

The Plumas National Forest is soliciting competitive offers for the Emigrant Stewardship Project. The Emigrant Stewardship contract area is located on the Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest within Plumas County, California. The legal location is within sections 3,4,9 and 10 of T25N, R10E MDBM. The project area lies along Emigrant rd. (26N21) and China Grade rd. (PC208) on the north side of Mt. Hough and just south of Taylorville and Indian valley. Sealed – “Best Value” offers will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office at 9:30A.M. local time on, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 for an estimated total saw log volume of 1350.6 CCF or 682.45 MBF which equals 8.95 CCF/acre or 4.52 MBF/acre. The approximate volume per species is: ponderosa pine 69.97 CCF or 35.72 MBF, sugar pine 48.46 CCF or 23.35 MBF, white fir 820.06 or 420.68 MBF, Douglas fir 354.58 CCF or 178.01 MBF and incense cedar 57.51 CCF or 24.69 MBF. The estimated total volume of biomass (3 inches DBH to 9.9 inches DBH) is 828 CCF or 3733 green tons. All biomass is designated by spacing except in group select units. All biomass and tops will be yarded, chipped and hauled. There are 10 group selection units, totaling 10.4 acres, located within the payment/thinning units. Within these group selection units all biomass will be cut except for hardwood species. Group select units are included as part of the payment units they lie within. There are two stewardship work items (2 hand thin and pile units) that comprise 31.25 acres. Unit 1 (13.25 Acres) is a mandatory stewardship work item. Unit 2 (18 Acres) is an optional stewardship work item. All contract unit boundaries have been established with orange, pink or white tracer paint and all saw log size cut trees are marked with blue tracer paint.

The Forest Service will evaluate competitive offers submitted by offerors who present a price offer and technical proposal according to the information found under the section in the offer titled “Instructions to Offerors.” Evaluation factors for this project are organizational experience, organizational past performance, local community economic enhancement (including small business enhancement), understanding the Government’s requirements, and price. One award will be made to the offeror whose proposal is technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the “best value” to the Government. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers. A prospectus is available to the public and interested offerors from the offices listed below. Information concerning the timber and stewardship projects specific to this project, is available to the public from the Mt. Hough District Office located at 39696 State Highway 70, Quincy CA 95971

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