

**File Code:** 2430  
**Date:** April 30, 2020

Dear Klamath National Forest Timber Purchasers and Interested Parties:

Under provisions of the Small Business Timber Sale Program, Forest Service and Small Business Administration policy provides for recomputation of the small business share of National Forest timber sale offerings when the structure of timber firms changes within a market area. In March of 2017 you were notified that a structural change did take place on the Klamath Market Area, Klamath National Forest. This resulted from the closure of Rough & Ready Lumber Company in November 2016.

We have, after consultation with the Small Business Administration, summarized sawtimber purchase history on the Klamath Market Area for the three-year period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020. Based on the data and guidance provided in Forest Service Handbook 2409.18, Chapter 90, we have recomputed a small business share. The current market share is 39 percent.

The proposed share for the Klamath Market Area, Klamath National Forest has been determined to be 32 percent. In addition, there will be a no surplus or deficit volume carried forward. Implementation of the decision establishing this new share will be effective April 1, 2020.

With this notice, I am requesting your review and comments on the proposed share change. Comments may address the information used by the agency for the recomputation or any information you believe should have been considered. The information used in the recomputation is available for review at the Forest Supervisor's headquarters located at 1711 South Main Street, Yreka, CA. 96097.

Written comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Attn: Ben Haupt, at the address given below, and must be received by 30 days from date of letter. Following consideration of written comments, a final decision will be made by the Forest Supervisor and sent to those receiving this notice.

Small business share decisions are appealable under 36 CFR 223.118, which governs the appeal process for small business timber sale program share recomputations. As defined in 36 CFR 223.118(c), only those timber sale purchasers, or their representatives, who are affected by the recomputation of the small business share of timber sales **and** who submit written comments on this predecisional notice may appeal the final decision made by the Forest Supervisor. To preserve your right to appeal in the event the final decision differs from this proposal, you must comment on this notice even if you are in agreement with both it and the information provided.

The Forest Service administers the Small Business Timber Sale Program under provisions outlined in Forest Service Manual FSM 2439 and the Timber Sale Preparation Handbook, FSH 2409.18, Chapter 90.



You may obtain information on the structural change from the Forest Supervisor's Office or the Small Business Administration Representative:

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Sincerely,

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