

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

(Recovery – Scaled Sale)

SALE NAME/NO.: Steeple Chase 341-06-53

AUCTION DATE/TIME: April 18, 2006, starting at 2:00 p.m.

AUCTION LOCATION: Oregon Department of Forestry
Astoria District Headquarters
92219 Highway 202
Astoria, Oregon 97103
(503) 325-5451 FAX (503) 325-2756
(4 miles SE of Astoria on Highway 202)

DISTRICT/UNIT OFFICE (MAILING ADDRESS FOR BIDS): Oregon Department of Forestry
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HARVEST TYPE: **Areas 1, 2, and 3:** 185 acres of "automark" partial cut of approximately 70-year-old Douglas-fir and other conifers, mixed with patches of hardwoods. Volume to be removed in Areas 1, 2, and 3 is approximately 12 MBF/acre.

Area 4: 57 acres of "modified clearcut" of approximately 70-year-old Douglas-fir, other conifers, and red alder. Volume to be removed in Area 4 is approximately 35 MBF/acre.

Area 5 (R/W): There are 5 acres of in-sale R/W consisting of Douglas-fir, other conifers, and hardwoods. Volume to be removed in Area 5 is approximately 35 MBF/acre.

SALE LOCATION: Sale areas are located in portions of Sections 11, 13, 14, and 24 of T6N, R6W, W.M., Clatsop County, Oregon.

DIRECTIONS TO TIMBER SALE AREA: All areas can be accessed from Astoria or Vernonia via Highway 202. Turn north onto Old Vesper 77 (county) Road between Mileposts 38 and 39. Turn right on Vesper ODF Road; you are in the southeast corner of Area 1.

APPRAISED VOLUMES AND QUALITY:

| SPECIES | AVG DBH | TOTAL MBF | GRADES BY MBF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 1P | 2P | 3P | P | SM | 1S | 2S | 3S | 4S | 5S | 6S | SEL | SC | UT | CR | WRM | PLP | |
| Douglas-fir | 19" | 3,918 | | | | | 2 | | 2,897 | 798 | 221 | | | | | | | | | |
| W Hem. / fir | 13" | 88 | | | | | | | | 54 | 6 | 28 | | | | | | | | |
| Western red cedar | 28" | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red alder | 17" | 338 | | | | | | | | | 227 | 111 | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 20" | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sale Total | | 4,346 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| MINIMUM BID: | BID SPECIES | Douglas-fir | \$407.00 per MBF |
| | NO-BID SPECIES | Red alder | \$293.08 per MBF |
| | | Western hemlock/true fir and other conifers | \$166.34 per MBF |
| | | Western red cedar | \$570.32 per MBF |
| | | Bigleaf maple and other hardwoods | \$191.48 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 \$282,298 after the project work is completed and accepted, as described in Section 2630, "Credit for Project Work."

The timber sale areas contain negligible volumes of other logs to be paid for at the prices in Section 1740.

PERFORMANCE SECURITY: 20% of bid value (unknown) or the total value of the project work (\$283,000), whichever is greater. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 2008 BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$142,600 SALE TYPE: Recovery/BOF - 100%

INSURANCE: \$1,000,000 Commercial General Liability; \$1,000,000 Automobile Liability; \$1,000,000 Logger's Broad Form

HARVEST METHOD: Area 1: 16% cable yarding and 84% ground-based yarding.
Area 2: 99% cable yarding and 1% ground-based yarding.
Area 3: 94% cable yarding and 6% ground-based yarding.
Area 4: 79% cable yarding and 21% ground-based yarding.
Area 5: 100% ground-based yarding (in-sale right-of-way).

PROJECTS: Project No. 1: Approximately 1.11 miles of sale access road construction.
Project No. 2: Viewpoint Quarry development and rock crushing.
Project No. 3: Fish culvert installation.
Project No. 4: Road vacating, fill vacating, and landing blocking.
Project No. 5: Stream enhancement.
Project No. 6: Roadside brushing.

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 Astoria ODF District at (503) 325-5451 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 2455.

Timber sale acreage was determined by mapping sale areas on an ortho photograph and using ArcView to calculate acres.

All felling on the Timber Sale Areas must be completed by March 15, 2008, except for snag creation (see Section 2310).

PURCHASER shall create a total of 82 snags in Area 1 following the completion of harvesting on this area (see Section 2335).

Project Nos. 1, 2, and 3 must be completed prior to October 31, 2006.

Projects No. 6 must be completed prior to October 31, 2007.

Project Nos. 4 and 5 must be completed prior to October 31, 2008.

SALE OBJECTIVES:

This sale is aligned with the objectives of the NWO Forest Management Plan. The Plan presents guiding principles, a forest vision, and resource management goals.

Guiding Principles (in part) – To secure the greatest permanent value of these lands to the state, the State Forester shall maintain these lands as forest lands and actively manage them in a sound environmental manner to provide sustainable timber harvest and revenues to the state, counties, and local taxing districts. This management focus is not exclusive of other forest resources but must be pursued within a broader management context.

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 Timber Sale Schedule handbook for disclaimer regarding all governmental regulatory actions.

SALE NAME: Steeple Chase
COUNTY: Clatsop
CONTRACT NO.: 341-06-53

TIMBER SALE NAME: **Steeple Chase**

TIMBER SALE NO.: **341-06-53**

OPENING DATE: **April 18, 2006**

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:

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| Red alder | \$293.08 per MBF. |
| Western hemlock/true fir and other conifers | \$166.34 per MBF. |
| Western red cedar | \$570.32 per MBF. |
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Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of **\$142,600**, 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) name company
 an individual

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.]



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Department of Forestry

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Biological Survey Report



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Project: Steeple Chase
Date: October 11, 2005
To: Ty Williams
CC: Tom Savage, District Sale File
From: Marcia Humes *Marcia*

Habitat Suitability

This sale contains suitable habitat for northern spotted owls. This sale does not contain potential habitat for marbled murrelets.

Survey Results

This sale was surveyed for northern spotted owls in 2003, 2004 and 2005, using a protocol endorsed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service¹. Northern spotted owls were not observed during these surveys.

Surveys for marbled murrelets are not necessary for this sale.

Known T&E Resources

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

Operational Considerations

Current northern spotted owl survey results are valid until March 15, 2008. All timber should be felled by March 15, 2008.

Future Survey Plans

ODF has no plans for further survey of this sale. However, ODF has an active survey program and northern spotted owl surveys will be conducted within 3 miles of this sale during the life of the contract.

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

Survey Results Summary

Table 1. Northern Spotted Owl Surveys of Steeple Chase

| Year Survey Area | Visit #1 Date | Visit #2 Date | Visit #3 Date | Visit #4 Date | Visit #5 Date | Visit #6 Date |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2003 Steeple Chase Thin | 5/20-21 | 6/22-23 6/23-24 | 7/30-31 | | | |
| | NR | NR | NR | | | |
| 2004 Steeple Chase Thin | 5/13-14 | 6/22-23 | 7/28-29 7/29-30 8/2-3 | | | |
| | NR | NR | NR | | | |
| 2005 Steeple Chase Thin | 5/24-25 | 6/14-15 | 8/7-8 8/8-9 | | | |
| | NR | NR | NR | | | |

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| NR - no response | j - juvenile | M ₀ - mouse refused | M ₄ - 4 mice taken |
| V - visual response | jj - 2 juveniles | M ₁ - 1 mice taken | M ₅ - 5 mice taken |
| bb - new bird banded | ■ - last visit to site | M ₂ - 2 mice taken | M ₆ - 6 mice taken |
| | | M ₃ - 3 mice taken | |
| ♀ ♂ ♀ | | ♀ ♀ ♀ | |
| - Pair (day, night, early morning) | | - Female (day, night, early morning) | |
| ♂ ♂ ♂ | | ○ ⊗ ⊗ | |
| - Male (day, night, early morning) | | - Sex Unkn (day, night, early morning) | |