

August 10, 2017

BOARD MATTER I-5

ACTION: Consider the results of the Blacktail Forest Product Auction PTS. Section 36, Township 54N., Range 64W., and Section 31, Township 54N., Range 63W. 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 5,765 tons of ponderosa pine sawtimber from approximately 314 acres.

At the February 2017 Board meeting, the Board approved the forest product auction subject to the following conditions: An estimated volume of 5,765 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 \$72,063.00 for sawtimber will be accepted.

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

The high bidder was Neiman Timber Company at \$12.50 per ton for a total of \$72,063.00

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Director recommends approval of the proposed forest products sale to Neiman Timber Company subject to the following terms:

The timber sale of ponderosa pine sawtimber sold for \$12.50 per ton sawtimber, for a total bid of \$72,063.00. Upon final Board approval, the sale will be properly documented by a forest products contract.

Neiman Timber Company shall be obligated to a two year written contract covering cutting and removal operations.

A slash disposal deposit of \$9,100.00 shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract.

Neiman Timber Company shall provide a performance bond in the amount of \$7,206.00 upon award of the sale.

BOARD ACTION: Board Approved