

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE**Recovery Timber Sale**

NAME/NO.: Sitka Stratus

WL-341-2025-W01063-01

AUCTION DATE/TIME: March 19, 2025, starting at 2:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Western Lane
 87950 TERRITORIAL HWY
 VENETA, OR 97487-0157
 (541) 935-2283 FAX: (541) 935-0731

DISTRICT/ OFFICE (MAILING ADDRESS FOR BIDS): Western Lane
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HARVEST TYPE: Unit 1: 85 Acres of modified clearcut, removing approximately 50 MBF/Acre of 83-year-old timber.

LOCATION: Portions of Section(s) 12 of T17S R8W W.M., Lane County, Oregon.

**DIRECTIONS TO
TIMBER**

SALE AREA: From the intersection of Hwy-126 and Territorial (Veneta, OR) head west on Hwy. 126 for 14.2 miles to the Nelson Mountain County Road. Continue for 6.8 miles until the 4-way junction. Once at the 4-way junction travel east on Nelson Ridge Road for approximately 0.5 miles until you reach the sale.

APPRAISED VOLUMES AND QUALITY:

Conifer/Hwd	Species Group	Species	Product	AVG DBH	Grade	Volume	UOM	Diam. From	Diam. To	Length From	Length To
Conifers	Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir	Sawlog	19"		4226	MBF				
Conifers	Western hemlock	Western hemlock	Sawlog	16"		7	MBF				
Hardwood	Bigleaf maple	Bigleaf maple	Sawlog	16"		25	MBF				
Hardwood	Red alder	Red alder	Sawlog	12"		2	MBF				
Sale Total:						4,260	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			4226					\$398.19	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Utility	PC	0					\$30.00	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Utility	SC	0					\$30.00	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Pulp		0					\$2.00	TON
No-Bid	Conifers					7					\$160.91	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers	Cedar				0					\$948.76	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood			Pulp		0					\$2.00	TON
No-Bid	Hardwood					25					\$0.00	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood	Red alder	Red alder			2					\$64.77	MBF

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 \$175,856.59 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 \$175,856.59 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500,000. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: 5/31/2027 BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$150,600.00 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: 33% Ground-based logging
67% Cable logging

PROJECTS: 1 – Brushing -Road Brushing
2 – New Construction- Construct and Compact subgrades for New Construct Roads and Culverts
3 – Rocking, New Construction - Spread and Compact Rock for New Construct Roads
4 – Existing Road Improvement - Existing Road Subgrade Improvements, Culverts
5 – Road Maintenance - Road Improvement Rocking & Maintenance; Grading, Spread and Compact Rock Lift
6 - Move In Equipment

FEES: None

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT: Purchasers are required to comply with all federal and state laws, including but not limited to the federal and State Endangered Species Act.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is engaged in an active threatened and endangered (T&E) species survey program. ODF surveys its lands on a continuing basis for land management, species protection, research, and other reasons. Surveying efforts may take place in the Timber Sale Area anytime during the term of the Contract. Purchaser acknowledges that T&E survey work or the discovery of a threatened or endangered species within or in the vicinity of a timber sale may affect PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract, and PURCHASER agrees to cooperate with STATE's survey work and other activities designed to identify and protect T&E species. In the event any T&E species is found within or in the vicinity of the Area(s) of Operations, or the State otherwise deems it necessary or expedient to take action in response to any pending or threatened legal action concerning State forest land or any T&E species, PURCHASER agrees that STATE may take steps to protect the interests of the State, including imposing restrictions on PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract to prevent disturbance to T&E species, including Contract modification, suspension, or termination.

PURCHASER also acknowledges that at some point during the Contract term, the STATE may also become subject to terms and conditions of Incidental Take Permits issued by the federal government covering State forest lands. PURCHASER agrees that any Operations that occur following issuance of an Incidental Take Permit, if any, must be carried out consistent with such terms and conditions that include required minimization and mitigation measures proposed in the applicable Habitat Conservation Plan, and PURCHASER further agrees that STATE may take steps to protect the interest of the State, including imposing restrictions on PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract to ensure such compliance, including Contract modification, suspension, or termination.

Prospective purchasers are encouraged to contact the Western Lane ODF District at (541)

935-2283 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.**

PURCHASER shall leave a total of 114 snags within the Timber Sale Area. Where fewer than 2 snags per acre exist PURCHASER shall substitute with living trees. Reserved trees and snags will be selected by PURCHASER and reserved from cutting. Reserved trees and snags will be selected using the following criteria:(Section 2240).

Retain at least 600 cubic feet of hard conifer logs on average. Leave at least 2 logs per acre 24 inches or greater (Section 2230).

Pulp removal is optional.

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: **Sitka Stratus**TIMBER SALE NO.: **WL-341-2025-W01063-01**OPENING DATE: **March 19, 2025****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

NO - BID SPECIES:

No-Bid	Conifers			Utility	PC	0					\$30.00	MBF
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Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of \$150,600.00, 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

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

Tina Kotek, Governor

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"STEWARDSHIP IN
FORESTRY"

Biological Survey Report

Project: Sitka Status
Date: January 29, 2025
To: Chet Behling
CC: Ole Buch, District Sale File
From: Matt Gostin

Digitally signed by Matt Gostin
Date: 2025.01.29 09:24:34 -08'00'

Habitat Suitability

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

Survey Results

This sale was covered by northern spotted owl operational surveys in 2023 and 2024, using a protocol endorsed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service^{1,2}. A female northern spotted owl was observed on two separate visits in 2023 within 1.5 miles of this sale during these surveys. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) picked up multiple responses of both sexes on passive acoustic monitoring equipment in 2023 and 2024 within 1.5 miles of this sale. As a result of these surveys, both the BLM and the Oregon Department of Forestry State Forests Division determined the Lower Nelson Creek activity center to have pair status.

Surveys for marbled murrelets are not required for this sale and there are no Marbled Murrelet Management Areas (MMMA) affecting this sale.

Known T&E Resources

This sale is within 1.5 miles of 3 northern spotted owl activity centers and is within the Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) Area where a Biological Assessment of the sale's potential impact is not required by ODF policy. Since portions of this sale fall within an elevated baseline thienessen as identified in the (SHA), a Habitat Assessment is required and will be shared with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS).

There are no Marbled Murrelet Management Areas (MMMA) affecting this sale.

Operational Considerations

Due to northern spotted owl detections at a resident-status Activity Center within the survey area, felling restrictions for spotted owl spot check surveys may be required for this sale. If felling does not occur before February 1, 2025, felling restrictions will be in place until northern spotted owl spot check surveys have concluded on or before April 15, 2025.

Northern spotted owl surveys are valid until March 15, 2027.

Future Survey Plans

ODF has an active survey program. Surveys for other planned operations, northern spotted owl operational surveys, spot check surveys and activity center monitoring may be conducted within 3 miles of this sale during the life of the contract.