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**Date:** May 6, 2013

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive Technical and Price Proposals (no public opening) at the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before June 20, 2013 for the Fern Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T. 1S., R. 10E., Sections 13, 14, 23, 24 and 25 W. M., Unsurveyed, Hood River County, Oregon; T. 1S., R. 11E., Sections 18, 19 and 30 W. M., Unsurveyed, Wasco County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is October 31, 2016.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of 2 mandatory and 1 optional restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Mt. Hood National Forest. All mandatory stewardship work items shall be performed. The optional stewardship work item shall be performed if stumpage is sufficient to cover the cost of the optional stewardship work. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the Contractor.

Stewardship Projects included in this contract include the following:

Stewardship Project Number	Mandatory Stewardship Project	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
001	Pre-commercial Thin and Reduce Fuels to an End Result of 8 to 10 Tons Per Acre	Acres	230.00
002	Leave Tree Marking.	Acres	382.00

Stewardship Project Number	Optional Stewardship Project	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
003	Pre-commercial Thinning, Brush Cutting, and Treatment of Slash.	Acres	188.00

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 46,557 Tons. The Forest Service encourages potential offerors to make their own inspection and estimate prior to offer submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:



## Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
<b>Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species</b>	<b>Sawtimber</b>	<b>Ton</b>	<b>46,557.00</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>\$7.08</b>	<b>\$0.31</b>	<b>\$0.73</b>	<b>\$1.45</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Ton</b>	<b>46,557.00</b>				<b>\$33,986.61</b>	<b>\$67,507.65</b>

The minimum acceptable offer for advertised timber is \$7.08 per Ton for biddable species.

A bid guarantee is not required.

Offerors are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the Offeror whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

A meeting for prospective offerors to discuss objectives and requirements and review the projects and contract and to discuss technical proposals for both the Timber Harvest and Stewardship Projects will be held on May 16, 2013 at 1:00 PM local time, at the Barlow Ranger District Office, 780 NE Court St., Dufur, Oregon 97021.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters Office at 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon 97055, (503-668-1700) or the Barlow Ranger District Office, 780 NE Court St., Dufur, Oregon 97021, (503-467-2291) or go to the forest's webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood/>. Information can also be obtained by contacting Andrew Tierney at 541-467-5103.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

