

MINSKI THIN NARRATIVE

Description of Sale Area

This sale consists of 10 commercial thinning units totaling 315 acres and will be sold as a ton sale and scaled by 100% weight. There is an estimated 29385 tons (9477 ccf or 4890 mbf) in this sale. Species to be removed are estimated to be approximately 50% Douglas-fir, 47% western hemlock, 2% Red Alder and less than 1% Sitka spruce.

General Location

This sale is approximately 8 miles east of Lincoln city and is in the Salmon-Neskowin watershed.

Routes of Access

The haul routes for this sale are on National Forest System (NFS) roads 1700, 1700-111, 1780, 1782, 1782-111,-114, -116, -121, BLM roads 7-10-13 and 7-10-24. Haul travels down tributary 3 digit spurs to 4 digit roads to Lincoln County Road 106 to Highway 18. Log haul will travel east on Hwy 18 to the appraisal point of Willamina Oregon. NFS road 1700 is a key road as designated under the Siuslaw Travel Management and Roads Analysis.

Relation to Other Sales

Morton Thin timber sale is located approximately one mile northwest. A BLM timber sale is located to the east and uses the 1700 road as a haul route.

Marking

Unit boundaries are flagged with blue ribbon, tagged with blue boundary tags and marked with orange tracer paint. Boundaries have been revised to increase the buffers around streams the old boundaries are not completely blacked out. New boundaries are heavily tagged and painted. Units are designated by diameter limit and designation by description refer to contract for the designation. Additionally units 64, 65, 74, and 77 have leave trees marked with a band of orange tracer paint that will have a 30 foot cut area around them.

Logging

This sale is appraised for 92% skyline yarding and 8% Ground-based yarding. Elevated tailholds and intermediate supports may be needed to meet yarding objectives. Some downhill yarding is required. Directional felling is required. Full suspension is required when yarding across streamcourses. The ground-base machine will not be allowed on slopes greater than 30 percent. Where practical, machine shall travel on slash. Forest Service may agree to the use of a mechanical harvester if the purchaser marks the cut or leave trees prior to cutting.

Roads and Other Developments

Approximately 2.98 miles of temporary roads and 118 landings are planned. Approximately 360 cy of rock will be needed for temporary roads and no cy of rock for landings.

Road Maintenance

Purchaser will be responsible for prehaul, routine, seasonal, and post haul maintenance on system roads except for a portion of road 1700 where a coop deposit will be collected for road maintenance. Approximately 1,220 cy of spot rock will be needed on system roads. Specific requirements to prevent the spread of invasive species are included in the road maintenance specifications.

Specified Road Reconstruction

There is specified reconstruction for roads 1700 and 1782 (total of 3.05 miles). The road completion date is September 30, 2012.

Erosion Control

Purchaser will be required to block temporary roads, install waterbars on landings, skid trails, and temporary roads, and seed landings, skid trails and temporary roads. A coop deposit will be required for the cost of the seed that will be provided by the Forest Service.

Slash Disposal

Purchaser will be required to scatter or machine pile and cover landing slash. Forest Service will burn piles.

Scaling

Purchaser will be required to hire a third party scaler. This sale will be scaled by 100% weight.

Others

Seasonal restrictions apply. See contract for details.

Equipment cleaning is required before entering the sale area.