TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

Sale Name :	Goodbye Girl SSTS Re-Offer	**Type of Sale :**	Scaled
National Forest :	Eldorado	**Ranger District :**	Georgetown
Bidding Method :	Sealed Bid	**Bid Guarantee :**	$15,000.00

Location of Bid Opening : Placerville, CA

Date : 05/18/2015 **Time :** 10:00 AM

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, cashiers 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.

This sale is set aside for small business firms with 25 or fewer employees. The Forest Service shall readvertise the sale without restriction on the size of bidders if no self-certifying, qualified small business concern makes a valid bid.

Total Sale Value Bidding:

Prospective purchasers must submit bids in terms of the minimum acceptable total sale value. The bid form states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total sale value. The advertised minimum acceptable total sale value 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 Fixed Rate Applies." The bidder should enter the offer on the bid form only in terms of the total sale value. 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 total sale value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total sale value. 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.

T. 12N., R. 12E., Sections 11 and 12, T. 14N., R. 14E., Sections 8,and 9, MDB&M

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.

Road Construction Costs. The advertised rate does not include the estimated cost of specified road construction. The estimated road construction cost has been included in the appraisal as a cost that the purchaser will incur. The purchaser will be responsible for the road construction cost and WILL NOT receive credit towards stumpage costs for this expense, i.e., THIS SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURCHASER CREDIT and bidders should consider the cost of road construction when developing their bids.

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

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas Fir	Sawtimber	MBF	135.00	N/A	$148.05	$6.00	$0.00	$1.58
Incense Cedar	Sawtimber	MBF	336.00	N/A	$207.73	$10.00	$0.00	$1.58
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	MBF	650.00	N/A	$17.09	$10.00	$0.00	$1.58
Sugar Pine	Sawtimber	MBF	61.00	N/A	$31.70	$10.00	$0.00	$1.58
White Fir	Sawtimber	MBF	401.00	N/A	$104.19	$6.00	$0.00	$1.58
	TOTAL	MBF	1,583.00				$0.00	$2,501.14

The minimum acceptable total sale value bid for advertised timber is $144,606.42. 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.

The bid rate for species and unit of measure are assigned under procedures for average bid premium bidding, as noted in this prospectus. 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. Purchasers are responsible for the cost of specified road construction. Specified road construction costs ARE NOT available to use as credit for the payment of stumpage, i.e., THIS SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURCHASER CREDIT.

5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT. The normal operating season covers the period between 05/01 and 10/15. Contract termination date is 12/31/2015. 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 $32,000.00 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. The Forest Service has determined that the following National Forest System roads shall be constructed or paid for, in whole or in part, by the timber sale purchaser. Sufficient information to permit a prospective bidder to calculate the likely cost to be incurred for road construction is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. See the sample contract for verification of specific details and information concerning construction specifications. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH RELATED SPECIFICATIONS, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. The following roads are those that Forest Service considers necessary to remove the timber from this sale.

Road Number	Road Name	Traffic Service	Approximate Miles/Kilometers	Estimated Road Construction Cost	Type of Work *
A	A Spur	D	0.01 / 0.01	$3,600.00	R

* C = Construction
R = Reconstruction

The required specified road completion date for all roads is 10/15/2015. If provision C(T)5.13# - Road Completion Date has different dates for projects, this is the final road completion date.

Total estimated construction cost allowed in appraisal is $3,600.00

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. Preferential award of this sale to a self-certifying, qualified small business concern is authorized by section 15 of the Small Business Act of 1958. Firms eligible for such preferential bidding must have 25 or fewer employees and must certify their status in accordance with instructions enclosed with the bid form. The bidder, by signing the bid for advertised timber, certifies its small business status and agrees to the provisions of the sample contract including disposal and record keeping.

The high bidder's size status is subject to verification by the Small Business Administration (SBA). A small business that does not qualify for the program must obtain a recertification of size from SBA before self-certifying again for small business set-aside sales.

13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS. The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The bidder, by signing the bid for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each bid.

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, OSHA, California Department of Industrial Relations, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, California 94612.

20. GENERAL. Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS, 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:
http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms.

This is a fire salvage timber sale resulting from the King Fire of 2014. Along with the fire salvage trees are a number of live hazard and other live trees in and around the campgrounds that are designated for removal.

This is a re-offer of the Goodbye Girl SSTS sale. Two significant changes have been made for this contract. The bid rates have been reduced and the requirement for completion of units 1, 2, 3 and 4 is extended out to June 23rd for units 2 and 3 and July 1st for units 1 and 4(C6.315# Sale Operations Schedule)

SCALING

This timber sale contract has been designated for Third Party Scaling and includes C6.815 - Third Party Scaling Services. Under this provision, the Purchaser shall bear and administer the cost of scaling services.

1. Volume Determination.

Estimated volumes for this Sale were generated using random sampling method cruise for all subdivisions, resulting in a grand total of 1,583 MBF.

2. Designation of Timber C.235# - Designated timber is individually marked as follows;

Subdivision 1 - Trees are designated for cutting only if marked above and below stump height with WHITE paint.
Subdivision 2 - Trees are designated for cutting only if marked above and below stump height with BLUE paint.

Marked trees not meeting minimum standards for a merchantable tree in A-2 are not required to be cut.

3. Road Use

a. Surface Replacement Deposits. Sale average is $3.51/MBF and will be paid in addition to Road Maintenance ($1.58/MBF) and stumpage deposits.

b. Water use. See Sale Area Map for specific locations. These and other sources may be used when Forest Service agrees in writing. Complete abatement shall be continuous as needed to abate dust. Due to the ongoing drought, some water sources may not be available for use and Purchaser may need to haul water from longer distances.

c. The appraised haul route to the Sierra Pacific Industries Lumber Mill in Lincoln begins at Big MeadowsCampground proceeding South on Eleven Pines Road (14N08) to Wentworth Springs road (ELD 63), then proceeding West to Highway 193, then North to

Highway 49 to Auburn, then West to Newcastle, then Highway 193 to Lincoln.

If purchaser wants to use an alternate haul route, it shall be subject to agreement with the Forest Service.

4. Sale Operations Schedule C6.315#

To facilitate the opening of the Stumpy and Black Oak campgrounds the following conditions of operations will apply.

a. Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Harvest of designated timber, and all clean-up operations must be completed by July 1st, 2015.

b. The Forest Service will be responsible for moving picinic tables and food containers from Big Meadows campground prior to falling operations. Purchaser shall give 14 days notice before falling begins in the campground to facilitate the move.

5. Felling, Bucking and Limbing C6.41#

a. Whole tree yarding is required. Trees greater than 24" DBH shall be bucked into two or more pieces with the butt portion being no longer than 41 feet prior to skidding.

b. Directional felling is required. The campgrounds have a considerable number of improvements that require protection. Big Meadows Campground has a unique set of issues in terms of tree falling. Many of the trees are old growth, green trees that have heavy defect in them and will likely need jacking or other methods to get the trees down. In addition it is likely that other protection measures such as placing logs along the edges and across the pavement or other methods to protect the roads, water lines or other campground improvements. A significant appraisal allowance was made to compensate for the extra time needed to fall these trees and to keep damage in the campground to a minimum. It is the expectation of the Forest Service that a significant amount of extra time and effort will be taken by the purchaser to protect the campground.

It is possible that regardless of the protection measures taken by the purchaser, some damage may occur. It is expected that the falling in this campground will be monitored very closely by the Sale Administrator and the Purchaser to figure out the best way to fall the "problem" trees which have the potential to damage campground improvements. The repair of any damage that is unavoidable will not be the responsibility of the Purchaser, however the Purchaser must operate with due diligence to protect improvements and will be responsible for repairs that could have been avoided. Purchaser and Forest Service will discuss and agree to what is avoidable versus unavoidable damage prior to Purchaser's operations on a regular basis.

c. High Stumps A-6

Stump height requirement is 1/3 stump diameter up to maximum of 12 inches with the following exception. For units 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 the requirement is a maximum stump height of 6" within 100' of any campground improvements and 100' along Wentworth Springs Road (ELD-63) and 14N43 (Big Meadows Campground road).

d. Treatment of stumps with a borate compound registered by the EPA in California for the prevention of annosous root disease is required for all trees equal or greater than 3" stump diameter and must be applied within 4 hours after felling, otherwise stumps shall be re-cut and treated.

6. Ground Based Skidding C6.42#

This sale requires mechanical harvesting. See Ground Based Skidding table in Sample Contract and Sale Area Map for specifications and other requirements

7. Erosion Prevention Control C6.6#

a. There is one temporary road with an approximate length of 0.1 mile shown on the Sale Area Map that will require soil scarification.

b. Backblading of skid trails is required in contract.

8. Slash Requirements C6.7#

a. The entire sale area requires felling of small damaged trees

b. Units 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 requires a combination of hand piling and slash removeal. The intent is that all logging slash that meets the "Pile" specification can be hand piled or may be removed. Any logging slash that does not meet the "Pile" specification will be removed.

c. Machine Piling is required for concentrations of logging slash in units 4 and 5.

9. Specified Fire Requirements

a. Bidders are encouraged to review the sample contract provisions for fire prevention: C7.2# - Specified Fire Precautions. (06/2012), and C7.22# - Emergency Precautions. (06/2012).

b. The Project Activity Level (PAL), an industrial operations fire precaution system, will be used for this sale. Weather Stations will be used to calculate the Project Activity Level. The normal operating season is from May 1 to October 15. Average days per month at each PAL value for the period 1992 to 2012 is shown in the attached table.

Fire Danger Rating Area: 335

The ENF utilizes a Special Interest Group to determine PAL. The Hellhole, Bald Mountain, Steely Fork, Owens Camp and Beaver RAWS stations are used in daily determination of PAL.

Beaver is the closest RAWS station located on the Amador Ranger District.

Project Activity Level Climatology

Station/SIG/Unit: ENF SIG

Years Analyzed 1992 - 2012

Month	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	Days Analyzed
	Expected Days per Month at each PAL Value						
May	12.2	9.6	8.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	639
June	5.5	6.4	15.9	2.0	0.2	0.0	626
July	0.4	2.4	21.1	6.6	0.4	0.0	645
August	0.0	1.2	12.1	15.7	1.1	0.7	649
September	0.5	2.4	11.0	13.1	2.1	0.9	629
October	4.6	5.9	13.7	5.6	1.2	0.0	651
November	13.1	8.2	8.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	604
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Month	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	
	Percent of Days per Month at each PAL Value						
May	39.4	30.8	28.6	0.9	0.2	0.0	639
June	18.4	21.4	53.0	6.5	0.6	0.0	626
July	1.4	7.8	68.2	21.4	1.2	0.0	645
August	0.2	4.0	39.1	50.7	3.7	2.3	649
September	1.7	7.9	36.7	43.6	7.2	2.9	629
October	14.7	19.0	44.1	18.1	3.8	0.2	651
November	43.5	27.5	27.3	1.5	0.2	0.0	604
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