

**NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE****(Recovery - Scaled Sale)**

SALE NAME/NO.: Norton Hill Thin 341-05-33

AUCTION DATE/TIME: September 23, 2004, starting at 10:00 a.m.

AUCTION LOCATION: Oregon Department of Forestry  
West Oregon District Headquarters  
24533 Alsea Highway  
Philomath, Oregon 97370  
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DISTRICT/UNIT OFFICE (MAILING ADDRESS FOR BIDS): Oregon Department of Forestry  
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HARVEST TYPE: 176 net acres of automark commercial thinning in 32- to 67-year-old Douglas-fir timber.

SALE LOCATION: Portions of Section 19, T10S, R8W, W.M., Lincoln County, Oregon.

DIRECTIONS TO TIMBER SALE AREA: From Philomath, travel west on Highway 20 for 11 miles to Blodgett. Turn north at the Blodgett Country Store toward Summit/Nashville (SR 180) and proceed about 7 miles to Nashville. From Nashville, continue driving west toward Eddyville for approximately 6 miles (5 railroad crossings). Turn right at Milepost 6 onto Norton Road and proceed north about 2 miles to Area V.

**APPRAISED VOLUMES AND QUALITY:**

SPECIES	AVG DBH	TOTAL MBF	GRADES BY MBF																
			1P	2P	3P	P	SM	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S	SEL	SC	UT	CR	WRM	PLP
Douglas-fir	15"	1,737					1		615	881	240								
Red Alder	12"	43															43		
Sale Total		1,780																	

MINIMUM BID: BID SPECIES Douglas-fir ..... \$232.82 per MBF

NO-BID SPECIES Red alder and other hardwoods..... \$164.68 per MBF

Western hemlock and other conifers ..... \$100.00 per MBF

There is no project amortization. ODF will **not** reduce the price of a species to amortize the project work. Instead ODF will credit PURCHASER's timber account in the amount of \$67,716 after the project work is completed and accepted, as described in the section titled, "Credit for Project Work."

The timber sale areas contain negligible volumes of other logs to be paid for at the prices in Section 44.

PERFORMANCE SECURITY: 20% of bid value (unknown) **or** the total value of the project work (\$68,000), whichever is greater. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2006 BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$34,300 SALE TYPE: Recovery/BOF - 100%

INSURANCE: \$500,000 Commercial General Liability; \$500,000 Automobile Liability; \$500,000 Logger's Broad Form

HARVEST METHOD: Combination of cable yarding (70%) and ground-based yarding (30%) by volume.

PROJECTS: Road construction (0.5 mile), road improvement (5.9 miles), and post-harvest activities.

FEES: None.

ENDANGERED SPECIES  
ACT COMPLIANCE  
STATEMENT:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is engaged in an active threatened and endangered (T&E) species survey program. Surveys, determinations, and management measures are developed and implemented in good faith compliance with federal and state Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements. Restrictions on operations due to T&E species considerations are included in the prospectus. Purchasers are required to comply with all federal and state laws, including the Endangered Species Act. Purchaser should take steps to be certain that no ESA violations occur. Prospective purchasers of timber sales are reminded that ODF surveying efforts may take place any time during the term of a timber sale contract. As part of the survey program, ODF surveys its lands on a continuing basis for land management, species protection, research, and other reasons. During the contract term, T&E survey work and/or the discovery of a threatened or endangered species within or in the vicinity of a timber sale may affect operations contemplated under the contract. In the event a threatened or endangered species is found within or near this sale, ODF may take steps necessary to protect the interests of the State, including contract alteration, suspension, or termination.

Prospective purchasers are encouraged to contact the West Oregon - ODF District at (541) 929-3266 for further information or questions relative to threatened or endangered species surveys, future planned survey information, or other threatened or endangered species information.

SPECIAL REMARKS:

**SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY - SEE SECTION 39.**

- Acreage for the timber sale was determined using a combination of stereo photography, GPS, digital orthographic photography, and the State Geographic Information System.
- All timber sale areas are automark thinnings with 3 patch cuts in Area I, 1 patch cut in Area II, and 1 patch cut in Area III.
- **In Areas III, IV, and V: Felling of designated timber must be completed by March 15, 2005; road construction and improvement must be completed by June 30, 2005; and yarding/hauling must be completed by August 31, 2005.**
- Hardwoods sold per MBF; scaling is required.
- Top 72 trees to create snags after yarding (Areas III, IV, and V).
- Fell 48 trees for downed wood recruitment after yarding (Areas III, IV, and V).
- Seasonal hauling restrictions apply to all roads.

SALE OBJECTIVES:

Harvesting in this sale area will:

- 1) Reduce stand density to an approximate relative density of 35 to maintain healthy growth of residual trees,
- 2) Enhance understory growth so that a more complex stand structure will develop overtime, and
- 3) Convert 5 patch cut areas from mature alder stands and brush fields to hemlock/cedar plantations to provide more species diversity in the units.

The information shown on the Exhibit "A" map(s) are approximate locations. Exact locations of features represented by map symbols shall be determined on site and shall depend upon the conditions that exist on site. Activities shall be conducted based upon features determined on site rather than features shown on maps.

**See inside front cover of Auction Schedule booklet for disclaimer regarding all governmental regulatory actions.**

TIMBER SALE NAME: **Norton Hill Thin**

TIMBER SALE NO.: **341-05-33**

OPENING DATE: **September 23, 2004**

## **FORM OF PROPOSAL**

The undersigned agrees to accept and perform all of the above terms and conditions as stated in the form of contract for the above-cited timber sale, and bids, and will pay:

Bid Species:

**Douglas-fir**, sawmill grade or better, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) per MBF.

Minimum grades and volumes for bid species are stated in the timber sale prospectus.

No-bid species will remain as shown:

**Red alder and other hardwoods** ..... **\$164.68** per MBF.  
**Western hemlock and other conifers** ..... **\$100.00** per MBF.

Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of **\$34,300**, payable to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The undersigned agrees to execute and deliver the contract, initial payment, required certificates of insurance, and performance bond, within thirty (30) days of the date of the written notice of intent to award; and that any cash bid deposit may be applied to the first required timber sale payment.

The undersigned understands that the bid is irrevocable and further agrees that if they fail to qualify under the terms of the contract within the thirty-day period, the bid deposit shall become the property of the Oregon Department of Forestry as liquidated damages.

BIDDER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Individual or Company and Authorized Official)

TAX ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Official & Title)

COMPLETE PURCHASER'S STATUS ON PAGE 2

**PURCHASER'S STATUS**

Purchaser is a corporation ☐ Check  
( ) Incorporated in  
the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser is: ☐ a partnership ☐ an assumed (business) ☐ company  
☐ an individual name

List names of all persons doing business under the partnership or assumed name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If assumed name is subsidiary to a corporation, fill in data requested of corporation also and write in corporation name here:

\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**  
**TO BID ON STATE TIMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies that they:

**EXPORT**

- (a) Will not export the unprocessed State timber as defined in OAR 629-031-0020 which is the subject of this transaction;
- (b) Will not sell, transfer, exchange, or otherwise convey the unprocessed timber as defined above which is the subject of this transaction to any other person without first obtaining a certification from that person which meets the requirements of OAR 629-031-0030.
- (c) Are not prohibited by OAR's 629-031-0005 through 0045 from bidding for unprocessed State timber as defined above directly from the State Forester.
- (d) Understand that falsely entering into this certification is a violation of the Forest Resources Conservation Amendments Act of 1993 and OAR Chapter 629, Division 31, and is subject to any and all penalties contained therein.
- (e) Have not exported unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months, **or if bidding only on STATE hardwood timber or logs, HAVE** exported unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months, but **HAVE NOT** exported unprocessed **hardwood** timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months **and** meet the requirements of OAR 629-031-0010(2).

**DEFAULT, TERMINATION, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

- (a) Are not currently in default status under any timber sale contract sold by the State Forester.
- (b) Has not, within a 3-year period preceding this bid, had one or more Federal, State, or local timber sales terminated for cause or default.
- (c) If (b) above is Yes, has submitted an explanation, in writing, with this bid for consideration by STATE. Any such explanation shall be submitted at the time of bid on a separate piece of paper.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

[NOTE: For the purpose of this form, the definition of unprocessed timber is the same as in OAR 629-031-0005.]

## **Biological Survey Report**

**Project:** Norton Hill Thin  
**Date:** August 3, 2004  
**To:** Dan Borg  
**CC:** Steve Laam, District Sale File  
**From:** Marcia Humes

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### **Habitat Suitability**

Areas 3, 4 and 5 of this sale contain suitable habitat for northern spotted owls. This sale contains, and is contiguous to, patches of potential habitat for marbled murrelets.

### **Survey Results**

Areas 3, 4, and 5 of this sale were surveyed for northern spotted owls in 2001 and 2002, using a protocol endorsed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service<sup>1</sup>. There were no observations of northern spotted owls during any of these surveys. Surveys in and around the sale area resumed in 2004. There were no observations of northern spotted owls in 2004.

Surveys for marbled murrelets were conducted in 2000 and 2001, using a protocol developed by the Pacific Seabird Group<sup>2</sup>. There were no detections of marbled murrelets during any of these surveys.

### **Known T&E Resources**

There are no known northern spotted owl activity centers within 1.5 miles or Marbled Murrelet Management Areas within 0.25 miles of this sale.

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<sup>1</sup> USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. 1991, revised 1992. Protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact northern spotted owls. 15pp.

<sup>2</sup> Evans, D. M., W. P. Ritchie, S. K. Nelson, E. Kuo-Harrison, Peter Harrison, T. E. Hamer, eds. 2000. Methods for surveying marbled murrelets in forests: an update to the protocol for land management and research, by the Pacific Seabird Group Marbled Murrelet Technical Committee. 64 pp.

## Operational Considerations

Northern spotted owl survey results (from 2001 and 2002 protocol survey) are valid until March 15, 2005. All timber on areas 3, 4 and 5 should be felled by March 15, 2005. If all timber is not felled by this date, an additional year of northern spotted owl surveys will need to be conducted prior to resuming felling operations. If this becomes necessary, seasonal operating restrictions shall be in effect from March 15, 2005 until the completion of northern spotted owl surveys in 2005, showing no resident northern spotted owl activity centers within 1.5 miles of the sale area.

Marbled murrelet survey results are valid until April 1, 2007.

## Future Survey Plans

ODF has no plans for further survey of this sale.

## Survey Results Summary

**Table 1. Northern Spotted Owl Surveys of Norton Hill Thin**

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**Table 2. Marbled Murrelet Surveys of Norton Hill Thin (Originally Surveyed as Norton Hill Combination and Norton Hill)**

<b>Survey Area</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># Detections</b>
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	1	1	5/15/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	1	2	6/12/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	1	3	7/10/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	1	4	7/18/2000	0
NORTON HILL	1	3	5/3/2001	0
NORTON HILL	1	4	5/31/2001	0
NORTON HILL	1	2	6/20/2001	0
NORTON HILL	1	1	7/20/2001	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	2	1	5/18/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	2	2	6/14/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	2	3	7/11/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	2	2	7/27/2000	0
NORTON HILL	2	2	5/7/2001	0
NORTON HILL	2	2	6/2/2001	0
NORTON HILL	2	3	6/22/2001	0
NORTON HILL	2	1	7/7/2001	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	3	1	6/11/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	3	2	6/20/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	3	1	7/9/2000	0
NORTON HILL COMBINATION	3	2	7/24/2000	0
NORTON HILL	3	1	5/4/2001	0
NORTON HILL	3	2	6/1/2001	0
NORTON HILL	3	1	6/22/2001	0
NORTON HILL	3	2	7/9/2001	0