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Digest:

2431.31a – Reduces standard rate sale volume limit to 500 net MBF. Provides reference for direction on standard rate sales.

2431.31b - Includes hundred cubic feet as unit of measure for Chugach sales.

2431.31a & b – Exhibit 01 – Updates rates. Includes two rates for spruce (old growth vs. young growth). Removes products and rates for utility, optional topwood, posts, and Chugach spruce sawlog. Displays Chugach rate per CCF and Cord.

2432.34 - Removes purchaser credit funding.

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2431.1 - Commercial Sale Fundamentals

2431.12 - Methods of Measurement

On the Tongass National Forest, sales in excess of 500 net MBF will be advertised as scaled sales. Exceptions may be approved on a case by case basis by the Regional Forester.

2431.3 - Rates

2431.31 - Minimum and Standard Rates

2431.31a - Standard Rates

Standard rates may be used on the Tongass National Forest where situations do not justify a detailed appraisal and sale is less than 500 net MBF. All Chugach National Forest timber sales shall be advertised using standard rates. Refer to R10 FSH 2409.22_30 for direction on standard rate sales.

2431.31b - Minimum Rates

Minimum rates are the lowest rate for which the Forest Service may sell timber. For convertible products, use the product unit or the equivalent in board feet to yield the highest minimum rate. For Automated Timber Sale Accounting (FSH 6509.17), use thousand board feet as the unit of measure for Tongass sales and hundred cubic feet for Chugach sales. Refer to 2431.31a and b - Exhibit 01 for a list of standard and minimum rates and FSH 2409.11, National Forest Log Scaling Handbook, Appendix 12, Standard Converting Factors, or 2409.11a, National Forest Cubic Scaling Handbook, Appendix 10.

2431.31a & b - Exhibit 01

Regional Standard and Minimum Rates

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| Old Growth Spruce sawlogs | \$ 10.00 / MBF |
| Young Growth Spruce sawlogs | \$ 2.00 / MBF |
| Hemlock sawlogs | \$ 2.00 / MBF |
| Alaska yellow cedar sawlogs | \$ 6.00 / MBF |
| Western red cedar sawlogs | \$ 6.00 / MBF |
| Other species sawlogs | \$ 2.00 / MBF |
| Commercial use firewood | \$ 10.00 / MBF |

Chugach Standard Rates

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Decked commercial fuelwood | \$ 27.45 / CCF \$30.50 / Cord |
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2432.3 – GATE 3: Preparation of a Timber Sale

2432.34 - Timber Sale Transportation Facilities

Obtain State Tideland and Army Corps of Engineers Section 10/404 permits in the name of the Forest Service. Log transfer facilities (FSM 7705), to which the National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Section 4, applies, can be funded with Forest Road Program. If a facility is planned to be reused within 10 years of sale termination, specify it in the Timber Sale Contract to conform to Army Corps of Engineers permit requirements. If a temporary facility, include Army Corps of Engineers Permit design criteria in the Timber Sale Contract.

Field verify, with plan-in-hand, the road and logging system designs for the selected alternative. Consider mitigating measures, management requirements, and constraints. Review and approve the Logging Feasibility Report, if needed.

2435 – Salvage Sale Program

2435.05 - Definitions

Partial Salvage Sale. A timber sale where the removal of salvage timber is incidental to the green volume being removed and the removal of the salvage timber is not an important reason for the entry. The component identified as salvage can be considered for funding by the Salvage Sale Fund.

Salvage Sale. A salvage sale is a timber sale for which the primary reason for entry is to salvage (remove) insect infested, dead, damaged, or down timber and to remove associated trees for ecosystem improvement or rehabilitation. Further, a salvage sale may include trees lacking the characteristics of a healthy and viable ecosystem.

2435.2 – Salvage Sale Fund

2435.22 – Developing Salvage Sale Fund Plan

Use the national form FS-2400-51, Salvage Sale Fund Plan.