

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON NOTICE OF PROPOSED REALTY ACTION FOR A COMPETITIVE SALE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Forest Service PUBLIC NOTICE OF REALTY ACTION Lone Mountain Seed Orchard

Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is proposing to sell the lands identified below at not less than the market value pursuant to the Forest Service Facilities Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005, P.L. 109-54.

The proposal is to sell six parcels of National Forest System land. Each lot would be listed and sold separately. The following lands and interest in lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service are identified as:

- Idaho Panhandle National Forests Kootenai County, State of Idaho**
- Boise Meridian T. 53 N., R. 4 W.
- Section 27, NE 1/4
- Lot 1 - 10.00 acres
- Lot 2 - 10.00 acres
- Lot 3 - 13.83 acres
- Lot 4 - 33.83 acres
- Lot 5 - 33.83 acres
- Lot 6 - 34.76 acres

The area described contains approximately 136.25 acres.

The property is designated as a Forest Service administrative site, part of the Lone Mountain Seed Orchard. It is no longer needed for seed orchard development. It is isolated National Forest lands approximately five miles from the nearest other National Forest lands and is undeveloped land approximately 20 miles north of Coeur d'Alene. The mineral estate will be included in the estate to be sold.

The property would be sold under competitive bidding procedures. The sale would be subject to valid existing rights and encumbrances of record. The Forest Service may also include in the conveyance any reservation necessary to protect the interests of the United States. Specific terms of the sale would be provided in an Invitation For Bid, which would be made after all environmental studies and other required analysis are completed and final decision to sell the property is made.

Federal law requires purchasers to be 18 years of age or older. Proof of qualification to purchase the property will be required.

Additional detailed information, including complete property description, maps, list of reservations and encumbrances, etc., is available for review during regular business hours at the Supervisor's Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8363. For further information, contact LeAnn Maupin at (208)765-7275. Parties who may be interested in purchasing the property, or wish to offer comments related to the proposed sale, are encouraged to contact the Forest Service. A notice of proposed action is available on-line at: <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/wnp/projects>.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and is subject to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Pursuant to CFR 36 §218.2, specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Coeur d'Alene Press. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 21 8.2).

The general public and interested parties, who wish to offer oral comments, should contact LeAnn Maupin at (208) 765-7275. Submit electronic comments by email to: comments-northern-idpanhandle@fs.fed.us. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications. Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, or in person to: Mary Farnsworth, Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83815; fax to (208) 765-7307. Be sure to include the project name, Lone Mountain Seed Orchard, on the subject line. Office hours, for those who wish to hand deliver their comments are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday (except Federal holidays).

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility (36 CFR 218.5) to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.8.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Comments may also be submitted anonymously, but those people who submit comments anonymously will not have standing to file an objection.

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