

August 10, 2017

BOARD MATTER I-6

**ACTION:** Consider Highway 14 2 Timber Sale Forest Product Auction PTS. Section 29, Township 56N., Range 87W., of the 6th PM Sheridan County.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve public auction
- Reject public auction

**ANALYSIS:**

This timber sale will utilize patch-cuts to harvest mature lodgepole pine, spruce, and subalpine fir. This timber sale is part of a larger aspen enhancement project being completed by Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Harvest activities will only be allowed during frozen ground conditions and are to occur during winter months.

This sale will remove an estimated 1,895 tons of mixed conifer sawtimber and other products from approximately 19.5 acres. An additional 165 tons of spruce sawtimber is available as optional products at additional cost.

The minimum acceptable bid is \$4.50 per ton for sawtimber and \$2.75 per ton for other products. The total minimum bid for the timber sale will be \$7,731.25

Existing roads will primarily be used for the harvesting operations, however, a limited quantity of temporary roads may be required. Any temporary roads needed for the project will be decommissioned and reclaimed upon completion of the project.

The grazing lessee voiced no objection to the sale.

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Director recommends approval of offering the proposed forest products sale subject to the following terms:

1. An estimated volume of 1,895 tons of mixed conifer sawtimber and other products will be sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. No bid less than the appraised value of \$4.50 per ton for sawtimber and \$2.75 per ton for other products will be accepted.
2. The purchaser shall be obligated by a two year written contract covering cutting and removal operations.
3. A slash disposal deposit shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract.
4. A report of the bids received shall be submitted to the Board.

**BOARD ACTION:** Board Approved