

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE**Recovery Timber Sale**

NAME/NO.: Walker Towers

WL-343-2022-W00921-01

AUCTION DATE/TIME: July 22, 2021, 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: 6- Acres of modified clearcut, removing 41 MBF/Acre of 50 to 78 year-old timber.

LOCATION: Section(s) 26 of T17S R8W W.M.

**DIRECTIONS TO
TIMBER**

SALE AREA: From the Walton store, go west on Hwy 126 eight tenths of a mile to the 18-8-1 road. Turn north and proceed 3.6 miles on the 18-8-1 road to Point B. Turn right and proceed 0.2 miles to timber 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		15"		240	MBF				
Conifers	Western hemlock	Western hemlock		16"		6	MBF				
Sale Total:						246	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			240					\$292.78	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers					6					\$22.15	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Pulp		0					\$2.50	TON
No-Bid	Conifers	Cedar				0					\$832.16	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood					0					\$130.16	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood			Pulp		0					\$2.50	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 \$5,238.65 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 \$5,238.65 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500,000. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: 6/30/2022

BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$6,500.00 SALE Recovery / BOF: 100.00%
TYPE: 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: 67% Ground-based logging
33% Yarder-based logging

PROJECTS: 1 - Road Brushing
2 - Road and Landing Improvement
3 - Move-in

FEES: BLM Road Maintenance Fee: \$579
Rosburg Resources road use fee \$145

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 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 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.

ODF will modify timber sale contracts to allow purchasers who harvest after HCP permit issuance (expected in 2022) to harvest either (1) under requirements pre HCP to avoid take of listed species or (2) under the new requirements of the HCP, as applicable to each timber sale. If a purchaser chooses to harvest consistent with the requirements of the HCP, it will be the responsibility of the purchaser to comply with the HCP and permits, with assistance from and approval by ODF.

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

Within the timber sale multiple communication towers persist along with their supporting infrastructure (guylines, fencing, etc.). The purpose of the timber sale is to reduce the fire hazard to the site and to improve communications. Additional care will need to be taken to protect existing infrastructure within the timber sale.

Log hauling from October 31 through April 30 is subject to a Load/day limitation during wet weather.

Pulp removal is required if yarded to landing.

Ground-based operations shall not be allowed during periods of high soil moisture as determined by STATE.

A gate key is required and can be obtained at Western Lane District Office.

Snag creation is required for 30 trees as marked in the field.

Start felling date will be September 1, 2021

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: **Walker Towers**TIMBER SALE NO.: **WL-343-2022-W00921-01**OPENING DATE: **July 22, 2021****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					6					\$22.15	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Pulp		0					\$2.50	TON
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Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of \$6,500.00, 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

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 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: Walker Towers
Date: June 18, 2021
To: Ole Buch
CC: Link Smith, District Sale File
From:

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 surveyed for northern spotted owls in 2019 and 2020, using a protocol endorsed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service^{1,2}. Northern spotted owls were observed on two occasions in 2019. These observations were attributed to a known activity center within 1.5 miles of the timber sale. Survey coverage was provided by both ODF contractor surveys and PNW survey crews. Surveys for marbled murrelets were not required.

Known T&E Resources

This sale is within 1.5 miles of two northern spotted owl activity centers. Since this sale falls within a baseline or elevated baseline site as identified in the Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), a habitat assessment of the sale's potential impact is required by ODF policy. It concludes the

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, November 1, 2017. 1.2, Northern Spotted Owl Policy

remaining suitable habitat within the owl circles will exceed the standards identified in ODF's northern spotted owl policy as they relate to SHA requirements.

Operational Considerations

Due to northern spotted owl detections at a resident-status AC within the survey area, felling restrictions for spotted owl spot check surveys are required for this sale. If felling does not occur before February 1, 2022, felling restrictions will be in place until April 15, 2022, after northern spotted owl spot check surveys have concluded.

Northern spotted owl survey results are valid until March 15, 2023.

All timber should be felled by February 1, 2023.

Future Survey Plans

ODF has entered into an agreement with the USFWS known as a SHA. This agreement allows the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a study on ODF managed lands which includes population reduction measures on barred owls to assess the impacts on northern spotted owls. This Contract contains sale areas within the USGS study boundary. Under this agreement, if nesting northern spotted owls are found in or within close proximity of the timber sale, the nest and surrounding area would be protected until fledglings leave the nest utilizing seasonal restrictions and other measures. In addition, ODF may take other actions including retaining and protecting trees in the immediate area of a nest tree.

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