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

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

Weighted Average Stumpage Rate Bidding:

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

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

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

SALVAGE OF DAMAGED TIMBER: Payment for volume on this sale will be by weight as timber is cut, removed, and weighed. This sale is located approximately nine (9) miles northwest of Pitkin, LA in T1N, R6W, Sec 17, 18, 20 & T1N, R7W Sec 13 of Vernon Parish. The sale area consists of about 786 acres, which includes one (1) Subdivision, where timber is designated for cutting using the Designation by Prescription (DxP) provision C2.355.
The storm-damaged timber within the subdivision consists of approximately 588 acres of moderate-heavy damage where >25-50% of trees are blown down or snapped off.

This sale is within the Intensive Use Area (IUA) of the Vernon Unit where all timber is considered bullet-contaminated.

The designated timber includes 1) all clay-rooted, root-sprung or fallen trees with the stump still attached, 2) any damaged trees where the damage is visible below stump height (12”), 3) any pieces of trees completely broken off and laying on the ground, and 4) all other standing damaged trees when marked by a Forest Official.

Boundary Lines are painted in orange in locations where one can’t follow discernible land features such as roads, streams, landlines, and OHV Trails.

All interested bidders should investigate the Sale Area and the Sample Contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.

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

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

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The minimum acceptable weighted average bid rate is $0.65 per Ton for the biddable species. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed on the bid form in the lower section of block 14 titled “Required Removal at Fixed Rate. Only the Fixed Rate Applies.” The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

This rate has been established by appraisal, with a cost allowance for the roads specified by the contract, if any. Required deposits for slash disposal and road maintenance are in addition to the advertised rates for timber.

5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT. The normal operating season covers the period between 03/15 and 12/15. Contract termination date is 12/31/2021. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the purchaser has met specified conditions.

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

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

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

7. PERFORMANCE BOND. A performance bond is required. The penal sum of the bond will be 10 percent of the total bid value of the sale, rounded up to the nearest $100 when the total bid value is $10,000 or less; and rounded up to the nearest $1,000 when the total bid value exceeds $10,000 or $2,000.00 whichever is greater. If an irrevocable letter of credit is used to secure the performance bond, the termination of the letter of credit must be at least 6 months past the contract termination date.

8. SPECIFIED ROADS. Not Applicable.

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

10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

12. SET-ASIDE SALES. Not Applicable.

13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS. Not Applicable.

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

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

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

a. The purchaser has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;

b. The purchaser is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;

c. The purchaser has a satisfactory performance record on timber sale contracts. A prospective purchaser that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the purchaser's control and were not created through improper actions by the purchaser or affiliate, or that the purchaser has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a purchaser is not a responsible contractor. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this
evaluation;

d. The purchaser has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;

e. The purchaser has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for logging the timber and for meeting the resource protection provisions of the contract;

f. The purchaser is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) LOGGING REGULATIONS. Conduct of operations on this timber sale is subject to inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266 by OSHA. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist purchasers to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this timber sale from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U. S. Department of Labor OSHA 9100 Bluebonnet Centre Blvd., Suite 201 Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-298-5458.

20. GENERAL. Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at:


DESIGNATION BY PRESCRIPTION: The purpose of this sale is to reduce hazardous fuels and provide opportunities for native community habitat restoration by removal of timber damaged by Hurricane Laura on August 27, 2020, and leaving healthy undamaged trees. Old Growth patches with more than 3 tons/acre may be treated for hazardous fuel reduction. The objective is to restore native community habitat to areas affected by the wind event by management practices that promote health and vigor. Stands in Old Growth
patches will be managed for old growth attributes.

The Designation by Prescription provision C2.355 will be used to describe the removal and end result. Using this provision will remove as many hurricane damaged trees as economically and practically possible to prevent any insect and disease outbreaks, control forest fuel buildup which could cause wildfires, and improve soil and water concerns. Removal of the trees would also reduce site preparation cost. The end result should be a residual stand of undamaged trees that will recover from the wind event without further mortality.

The description of damaged trees to be removed is as follows:
1) All pine and hardwood trees meeting Utilization Specification in A2 that are lying on the ground with the stump still attached;
2) Damaged trees attached to a stump where damage is visible below stump height (12") measured from the high side of the tree;
3) Any pieces or parts of trees completely broken off from the stump and lying on the ground;
4) The standing portion of any trees that do not meet the criteria above and designated with paint by a Forest Officer before removal.

Trees that meet the criteria for Damage above, but are inaccessible or economically impractical to remove may be left. The determination of inaccessible or economically impractical shall be made by the Forest Official.

See the Sample Contract for further explanation of this provision.

PAYMENT FOR VOLUME ON THIS SALE WILL BE BY WEIGHT AS TIMBER IS CUT, REMOVED, AND WEIGHED. The included timber for this sale has been blended together as one product and will be referred to as Nonsaw. The appraisal has taken a weighted average of the estimated volume of pine sawtimber, hardwood sawtimber, and pine topwood and determined a single value in tons for all products. Any operational timber needing to be removed for temporary road access or log landings will be designated by paint, and when hauled and weighed, added at the contract price for the Nonsaw product.

VOLUME DETERMINATION: The volume of damaged pine > 16" DBH and hardwood > 16" DBH has been estimated using area estimate and average volume per acre determined from the following method:
-- Comparison cruise data from nearby sales was used to determine the estimated volume/acre prior to the hurricane;
-- Plot data taken inside the damaged areas was used to determine the average volume/acre of UNDAMAGED timber within the heavy-moderately damaged (areas with > 25% of the timber damaged) areas;
-- The average percentage of defect in the damaged trees was determined by measuring 15-25 trees inside the damaged area;
-- The difference between the pre-hurricane volume/acre and the volume/acre of the undamaged timber is determined to be the volume/acre of damaged timber to which the % defect is applied;
-- The area of heavy-moderately damaged timber (> 25%) within the Sale Area was determined from geo-referenced aerial imagery; Aerial imagery was also used to determine percentage of undamaged BA.
-- The net volume/acre of damaged timber was applied to the area of heavy-moderate (> 25%) damage determined from geo-referenced aerial imagery to establish the total estimated volume.

WEIGHT SCALE: Payment for volume on this sale will be determined by weight at scales approved by the Forest Service. A procedure will be in place to issue and account for load removal receipts. In addition to an attached load removal receipt, each load will be branded with a specific Alpha/Numeric code in a designated color of paint.

A Haul Plan will be prepared and submitted to the Contracting Officer for approval. The Haul Plan will include a route from the Sale Area to each approved scale, list of logging contractors, planned schedule for hauling, and a description of trucks and names of drivers to be used on this particular sale. The Haul Plan can be revised as needed to add scales, haul routes, trucks, and drivers.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: There is no Prehaul Road Maintenance on this sale.

The location and clearing widths of all Temporary Roads and landings shall be agreed to and all timber within the clearing limits will be paid for before construction is started. Refer to the sample contract for more information.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilization of an area estimated to be 6.5 acres to Forest Service specifications. If the Forest Service performs such work as provided under a written cooperative agreement (16 U.S.C. 572), the Purchaser shall make a required cash deposit in the amount of $2091.29.

RCW/LOUISIANA PINESNAKE/SENSITIVE PLANT PROTECTIONS: Within the Sale Area are RCW cavity trees, where harvesting operations will be restricted for a distance of 200' from the trees during the nesting season which is March 1 - July 31. RCW cavity trees are identified by two white bands at eye level and a single stump mark. Protection of these trees includes preventing damage to the crown, bole, or roots of the trees.

The Louisiana Pinesnake shall be protected during harvesting operations by avoiding Pocket Gopher mounds with equipment, limiting
the number of vehicles in the areas, and avoiding harming any snakes.

Sensitive plants found in bogs shall be protected from damage by equipment. The presence of bogs is indicated on the Sale Area Map by the symbol SA, and the District Biologist or other Forest Official shall identify the exact location as operations progress.

STREAMCOURSE PROTECTION: Within 50' of a protected stream, as shown on the Sale Area Map, logging may only be conducted when ground conditions are such that equipment will not cause excessive rutting. No landings or skid trails parallel to the stream will be allowed in this area. Unless otherwise agreed, no cutting of trees or vegetation within 5' of the streambank will be allowed. If more than 10% of mineral soil is exposed in this area, appropriate erosion control measures will be implemented. In order to prevent sheet erosion, retention of some standing snags within this area may be warranted.

SAFETY-CONTAMINATED LANDS: The timber sale is located on lands formerly used by the Department of Defense as an impact area for a wide range of small, medium, and large munitions weapons. There is a possibility that this sale contains trees contaminated with shrapnel. The sample timber sale contract special provision C6.33 Safety-Contaminated Lands and C6.404 Conduct of Logging on Contaminated Lands, spell out the liabilities and obligations on the part of the purchaser. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect these provisions prior to bidding.

PRE-OPERATIONS MEETING: The Purchaser or its representative shall have a pre-operations meeting with the Forest Service Representative before operations begin. This meeting is to provide each party an opportunity to discuss the details of the contract, billing procedures, logging plans, roads to be used for hauling, and other matters pertinent to this sale.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Anyone interested in cruising this sale prior to the bid opening must first gain access by calling Ft. Polk Range Control: (337) 531-5445.

ADJUSTMENT OF TIME ON OTHER FOREST SERVICE SALES: This sale is to support recovery efforts on the Kisatchie National Forest and is in urgent need of harvesting. An extension or contract term adjustment may be granted on other Forest Service sale(s) to the purchaser of this sale. Purchaser must request the term adjustment in writing.

a. The specific geographic tributary area that would apply for the granting of extension or adjustments on existing sales is any location on the Kisatchie National Forest.

b. Purchaser must show how logging this sale will impact operations on existing sales.

c. Specific classes of sales that would not receive consideration for extension or adjustment are not applicable.

d. The calculation of the number of days of contract term adjustment or extension a purchaser would receive would depend upon a case-by-case review and reflect the time lost by logging the sale urgently requiring harvesting.