

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

SALE NAME/NO.: Top Step 341-15-23

AUCTION DATE/TIME: June 19, 2015, starting at 2:00 p.m.

AUCTION LOCATION: Oregon Department of Forestry
Forest Grove District headquarters
801 Gales Creek Road
Forest Grove, OR 97116-1199
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DISTRICT/UNIT OFFICE (MAILING ADDRESS FOR BIDS): Oregon Department of Forestry
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HARVEST TYPE: Area 1 is a 44-acre Modified Clearcut in a stand of 78-year-old Douglas-fir with a minor component of western hemlock, Area 2 is a Moderate Partial cut in an 80-acre stand of 63-year-old Douglas-fir. Area 3 is 2 acres of Right of Way.

SALE LOCATION: Portions of Sections 4 and 5, T2N, R5W, W.M., Washington County, Oregon.

DIRECTIONS TO TIMBER SALE AREA: From Forest Grove, travel north on Highway 8 to its junction with Highway 6. Turn left and travel west approximately 3.5 miles to Timber Road. Turn right, proceed north on Timber Road approximately 6.5 miles and turn onto Cochran Road. Continue west on Cochran Road for 3.5 miles to Round Top Road. Turn left onto Round Top Road and continue for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Rice Road and continue for approximately 2 miles to Sale Area 1.

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
Douglas-fir	17"	3,825							2,225	1,382	188					
W Hem. / fir	20"	75							48	25	2					
Red alder/hrdwds	18"	88														88
Sale Total		3,988														

MINIMUM BID: BID SPECIES Douglas-fir \$345.26 per MBF

NO-BID SPECIES Western hemlock and other conifers..... \$245.23 per MBF

Western redcedar and other cedars..... \$954.96 per MBF

Red alder and other hardwoods..... \$310.90 per MBF

In order to compensate PURCHASER for Project Work, ODF will credit PURCHASER's timber account in the amount of \$498,290 after the project work is completed and accepted, as described in Section 2630, "Credit for Project Work."

The Timber Sale Area contains 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 (\$498,290) whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500,000. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 2018 BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$86,800 SALE TYPE: Recovery/BOF - 98%
CSL - 2%

10% of the net appraised value, not to exceed \$500,000. Bond amount will be rounded down to an even \$100 unit.

INSURANCE:

\$2,000,000 Commercial General Liability; \$2,000,000 Automobile Liability; \$2,000,000 Logger's Broad Form.

HARVEST METHOD:

Area 1: 5% ground yarding and 95% cable yarding.
Area 2: 41% ground yarding and 59% cable yarding.
Area 3: 100% ground yarding.

PROJECTS:

Project No. 1: Road Construction and Improvement	\$46,861.90
Project No. 2: Road Surfacing	\$402,951.65
Project No. 3: Grass Seed, Fertilize and Mulch.....	\$1,596.51
Project No. 4: Road Vacating	\$332.50
Project No. 5: Crush and Stockpile 2,500 CY of 1½" rock	\$40,803.00
Move in and equipment cleaning.....	\$5,741.40

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. In some cases, ODF may require that initiation of operations be delayed to allow for completion of spot check surveys, as recommended by the USFWS survey protocol and required by ODF policy. 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. Also, legal challenges and other litigation regarding ODF threatened and endangered species related processes may occur and may affect operations contemplated under the contract. In the event a threatened or endangered species is found within or near this sale, or efforts are required to respond to legal issues, 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 Forest Grove District at (503) 357-2191 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:

NO PERSONAL OR COMPANY CHECKS ACCEPTED FOR THE BID DEPOSIT.

SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY - SEE SECTION 2455.

Pulp removal is not allowed.

Early Felling date of March 15, 2018 applies (Section 2310).

With the exception of felling for Project Work, no felling shall be allowed until September 1, 2015, or surveys for northern spotted owls are complete, whichever comes first (Section 2310).

Equipment washing is required (Section 2416).

Elevation range from 880 – 1,680 feet.

Slopes range from 10% to 75%.

Acres were determined using ESRI ArcMap GIS Software.

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:	Top Step
COUNTY:	Washington
CONTRACT NO.:	341-15-23

TIMBER SALE NAME: **Top Step**

TIMBER SALE NO.: **341-15-23**

OPENING DATE: **June 19, 2015**

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:

Western hemlock and other conifers **\$245.23** per MBF.
Western redcedar and other cedars **\$954.96** per MBF.
Red alder and other hardwoods **\$310.90** per MBF.

Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of **\$86,800**, 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. **If the undersigned fails to qualify within the thirty-day period, STATE may disqualify the undersigned from submitting another bid on this timber sale.**

BIDDER _____
(Name of Individual or Company and Authorized Official)

EMPLOYER _____
IDENTIFICATION _____
NUMBER (EIN) _____

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 directly or indirectly export the unprocessed State timber as defined in OAR 629-031-0020 which is the subject of this transaction.
- (b) Shall not engage in export of unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon until such time as all interests in contracts for State timber held by the above have terminated, per OAR 629-031-0010(1)(d).
- (c) 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 that is not a STATE's approved location.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Have not directly or indirectly 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

Kate Brown, Governor

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"STEWARDSHIP IN
FORESTRY"

Revised Biological Survey Report

Project: Top Step
Date: April 9, 2015
To: Erik Marcy
CC: Mike Cafferata, District Sale File
From: Matt Gostin

Habitat Suitability

This sale contains potentially suitable habitat for northern spotted owls. This sale is located in the Marbled Murrelet Systematic Survey Zone. By ODF policy, operational marbled murrelet surveys are not required.

Survey Results

This sale was surveyed for northern spotted owls in 2013 and 2014 using a protocol endorsed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service^{1,2}. Northern spotted owls were not observed during these surveys. Surveys are underway in 2015 to extend the contract felling date.

Surveys for marbled murrelets are not necessary for this sale.

Known T&E Resources

There are no northern spotted owl activity centers or Marbled Murrelet Management Areas affecting this sale.

¹ USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. 2012. Protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact northern spotted owls. 42pp.

² Oregon Department of Forestry, June 1, 2010. Policy bulletin SFB – 10-03, Northern Spotted Owl Policy Update - Northern Spotted Owl Survey Protocol.

Operational Considerations

Due to the presence of barred owls, felling restrictions for spotted owl spot check surveys are not required for this sale at this time.

No felling, except for felling associated with project work, shall be allowed prior to the completion of the 2015 northern spotted owl surveys indicating no resident spotted owls.

Current northern spotted owl survey results are valid until March 15, 2017. After the 2015 surveys are completed, the survey results will be valid until March 15, 2018.

All timber should be felled by March 15, 2018.

Future Survey Plans

Spotted owl spot check surveys for this timber sale will be required in 2016 and 2017. In addition, 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.

Survey Results Summary

Table 1. Northern Spotted Owl Surveys of Top Step.

Survey Area Year	Visit #1 Date	Visit #2 Date	Visit #3 Date	Visit #4 Date	Visit #5 Date	Visit #6 Date
Top Step	3/26-27 3/27-28 3/28-29 3/31-4/1	4/25-26 4/29-30 4/30-5/1	5/22-23 5/24-25	6/21-22	7/17-18 7/18-19	8/5-6 8/7-8
2013	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR
Top Step	3/25-26 3/26-27 3/27-28 3/30-31	4/22-23 4/24-25 4/25-26 4/28-29	5/15-16 5/19-20 5/20-21	6/11-12 6/12-13	7/7-8 7/8-9	7/27-28 7/28-29
2014	NR	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA	NR STVA
Top Step	3/22-23 3/24-25 3/25-26	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2015	NR STVA					
NR - no response j - juvenile M ₀ - mouse refused M ₄ - 4 mice taken V - visual response jj - 2 juveniles M ₁ - 1mice taken M ₅ - 5 mice taken bb - new bird banded ■ - last visit to site M ₂ - 2 mice taken M ₆ - 6 mice taken STVA - barred owl M ₃ - 3 mice taken ♂ ♀ ♂ - Pair (day, night, early morning) ♀ ⊗ ⊕ - Female (day, night, early morning) ♂ ⊗ ⊕ - Male (day, night, early morning) ○ ⊗ ⊕ - Sex Unk (day, night, early morning)						