

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE**Recovery Timber Sale**

NAME/NO.: Fertile Gnat

AT-341-2020-W00744-01

AUCTION DATE/TIME: April 14, 2020, starting at 2:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Astoria
 92219 HWY 202
 ASTORIA, OR 97103
 (503) 325-5451 FAX: (503) 325-2756

DISTRICT/
 OFFICE (MAILING
 ADDRESS FOR BIDS): Astoria
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HARVEST TYPE: Unit 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7: 210 Acres, removing approximately 31 MBF/Acre of Douglas-fir and hemlock.
 Unit 4 (R/W): 5 Acres, removing approximately 31 MBF/Acre of Douglas-fir and hemlock.
 Unit 5: 34 Acres, removing approximately 5 MBF/Acre of Douglas-fir and hemlock

LOCATION: Portions of Section(s) 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 of T8N R7W, Portions of Section(s) 18 of T8N R6W W.M., Clatsop Co., Oregon

DIRECTIONS TO
 TIMBER
 SALE AREA: From Astoria, travel east on Highway 30 for approximately 17 miles. Turn Left on Valley Creek Road for 1/2 mile. Turn Right on Brownsmead Hill Road for one mile. Turn Left on Fertile Valley Road to Units 1 and 2. Unit 3 is located 1/2 mile east on Brownsmead Hill Road. Units 5 and 6 are located approximately 3 miles farther on Highway 30, turning left on Gnat Creek Road and traveling 1 mile to the Units. Unit 7 is located directly across Highway 30 from Valley Creek Road.

APPRAISED VOLUMES AND QUALITY:

Conifer/Hwd	Species Group	Species	Product	AVG DBH	Grade	Volume	UOM	Diam. From	Diam. To	Length From	Length To
Conifers	Hemlock	Western Hemlock	Sawlog	18"	2 M	2664	MBF				
Conifers	Hemlock	Western Hemlock	Sawlog		3 M	1295	MBF				
Conifers	Hemlock	Western Hemlock	Sawlog		4 M	195	MBF				
Conifers	Hemlock	Douglas Fir	Sawlog	16"	2 M	1518	MBF				
Conifers	Hemlock	Douglas Fir	Sawlog		3 M	848	MBF				
Conifers	Hemlock	Douglas Fir	Sawlog		4 M	177	MBF				
Conifers	Spruce	Sitka Spruce	Sawlog	24"	2 M	43	MBF				
Hardwood	Red Alder	Red Alder	Sawlog	13"		24	MBF	8"	9"		
Hardwood	Red Alder	Red Alder	Sawlog			76	MBF	6"	7"		
Sale Total:						6,840	MBF				

MINIMUM BID:

	Species Category	Species Group	Species	Product	Grade	Volume	Diameter From	Diameter To	Length From	Length To	Price	UOM
Bid	Conifers	Douglas Fir	Douglas Fir			2543					\$392.94	MBF
Bid	Conifers	Hemlock	Western Hemlock			4154					\$267.39	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Pulp		0					\$5.00	TON

No-Bid	Conifers					0					At hemlock bid price	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers	Cedar				0					\$830.85	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers	Spruce				43					\$59.27	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood					100					\$161.53	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood			Pulp		0					\$5.00	TON

All Utility logs are set at price above, which means material will be charged at the highest rate for that species.

In order to compensate PURCHASER for Project Work, ODF will credit PURCHASER's timber account in the amount of \$235,939.00 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 \$235,939.00 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500,000. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: 6/30/2023 **BID METHOD:** Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$189,000.00 **SALE TYPE:** Recovery / BOF: 100.00%
CSL: 0.00%

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: Unit 1: 24% Cable, 76% Ground Based
Unit 2: 14% Cable, 86% Ground Based
Unit 3: 36% Cable, 64% Ground Based
Unit 4 (R/W): 100% Ground Based
Unit 5: 29% Cable, 71% Ground Based
Unit 6: 100% Cable
Unit 7: 100% Ground Based

PROJECTS: 1 - New road construction-Surfaced
1A - New road construction-Unsurfaced
2 - Road Improvement
3 - Road Vacating
4 - Stream Enhancement

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 () 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 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 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:

NO PERSONAL OR COMPANY CHECKS ACCEPTED FOR THE BID DEPOSIT. SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY - SECTION 2455.

Pulp yarded to the landing is required to be hauled.

Log haul is restricted in Units 5 and 6. See Section 2035.

Flaggers shall be used on County Roads and State Highways during operations within 250 feet.

A key can be obtained from the Astoria District Office and is required for Units 1, 2, 3, 7.

Slash piles shall be ground in Unit 7. See Section 2560.

To allow for the completion of Marbled Murrelet surveys, felling Operations shall not be allowed in Units 4, 5, and 6 prior to August 5, 2020.

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 government regulatory actions.

TIMBER SALE NAME: **Fertile Gnat**TIMBER SALE NO.: **AT-341-2020-W00744-01**OPENING DATE: **April 14, 2020****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

Western Hemlock, sawmill grade or better, _____
 _____ DOLLARS \$ _____ per MBF

NO - BID SPECIES:

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No-Bid	Conifers					0					At hemlock bid price	MBF
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Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of \$189,000.00, 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. **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 NEXT
 PAGE

PURCHASER'S STATUS

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, 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

Department of Forestry

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"STEWARDSHIP IN
FORESTRY"

Biological Survey Report

Project: Fertile Gnat
Date: January 27, 2020
To: John Tillotson
CC: Dan Goody, District Sale File

From:

Date: 2020.01.27 08:46:29
-08'00'

Habitat Suitability

This sale contains potentially suitable habitat for northern spotted owls in areas 1-4 & 6 and marbled murrelets in areas 4-6.

Survey Results

Sale areas 1-4 & 6 were covered by spotted owl density surveys in 2018^{1,2,3} and 2019. Northern spotted owls were not observed in either year of these surveys. Density surveys will be ongoing during the life of the sale contract.

Areas 4-6 were surveyed for marbled murrelets in 2019, using a protocol developed by the Pacific Seabird Group. Marbled murrelets were not detected during these surveys⁴. The second year of surveys for areas 4-6 will occur in 2020. Marbled murrelets have not been detected during surveys to date.

¹ Oregon Department of Forestry, November 1, 2017. 1.2, Northern Spotted Owl Policy

² USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. 2012. Protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact northern spotted owls. 42pp.

³ Forsman, E. D. 1995. Spotted Owl Monitoring Protocols for Demographic Studies. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pacific Northwest Research Station. Corvallis, OR. 11 pp

⁴ Evans Mack, D., W. P. Ritchie, S. K. Nelson, E. Kuo-Harrison, P. Harrison, T. E. Hamer, eds. 2003. Methods for surveying marbled murrelets in forests: a revised protocol for land management and research. Unpublished report for the Pacific Seabird Group Marbled Murrelet Technical Committee. 76 pp.

Known T&E Resources

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

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.

Northern spotted owl survey results will not expire unless density surveys are discontinued. If density surveys are discontinued at any point during the contract, survey coverage will be valid until March 15, three years following the last full season of surveys.

Marbled murrelet survey results for areas 4-6 will be valid until April 1, 2026 upon completion of the 2020 surveys.

Harvest in areas 4-6 may not occur until the completion of marbled murrelet surveys on August 5, 2020.

Future Survey Plans

This sale will be covered by northern spotted owl density surveys during the life of the contract. These density surveys provide incidental survey coverage in lieu of spot checks. If density surveys are not conducted, then spot checks will be required. In addition, ODF has an active northern spotted owl survey program and surveys for other planned operations and density surveys will be conducted within 3 miles of this sale during the life of the contract. In addition, the second year of marbled murrelet surveys for areas 4-6 will occur in 2020.