

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Compartment 14 Skidder NS Winn R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on September 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately four (4) miles southwest of Ashland, LA in T13N R7W, Sections 13, 14 & 23 of Natchitoches Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 429 acres, of which an estimated 271 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains three (3) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 13 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

SPECIAL PRODUCT DESIGNATION: This sale contains a special product designation, *Pine Non-saw*, with merchantability standards of 5.0" to 12.9" DBH, at least 10 feet in height to a top diameter of 4.0" DOB. Subsequently, the specifications for a *Pine Sawtimber* tree will be changed to 13.0" DBH and above, at least 12 feet in height to a top diameter of 7" DOB or a limiting merchantability factor, whichever comes first.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **September 30, 2018.**

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 3.5 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$1,877.89.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 2.90 miles of Forest Service roads NFSR 525, W014R, and W016H prior to hauling. A cost allowance of **\$59,682.98** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$0.72** per CCF (approximately **\$3,201.93**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately **\$426.00** has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 - 3, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

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) 628-4664 if you have any questions about this sale.