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Dear Timber Industry Representative:

On February 3, 2015, at the Timber Industry meeting, the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests received a request to provide draft timber sale/stewardship contract maps prior to advertisement so that Prospective Bidders/Offerors have adequate time to preview the units and make their own volume estimates prior to advertised bid closing dates.

In response to that request, the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests will, at a minimum, make contract maps, and supporting information, available as soon as contract packages arrive in the Supervisor's Offices (SO's) for review. This would make the Draft maps available approximately one month prior to advertisement. We will attempt to provide maps earlier whenever possible.

Maps and supporting documents will be located on the Forest Service's "Timber Sale" website at the following link for both the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/centraloregon/timbersales>

We suggest that you subscribe to the feed in order to be alerted when updates are made to the website (click on the "Subscribe to the feed" link at the above website).

The following stipulations apply to all maps and other information supplied at this website:

- All maps and associated supporting information/documents are Draft only and are provided for your information and use in future bidding on upcoming timber sales and stewardship contracts.
- The very earliest point in time that draft contract maps will be provided on the website are when the units are 100% marked and cruised and the complete draft contract map(s) are finished. At a minimum, this will be when the contract packages arrive in the SO for review and may be earlier. An exception to this may be made when a project is exceptionally large.
- Draft supporting information/documents such as the draft silviculture prescriptions will be included on the website when a project includes non-painted timber designations such as DxD (Designation by Description) or DxP (Designation by Prescription).
- This information is not considered the Legal Advertisement and all information contained on the website is subject to change before advertisement.



- Whenever possible we will provide this information in a geospatially referenced format for convenient use on GPS enabled devices.
- Hard copies can be made available for those who do not have access to the internet. To request hard copies, please call Brian Tandy or Amy Lowe (see below).

As a courtesy to all Prospective Bidders/Offerors, and to minimize impacts to our workforce, this is the only forum under which the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests will provide this information going forward. We request that Prospective Bidders/Offerors refrain from requesting this information at the Ranger Districts. Please direct future inquiries or requests regarding this issue to Brian Tandy, Forest Products Program Manager at btandy@fs.fed.us (or 541-383-5404), or Amy Lowe, Contracting Officer at alowe@fs.fed.us (or 541-383-5590).

Sincerely,



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