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File Code: 2430

Date: June 29, 2015

Dear Prospective Bidder,

On **July 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM**, sealed bids will be opened at the **Sam Houston Ranger Station, 394 FM 1375 West, New Waverly, Texas**, for the **Bay Branch Hazard Reduction Timber Sale**. This sale is located in Compartments 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Sam Houston National Forest, approximately 10 miles north of Montgomery Texas in Montgomery County. This sale includes 457 acres of timber to be cut and removed (See enclosed Vicinity Map). This is a sale of timber damaged by a wind event in April 2015.

This is a WEIGHT SCALE sale. Scales must meet the minimum requirements listed in contract provision *B6.814 - Weighing Services*. Potential bidders are encouraged to review this provision and ensure they have access to scales meeting these minimum requirements. A “Weighing Services Agreement” must be executed at each weighing facility. Each load of logs will be required to have a load removal receipt attached to it. Purchaser will paint on each side of each load assigned an alpha numeric code with an approved color. Hauling routes must be established and not deviated from without permission from the Forest Service.

As part of this timber sale, prehaul road maintenance is required with an estimated cost of **\$56,066.00**. The advertised rates for the included timber in this sale were reduced to reflect the estimated costs of required prehaul road maintenance.

The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to inspect the sale area and make their own estimate of the timber volume prior to submitting bid. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty or guarantee of the accuracy of the following estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Estimated Quantities	Unit of Measure	Average DBH	Advertised Minimum Bid Rates	Road Mtce. Deposit Required
Southern Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	27,745	Tons	N/A	\$ 4.87/ton	N/A

A **\$13,600.00** bid guarantee must be submitted with a sealed bid. **Please note bid opening time of 11:00 A. M.**

For more information on this timber sale, the prospectus, or the bid form, please contact the Forest Supervisor’s Office at 2221 N. Raguet St, Lufkin, Texas 75904, telephone (936) 639-8501; or the Sam Houston Ranger Station at 394 FM 1375 West, New Waverly, Texas, 77358, telephone (936) 344-6205; or check our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/>. Click on “*Quick Links*” listed in the upper right menu on the page and then select “*Timber Sales*” from the menu.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. ALLEN
Contracting Officer
Enclosure

