

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

Section A – Specific Information

Swan Flat Stewardship

TIMBER SALE

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Swan Lake

RANGER DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION: This prospectus is to furnish sufficient information, in addition to that contained in the published advertisement, to enable prospective bidders to decide whether further investigation of the sale is warranted. Descriptions, estimates and other data in this prospectus are not part of the contract unless otherwise stated. In event the prospectus is in error, or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale and to make their own estimates. Estimated quantities in the contract are not guaranteed. Sale area and sample contract should be inspected before submitting a bid. The appraisal, other information on the timber, and conditions of sale and bidding may be obtained at the Forest Service offices named in this prospectus. A copy of Section B (08/23/96 Revision) has previously been provided. If you wish to receive a copy with this sale, please contact the office indicated below, to request a copy. If you did not receive a copy initially, please request one. New copies of Section B will only be distributed at times of revision.

BID DATE:	September 10 2013	2:00 p.m.	BIDDING METHOD (2)	Sealed Bid, Best Value
PLACE:	Flathead N.F., 650 Wolfpack Way., Kalispell, MT			
TERMINATION DATE (5):	September 30, 2016		NORMAL OPERATING SEASON:	July 1 to September 30 and December 15 to March 15
ADVERTISED STUMPAGE VALUE:	\$8.31/Ton Sawlog \$0.38/Ton Nonsaw Products		LOCATION OF SALE (3):	Portions of: Sections 32 T20N R16W; 5, 6, 8 T19N R16W; and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 22, 27, 28 T19N R17W; and Section 4 T18N R17W Missoula County, State of Montana, P.M.M.
APPROXIMATE HAUL DISTANCE:	28 miles		TYPE OF CONTRACT (1):	2400-13
EST. TOTAL VOLUME (Tons) (4):	16,237 Tons Sawlogs 16,567 Tons Nonsaw		TOTAL ACRES IN CUTTING UNITS (3):	556
			TOTAL NUMBER OF CUTTING UNITS (3):	44
SBA SET ASIDE SALE? (2, 12) (500 Employees or less):	NO		SSTS SET ASIDE SALE? (2,12) (25 employees or less):	NO
URGENT REMOVAL SALE? (16) (CTA may apply to other sales)	NO		CONTAINS TIMBER FROM UNCOMPLETED CONTRACT? (2):	NO
SALE AREA IMPROVEMENT WORK INCLUDED IN TOTAL TIMBER VALUE (4): (Base Rates)	\$46,322		INCREASE IN APPRAISED VALUE TO REACH BASE RATES (4):	\$0
MILES OF SPECIFIED ROAD WORK (C & R) (8):	0.00 miles		ROAD COMPLETION DATE (8):	N/A
NUMBER OF DAYS ALLOWED TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR OPTED ROADS (8):	0		SPECIFIED ROAD CONSTRUCTION COST ALLOWANCE (8):	\$0.00
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO PARTIALLY OFFSET APPRAISED DEFICIT (8)	\$0.00		PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST (8):	\$0.00
SUPPLEMENTAL ROAD CONST. FUNDS:	\$0.00		PURCHASER SHARE OF HIGHER STANDARD ROAD (8):	\$0.00

OTHER REQUIRED DEPOSITS (2, 4, 6, &):

BID GUARANTEE:	N/A	DOWNPAYMENT:	N/A
SLASH DISPOSAL:	\$2.69/Ton	ROAD MAINTENANCE:	\$0.33/ton
PERIODIC PAYMENT DATES SPECIFIED IN A24 or AT21 (6):		SURFACE REPLACEMENT:	\$0.12/ton
FIRST PAYMENT DUE:	N/A	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION DEPOSITS:	\$0.00
SECOND PAYMENT DUE:	N/A		
MIN. PERFORMANCE BOND:	\$47,300		

Bids must be submitted on prepared forms that may be obtained from the District Ranger, Swan Lake Ranger District Kalispell, MT, 59911 or the Contracting Officer, Forest Supervisor's Office, Kalispell, MT 59901.

ESTIMATED VOLUME AND SALE STATISTICS:

Species	Base Rates (TON)	Advertised Rates (Ton)	Volume (Tons)	Defect %	Vol. %	Avg. DBH	Gross Logs/ CCF
AF	\$2.85	\$8.31	1,897	8	3	10.0	19.6
DF	\$2.85	\$8.31	2,889	9	3	10.2	20.6
WL	\$2.85	\$8.31	917	11	<1	9.0	25.3
LP	\$2.85	\$8.31	10,374	7	90	7.8	27.2
PP	\$2.85	\$8.31	55	7	3	7.9	41.7
ES	\$2.85	\$8.31	105	5	<1	7.7	26.0
Nonsaw	\$0.38	\$0.38	16,567	0	-	-	-
TOTAL/AVG			32,804	-	-	-	-

STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS:

Project Number	Project Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
Mandatory Stewardship Projects			
001	Fuels Reduction and Slash Treatments	Acres	158
Optional Stewardship Projects			
002	System Road Decommissioning - Recontour	Project	1
003	System Road Decommissioning	Project	1
004	Pre-Commercial Thinning	Acres	54
005	Equipment Rental	Hourly	1

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **This sale is the subject of litigation. The Forest Service may withhold award until the litigation is resolved. If the litigation is not resolved within 90 days of the bid date, the determined best value contractor may be provided an opportunity to extend its firm offer per item 21 of the bid form. At any time prior to the expiration of the firm offer, and any extension thereof, the determined best value contractor may request in writing to have the contract awarded upon first entering into a Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement. Upon receipt of such request the Forest Service will determine whether or not to enter into Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement. An example of a Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement may be obtained from the Contracting Officer.**
2. Contract provision A.15 states that the Termination Date is **September 30, 2016**.
3. This is a "Stewardship" contract using the 2400-13 "Integrated Resource Contract". As part of the bid package, bidders will be evaluated on price bid for timber versus cost bid for conservation project work, past work experience, methods of accomplishing conservation projects, method of treatment of non-sawlog material, and economic benefit to the local community. It is important for bidders to address all of the evaluation factors listed in the bid form to receive full consideration. This will be a sealed bid contract awarded utilizing a best value approach. Bidders will submit separate bids for stumpage, and for stewardship projects. The Contractor will receive credits against stumpage paid as stewardship project work is accomplished. Projects are described in K-G.9# Stewardship Projects (9/04). As a best value approach is being used, bids will be opened and evaluated in private, and will not be open to the Public.
4. **The purpose of this contract is for forest health and slash treatments within the contract Area. The preferred methods of treatment for vegetative materials are removal from National Forest Lands and utilization of nonsaw products. Other forms of disposal, treatment or logging systems and utilization standards may be considered if proposed.**
5. **Proposals for work other than that specified in the contract will not be considered.**
6. Due to timing constraints, bidders should carefully plan the timing of operations in their technical proposal in order to accomplish this work. Bidders will be evaluated on their ability to accomplish the contract requirements in an expedient manner.
7. Washing of equipment prior to entering the Sale Area is required in order to prevent the spread of noxious weeds (K-G.3.5.1); an allowance for washing is not made in the appraisal as this is a regular requirement.
8. This sale will be sold by the ton and 100% weight scaled with split pricing for sawlogs and nonsaw.
9. Non-sawtimber removal is optional in All Cutting Units as designated. See K-C.2# and K-C.2.1.1# for complete details.
10. The appraisal for this sale was based on sawlog volume only. Sawlog volume is 16,237 Tons.
11. Provision K-G.3.1.6# - Limited Operating Period (5/05) is included in this contract. This provision specifies timing restrictions for the harvest and fuel reduction activities of select units. The optional dates listed in this provision are not guaranteed dates of operations after January 1, 2015. Coordination between multiple contractors, contracts and Forest Service is mandatory while working in the subunit when it becomes inactive.
12. Provision K-G.4.2# - Log Forwarding is included in this contract. This provision specifies Log Forwarding for several units.
13. Provision K-G.4.1# Special Felling Requirements is included in this contract.
14. Provision K-F.1.1.3# - Use Agreement between Forest Service and Owner is included in this contract. This provision includes MTDOT permit requirements for direct Highway 83 Access.
15. Provision K-G.1.0 Prework Conference (10/04) is included in this contract.
16. Provision K-G.7.5.3# Temporary Road Construction Slash Disposal (10/82) is included in this contract.
17. Contractors should include consideration of performance and payment bonds when submitting a price proposal for this contract.
18. Prospective purchasers should note that K-F.3.1.6, K-G.8.2.2, K-G.8.2.3, and K-G.8.4.9 have been revised. Please examine them prior to bidding.
19. Stewardship Project 002 System Road Decommissioning – Recontour and Stewardship Project 003 System Road Decommissioning is to be bid as a lump sum project. Stewardship credits will be earned as lump sum. Any reference to "pay" items in the specifications and general descriptions are inapplicable and do not reference actual payment.