

**File Code: 2430**

**Date: November 4, 2011**

Dear Prospective Bidders:

The Boise National Forest anticipates advertising timber designated for cutting in the following timber sale area sometime in late December 2011. This advance notice is to afford interested parties time to examine the sale area prior to winter.

The **White Flat II Timber Sale** area covers 525 acres more or less within T. 1 N., R. 9 E., Sec. 3 and 4; T. 2 N., R. 9 E., Sec. 34 and 33; BM, Elmore County, Idaho. The sale is primarily within the Fall Creek drainage, a tributary of Anderson Ranch Reservoir about 4 miles west of Pine, Idaho, on NFS Road 128AA. All harvest units are cut-tree marked (ITM) with blue paint above and below stump height. Boundary locations have been identified with orange paint with the unit numbers and signs facing into the unit. Predominant species included are ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.

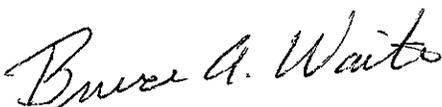
There is no specified road work. The appraised haul route will be NFS Roads 128AA and 128; then FH 61, SH 20 to I-84. Road maintenance will be required on NFS roads along this route. Vegetation clearing will be required on NFS Roads 128AA, 128A1, 128AB, and 128AD; spot surfacing will be required on NFS Road 128AA and is estimated to include placement of 130 cubic yards of material at various locations. Material will be furnished by the Government from within the Sale Area at an existing source sight on NFS Road 128AB. Post haul road maintenance will consist of installation of earthen berms and waterbars. Interested parties should examine these potential maintenance requirements prior to bid submission.

Sale operation restrictions will include a log hauling/snowplowing restriction from November 15 to April 1 to prevent conflicts with winter recreational uses; and April 15 to July 15 for road maintenance, felling, bucking, yarding, and log haul to prevent disturbance to white-headed woodpeckers.

Harvest Units 5, 6, and 10, as indicated on the attached map, consist of younger, small size class ponderosa pine plantations and will be offered as Timber Subject to Agreement. Prospective purchasers should consider these units separately in their assessment of the Sale Area as they will be available for harvest upon request but will not be included as biddable volume within the sale offering. The preliminary volume estimate for included timber is approximately 2,000 CCF of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir sawtimber. The final cruise volume is anticipated to be completed and available by November 23. Upon completion the final volume estimate will be added to the Boise National Forest Web site. Designation of trees for harvest is complete and all included timber is identified with blue paint marks. All units are designed for tractor yarding. The Forest Service encourages bidders to make their own inspection and volume estimate.

If you wish further information on this sale, including the estimated volume when finalized or draft sale area map, please contact the Mountain Home Ranger District office, 2180 American Legion Boulevard, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647, or by calling 208-587-7961.

Sincerely,



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Contracting Officer

