; the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of Purchaser's knowledge and belief; and the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which Purchaser believes the Government is liable. Purchaser, if an individual, shall execute the certification. When Purchaser is not an individual, the certification shall be executed by a senior company official in charge at Purchaser's plant or location involved or by an officer or general partner of Purchaser having overall responsibility for the conduct of Purchaser's affairs.

For Purchaser Claims of \$100,000 or less, Contracting Officer must render a decision within 60 days. For Purchaser Claims in excess of \$100,000, Contracting Officer must decide the Claim within 60 days or notify Purchaser of the date when the decision will be made.

Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless Purchaser appeals or files a suit.

The authority of Contracting Officer does not extend to Claims or disputes that by statute or regulation other agencies are expressly authorized to decide.

Interest, at the Prompt Payment Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the amount found due on Purchaser's Claim shall be paid from the date the Claim is received by Contracting Officer until the date of the payment.

Except as the parties may otherwise agree, pending final resolution of a Claim of Purchaser arising under the contract, Purchaser shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract in accordance with Contracting Officer's decision.

**B9.21 Time Limits for Submission of Claim.** Failure by Purchaser to submit a Claim within established time limits shall relinquish the United States from any and all obligations whatsoever arising under said contract or portions thereof. Purchaser shall file such Claim within the following time limits:

(a) For subdivisions or cutting units, Purchaser must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Forest Service written notification that subdivision or cutting unit has been accepted; and

(b) In all other cases, Purchaser must file any Claim not later than 60 days after receipt of Contracting Officer written notification that timber sale is closed.

B9.22 Contract Documents. All contract documents are intended to be consistent with each other. In case of discrepancy, the following is the order of precedence:

- (a) Special Provisions (C)
- (b) Sale Area Map
- (c) Specific Conditions on Page 1
- (d) Standard Provisions (B)
- (e) Special project specifications
- (f) Plans, such as slash, erosion control, dust abatement, etc.
- (g) Agreements between Purchaser and Forest Service, as authorized under the contract
- (h) Standard specifications

B9.3 Breach. In event Purchaser breaches any of the material provisions of this contract, Forest Service shall give Purchaser notice of such breach and, allowing reasonable time for remedy of such breach and of Forest Service's election to suspend, may give notice to suspend all or any part of Purchaser's Operations. Such notice of breach and notice to suspend Purchaser's Operations shall be written, except oral notices may be given if such breach constitutes an immediate threat to human life or a threat of immediate and irreparable damage to National Forest resources. Notwithstanding Section B6.1, such oral suspension notice may be given to Purchaser's work supervisor or, in work supervisor's absence, to those performing the operation. An oral suspension notice shall be promptly followed by telephone notice and a written explanation from Forest Service to Purchaser.

Suspension under this section shall not entitle Purchaser to any remedies arising under B8.33.

Immediately upon oral or written suspension, Forest Service representative shall notify Contracting Officer of the suspension and related circumstances. Contracting Officer shall promptly review the suspension to determine if the suspension should be continued or lifted. Such suspension shall be lifted as early as conditions permit.

Upon receipt of oral or written notice of such breach, Purchaser shall remedy the breach as follows:

(a) If remedying such breach requires on-the-ground action by Purchaser, Purchaser shall have 30 practicable operating days during Normal Operating Season to remedy the breach, except under emergency conditions when action should not be delayed to prevent major damage or

(b) If such breach does not require on-the-ground action by Purchaser, such breach shall be remedied within 30 days.

B9.31 Termination for Breach. Contracting Officer, with the concurrence of the Regional Forester, may terminate this contract for breach in the event Purchaser:

(a) Is convicted for violation of criminal statutes, civil standards, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or honesty that seriously and directly affects the responsibility of Purchaser; including, but not limited to:

(i) Theft, forgery, bribery, embezzlement, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, any of which occurred in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, selling, trading, or processing public timber;

(ii) Fraud, criminal offenses, or violation of Federal or State antitrust laws, any of which occurred in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; or

(iii) Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with Forest Officers engaged in, or on account of, the performance of their official duties involving the protection, improvement, or administration of National Forest lands;

(b) Is convicted for a violation of criminal statutes or civil standards, orders, permits, or other regulations for environmental protection issued by a Federal agency, State agency, or political subdivision thereof in the conduct of operations hereunder on National Forest lands, pursuant to B6.01;

(c) Has engaged in a pattern of activity that demonstrates flagrant disregard for the terms of this contract, such as, but not limited to, repeated suspensions for breach pursuant to B9.3, causing undesignated timber meeting Utilization Standards to be unnecessarily damaged or negligently or willfully cut, or causing other serious environmental degradation or resource damage;

(d) Fails to comply with contract provisions related to nondiscrimination in employment; or

(e) Fails to remedy a breach of contract within time limits stated in B9.3.

Damages due the United States for termination under this Subsection shall be determined pursuant to B9.4.

B9.4 Damages for Failure to Cut or Termination for Breach. (a) In event of Purchaser's failure to cut designated timber on portions of Sale Area by Termination Date or termination for breach under B9.31, Forest Service shall appraise

remaining Included Timber, unless termination is under B8.22 or B8.34. Such appraisal shall be made with the standard Forest Service method in use at time of termination.

(b) If the sale is resold, damages due shall be the amount by which Current Contract Value, plus costs described in paragraph (d) of this Section, exceeds the resale value at new Bid Rates.

(c) If the contract is not reoffered or there are no responsive bids on the reoffered contract, damages due shall be the amount by which Current Contract Value exceeds the value determined by appraisal, plus costs described in paragraph (d) of this Section.

(d) If applicable, the following costs shall be included in damages:

(i) The cost of resale or reoffering, including, but not limited to, salary costs, document preparation and duplication costs, mailing costs, and timber sale advertisement costs.

(ii) If Purchaser has failed to cut individual trees in the portions of Sale Area cut over and there is no resale of such individual trees, Purchaser shall pay Forest Service for cost of felling and removal or otherwise eliminating such uncut trees, except for occasional trees not cut for reasons stated in B6.4.

(iii) The Government's loss caused by the delay in receipt of stumpage payments. Such loss will be measured by interest at the Current Value of Funds Rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the unpaid contract value at Termination Date. Interest will be charged for the total number of months, or portions thereof, from Termination Date until midpoint of the contract resale period, less any time in excess of 1 year needed to make the resale.

(iv) Any increase in reforestation costs, including site preparation, seeding, and planting caused by Purchaser's failure to harvest Included Timber by Termination Date.

B9.5 Settlement. If obligations of Purchaser have not been fully discharged by Termination Date, any money advanced or deposited hereunder shall be retained and applied toward unfulfilled obligations of Purchaser without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of Forest Service. Such funds may be treated as cooperative deposits under B4.218 for uncompleted work 30 days after receipt of written notice from Forest Service to Purchaser of work to be done and Purchaser's failure to deny the obligation or to do the work.

B9.6 Contract Closure. Contracting Officer shall give appropriate written notice to Purchaser when Purchaser has complied with the terms of this contract. Purchaser shall be paid refunds due from the Timber Sale Account under B4.24 and excess cooperative deposits under B4.218.

C2.11# - TIMBER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT (01/2003)

In addition, there is within Sale Area an unestimated quantity of:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Product</u>
Combined Softwood	Non-Saw

that shall be Included Timber upon written agreement.

C2.2# - MINIMUM PIECE SIZE FOR SAWTIMBER (02/2009)

Purchaser is not required to pay for or remove minimum sawtimber pieces as described on Page 1 if said pieces have a net scale of less than 20 board feet.

C2.35# - DESIGNATION OF TIMBER, CUTTING UNIT BOUNDARIES, AND SUBDIVISION/PAYMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES (06/2012)

Trees are designated for cutting under B2.35 only if designated as shown in the Timber Designation table below. The boundaries of Subdivisions/Payment Units and Cutting Units are designated as shown in the Boundary Designation table below. Trees used for boundary designation are not to be cut.

**SPECIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO C2.35# - DESIGNATION OF TIMBER, CUTTING UNIT BOUNDARIES, AND SUBDIVISION/PAYMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES**

SPECIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO C2.35# - DESIGNATION OF TIMBER. CUTTING UNIT BOUNDARIES, AND SUBDIVISION/PAYMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES

Timber Designation Table

Cutting Unit/ Subdivision/Area/ Payment Unit	Tree Paint Color	Designation or Specification
ALL	Green	<u>Individual Tree Mark.</u> Individual trees are designated for cutting only if Marked above and below stump height with the specified paint color.
N/A	N/A	<u>Leave Tree Mark.</u> All live < > are designated for cutting unless Marked as leave trees. Leave trees are Marked above and below stump height with the specified paint color. Sale Area Map indicates areas plainly identified on the ground where leave trees are Marked to be left uncut.
N/A	N/A	<u>Wildlife Trees.</u> Notwithstanding the designation for cutting under B2.31, B2.33, B2.34, or B2.35, trees which are identified by standard Forest Service metal wildlife tree sign or painted with the specified paint color on the uphill and downhill side, shall be left uncut. In event such trees are destroyed in Purchaser's Operations, Forest Service may designate alternate trees to be saved.
N/A	N/A	<u>Marked Out Trees.</u> When it is necessary to delete previously marked trees, a unique tree marking paint color will be Marked over or adjacent to the original mark, but will not obscure the original marking. Trees Marked with the original marking paint color and the unique tree marking paint color are not Included Timber.
		Designation by Spacing C2.351#
		Designation by Species and Diameter, C2.352#
All Units		Designation by Damage Class, C2.353#
		Designation by Row Spacing, C2.354#

Subdivision/Payment Unit and Cutting Unit Boundary Designation Table

<u>Subdivision/Payment Unit</u>	<u>Boundary Paint Color</u>	<u>Boundary Designation</u>
<u>Cutting Unit</u>	<u>Boundary Paint Color</u>	<u>Boundary Designation</u>
All	orange	Orange ½ bands facing into the unit near the roadside identify the beginning and end of the unit.
All	N/A	As determined if tree is hazardous to the road in the unit shown on Sale Area Map.

C2.353# - DESIGNATION BY DAMAGE CLASS (01/2004)

Within Subdivision(s) or cutting unit(s) All, as shown on Sale Area Map, the following criteria are used to designate trees and other products for cutting and removal:

- (a) Cut all trees with no foliage or trees with 100 percent brown or red foliage
- (b) Additional trees to be cut, if any, are designated for cutting if Marked with Green paint.
- (c) Cutting unit boundaries and trees that shall be left uncut are Marked with Orange paint.

C4.211 - DOWNPAYMENT (06/2007)

The downpayment amount shown on Page 1 may not be applied toward any other payment required under the provisions of this contract, except damages determined pursuant to B9.4, transferred to other timber sales, or refunded until (a) stumpage value representing 25 percent of the total bid value of the timber sale has been charged and paid for, or (b) the estimated value of the unscaled timber is equal to or less than the amount of the downpayment, or (c) if 36 CFR 223.49(e) is applicable, the estimated value of the unscaled timber is equal to or less than the amount of the downpayment.

If Forest Service makes a determination that this contract should not have been included under increased downpayment requirements (36 CFR 223.49(e)), the downpayment shall be revised and applied in accordance with 36 CFR 223.49(f).

C4.212 - TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF DOWNPAYMENT (08/2009)

Notwithstanding B4.211 or C4.211, upon the Purchaser's written request Forest Service may temporarily reduce the downpayment when Purchaser's scheduled operations are delayed or interrupted for 30 or more consecutive days, or the contract term is extended for 30 or more consecutive days for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Forest Service requests or orders Purchaser to delay or interrupt operations for reasons other than breach;
- (2) Purchaser interrupts or delays scheduled operations to work on a sale designated by the Forest Service as in urgent need of harvesting; or
- (3) An adjustment of the contract term authorized upon a determination of substantial overriding public interest, or an urgent removal contract term extension under 36 CFR 223.53.

When Purchaser is not cutting or removing timber under contract during a qualifying period of delay, interruption, or extension listed above the downpayment may be reduced to \$1000 or 2 percent of the downpayment amount stated in the contract, whichever is greater. The Purchaser must restore the downpayment to the full amount stated in the contract within 15 days from receipt of the bill for collection and written notice from the Contracting Officer that the basis for temporarily reducing the downpayment no longer exists. Purchaser shall not cut or remove timber on a contract where the downpayment has been temporarily reduced until the downpayment amount stated in the contract is fully restored.

C4.4 - PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED (08/2012)

(a) Payments are due and payable on the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection. When a payment for timber cut and other charges is not received at the location designated by Forest Service by the date specified in the bill for collection, Contracting Officer will suspend all or any part of Purchaser's Operations until payment or acceptable payment guarantee is received. Other charges include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Slash disposal, road maintenance, and contract Scaling deposits;
- (ii) Cooperative work at rates established by specific agreement under B4.218;
- (iii) Damages pursuant to B9.4;
- (iv) Road use fees;
- (v) Restoration of downpayment pursuant to B4.22;
- (vi) Periodic payments pursuant to B4.213;
- (vii) Extension Deposits pursuant to B4.217; and
- (viii) Other mandatory deposits.

(b) Failure to pay amounts due by the date specified in the bill for collection shall be considered a breach under B9.3. The 30-day notice period prescribed therein shall begin to run as of the end of business on the date specified for receipt of payments. If the performance or payment is guaranteed by surety bond, the surety will receive a copy of the written notification of breach. Demand will be made on the surety or other institution providing the guarantee or bond instrument for immediate payment 10 days after issuance of written notification of the breach.

(c) Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, as amended, if payment is not received by Forest Service within 15 days after the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection:

(i) Simple interest shall be assessed at the Current Value of Funds Rate as established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Interest will begin to accrue as of the date of issue indicated on the initial bill for collection.

(ii) Debtors will be assessed administrative charges, in addition to the delinquent amount due. Administrative charges are those additional costs incurred by the Government in processing, handling, and collecting delinquent debts.

(iii) A penalty charge of six (6) percent per annum will be assessed on any portion of a debt delinquent more than 90 days. This penalty charge is in addition to interest and administrative charges under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii). The penalty charge shall accrue from the date of issue indicated on the bill for collection and shall be assessed on all outstanding amounts, including interest and administrative costs assessed under paragraphs (c)(i) and (c)(ii).

(iv) Payments will be credited on the date received by the Federal Depository or Collection Officer designated on the bill for collection.

(d) Forest Service remedies for Purchaser's failure to make payment for timber cut and other charges when due, except for accrual of interest, suspension of all or any part of Purchaser's Operations, and administrative offset, shall be stayed for so long as:

- (i) A bona fide dispute exists as to Purchaser's obligation to make such payment and
- (ii) Purchaser files and prosecutes a timely Claim.

C5.125# - SHARE COST ROAD LIABILITY INSURANCE (08/2006)

Purchaser is authorized to use cooperative roads constructed under provisions of Sierra Pacific Industries, Cooperator, and Forest Service, and subsequent easements, supplements, and agreements thereto, available for inspection at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Placerville, California, and subject to the following liability insurance requirements.

Purchaser shall provide a satisfactory certificate of insurance covering Purchaser's and all subcontractor's operations on cost share roads referred to above.

Purchaser shall present the certificate of insurance to Forest Service prior to use of cost share roads.

Insurance shall be of the following form and limits:

Comprehensive Automobile Bodily Injury/Property Damage Liability Insurance covering all owned, leased, hired and non-owned automobiles.

Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 per person bodily injury or death  
\$1,000,000 per occurrence bodily injury or death  
and \$1,000,000 per occurrence property damage or a  
combined single limit of \$1,000,000

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In addition to above, Purchaser and Purchaser's assigns shall carry the following limits of insurance for the purpose of covering fire suppression expense, property damage to timber land due to fire, and property damage to non-owned automobiles and equipment due to fire.

Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury/Property Damage Insurance for minimum limits of:  
\$1,000,000 per person bodily injury or death  
\$1,000,000 per occurrence bodily injury or death  
and \$1,000,000 per occurrence property damage or a  
combined single limit of \$1,000,000

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Such Comprehensive General Liability policy shall include an endorsement covering fire suppression expense, property damage to timber land due to fire, and property damage to non-owned automobiles and equipment due to fire. Said endorsement shall have minimum property damage limits of \$1,000,000 and be designated separately on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate of Insurance shall require insurance carrier to notify Cooperator by mail ten (10) days prior to cancellation or expiration of above coverage. The Certificate of Insurance shall also name The Cooperator as additionally insured solely as respects operations conducted by or on behalf of the Purchaser involving use of the cost shared roads referred to above.

C5.31# - ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (01/2003)

Purchaser shall maintain roads in accordance with the following Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary:

See Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary Table.

Table A

C5.31# - Contract Road Maintenance Requirements Summary

Road	Termini		Miles	Applicable Prehaul Road Maintenance Specifications								
	From	To		810	811	812	831	834	835	837		
All Native Surface Roads	0	1.5		P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
All Chip Seal/Paved Surface Roads	0	1.5										

P = Purchaser Performance Item, D = Deposit to Forest Service, D3 = Deposit to Third Party  
 Maximum slide and slump repair is 50 CY

Road	Termini		Miles	Applicable During Haul Road Maintenance Specifications							
	From	To		811	812	831	834	835	837		
All Native Surface Roads	0	1.5		P	P	P	P	P	P		

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 Maximum slide and slump repair is 50 CY

Road	Termini		Miles	Applicable Post Haul Road Maintenance Specifications								
	From	To		809	810	811	812	831	834	835	837	
All Native Surface Roads	0	1.5		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

P = Purchaser Performance Item D = Deposit to Forest Service D3 = Deposit to Third Party  
 Maximum slide and slump repair is 50 CY

C5.32# - ROAD MAINTENANCE DEPOSIT SCHEDULE (08/2012)

Other provisions herein notwithstanding, when Forest Service requests payment in lieu of Purchaser's performance of road maintenance, Purchaser shall make Required Deposits (16 USC 537) for current and/or deferred road maintenance. Such deposits are based on the estimated volume and distance hauled and Purchaser's commensurate use of each road listed in the Road Maintenance Plan in C5.31#.

Purchaser and Forest Service may agree in writing on adjustment of such rates. If Purchaser uses roads under jurisdiction of Forest Service other than those listed in the Road Maintenance Plan, Forest Service shall establish rates commensurate with Purchaser's use of such roads.

The Required Deposits for Forest Service work in lieu of Purchaser performance are N/A per MBF for recurrent maintenance, and \$1.50 per MBF for deferred maintenance.

The following table lists who Purchaser will make deposits for road maintenance to, and the rate per unit of measure of the deposit. The "Road Maintenance Agreement" is available for inspection at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

<u>Deposit Made To</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
<u>N/A</u>		

C5.35# - ROAD AND WATER SUPPLY USE (05/2008)

National Forest water supply locations, access, method of filling trucks, period of water availability and procedures designed to maintain water quality at each location shall be agreed in advance of use. Such use shall at no time reduce water supplies to the level that further use may be detrimental to aquatic resources or other established use. Waterholes and other improvements relating to said water supplies shall be put into condition, prior to expected seasonal periods of precipitation or runoff, to avoid resource damage.

Damage to resources at such locations caused by Purchaser's Operations, other than fire suppression activities, shall be repaired by Purchaser in a timely and agreed manner to the extent practicable to restore and prevent further resource damage.

Unless otherwise agreed, Purchaser's use of roads and other water supply requirements shall conform to the following table.

**See Table A**

SPECIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO C5.35# - REQUIREMENTS OF ROAD AND WATER SUPPLY USE

<p>Load Limitations</p>	<p>Purchaser shall notify Forest Service in writing of the planned size and load distribution for equipment which exceeds the State of California Vehicle Code legal size and weight, and the National Forest System roads to be used. Such notice may be part of plan of operation under B6.311. Within 15 days after receipt of the written notice Forest Service shall notify Purchaser in writing of any regulations or restrictions that may be needed to protect National Forest Transportation Facilities.</p> <p>A written permit shall be required for moving any vehicle which is in excess of the established legal size and weight which is not listed in the above plan, except as may be authorized in prior written agreements.</p>
<p>Existing Non-National Forest System Roads</p>	<p>Roads not shown on Sale Area Map may be used as Temporary Roads if there is agreement before use is started.</p>
<p>Snow Removal</p>	<p>If Purchaser removes snow from roads, such work shall be done with Forest Service approval and in a manner that will protect roads and adjacent resources.</p> <p>Snow berms shall be removed or placed to avoid accumulation of melt water on the road and prevent water concentration on erosive slopes or soils.</p> <p>Snow must not be removed to the road surface. A minimum 6 inch snow depth must be left to protect the roadway. If the road surface is damaged, Purchaser shall replace lost surface material and repair structures damaged in blading operations prior to hauling, unless climatic conditions prevent necessary work from being accomplished or as otherwise agreed in writing.</p> <p>Single lane roads shall be plowed full width including turnouts. In event double lane roads are not plowed to full width, warning signs shall be required and plowing shall be no less than single lane (12 feet) with intervisible turnouts.</p>

<p>Water Supply Deposits</p>	<p>If Purchaser utilizes the water site located &lt; &gt;, for any listed activity, Purchaser shall make deposit with Forest Service for that activity at the time and in the amount shown in the Water Supply Deposit Schedule table below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WATER SUPPLY DEPOSIT SCHEDULE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 464 1411 682"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Unit of Payment</th> <th>Unit Cost</th> <th>Total Cost</th> <th>Time of Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Activity	Unit of Payment	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Time of Payment															
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C6.24# - SITE SPECIFIC SPECIAL PROTECTION MEASURES (01/2004)

Special protection measures needed to protect known areas identified on Sale Area Map or on the ground include:

Cultural Resource Protection Measures: CA-1 on Sale Area Map - Subject to C.315# no operations permitted with within areas unless approved by a Forest Service Archaeologist. Any trees felled in close proximity to said areas will be directionally felled away from site. .

Wildlife and Botanical Protection Measures: CA-2 and CA-3 on Sale Area Map - Subject to C.315# no operations are permitted within areas flagged with pink and chartruese flagging (CA-2). No operations permitted within areas flagged with orange flagging and the words "Noxious Weed" printed on it (CA-3) unless approved by a Forest Service Botanist. Any trees felled in close proximity to said areas will be directionally felled away from site. .

Cave Resource Protection Measures: N/A .

C6.315# - SALE OPERATIONS SCHEDULE (08/2006)

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Purchaser's Operations shall be performed in accordance with the following schedule:

See Table A

SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO C6.315# - SALE OPERATIONS SCHEDULE (8/2006)

<u>Subdivision/ Area/Unit</u>	<u>Operating Schedule</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sale Area	There are several areas shown as CA-1 on Sale Area Map. Purchaser must notify the Forest Service two weeks prior to beginning operations.	Protection of cultural resources
Sale Area	All water drafting locations must be approved prior to use. A Forest Service approved screen covered drafting box measuring 2 feet on each side with a maximum of 0.25 inch screen is required.	Minimize removal of aquatic species
Sale Area	Any portions of trees felled into Streamcourse Buffers will be removed with full suspension, unless otherwise agreed. If full suspension is not possible the logs will be bucked to the point where full suspension can be achieved and the remainder shall be left in place, unless otherwise agreed.	Streamside Protection

C6.331 - LOG TRUCKING (08/2006)

To promote safe operations on National Forest roads and on Specified Roads, loads shall be safely secured before trucks move from the landing or loading location.

C6.37 - SUBSTITUTE METHODS (08/2006)

Notwithstanding other provisions herein, for minor changes such as changes in logging systems for areas smaller than 5 acres, Purchaser and Forest Service may agree in writing that use of substitute methods or equipment will achieve Forest Service objectives under this contract and may be used in lieu of those specified for Purchaser's Operations.

C6.41# - FELLING, BUCKING, AND LIMBING (08/2007)

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Purchaser's felling, bucking, and limbing operations shall be conducted as specified in the table below.

**See Table A**

SPECIFICATIONS AND TREATMENTS PURSUANT TO C6.41# - FELLING, BUCKING AND LIMBING

Treatment Method and Applicable Map Symbol	Felling, Bucking and Limbing Specifications	
Limbing	Outside of construction clearings, Clearcutting Units and regeneration units, unless otherwise provided by B6.414, Purchaser shall, prior to skidding/yarding operations, cut exposed limbs from products which are to be skidded/yarded. Such limbing of stems shall be done to a top diameter of approximately 6 inches, at which point the top shall be cut from the remainder of the stem.	
Directional Felling "DF"	Within areas designated DF on Contract Area Map, Included Timber shall be directionally felled away from private property, roads, lava caps, sensitive plants, corral, trails, gates, fences, underground cables, protected sites with the use of specialized equipment. Such directional felling shall not be required when in the faller's judgment it is unsafe to do so, and shall be left standing.	
No Lop "No Lop"	N/A	
Whole Tree Yarding "Whole"	N/A	
Maximum Log Length	Unit Number	Maximum Log Length
	Entire Sale Area	41 feet
Minimum Stump Height	3 inches	

C6.42# - GROUND BASED SKIDDING (08/2006)

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the method of skidding Included Timber shall be as shown on the Sale Area Map, by areas, with symbols defined in the following table:

**See Table A**

	Specifications pursuant to C6.42# - Ground-based Skidding
Map Symbol	Requirements
<b>TRAC</b>	<p>Skid road pattern shall be agreed in advance of felling and main skid roads shall be flagged on the ground in advance of felling. Purchaser shall stage-log by felling and skidding Included Timber in two or more separate operations when necessary</p> <p>Products shall be end-lined as needed to protect resources or residual timber from unnecessary damage. The number of chokers shall be limited as necessary to avoid unnecessary damage to resources or residual timber. By agreement, tractors may be used to separate products to prevent stain.</p>
<b>SUSP</b>	Products shall be skidded with leading end clear of ground.
<b>SPACE</b>	Skid roads will average 100 feet from center to center, except where converging.
<b>ENDL</b>	Endlining shall not be required for distances in excess of 60 feet uphill, and 120 feet downhill.
<b>MAX</b>	Tractors used for skidding outside Clearcutting Units, regeneration units or other authorized clearings, shall be of the type (rubber-tired or track-laying) shown on the Sale Area Map and shall not exceed the overall width designated on Sale Area Map.
<b>MH</b>	<p>Purchaser shall cut Included Timber and move it to designated skid trails using equipment with a boom having an operating radius of at least N/A feet for bunching trees, capable of severing, lowering and placing trees up to N/A inches diameter at stump height on the ground prior to skidding. Such equipment must be capable of operating on slopes up to N/A %.</p> <p>Notwithstanding above, hand felling using chainsaws may be required in or adjacent to sensitive areas to protect resources from unnecessary damage.</p> <p>Trees which exceed capability of specified equipment may be felled, bucked and skidded in a manner consistent with the requirements of B6.41 - Felling and Bucking, C6.41# - Felling, Bucking, and Limbing Requirements and the above "TRAC", "SUSP", "SPACE", "ENDL", and "MAX" requirements.</p>
<b>CTL</b>	<p>Included Timber shall be felled, limbed and bucked by a self-propelled mechanical harvester capable of producing finished sawlogs or chippable boles. Limbs of Included Timber shall be placed evenly in the machinery skid trail prior to product removal. The harvester shall be an all-wheel drive machine with at least 3 axles and a processing head mounted on a boom having a minimum-operating radius of N/A feet.</p> <p>Notwithstanding above, hand felling using chainsaws may be required in or adjacent to sensitive areas to protect resources or residual timber from unnecessary damage.</p> <p>All Products shall be removed by an all-wheel drive forwarder with at least 3 axles capable of self-loading and unloading. The forwarder shall carry all products free of the ground</p>

	<p>during removal. The loading crane shall have a minimum-operating radius of 15 feet. Log landings and transfer points shall be agreed in advance of harvesting.</p> <p>Included Timber exceeding the harvester's capability may be felled by conventional chainsaw methods, forwarded to nearest skid trail and processed into a finished Product with harvester or chainsaw, consistent with the requirements B6.61 - Meadow Protection, B6.41 - Felling and Bucking, C6.41# - Felling, Bucking, and Limbing and the above "TRAC", "SUSP", "SPACE", "ENDL", and "MAX" requirements.</p>
<p><b>PB</b></p>	<p>Purchaser shall cut Included Timber and move trees to pre-approved skyline corridors to facilitate skyline yarding using equipment with a boom having an operating radius of at least N/A feet for bunching trees, capable of severing, lowering and placing trees up to N/A inches diameter at stump height on the ground prior to yarding. Such equipment must be capable of operating on slopes up to <u>N/A</u> %. Bundles shall not exceed yarder capability or cause unnecessary damage to residual stand.</p> <p>Notwithstanding above, hand felling using chainsaws may be required in or adjacent to sensitive areas to protect resources from unnecessary damage. Such trees shall be felled away from the corridor in a manner that minimizes residual stand damage during yarding.</p> <p>Included Timber exceeding the feller's capability may be felled by conventional chainsaw methods</p>
<p><b>HCTL</b></p>	<p>Included Timber shall be felled, limbed and bucked by a self-propelled mechanical harvester capable of producing finished sawlogs or chippable boles. Such equipment must be capable of operating on slopes up to <u>N/A</u> %. The harvester shall be an all-wheel drive machine with at least 3 axles, or track mounted, and a processing head mounted on a boom having a minimum-operating radius of <u>N/A</u> feet.</p> <p>Notwithstanding above, hand felling using chainsaws may be required in or adjacent to sensitive areas to protect resources or residual timber from unnecessary damage.</p> <p>Included Timber exceeding the harvester's capability may be felled by conventional chainsaw methods</p>

C6.5 - STREAMCOURSE PROTECTION (08/2006)

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, wheel or track laying equipment shall not operate within "Buffer Strips" except as necessary for fire suppression activities. "Buffer Strips" are areas marked on the ground or are within the distances identified on the Sale Area Map measured from the apparent high water mark of streamcourses. Boundaries of Buffer Strips may be modified by agreement in writing to meet unforeseen operating conditions.

Culverts, bridges, or other suitable structures shall be required on skid roads and trails only at points where it is necessary to protect Stream courses. The type of crossing structures, method of installation and removal shall be determined by agreement. Purchaser in accordance with C6.6 - Erosion Prevention and Control, shall remove such structures and associated fills.

Damage to Stream course or Buffer Strips caused by unauthorized Purchaser's Operations shall be repaired by Purchaser in a timely and agreed manner to the extent practical as determined by Forest Service to restore and prevent further damage to Stream courses.

C6.6# - EROSION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (05/2008)

Erosion prevention and control work, including Streamcourse protection, required by C6.5 and B6.6 shall be completed within 15 calendar days after skidding operations related to each landing are substantially completed or after Forest Service designation on the ground of work where such designation is required hereunder. Said time limit shall be exclusive of full days lost in Purchaser's Operations due to causes beyond Purchaser's control. Such on the ground designation shall be done as promptly as feasible unless it is agreed that the location of such work can be established without marking on the ground. After September 15 and as long thereafter as operations continue the work shall be done as promptly as practicable. Damage resulting from Purchaser's Operations due to failure to perform required work shall be repaired by Purchaser.

Notwithstanding other provisions in this contract and unless otherwise agreed in writing, any hay, straw, or mulch used in this contract shall be State of California certified weed free.

Additional erosion control requirements of this contract are listed in the following table.

See Table A

SPECIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO C6.6# - EROSION PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

Vegetative Soil Stabilization N/A

Special Erosion Prevention Measures Purchaser shall give adequate treatment by spreading slash or wood chips or by agreement giving other treatment to portion of tractor roads, skid trails, landings, cable yarding corridors, tractor-end lined corridors and Temporary Road fills where necessary to supplement other erosion prevention measures required elsewhere in this contract. In no event shall Purchaser be required to treat more acres than that shown in the legend of Sale Area Map. The specific locations to be treated shall be designated on the ground by Forest Service. These special erosion prevention measures are to be done within the same date and time periods as stated above.

Soil Scarification. N/A

Backblading Within recreation development sites and public use areas designated on Sale Area Map, Purchaser shall, at Forest Service request, backblade skid trails in lieu of cross ditching.

Tillage N/A

C6.7# - SLASH TREATMENT (08/2006)

Purchaser shall pile, scatter, yard, construct firelines or otherwise treat slash defined in specifications below, within designated areas. Work required of Purchaser shall be in accordance with the following slash plan and specifications, and the Sale Area Map.

All vegetative debris associated with construction of Specified Roads such as unutilized timber, brush and grubbed stumps is Construction Slash. Measures to be taken by Purchaser for treatment of Construction Slash are set forth in the attached road construction specifications and in the attached slash treatment specifications.

Vegetative debris larger than 1 inch in diameter outside bark and 3 feet long resulting from Purchaser's Operations, other than Construction Slash, is Logging Slash. Measures to be taken by Purchaser for treatment of Logging Slash are set forth below unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Forest Service and Purchaser shall jointly develop a schedule for completion of slash treatment on the various portions of Sale Area prior to Purchaser's Operations.

Removing may be substituted for treatment of any other specified method.

By agreement in writing, certain slash may be left for fuelwood. When the specified treatment is by a combination of methods, Logging Slash not treated by one of the methods shall be treated by the other(s).

See the slash treatment specification table below.

**See Table A.**

SPECIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO C6.7# - SLASH TREATMENT (8/2006)

Specified slash treatment methods shall be shown on Sale Area Map or listed in the following tables by the following symbols:

Slash Treatment Methods

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Buck-L	"Bucking Large Logging Slash"	Tops and limbs over 4 inches diameter outside bark (d.o.b.), not to be otherwise treated, shall be bucked into lengths not to exceed 6 feet, unless agreed otherwise.
Buck-P	"Bucking and Piling"	Logging Slash smaller than <N/A> inches and larger than 4 inches in large end d.o.b. shall be bucked into lengths not to exceed <N/A> feet and left in place. Logging Slash 4 inches and smaller in large end d.o.b. shall be hand Piled within Required Disposal Strip for Forest Service disposal.
Bury	"Burying"	Logging Slash shall be buried where agreed in borrow areas, pits, trenches, or other locations reasonably near the area of origin. Logging Slash shall be matted down in layers and shall be covered with at least 2 feet of rock and soil so that the final surface is sloped to drain and relatively smooth.
Chip	"Chipping"	Chippable Logging Slash up to 4 inches in d.o.b. shall be processed through a chipping machine. Chips shall be scattered to a loose depth not exceeding 6 inches.
Deck	"Decking" large material	Logging Slash 10 inches or larger in large end d.o.b. and 10 feet or more in length shall be Decked for disposal by Forest Service by piling pieces parallel to each other.
Mach	"Machine Piling"	Concentrations of Logging Slash, excluding scattered individual pieces, shall be Machine Piled by tractor equipped with brush rake for disposal by Forest Service.
Pile	"Piling" small material	Logging Slash smaller than 10 inches in large end d.o.b. and 10 feet long shall be hand Piled for disposal by Forest Service.



YUME "Yarding Unutilized Material-Exterior Boundary"

All unutilized material developed by Purchaser's Operations shall be treated by the d.o.b. and length specifications as shown in the unit specification table. All unutilized material shall be yarded to locations a minimum of 50 feet slope distance within the exterior boundaries of such units and positioned so the yarded material will not roll.

Unit	Large End d.o.b. (in)	Length (feet)
N/A		

YUML "Yarding Unutilized Material-Landing"

All unutilized material developed by Purchaser's Operations shall be treated by the d.o.b. and length specifications as shown in the unit specification table. All unutilized shall be yarded to locations within 100 feet slope distance of landing. Where this is impractical, or other reasons, other locations shall be agreed upon.

Unit	Large End d.o.b. (in)	Length (feet)
N/A		

YUMR "Yarding Unutilized Material-Removal"

All unutilized material developed by Purchaser's Operations shall be treated by the d.o.b. and length specifications as shown in the unit specification table. All unutilized shall be removed to locations shown on Sale Area Map and designated on the ground, or other agreed locations, and Decked.

Unit	Large End d.o.b. (in)	Length (feet)
N/A		

Cover "Covering Piles"

All piles shall be covered with a durable waterproof covering as approved by Forest Service. The material shall be at least six feet in width. Piles shall not be less than fifty percent covered, with the covering extending not less than half way down all sides. Pieces of burnable material shall be placed on top of the durable waterproof covering to keep the covering from blowing off the pile.

Fell "Damaged Small  
Tress"

Unless treated under other provisions, all trees smaller than the minimum d.b.h. in A2, over 5 feet in height, and damaged beyond recovery by Purchaser's Operations shall be felled. Such trees shall be limbed to a stem diameter outside bark of approximately 3 inches, at which point the top shall be cut from the remainder of the stem, and shall be bucked into lengths not exceeding 20 feet.

Fire-L "Firelines"

Shown on Sale Area Map and to be flagged on ground after logging by Forest Service are firelines to be constructed by Purchaser unless otherwise agreed in writing. Purchaser shall construct not more than <> chains of fireline by hand and not more than <> chains of fireline by tractor.

Firelines constructed by hand shall be cleared of all vegetative debris larger than one inch in d.o.b. and three feet long. The width of firelines shall be at least <N/A> feet, except across the top of cutting units where the width shall be at least <N/A> feet. At least <N/A> feet shall be scraped to mineral soil. In areas where there is potential for burning material to roll, the fireline shall be constructed in a trenched manner on the downhill side.

Tractor lines shall be cleared of all vegetative debris, larger than one inch in diameter and three feet long, to a width of at least <N/A> feet, with at least <N/A> feet to mineral soil. No slash, brush, or other vegetative debris shall be buried in or under berms created in the construction of firelines. All limbs overhanging into the fireline, shall be removed to a minimum height of 8 feet.

Firelines shall be completed on each unit in accordance with B6.311 unless otherwise agreed in writing.

In subdivisions <N/A> and shown on Sale Area Map, Logging Slash shall be scattered within <N/A> feet slope distance of the inside edge of firelines.

Fuel-B            "Fuelbreaks"            Shown on Sale Area Map, with boundaries designated on the ground, are "Fuelbreaks" of varying width. Within such Fuelbreaks all Logging slash and Construction slash shall be treated by Purchaser. Primary treatment shall be by Removing, Burying, Chipping, Piling, Machine Piling, or a combination of these methods unless a method is specified or prohibited on Sale Area Map. Slash larger than treatment size requirements of selected or specified methods shall be scattered outside Fuelbreak, or treated as agreed.

PILING SPECIFICATIONS. All piles shall be reasonably compact and free of soil to facilitate burning and shall be constructed of such size and at such distance from trees so that burning shall not result in unnecessary damage to residual timber. Such Logging Slash shall be bucked into lengths not exceeding ten feet prior to piling. Maximum width of tractor, with brush rake attached, shall not exceed 138 inches. Machine Piling is not required on areas where use of tractors would cause undue damage to residual timber or where slopes exceed 35 percent. Piles shall be located a distance of at least twice their height in feet from the outer edge of tree crowns or snags. Piles shall be no less than four feet in height or greater than N/A feet in height. Material extending three feet or more outside the edge of a pile shall be trimmed. An eight foot fuelbreak shall be cleared of all but fine material around each Machine Pile and an 18 inch wide fireline shall be cleared to mineral soil around the outer ring of the fuelbreak. For hand piles, Purchaser shall construct a fireline cleared to mineral soil and at least 3 feet wide around each pile. In areas where there is a potential for burning material to roll, firelines, including those for Machine Piles, shall be trenched on the downhill side of each pile to adequately prevent material from crossing firelines. Trenches shall be constructed by hand unless otherwise agreed.

UNIT AND SUBDIVISION.SLASH TREATMENT SPECIFICATIONS.

		<i>SLASH TREATMENT</i>	
<i>Subdivision or Unit No</i>	<i>Specified Method</i>	<i>Prohibited Method</i>	
All Units	No Slash Treatment, except landing		

LANDINGS AND DISPOSAL SITES. Unutilized logs accumulated at landings and disposal sites shall be Decked by Purchaser for disposal by Forest Service. The maximum height of decks is shown in the following table. Other slash accumulated at landings and disposal sites shall be kept separate from unutilized logs and treated by the method shown in the following table.

		<i>SLASH TREATMENT</i>		
	<i>Subdivision or Unit No.</i>	<i>Specified Method</i>	<i>Maximum Height of Decks</i>	
<u>Landings</u>				
Unutilized logs	All Units	Deck	10 feet	
Other landing slash	All Units	Mach	N/A	
<u>Disposal Sites</u>				

TREATMENT ALONG PERMANENT ROADS Permanent roads that require roadside slash treatment are listed in the attached table and shown on Sale Area Map. All Logging and Construction Slash within Required Disposal Strips shall be treated by Purchaser. "Required Disposal Strips" are those areas adjacent to permanent roads where slash treatment is required for resource objectives. The width of Required Disposal Strips is shown in the attached table and is measured in slope distance from Roadbed edges of permanent roads. By agreement, in Clearcutting Units and regeneration units slash from Required Disposal Strips may be treated with other Logging Slash. By agreement the location of Required Disposal Strips may be adjusted from side to side without materially changing the total work required.

Slash treatment in Required Disposal Strips shall be accomplished without affecting the proper functioning of channels leading to and from drainage structures.

Logging Slash larger than treatment size requirements of the specified method shall either be Scattered outside Required Disposal Strip, within Required Disposal Strip or Decked at agreed locations as shown in the attached table.

			<b>SLASH TREATMENT</b>	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Subdivision and/ or Unit No. or Road Junctionons (From To)</b>	<b>Width of Required Disposal Strip</b>	<b>Specified Method</b>	<b>Slash Larger Than Treatment Size Requirements of Specified Method</b>
<b>All system roads within Sale Area</b>	<b>All Subdivisions</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

TREATMENT ALONG TEMPORARY ROADS. Outside of Clearcutting Units or regeneration units, all trees felled or pushed over and trees damaged beyond recovery by Temporary Road construction shall be felled, limbed to a stem d.o.b. of approximately 3 inches, at which point the top shall be cut from the remainder of the stem, and stem shall be bucked into lengths not exceeding <> feet. Such slash shall be Scattered free of soil to reduce concentrations unless treatment is required by another specified method.

C6.815# - THIRD PARTY SCALING SERVICES (01/2004)

Notwithstanding the requirement for Forest Service or parties under contract to Forest Service to provide Scaling services under B6.81, Scaling designated on Page 1 shall be conducted by a third party Scaling organization approved by Forest Service. Scaling shall be done in accordance with instructions specified on Page 1 and Purchaser shall bear costs for Scaling service.

In the event third party Scaling service is suspended for causes such as strikes, termination of third party's approval to Scale National Forest logs by Forest Service, or Purchaser's failure to pay third party Scaling costs, hauling operations shall be suspended until agreed alternate Scaling services are provided or service by third party is resumed.

When an approved alternate Scaling location pursuant to B6.811 does not have an approved third party Scaling organization as a commonly used Scaling services provider, Forest Service or parties under contract to Forest Service shall provide Scaling services at the approved alternate location. In such an event, the cost of waived third party Scaling, which is \$ 0 per hundred cubic feet, shall be charged to Timber Sale Account.

If Forest Service and Purchaser agree in writing that another party under contract to Forest Service will perform Scaling, the contract will be modified to include C6.816 and Timber Sale Account will be charged for such Scaling.

C7.2# - SPECIFIED FIRE PRECAUTIONS (06/2012)

Purchaser or a designated Purchaser's Representative shall certify compliance with specific Timber Sale Contract and California Public Resources Code (CPRC) fire precautionary measures in B7.1 Plans, C7.2# and C7.22#. Certification shall be provided prior to starting operations during Fire Precautionary Period and shall be updated as needed.

Listing of specific fire precautionary measures in the following subsections is not intended to relieve Purchaser in any way from compliance with State fire laws covering fire prevention and suppression equipment applicable to Purchaser's Operations.

Upon request of Forest Service, Purchaser shall permit and assist in periodic testing and inspection of required fire equipment.

The following definitions shall apply to C7.2# and C7.22#:

**Active Landing:** A location Purchaser is skidding logs into, or performing other operations such as delimiting, log manufacturing, and chipping logs. Except for EV and E days, loading logs or stockpiled chips only on a cleared landing does not constitute an Active Landing.

**Hot Saw:** A harvesting system that employs a high-speed (>1100 rpm) rotating felling head (i.e., full rotation lateral tilt head).

**Mechanical Operations:** The process of felling, skidding, chipping, shredding, piling, log processing and/or yarding which requires the use of motorized power which includes, chainsaws, chippers, motorized carriages, masticators, stroke delimiters, skidders etc.

Specific equipment requirements and fire precautionary measures are shown in the following table and in C7.22#:

**Table A**

C7.2# - SPECIFIED FIRE PRECAUTIONS (06/2012)

A. Fire Tools and Equipment

Purchaser shall meet applicable parts of Section 4428 of the CPRC.

Unless agreed otherwise, Fire tools kept at each Active Landing shall be sufficient to equip all employees in the felling, yarding, loading, chipping, and material processing operations associated with each landing. Fire equipment shall include two tractor headlights for each tractor dozer used in Purchaser's Operations. Tractor headlights shall be attachable to each tractor and served by an adequate power source. Fire tools shall be kept in a sealed fire tool box adjacent to the Active Landing and readily accessible in event of fire.

Where cable yarding is used, Purchaser shall provide a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and a serviceable 5 gallon backpack pump filled with water or a fire extinguisher bearing a label showing at least a 4-A rating must be within 25 feet of each tail and corner block.

Trucks, tractors/skidders, pickups and other similar mobile equipment shall be equipped with and carry at all times a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and a 2-1/2 pound axe or larger with an overall length of not less than 28 inches.

All required fire tools shall be maintained in suitable and serviceable condition for fire fighting purposes.

B. Fire Extinguishers

Purchaser shall equip each internal combustion yarder, fuel truck, and loader with a (4-A:60-B:C) fire extinguisher for oil and grease fires.

Skidders and tractors shall be equipped with a minimum 5-BC fire extinguisher.

Fire extinguishers shall be mounted, readily accessible, properly maintained and fully charged.

Purchaser shall equip all mechanized harvesting machines and log processors with hydraulic systems, powered by an internal combustion engine (e.g. masticator, chipper, feller/buncher, harvester, forwarder, Hot Saw, stroke delimeter, etc), with at least two 4-A:60-B:C fire extinguishers or an acceptable CAFS substitute identified in Section K.

C. Spark Arresters and Mufflers

Except for tractors and other equipment with exhaust-operated turbochargers, Purchaser shall equip each operating tractor and any other internal combustion engine with an approved spark arrester. There shall be no exhaust bypass on any system.

Spark Arresters shall be a model tested and approved under Forest Service Standard 5100-1a as shown in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group Spark Arrester Guide, Volumes 1 and 2, and shall be properly mounted and maintained according to manufacturer's specifications.

Every motor vehicle subject to registration shall at all times be equipped with an adequate exhaust system meeting the requirements of the California Vehicle Code.

D. Power Saws

Each power saw shall be equipped with a spark arrester approved and maintained in effective working order as identified in the Spark Arrestor Guide in Section C. above and according to applicable parts of CPRC Section 4442 or 4443. An Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved fire extinguisher containing a minimum 14 ounces of fire retardant shall be kept with each operating saw.

A size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 38 inches shall be kept with each gas can, but not more than 300 feet from each power saw when used off cleared landing areas.

E. Fire Supervisor & Fire Patrolperson

Purchaser shall designate in the fire plan required by B7.1 and furnish on Sale Area during operating hours a fire supervisor, named in writing and authorized to act on behalf of Purchaser in fire prevention and suppression matters.

Unless agreed otherwise, Purchaser shall furnish and designate in writing, a Fire Patrolperson each operating day when Project Activity Level C or higher is in effect. When on duty, the Fire Patrolperson is required to patrol the operation for the prevention and detection of fires, to take suppression action where necessary and to notify Forest Service as required under Sections I. Reporting Fires and L. Communications. This Fire Patrol is required on foot, unless otherwise agreed.

By written agreement, one Fire Patrolperson may provide patrol on this and adjacent projects or sales. No Fire Patrolperson shall be required on Specified Road construction jobs except during clearing operations unless otherwise specified.

F. Seasonal Permits

Purchaser shall obtain written permits from Forest Service before allowing welding, warming fires or burning, subject to C7.22# - Emergency Precautions.

G. Clearing of Fuels

Purchaser shall clear away, and keep clear, fuels and logging debris as follows:

Welding equipment and stationary log loaders, yarders and other equipment listed in California State Law:	10 feet slope radius
Tail or corner haulback blocks:	All running blocks on a cable yarding operation shall be located in the center of an area that is cleared to mineral soil at least 15 feet in diameter.
Lines near, between or above blocks:	Sufficient clearing to prevent line from rubbing on snags, down logs and other dead woody material.

H. Smoking

All smoking shall be confined within a car, truck, crew rig or other enclosed cab after 1:00 PM on Ev days and all hours on E days (C7.22#). At other times, any smoking shall be done while sitting in an area at least 3 feet in diameter, cleared of flammable materials. Burning tobacco and matches shall be extinguished before they are properly disposed.

I. Reporting Fires

As soon as feasible, but no later than **15 minutes** after discovery, Purchaser shall notify Forest Service of any fires on Sale Area or along roads used by Purchaser.

J. Tank Truck

Purchaser shall provide a water tank truck or trailer on or in proximity to Sale Area during Purchaser's Operations hereunder during Fire Precautionary Period unless otherwise agreed.

Tank truck or trailer shall contain at least 300 gallons of water and comply with the following requirements:

(1) Pump, which at sea level, can deliver 23 gallons per minute at 175 pounds per square inch measured at the pump outlet. Pumps shall be tested on Sale Area by Forest Service using a 5/16 inch orifice with a one inch in line test kit and shall meet or exceed the pressure values identified in the following table for nearest temperature and elevation:

T e m p	Sea Leve l	1000 Feet		2000 Feet		3000 Feet		4000 Feet		5000 Feet		6000 Feet		7000 Feet		8000 Feet		9000 Feet		10000 Feet		
55	179	23	174	23	169	23	165	22	161	22	157	22	153	22	150	21	146	21	142	21	139	21
70	175	23	171	23	166	22	162	22	158	22	154	22	150	21	147	21	143	21	139	21	136	20
85	171	23	168	23	163	22	159	22	155	22	151	21	147	21	144	21	140	21	136	20	133	20
100	168	23	164	23	159	22	155	22	152	22	148	21	144	21	141	21	137	20	133	20	131	20
	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M	P S I	G P M

The pump outlet shall be equipped with 1-1/2 inch National Standard Fire Hose thread. A bypass or pressure relief valve shall be provided for other than centrifugal pumps.

(2) 300 feet of 3/4-inch inside diameter rubber-covered high-pressure hose mounted on live reel attached to pump with no segments longer than 50 feet, when measured to the extreme ends of the couplings. Hose shall have reusable compression wedge type 1-inch brass or lightweight couplings (aluminum or plastic). One end of hose shall be equipped with a coupling female section and the other end with a coupling male section. The hose shall, with the nozzle closed, be capable of withstanding 200 PSI pump pressure without leaking, distortions, slipping of couplings, or other failures.

(3) A shut-off combination nozzle that meets the following minimum performance standards when measured at 100 P.S.I. at the nozzle:

	G.P.M.	Horizontal Range
Straight Stream	10	38 feet
Fog Spray	6 - 20	N/A

(4) Sufficient fuel to run pump at least 2 hours and necessary service accessories to facilitate efficient operation of the pump.

(5) When Purchaser is using Hot Saws or Masticators an additional 250 feet of light weight hose, approved by Forest Service, shall be immediately available for use and be capable of connecting to the 300 feet of hose and appurturances in (2) and (3) above.

(6) This equipment and accessories shall be deliverable to a fire in the area of operations and is subject to the requirements for each specific activity level identified in C7.22#.

K. Compressed Air  
Foam System  
(CAFS)

A fire suppression system where compressed air is added to water and a foaming agent. By agreement, Purchaser may substitute a CAFS or functional equivalent in lieu of the tank truck, trailer or fire extinguishers, provided it meets or exceeds the following specifications and requirements:

1. Variable foam expansion ratio - 10:1 to 20:1.
2. Units shall be kept fully charged with air; water and foam concentrate as recommended by the manufacturer and have the appropriate tools to service the system.
3. The unit shall contain enough energy to empty tank and clear hose prior to exhausting propellant.
4. The unit shall be capable of being completely recharged within 10 minutes.
5. When used on cable yarding landings, the unit shall be outfitted for immediate attachment to carriage and transported without damage to the unit.

Fire extinguishers required for Hot Saws, Masticators and similar equipment identified in Section B. above may be substituted with a 3 gallon CAFS.

Tank truck, trailer or equivalent may be substituted with a 30 Gallon CAFS with at least 550 feet of one inch hose and an adjustable nozzle with enough water, air and foam concentrate for at least one recharge.

This equipment and accessories shall also be deliverable to a fire in the area of operations and subject to the requirements for each specific activity level identified in C7.22#.

L. Communications

Purchaser shall furnish a serviceable communications system such as a telephone, radio-telephone, radio system or satellite phone connecting each operating side within the Sale Area with Purchaser's headquarters, and capable of notifying Forest Service within 15 minutes of discovery of any fires on the Sale Area or along Purchaser's haul route. When such headquarters is at a location which makes communication to it clearly impractical, Forest Service may agree to a reasonable alternative notification method.

A Citizen's Band (CB) radio is not acceptable communications.

M. Cable Yarding  
Tank Unit

When all or part of Included Timber will be harvested by a long span (over 1,500 feet) cable yarding operation, Purchaser shall provide at each active cable yarding landing a tank truck, trailer or acceptable CAFS substitute which can be lifted and transported by the carriage.

The unit shall meet the same requirements as specified for the tank truck, trailer or approved CAFS substitute.

N. Helicopter  
Yarding Fire  
Precautions

Purchaser shall provide and maintain fire equipment as follows:

1. The fire tool box required under this provision shall be equipped for attachment to the helicopter long line so that it may be hauled to needed locations. Such attachment device shall not interfere with access to fire tools. Unless agreed otherwise, the fire tool box shall be located at the Active Landing ready for immediate dispatch.
  2. An external helibucket readily attachable to the helicopter, with a capacity of at least 500 gallons, and having a remote control door mechanism adequate for rapid dropping of water. The helibucket shall be located at the helicopter service landing and shall be filled with water ready for immediate dispatch unless otherwise agreed.
  3. All aircraft used in conjunction with Purchaser's Operations shall be equipped with an operable radio system capable of meeting Region Five avionics requirements.
  4. For protection of fuel servicing operations, fire extinguishers which have the following ratings based on the open hose discharge capacity, i.e., "broken hose," of the aircraft fueling system shall be readily available:
    - a. Where said capacity does not exceed 200 gallons per minute, at least one approved extinguisher having a minimum rating of 20-B;
    - b. Where said capacity is in excess of 200 gallons per minute, but not over 350 gallons per minute, one approved extinguisher having a minimum rating of 80-B;
    - c. Where said capacity is in excess of 350 gallons per minute, two approved extinguishers, each having a minimum rating of 80-B.
  5. By agreement, a suitable CAFS may also be used in lieu of the above extinguishers.
  6. Extinguishers of over 50 pounds gross weight shall be of wheeled type or be mounted on carts to provide mobility and ease of handling.
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C7.22# - EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS (06/2012)

Purchaser's Operations shall conform to the limitations or requirements in the Project Activity Level (PAL) table below. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Project Activity Levels applicable to this project shall be the predicted levels for the Fire Danger Rating Area(s), or fire weather station(s) stated in the Sale Area Map legend.

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. If practicable, Forest Service will determine the following day's activity level by 6:00 PM. Purchaser shall obtain the predicted Project Activity Level from the appropriate Ranger District Office before starting work each day.

Forest Service may change the Project Activity Level Table to other values upon revision of the National Fire Danger Rating System. When Purchaser is notified, the revised Project Activity Levels will supersede the levels in the Project Activity Level Table below.

**PROJECT ACTIVITY LEVEL (PAL) - C7.22# - EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS**

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PROJECT ACTIVITY LEVEL TABLE

Level	<i>Project Activity Minimum Requirements and Restrictions. Restrictions at each level are cumulative.</i>
A	Minimum required by C7.2#.
B	1. Tank truck, trailer, or approved CAFS substitute shall be on or adjacent to the Active Landing.
C	1. When Hot Saws or Masticators are operating, a tank truck, trailer or approved CAFS substitute shall be within ¼ mile of these operations. Effective communications shall exist between the operator and the Active Landing. 2. Immediately after Mechanical Operations cease, Fire Patrol is required for two hours.
D	1. Immediately after Hot Saw or Masticator operations cease, Fire patrol is required for three hours. 2. No Dead Tree felling after 1:00 PM, except recently dead. 3. No Welding or cutting of metal after 1:00 PM, except by special permit.
Ev	1. The following activities may operate all day: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Loading and hauling logs decked at approved landings.</li> <li>b) Loading and hauling chips stockpiled at approved landings.</li> <li>c) Servicing equipment at approved sites.</li> <li>d) Dust abatement, road maintenance (Chainsaw use prohibited), culvert installation within cleared area, chip sealing, paving, earth moving or rock aggregate stock pile loading and installation (does not include pit or quarry development).</li> <li>e) Chainsaw and log processing operations associated with loading logs or other forest products at approved landings.</li> </ol> 2. Hot Saws or Masticators may operate until 1:00 PM; provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A tractor or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline is on or adjacent to the active landing or within ¼ mile of the operating equipment. This piece of equipment shall have effective communication with the Hot Saw or Masticator.</li> <li>b) Any additional restrictions specified by the Forest.</li> </ol> 3. All other conventional Mechanical Operations are permitted until 1:00 PM. 4. Some operations may be permitted after 1:00 PM, on a case-by-case basis, under the terms of a PAL Ev Variance Agreement. Activities for which a Variance may be issued are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubber Tire Skidding</li> <li>• Chipping on Landings</li> <li>• Helicopter Yarding</li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: center;">• <b>Fire Salvage</b></p> <p>When approved by a Line Officer, a Variance Agreement can be implemented when the criteria specified in the agreement are met and mitigation measures are in place. This approval is good for ten (10) days unless cancelled sooner or extended by the Contracting Officer for an additional ten (10) days. Variance approval can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of Forest Service. Variance approval is contingent on the 7-day fire weather forecast, fuel conditions, site characteristics, current fire situation, state of Purchaser's equipment for prevention and suppression readiness, type of operation and social and community considerations etc. (See attached Project Activity Level Variance Agreement).</p>
<p><b>E</b></p>	<p>The following activities may operate all day:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loading and hauling logs decked at approved landings.</li> <li>2. Loading and hauling chips stockpiled at approved landings.</li> <li>3. Servicing Equipment at approved sites.</li> <li>4. Dust abatement, road maintenance (chainsaw use prohibited) or loading stock piles and rock aggregate installation (does not include pit or quarry development).</li> <li>5. Chainsaw operation associated with loading at approved landings.</li> </ol> <p>All other activities are prohibited.</p>

C8.64 - DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION (03/2018)

Pursuant to 2 CFR 180 and 2 CFR 417, Purchaser shall certify and obtain certifications from its Subcontractors regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion, including additional Subcontractors obtained after award of this contract. 'Subcontractors' are participants in lower tier covered transactions.

Purchaser may rely upon a certification of a prospective Subcontractor that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions or timber sales, unless Purchaser knows that the certification is erroneous.

Purchaser shall keep the certifications of its Subcontractors on file until timber sale Termination Date and any extensions thereof, and will provide a copy at the written request of Contracting Officer. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this Subsection. The knowledge and information of Purchaser is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

If Purchaser knowingly enters into a timber sale transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions or timber sales, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, Forest Service may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Contracting Officer shall provide a copy of Forms AD-1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions, and AD-1048, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions to the Purchaser.

Purchaser shall complete form AD-1047 and provide to the Contracting Officer upon request.

Purchaser shall require each Subcontractor to complete form AD-1048 and provide to the Contracting Officer upon request.

CB.65# (Option 1) - USE OF TIMBER (01/2004)

(a) This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.).

(b) Except for N/A determined pursuant to public hearing to be surplus, unprocessed Included Timber shall not be exported from the United States nor used in direct or indirect substitution for unprocessed timber exported from private lands by Purchaser or any person as defined in the Act (16 USC 620e).

(c) Timber in the following form will be considered unprocessed:

(i) Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use;

(ii) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants intended for remanufacturing not meeting standards defined in the Act (16 USC 620e); and

(iii) Aspen or other pulpwood bolts exceeding 100 inches in length.

(d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, unprocessed Included Timber shall be delivered to a domestic processing facility and shall not be mixed with logs intended for export.

(e) Prior to award, during the life of this contract, and for a period of 3 years from Termination Date, Purchaser shall furnish to Forest Service, upon request, records showing the volume and geographic origin of unprocessed timber from private lands exported or sold for export by Purchaser or affiliates.

(f) Prior to delivering unprocessed Included Timber to another party, Purchaser shall require each buyer, exchangee, or recipient to execute an acceptable agreement that will:

(i) Identify the Federal origin of the timber;

(ii) Specify domestic processing for the timber involved;

(iii) Require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving the timber;

(iv) Require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are either legally exported or domestically processed, whichever is applicable; and

(v) Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act (16 USC 620d).

(g) No later than 10 days following the execution of any such agreement between Purchaser and another party, Purchaser shall furnish to Forest Service a copy of each such agreement. Purchaser shall retain, for 3 years from Termination Date, the records of all sales, exchanges, or dispositions of all Included Timber.

(h) Upon request, all records dealing with origin and disposition of Included Timber shall be made available to Contracting Officer.

(i) For breach of this Subsection, Forest Service may terminate this contract and take such other action as may be provided by statute or regulation, including the imposition of penalties. When terminated by Forest Service under this Subsection, Forest Service will not be liable for any Claim submitted by Purchaser relating to the termination.

C8.74 - SSTS PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS AND RECORDS (01/2004)

To meet the requirements of the Special Salvage Timber Sale (SSTS) Program, established in conjunction with the Small Business Administration, and as found in 13 CFR 121.508, Purchaser agrees:

(a) If any part of Included Timber is to be resold, that, as an eligible logger, it will accomplish a significant portion of the logging operation, exclusive of hauling, with its own employees. "Significant portion" means that Purchaser uses its own employees to accomplish two or more of the following logging elements: (i) felling and bucking, (ii) skidding/yarding, and (iii) loading. Purchaser further agrees to subcontract such SSTS logging elements not accomplished with its own employees only to concerns eligible for preferential award of an SSTS.

(b) If Included Timber is not to be resold for manufacture into lumber and timbers, Purchaser will manufacture a significant portion of the logs with its own employees. "Manufacture of logs" means, at a minimum, a breakdown of a log into the rough cut of the finished product. Purchaser further agrees to accomplish the logging of SSTS timber, exclusive of hauling, with its own employees or to subcontract such logging only to concerns eligible for preferential award of an SSTS.

(c) Upon request of Contracting Officer or an officer of the Small Business Administration, Contractor shall furnish all records sufficient to verify eligibility and compliance with the requirements of this program. Such records may include employee payroll records, subcontracting records, disposition of Included Timber records, and other documents as necessary.

Failure to provide records upon request, filing false information, or making false statements relating to SBA size status or failing to comply with the disposition and manufacturing requirements of Included Timber shall be considered a breach of this Subsection and may result in termination of this contract pursuant to B9.3.