

August 10, 2017

BOARD MATTER I-4

ACTION: Consider the results of the Oak Creek Forest Product Auction Pts. Sections 15 & 16; Township 51N., Range 64W., of the 6th PM Crook County.

AUTHORITY: W.S. 36-1-112; 36-3-109; Rules of the Board of Land Commissioners Chapter 8

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve public auction results
- Reject public auction results

ANALYSIS:

This sale will utilize shelterwood and overstory harvests to remove merchantable forest products, improve growth, and reduce insect and disease issues. The harvest units will increase age class diversity of forest stands, improve long term forest health, and help meet local forest products industry demand for green sawtimber. This sale will remove an estimated 2,580 tons of ponderosa pine sawtimber from approximately 172 acres.

At the February 2017 Board meeting, the Board approved the forest product auction subject to the following conditions: An estimated volume of 2,580 tons of ponderosa pine sawtimber shall be advertised and sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. No bid less than the appraised value of \$12.50 per ton, for a total of \$32,250.00 for sawtimber will be accepted.

The sale was advertised to be sold by oral auction on May 8th, 2017. Two bidders were present for the sale.

The high bidder was Jack Pine Logging at \$13.00 per ton for a total of \$33,540.00

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Director recommends approval of the proposed forest products sale to Jack Pine Logging subject to the following terms:

The timber sale of ponderosa pine sawtimber sold for \$13.00 per ton sawtimber, for a total bid of \$33,540.00. Upon final Board approval, the sale will be properly documented by a forest products contract.

Jack Pine Logging shall be obligated to a two year written contract covering cutting and removal operations.

A slash disposal deposit of \$2,800.00 shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract.

Jack Pine Logging shall provide a performance bond in the amount of \$3,354.00 upon award of the sale.

BOARD ACTION: Board Approved