

TIMBER SALE REPORT & APPRAISAL

South Shadows Aspen

Grand Mesa National Forest

Grand Valley Ranger District

July 2013

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Forester

Recommended By: _____ Date: _____
District Ranger

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
Forest Supervisor

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The following lists the major recommendations and results of the appraisal.

Net Volume (Cruise report):

Aspen POL	<u>2,137.00 CCF</u>
Total Volume	2,137.00 CCF

Net Volume (Appraised and Contract):

Aspen POL	<u>2137 CCF</u>
Total Volume	2137 CCF

Quadratic Mean DBH (Aspen POL) = 11.8 inches

Quadratic Mean DBH (Sale as a whole) = 11.8 inches

Net Acres = 118 acres

Gross Acres within Sale Area Boundary = 262 acres

Advertised Rates:

Aspen POL \$16.84

Specified Road Construct & Reconstruction = \$0.00

Required Deposits:

Slash Deposits \$1.49

Surface Rock Replacement Deposits \$0.60

KV Collections:

Essential KV = \$3,776.00

Total KV Collections at advertised rate = \$6,000.00 (Includes OH)

Contract Period is 3 years. Termination Date = September 30, 2017

Normal Operating Season = July 15 – October 31

DESCRIPTION

A. Location

The South Shadows Aspen Timber Sale is located approximately 22 miles north of Delta, Colorado. The legal location is; T12S, R94W, Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, 6th Principle Meridian, Delta County, Colorado. The sum acreage of the cutting units is approximately 118 acres in a gross sale area of 262 acres. The sale prescription is a coppice cut harvest to create early structural stages of aspen.

B. Land Status

All harvest units are on National Forest System lands.

C. Basis for Selecting Area

The South Shadows Aspen Sale has been identified as a stand to be harvested as a coppice cut. The South Shadows Aspen Sale was analyzed in the Grand Valley Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Management EA. A Decision Notice was signed by the District Ranger on 12/08/2011.

D. Transportation Routes and Appraisal Points

Aspen POL will be appraised to Delta, Colorado.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

A. Planned Cutting Method

All units are to be tractor harvested using the coppice cutting prescription.

B. Sale Area Improvement Needs (SAI)

See the SAI Plan on Form FS-2400-50 and KV Plan Narrative for information.

C. Slash Treatment

See the Brush Disposal Treatment Plan FS-2400-62 and the mitigation section below for slash deposal details.

Design Criteria

The following design criteria, mitigation measures and monitoring requirements are listed in the Grand Valley Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Treatment Decision Notice and repeated here. Some design criteria are developed by resource specialists to address specific issues related to the proposed activities on the Grand Valley District.

Air Quality

Any potential burning would be conducted in a manner that complies with State of Colorado air quality guidelines.

Response: The Forest Service will be responsible for any burning and not the timber sale Purchaser. The Fire Management Officer will be required to obtain necessary smoke permits prior to burning.

Cultural Resources

Cultural resource surveys will occur prior to project implementation (see programmatic agreement, Grand Valley Spruce Beetle and SAD EA Project Record, Grand Valley Ranger District office).

Response: Adequate cultural resource surveys have been performed in accordance with the National Historical Preservation Act. There were no eligible sites within the sale.

If any new cultural resource sites are discovered during implementation, project activities would stop and the archeologist would be contacted immediately. The archeologist would evaluate the site and determine how the site would be protected.

Response: BT6.24 – Protection Measures Needed for Plants, Animals, Cultural Resources, and Cave Resources and BT8.33 – Contract Suspension and Modifications meet this requirement.

Activities involving hazardous tree removal, grapple piling, mechanical treatment, skid trails and landing areas: For all cultural resource sites located during the field inventory or previously known, no mechanical treatment will occur within the site boundary plus a 50 foot buffer around the site. If treatment is necessary, these sites and the 50 foot buffer will be hand treated to remove hazard trees and accumulated fuel build up, per Stipulation 5.B.b. ii and Stipulation 6.a and 6 .b, Standard Treatments for Historic Properties, in the 2010 Programmatic Agreement for Bark Beetle, Hazardous Fuel and Tree Reduction Programs (Grand Valley Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Treatments EA project record, Grand Valley Ranger District office).

Response: No cultural resources were found within the harvest units or within 50ft of logging operation areas.

Activities involving temporary road construction and skid trails: For all cultural resource sites located during the field inventory or previously known, a 50 foot buffer around the site will be established. The road control line will be moved to avoid the site and the 50 foot buffer area. If the construction cannot physically be relocated and there is the potential for unidentified buried cultural remains, the construction activities in the area will be monitored by an archaeologist.

Response: Cultural resource surveys were conducted in areas where temporary roads, skid trails and landings would be located. No sites were found within or around these areas.

Fuels

Logging slash would be lopped and scattered to a depth of no more than 2 feet in most areas. Some areas may have wildlife piles taller than 2 feet, if KV funding is available.

Response: CT6.7# - Slash Treatment, provides a table of Purchasers responsibility. The KV plan includes wildlife piles.

Sites used as log deck landings may accumulate a larger amount of fuel than the surrounding sale areas. This material is normally piled and burned or chipped as necessary (See silviculture design criteria).

Response: CT6.7# - Slash Treatment, provides requirement for slash piles and landings. The Brush Disposal plan includes burning of the piles by the Forest Service.

The area may be opened as a fuel wood gathering site once the logging activity is completed. This activity would target wood debris in the 3” to 9” fuel category which contributes a high percentage of the overall fuel load within this post-harvest fuel type (FM 11).

Response: This will be accomplished with personal use and/or commercial use fuel wood permits once the sale is closed.

Temporary skid trails and haul roads would aid in breaking up the horizontal continuity of the fuel bed. If necessary, the road corridor could be treated by removing slash and brush thereby creating buffer strips throughout the sale area.

Response: CT5.34# - Obliteration of Temporary Roads, Skid Trails and Landings requires scattered material to be present at intersections with other roads and at least every 500 feet.

Noxious Weeds

Prior to entering the National Forest, all off-road logging equipment, machinery and vehicles would be cleaned to remove any plant material that that may have become attached to the vehicles. These vehicles would be inspected by a Forest Service administrator prior to entering the sale area.

Response: BT6.35 – Equipment Cleaning is included into the contract and meets these requirements.

All seed and materials used for re-vegetation and reclamation (straw, mulches, matting, etc.) would be approved by the Forest Service and certified weed-free only.

Response: CT6.601# - Erosion Control Seeding and CT6.602# - Protection of Disturbed Areas from Establishment of Noxious Weed is included in the contract. The following list displays the recommended seed mixture for this area. Appropriate substitution can be made and are at the discretion of the rangeland management specialist based on availability at the time the seed is to be purchased.

Slender wheatgrass	3 lbs./acre
Mountain brome	5 lbs./acre
Thickspike wheatgrass	3 lbs./acre
Canby bluegrass	3 lbs./acre
Blue wildrye	5 lbs./acre

Other Facilities and Special Uses

Timber harvesting activities would be conducted in such a manner as to protect fences, ditches, structures, and other facilities within the analysis area.

Response: BT6.22 – Protection of Improvements and BT6.221 – Protection of Improvements not Owned by Forest Service meet this requirement. Improvements to be protected will be designated on the Sale Area Map.

The Forest Service would ensure that private property boundary lines are located and/or marked.

Response: This sale is not associated with private land.

In order to identify the locations of specific use facilities and concerns the permittees themselves might have concerning the harvesting activities, the Forest Service would coordinate with those permittees early in the process once a specific timber sale area is identified.

Response: This sale was scoped for permittees and others that may have concerns. There were no issues on this sale.

Range

All existing structural range improvements would be protected during timber sale activities.

Response: BT6.22 – Protection of Improvements and BT6.221 – Protection of Improvements not Owned by Forest Service meet this requirement. Improvements to be protected will be designated on the Sale Area Map.

Structural range improvements would be immediately repaired by the timber sale operator, to Forest Service standards, if damage occurs due to timber sale activity. Damage to cattleguards on access roads outside the sale area boundary would be included when it is determined to have been caused by timber sale activities.

Response: BT6.22 – Protection of Improvements and BT6.221 – Protection of Improvements not Owned by Forest Service meet this requirement. Improvements to be protected will be designated on the Sale Area Map.

During the grazing season (varies from 5/15 – 11/15, depending on allotment and location), gates in existing fences between pastures or allotments would be kept closed during timber sale activities. If new gates are required in existing fences as a result of timber sale activities, the timber sale operator would install a temporary gate or cattleguard at the appropriate location.

Response: Cattlegaurds and gates will be fixed as needed during sale implementation.

The Timber Sale Administrator would provide periodic updates to the Grand Valley District Rangeland Management Staff during the grazing season on all timber sale operation activities that could affect management of the grazing allotment.

Response: This is the responsibility of the Sale Administrator to contact the Rangeland Management Staff.

Temporary fencing would be implemented as necessary to protect aspen regeneration from grazing.

Response: This is not applicable to this sale.

Recreation

Temporary roads, which overlay designated cross-country ski trails, OHV / ATV trails, bike trail, or hiking trails, would not be obliterated across the entire width of the road. The width of the temporary road would be obliterated to the width of the trail prior to logging operations. The trail corridor would be free of slash and debris. Temporary roads, which use an existing obliterated road, would be obliterated to the condition prior to logging operations.

Response: This is not applicable to this sale. There are no trails within the sale.

During snowplowing operations, the timber purchaser would leave no less than four inches of snow on the roads and would provide a smooth travel surface. Roads would be plowed wide enough so that snowmobiles and log trucks can pass or turnouts would be plowed open. When snowplowing creates berms along designated snowmobile trails or at the junctions of designated snowmobile trails, the purchaser would remove the berms so that snowmobile riders can safely enter and exit trails.

Response: CT5.36# - Snow Removal is included in the contract.

Winter operations would not occur in designated ski areas from November 15th - May 15th.

Response: This sale is not within a designated ski area.

Silviculture

Skid trail and landing locations will be located to avoid advanced regeneration to the greatest extent possible; however it is inevitable that some advanced regeneration will be lost from harvesting activities. This will be kept to a minimum by wider skid trail spacing and also by the silviculturist and wildlife biologist working with Forest Service Representative (FSR) to conserve as much natural regeneration as possible. Harvesting equipment operating off trails will be instructed to avoid natural regeneration and the FSR and silviculturist will continually evaluate this to assure compliance.

Response: Advanced regeneration is protected under BT6.32 – Protection of Residual Trees and BT6.42 – Skidding and Yarding.

Within group selection harvest units, slash would be scattered or piled so that at least 60 percent of the ground surface is covered by slash to promote establishment of natural regeneration.

Response: CT6.7# - Slash Treatment, provides a table of Purchasers responsibilities.

Slash in group selection units should be no deeper than approximately two feet.

Response: CT6.7# - Slash Treatment, provides a table of Purchasers responsibilities.

No more than 25% of the group selection unit covered with slash should be characterized as a “continuous” mat of fine slashed materials (foliage, small diameter branches) where germination and seedling establishment would be compromised.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Groups would be no larger than 2 acres and designed in such a way to reduce the potential for windthrow.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Scarification should occur on approximately 40% of the ground within a harvested group to promote regeneration. This would generally occur as an outcome of harvesting equipment operating in the group selection openings; however if operations occur in deep snow or frozen conditions, the operator or the Forest Service (with employees or contract crews) will return to these sites to complete scarification operations.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Skid trails shall not be located within group selection openings.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Skid trail spacing shall be no less than 75 feet apart, except where they converge at landings.

Response: CT6.42# - Skidding and Yarding (Special Objectives) is included in the contract. The location of skid trails and landings shall be agreed upon prior to construction through BT6.422 – Landings and Skid Trails.

If wild game are found to be adversely affecting aspen regeneration, big game repellent (BGR) would be applied to reduce damage.

Response: This will be covered in the KV. The area will be monitored with walk through surveys and if needed BGR will be applied.

Snag Habitat and Down Woody Debris

Maintain 90 to 225 snags per 100 acres, 10 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) or greater (where biologically feasible). Snags would be maintained away from structures, roads and trails so that they do not create safety hazards to the public.

Response: Snags are maintained in the stand matrix rather than within units. Snag levels will be met from older dead aspen outside the units. These trees are not marked and therefore not designated as wildlife trees under CT2.32# - Protection of Reserve Trees.

Prior to beginning project activities, survey for and mark as wildlife-leave trees those snags containing nest cavities and other signs of wildlife use. Maintain 10 to 20 tons of logs and other downed woody material per acre, where it exists, for species dependant on this material.

Response: No wildlife trees containing nests, cavities and/or other signs of wildlife use were observed during marking. The timber sale administrator and wildlife biologist will need to monitor for wildlife trees when logging activities begin. The sale administrator will monitor tons of downed woody material per acre.

Soil and Water

The guidelines described in the Rocky Mountain Region Forest Service Handbook 2509.25 “Watershed Conservation Practices Handbook” ((WCPH), or other superseding direction) would be the basis for design of watershed protection measures (BMP’s).

Response: These guidelines were used during the implementation of layout and marking of the sale.

During preparation of individual contracts or sales; stream courses, wetlands, and riparian areas would be identified and designated for protection on area maps; and if needed, appropriate water influence zone (WIZ) boundaries and prescriptions developed to protect or enhance stream health, riparian, or wetland conditions.

Response: BT1.0 – Sale Area Map, requires these features to be shown on the sale area map. There were not wetlands, streams or riparian areas identified on this sale.

Ground disturbance would be minimized to the extent possible within the water influence zone (WIZ). At least one end of the log would be suspended during skidding and skid trails would not be located within 50 feet of any stream or wetland.

Response: There were not wetlands, streams or riparian areas identified on this sale.

Temporary road alignments would be reviewed and appropriate BMP's identified prior to construction or reconstruction.

Response: BT5.1 – Authorization is included in the contract.

Structures required for temporary road crossings of channels shall be designed to prevent the restriction of expected flows, would be removed prior to snowmelt high flows, and permanently removed during obliteration.

Response: BT6.3 – Temporary Roads requires the purchaser to place water bars, rolling dips, or ditch relief pipes as directed by the Forest Service. CT6.6# - Erosion Prevention and Control requires the purchaser to construct cross ditches for road runoff and take other reasonable measures needed to prevent soil erosion and silt runoff. CT5.34# - Obliteration of Temporary Roads, Skid Trails and Landings includes a table that specifies removal of structures.

Temporary roads and log landings would be de-compacted and seeded at the close of operations to facilitate infiltration.

Response: CT5.34# - Obliteration of Temporary Roads, Skid Trails and Landings includes a table that specifies restore to original contour, rip, seed, slash, etc. CT6.601# - Erosion Control, specifies seed of temporary roads.

During the preparation of individual sales, wetlands, riparian areas, and poorly or very poorly drained soils found in valley floor or topographic depressions (soil type 127) would be identified and appropriate water influence zone (WIZ) boundaries and prescriptions developed to protect the wetland and riparian related resources.

Response: Wetlands, riparian areas, and poorly or very poorly drained soils found in valley floor or topographic depressions (soil type 127) were inventoried for this sale. There was nothing identified for protection.

Operation of heavy equipment associated with timber harvest activities and mechanical fuels treatments would avoid wet soil types and wetlands.

Response: These specific soil types and wetland are not identified on this sale.

All perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, reservoirs, designated wetlands, and wet soil types would be shown on the sale area map. Designated main skid trails would be required in units that are associated for each tractor harvest unit to minimize the area subject to soil disturbance. The area detrimentally impacted by tractor yarding would be limited to less than 15 percent of each cutting unit.

Response: BT1.0 – Sale Area Map requires these to be included on the sale area map. The sale administrator will utilize BT6.422 – Landings and Skid Trails to control the approval of skid trails and landings located in accordance with these design criteria. BT6.4 – Conduct of Logging and BT6.6 – Erosion Prevention and Control will also fulfill these requirements.

A special management zone extending up to a total of 300 feet may be established around functioning fens. The extent of this zone would be determined and documented during road location and unit layout.

Response: This does not apply to this sale. There are no fens within the sale.

Slash Treatment Operations

Opportunities for biomass harvesting may result in removal of most logging debris, however the Forest Plan minimum of 10 tons of residual biomass would be required to maintain soil productivity.

Response: The sale administrator will monitor tons of downed woody material per acre.

Spruce Beetle Prevention and Treatment (Control)

Within all treatment units: In order to prevent population increases in Engelmann spruce beetle, felled spruce shall be removed from the sale area by no later than October 31 of the year following felling.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

All unutilized spruce material, 7 (seven) inches or larger in large end diameter, 8 (eight) feet or more in length, and with 50% (fifty percent) or more tight bark, shall be yarded to landings or other locations agreed to in writing and piled so that it can be burned by Forest Service within one year of the timber being cut. Unutilized spruce material 8 (eight) inches or larger in large end diameter, with 50% (fifty percent) or more tight bark, and less than 8 (eight) feet in length, shall be either (1) piled at landings; (2) bucked to 18 (eighteen) inches or shorter lengths, or (3) have the bark peeled on two sides.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

At the landing, cull spruce logs exceeding 7 (seven) inches large end diameter with 50% (fifty percent) or more tight bark, and part to all of the other slash accumulated at landings, shall be piled. Piled logs exceeding 8 (eight) inches large end diameter shall be bucked into lengths no greater than 5 (five) feet long.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Units of a sale with high amounts of wind thrown spruce trees will be a priority for removal.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Designated spruce trees (trap trees) would generally consist of those trees designated to be cut under the silvicultural prescription or cleared for landings, road right-of-ways or skid trails. Trap trees would be removed preferably before October 31 of the following year, but no later than June 30 of the second year.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

Travel Management and Roads

Road maintenance of National Forest System Roads (NFSR) would be maintained by the Purchaser commensurate with use. This would include a deposit for surface rock replacement (gravel) on roads with a gravel surface and deposit for asphalt repair at a minimum if asphalt roads are being used for haul. Existing NFSRs currently open for use would also receive pre-haul maintenance depending upon their condition and the needs of the project. Pre-haul maintenance would not include road reconstruction or repairs of an extraordinary nature but would include maintenance of drainage structures, grading the road surface, corrections to cut/fill failures, etc.

Response: BT5.3 – Road Maintenance, CT5.31# - Road Maintenance Requirements and CT5.32# - Road Maintenance Deposit Schedule will meet this requirement.

All temporary road locations would be designed to minimize erosion by avoiding excessive grades (more than 12 percent) for long stretches (more than 200 feet).

Response: The sale administrator will monitor these design criteria and agree to road locations prior to construction (BT5.1 – Authorization and CT6.6# - Erosion Prevention and Control).

Temporary roads would be closed to public use by a closure order and signs during the life of the timber sale. Gates or barricades would be used at junctions of these roads with roads open to public use.

Response: CT5.41# - Closure to Use by Others includes gates or barricades as needed.

Timber sale purchasers would be required to develop and implement a specific Traffic Control Plan prior to commencing timber sale operations. The Traffic Control Plan would be approved by the timber sale administrator. (standard timber sale contract provision)

Response: This is a standard contract provision, BT6.33 – Safety

Timber sale purchasers would be required to furnish, install and maintain all temporary traffic controls that provide Forest users with adequate warning of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions associated with timber sale activities. (standard timber sale contract provision)

Response: This is a standard contract provision, BT6.33 – Safety

During periods of log haul, flaggers may be required as necessary at any intersections where log trucks are entering high traffic roads.

Response: This is not applicable to this sale.

Wildlife / Fisheries

Advanced regeneration would be maintained, as much as possible, in all treatment units, to provide foraging habitat for lynx.

Response: Advanced regeneration is protected under BT6.32 – Protection of Residual Trees and BT6.42 – Skidding and Yarding.

On-going surveys for amphibians and raptors (particularly northern goshawk and boreal owl) would be conducted prior to treatment operations, to determine locations of individuals or populations of these species and allow for the implementation of mitigation measures as appropriate.

Response: The District Wildlife Biologist will be responsible for surveys. BT6.24 – Protection Measures Needed for Plants, Animals, Cultural Resources, and Cave Resources protects for “additional areas, resources, or members of species” discovered during Purchasers operations.

Created openings in group selection harvest units would be less than 2 tree lengths in width to provide special habitat requirements for some species.

Response: Not applicable to this sale.

No activities shall be allowed within ¼ mile of an active northern goshawk nest from March 1 to July 31 if they would cause nesting failure or abandonment (Forest Plan standard and guideline) For the purposes of this project, the boreal owl shall also have a ¼-mile buffer placed around all active nests until the young have fledged or until the Wildlife Biologist determines that the activities would not disturb the nest and nesting pair.

Response: No goshawk nests have been found in the sale area. BT6.24 and B8.33 provides for protection of “additional areas, resources, or members of species” discovered during Purchasers operations. The sale administrator and wildlife biologist will coordinate during the sale to ensure surveys are conducted as required.

Wet areas (seeps, ponds, and springs) within harvest units would be avoided by leaving small islands of leave trees to prevent disturbance of these areas.

Response: This design criteria was included in the silvicultural marking guide and implemented during marking. No wetlands are identified on this sale.

Adjacent to fish-bearing streams or fish-bearing lakes: no commercial removal of standing trees would be permitted within 50 feet of reservoirs, natural lakes, perennial and intermittent streams in order to provide future recruitment of course woody debris; maintain stream or lakeside shading; and minimize wind throw potential.

Response: This is not applicable to this sale. There are not fish-bearing streams or lakes adjacent to the sale.

Project Implementation Monitoring

Implementation of the Grand Valley Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Treatments would be completed and monitored by qualified Forest Service personnel such as silviculturists, timber sale administrators, engineering representatives, pre-sale foresters, timber sale preparation crews, hydrologists, soil scientists, and wildlife biologists. Implementation would be documented in such reports as stand prescriptions, marking guides, marking checks, cruise designs, appraisal and contract reports, timber sale administration inspection reports, wildlife survey reports, site-visit reports, and project design checklists.

The District Ranger would review and approve project development after completion of each major step of implementation (i.e. complete certification reports for timber sale gates 1 to 4).

Specific project implementation monitoring includes:

The timber sale administrator would monitor timber sale contracts and enforce contract provisions to protect resources in the sale area from adverse impacts, according to Forest Service policy.

Response: This is a standard operating procedure.

The timber sale administrator would locate and monitor temporary road locations, road drainage, and containment of sediment. Inspections would be ongoing during road construction; and road maintenance and erosion control monitoring would continue throughout the life of timber sale contract, according to Forest Service policy.

Response: This is a standard operating procedure.

The rangeland management specialist would monitor disturbed areas, such as roads, landings, and skid trails for at least two years for noxious weeds, after the disturbance occurred, which would include one inspection per year near the end of the growing season.

Response: This is incorporated in the KV plan.

Regeneration success would be monitored in treatment units. First, third, and fifth year regeneration surveys would be conducted by the timber staff, as required by Forest Service policy. If it is concluded that additional cultural treatments are required, these treatments would be scheduled by the silviculturist.

Response: This is incorporated in the KV plan.

The hydrologist will monitor fens and wetlands, if applicable to a specific treatment area. Inspections would occur yearly during operations, and yearly (for two years) after operations are completed.

Response: This is the responsibility of the hydrologist. There are no wetlands or fens on the sale.

Sale Area Improvement

The Knutson-Vandenberg Act (P.L. 71-319) provides for the use of excess timber sale receipts (KV funds) to conduct sale area improvement work, including wildlife habitat enhancement. Utilizing this potential funding source, the following activities are proposed:

Regeneration surveys, appropriate planting of nursery stock in harvest units, or site preparation will be funded by KV collections. If additional cultural treatments (electric fencing, big-game repellent, etc) were determined to be necessary, KV funds could also be used to complete these activities.

Response: The KV plan includes required activities for this sale.

Timber sale area will be surveyed for two years for noxious weeds. Chemical, biological, cultural, and mechanical techniques will be used, as appropriate, to control populations of noxious weeds during this time period.

Response: Weed treatments are included in the KV plan.

Manipulations and placement of logging slash using seasonal or contractors may be done to enhance wildlife habitat.

Response: This is included in the KV plan.

CRUISE VOLUMES

This sale was laid out and cruised in the fall of 2012. This was sampled using the variable plot cruise method with one sampling strata. Field data was entered and processed using the U.S Forest software NATCRS, Version 10122012.

This is a scaled sale estimated to have a value of \$20,000; therefore, the maximum sampling error for this sale as a whole is 30% or lower. This information can be found in Chapter 40 of the Timber Cruising Handbook (2409.12). The combined sampling error for this cruise is 29.32% (NATCRS DS1 report).

This Sale was check cruised by Kurt Stagner and passed.

The final processing run was made 06/14/2013. NATCRS cruise report B1 shows the following net volumes:

Species	Product	Net Vol (CCF)	# trees	QMD	Net bf/cf ratio
AS	POL	2137	18395	11.8	0.4000

A. Cruise Volume Summary and Contract Volume Calculations

See the following worksheet computations for calculations of (A2) Appraised Volumes. Use of the TIM system creates a few CCF differences from the cruise results because TIM rounds before aggregating volumes.

Volume Worksheet Computations POL Volume (CCF)

Species	AS	Total
Cruised Gross Volume from NATCRS B1	3355	3355
Net Volume from NATCRS	2137	2137
Difference	1218	1218
Total Defect 1/	36%	36%
[1-Defect]	[.3630]	[.3630]

1/Report B1 truncates the defect. Decimal places are calculated by $[\text{gross-net}] / [\text{gross}]$

Unseen defect and breakage were included in the cruise run as follows (based on cruisers estimate): 7% for AS.

Unit volumes are calculated by the TIM program from cruise data that included tree counts by units.

Acreage of the cutting units was determined using Global Positioning System (GPS) with 118 acres. Total Gross Sale Area determined by ArcGIS is 262 acres.

Unit Volume: Harvest Unit Acres and Net Volume (CCF)

Unit	Acres	AS	Total
1	46	833	833
2	35	634	634
3	37	670	670
Total	118	2137	2137

TIM Rounds to 2137 combined volume

$2137 \text{ CCF} / 118 \text{ acres} = 18 \text{ CCF Average Net Volume/Acre}$

$213670 \text{ CF} / 18395 \text{ trees} = 11.62 \text{ CF/tree}$

Quadratic Mean Diameter: 11.8 from Report B1 of NATCRS printout

Average Diameter: 11.6 from Report B1 of NATCRS printout

Net Board Foot/Cubic Foot Ratio: 4.0 Net BF/ CF for POL (standard conversion rate)

APPRAISAL

A. Appraisal Data

POL

Current TE POL Appraisal Data – FSH 2409.22, 51.3; Bulletin No. BU231213, Zone 3 effective December 30, 2013. The products other than sawlogs (POL) appraisal direction is located in chapter 71 and 74 of FSH 2409.22.

Basic Data Period: 3rd QTR CY 12 – 2nd QTR CY 13

	<u>Aspen</u>
Base Period Price	\$2.82
Market Adjustment	\$0.00
Adjusted Base Period Price:	\$2.82
Base Haul	\$0.00
Base Maintenance Deposit	\$4.89
Base Slash	\$0.00
Base Temp. Roads	\$2.20

B. Skid/Yard

The skid/yard cost adjustment (formerly called the logging cost adjustment) is now figured on the TEA Appraisal System. It is based on the difference between the appraised sale and Regional average sale diameter and sale volume per acre. (Reference FSH 2409.22, 51.3 and 51.61)

Sale quadratic mean diameter = 11.8

Sale average volume per acre = 18.1 CCF/acre

Skid/yard cost adjustment = \$ 0/CCF

C. Haul Cost Calculation

Round Trip Minutes Time Per Mile and from FSM 2406.22 Sec. 44.1 Exhibit 1

- 1) Haul to Delta, CO

1	Haul Cost Calculation Sawtimber									
2	Appraisal point is		Delta Timber Company							
3	519 Highway 92 Delta, CO		South Shadows Aspen							
4	7/19/2013 13:24									
5										
6	Road Number	Termini	Round Trip Travel Times	Haul Miles	Haul Class	% Grade	% Volume	% increase	Round Trip Time min/m	Round Trip Weighted Haul Miles
7	Highway 94	Mill	10.88	3.40	2A1	0	100	0%	3.2	3.400
8	Highway 65	Highway 94	51.12	14.20	2B1	-2	100	0%	3.6	14.200
9	Surface Creek Road (NFSR 125)	Jct NFSR 127 and Highway 65	25.96	6.18	2C1	-2	100	0%	4.2	6.180
10	NFSR 125	Jct NFSR 127 to NFSR 125.1c	3.57	0.70	4B2	-3	100	0%	5.1	0.700
11	NFSR 125.1c	Jct T3 and NFSR 125	0.24	0.15	4B2	4	30	0%	5.4	0.045
12	T3	Jct NFSR 125.1c	0.45	0.23	5C3	4	30	0%	6.5	0.069
13	NFSR 125	Jct T1 and NFSR 125.1c	1.41	0.48	3B2	-4	60	0%	4.9	0.288
14	T1	Jct T2 and NFSR 125	0.41	0.21	5C3	4	30	0%	6.5	0.063
15	T2	Jct T1	0.64	0.33	5C3	4	30	0%	6.5	0.099
16	T1	Jct T1 and T2	0.35	0.18	5C3	4	30	0%	6.5	0.054
17										
18										
19										
20										
21			95.03	26.06						25.098
22		Delay Time	60							
23										
24		1.6 hours	155.033							
25										
26										
27		Total Haul Cost	(26.06-52)*\$0.1700	\$-4.41						
28										

(Reference FSH 2409.22 ,44.1) Miles X % volume X (% increase + 100) x RT min./mi. / 10000.

Haul for POL = (26.06-52)*\$0.1700= -\$4.41

D. Road Maintenance Cost

- 1) Pre-haul Maintenance: No pre-haul maintenance will be needed.
- 2) During and Post- haul Road Maintenance: Purchaser responsibility

Costs are from the Cost Estimating Guide for Road Construction for Regions 2, 3, and 4, dated March 2013 (2013 Cost Guide). All wage rates were downloaded from the Division of Labor website as instructed by the Cost Guide (pg 7). Rates are increased 31.54% for timber purchaser overhead (TPOH).

Gravel roads generally need grading once every 1000 to 2000 CCF. Native surface and temporary roads generally need grading once every 500 CCF. A final maintenance is expected on all system roads, but not on temporary roads.

“Times maintained” in the following table include post-haul maintenance.

Regular & Post Haul Maintenance				
Road Number	Termini	Haul Miles	CCF	Times Maintained
Temp Roads 1 & 2	Jct 125	0.73	1304	3
125	Jct Temp 1&2 to 125.1C	0.48	1304	1
Temp Road 3	Jct 125.1C	0.22	833	2
125.1C	Jct Temp 3 to 125	0.15	833	1
125	Jct 125.1C to Hwy 65	6.88	2137	1

Total miles= 8.46

Assumptions:

1. Roads to be maintained per B5.3 and C5.31#
 2. Blade one mile in 2.0 hours
 3. Labor to clean culverts, remove rocks, etc.
 4. Labor and operator have other work to round out days when full days are not worked on road maintenance.
 5. Use pickup truck 2 hours per 10 hours of work
 6. Move in cost figured for 2 times (during 2 seasons of logging). Any additional maintenance will occur without moving equipment. 2 X 2 hours = 4 hours
- 8.46 miles x 2 hours per mile for grader and labor = 16.3 hours
- Pick up use 2 hours per 10 hours = 4 hours

Work Item	Equipment Rental Rates per hour	Hours	Item Cost
Laborer	\$16.44	16.3	\$267.97
4x4 gas ton pickup	\$28.61	4	\$114.44
Grader Operator	\$36.36	16.3	\$592.67
Deer 770C II Grader	\$92.34	16.3	\$1,505.14
Semi/lowboy Driver (2)	\$25.53	4	\$102.12
Truck w/lowboy (18ft)	\$105.99	4	\$423.96
SUBTOTAL			\$3,006.30

cost above+ (from cost guide 2013)

\$3,006.30

POH of 31.54%

\$3,954.49

Cost per CCF

**\$
1.85**

3) Surface Rock Replacement

Rock Replacement collections will be made for the gravel portions of the haul route according to the following worksheets. Rock replacement is sale as a whole, thus the cost will be distributed overall volume.

Total Net Appraisal Volume: 2137 CCF (all products and species)

Road: NFSR 125.0 = 9.9 miles

AVERAGE HAUL

Dead Haul = 18.4 mi. from Austin, CO (Rock Source)

ROCK COSTS

Haul = \$.80 /cu. yd./ mile 1/ X 19 average haul mi. = \$ 15.2 /cu. yd.

Rock Cost (local cost) 2/ = \$ 9.84 /cu. yd.

Apply (Process, water, & compact) = \$ 1.60 /cu. yd.

Subtotal Cost/cu. yd. = \$ 26.64 /cu. yd. (Present Cost)

Add 24.5% of Present Cost 3/= \$ 6.53 (Govt. O.H.)

TOTAL ROCK COST = \$ 33.17 / cu.yd. (A)

1/ Use previous graph for haul costs per cu. yd. per mile.

2/ Use local costs if forest average is not applicable.

3/ GMUG Supplement to FSM 6520.42, Chapter 20 (CWFS)

CUBIC YARD LOSS CALCULATION

Gravel loss = 100 cu. yd./ MMCF/mile,
20 cu. yd./MMBF/mile,
or 0.100 cu. yd. /Semi Truck Load/mile.

Miles of Gravel Road = 1.8 mi.

Total Gravel Loss = 100 cu. yd./MMCF/mile X 0.2137 MMCF X 1.8 miles = 38.45 cu.yd. (B)

COST SUMMARY

(A) \$ 33.17 /cu. yd. X (B) 38.45 cu. yd. = \$1,275.39 Total Surface Rock Replacement Cost

\$1,275.39/2137 CCF = **\$.60/CCF**

\$.60/CCF x 2137 CCF = **\$1,282.20**

4) Snow Removal

Estimating 2 seasons, 1-2 trips per season on average during the normal operating season, 3 trips total.

Cost per CCF = **\$0.50**

5) Road Maintenance Deposits

125	Jct Temp 1&2 to 125.1C		0.48	
125	Jct 125.1C to Hwy 65		6.88	
	Total Miles		7.36	
	.17/mile/ccf+FSOH of 15% (from engineering 06/10/10)		\$	3,074.89
	Cost per CCF		\$	1.44

6) Road Maintenance Summary

Pre-Use Maintenance			\$	-
Purchaser Road Maintenance				\$3,954.49
Road Maintenance Deposits			\$	3,074.89
Surface Rock			\$	1,282.20
Snow Removal				\$1,062.63
Total Road Maintenance			\$	9,374.21
Costs per CCF			\$	4.39

E. Sale Slash Disposal

Purchaser Slash Disposal Requirements

Tops and limbs will be lopped and scattered in the harvest units to a maximum depth of 24 inches. Stumps will be cut to a maximum height of one foot.

No more than 40% to 50% of the ground surface of the cutting units will be covered in large cull logs. Excessive amounts of cull logs will be piled at the landings. A minimum of 10 to 20 tons per acre of large cull logs will be scattered through the harvest units. Landing slash may be scattered across landings, skid trails, and temporary roads for the purposes of erosion control and road closure, provided no more than 40% to 50% of the ground surface is covered with large cull logs.

The cost for lopping and scattering slash is included in the Logging Cost Center (Felling and Bucking). The Skidding Cost Center includes the cost for piling of logging slash at the landing. Yarding Unutilized Material (YUM) is included in C6.7# but existing practice is to whole-tree skid, so no additional cost is anticipated from this requirement. Therefore, separate costs are not calculated for lopping and piling in this Slash Treatment Plan.

Forest Service Slash Disposal Requirements

The Forest Service will burn piles. The logging plan estimates 6 landings. Not all landings will be piled, and not all piles will be burned. This plan will show 6 piles to burn. The termination date is September 30, 2015; it is estimated piles will be burned in one year. The sale is 75 miles from the Grand Junction admin site.

Assumptions: Use of drip torch to ignite piles

Burn piles during the fall/early winter on snow
 one days for 2 people to burn
 two days for 1 person to monitor piles
 Burn piles in 2016
 Snowmobile may be used instead of pick-up; cost considered the same

Work Item	Work Unit	\$ Rate/ Work Unit	Units	Item Cost
GS-6	Days	\$236.00	1	\$236.00
GS-7	Days	\$283.00	2	\$566.00
Pick-up	Miles	\$0.41	300	\$123.00
Supplies		\$200.00	Each	\$200.00
Burn Permit		\$1000.00	Each	\$1,000.00
Subtotal				\$2,125.00
Inflation to 2016 x 1.033				\$2,322.04
FS BD Overhead (email 9/16/12) x 1.368				\$3,176.55

Project Cost= \$3,176.55/6 piles= \$529.43/pile
 \$529.43 X 6= \$3,176.58 **Rounded to \$3,177.00**

Total BD costs: **\$3,177.00**
 Required deposits: **\$1.49/CCF**

F. Temporary Roads

As estimated in the Logging Plan, approximately 1 mile (5280 feet) of newly constructed temporary roads will be needed. See Logging Plan Map for estimated Locations. Costs are from the Cost Estimating Guide for Road Construction for Regions 2, 3, and 4, dated March 2013 (2013 Cost Guide). Cost will be increased 31.54% for timber purchaser overhead (TPOH). Costs include opening and closing newly constructed temporary road.

Refer to the appraisal spreadsheet; temp road and temp road worksheet tabs.

Total Temp Road costs: **\$9,794.57**
 Temp Road Deposits: **\$4.58/CCF**

G. Unusual Adjustments

Refer to the appraisal spreadsheet; unusual adjustments tab.

Total Unusual Adjustments:
POL: = (-)\$0.86

H. Competition Factor (FSH 2409.55, 51.3, BU230713)

Aspen \$0.10/CCF

I. Specified Roads

There is no specified road construction related to this sale.

J. Base Rates (FSM 2431.31b)

Aspen \$1.00/CCF

K. Fire Precautionary Period (AT9)

June 1 – November 30

L. Fire Suppression Reinforcement (AT10)

From the sale to the appraised mill is 26 miles; rounded to the next 5 miles, 31 miles will be used.

M. Purchasers Obligation for fire (AT11)

Western Area Wage Rate for AD-C, type 2 firefighter = \$17.40/hr (FSH 5109.34 – Interagency Fire Business Handbook, section 13.6, ID 5109.34-2007-1)

Estimate: woods crew = 5 people

5 people X \$17.40/hr X 12 hr shift X 3 Days = \$3,132.00

Rounded to the next hundred = \$3,200.00

N. Termination Date (AT12)

Termination date for this sale will be September 30, 2017. (R2 supplement No. 2409.18-2006-2, section 53.4)

O. Performance Bond Calculation (AT14)

There are two methods of calculating the performance bond per FSH 2409.18, 54.1. The larger of the two calculations is used for the minimum performance bond.

Refer to the appraisal spreadsheet; perform tab.

Bid Guarantee: \$600.00

Minimum Performance Bond: \$600.00

2nd Method-Based on Penal Sum: \$3,500

Use: **\$10,400.00 as performance bond**

P. Distribution of Funds

Stumpage at advertised rates:

Aspen \$2.72/CCF X 2137 CCF = \$5,812.64

Minimum to NFF (\$0.25/CCF X 2137 CCF): \$ 534.25

Less Essential KV: \$3,776.00 (includes 37.0% OH)

Remainder available for NFF, KV or SSF: \$1,502.39

Less non-essential KV: \$1,361.78 (includes 37.0% OH)

Remainder available for NFF: \$ 140.61