

August 10, 2017

BOARD MATTER I-7

ACTION: Consider Dry Muddy Timber Sale Forest Product Auction
PTS. Section 5, 6, 7, 8 Township 48N., Range 83W., of the 6th PM
Johnson 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 overstory removal to harvest mature douglas-fir, spruce, lodgepole pine, limber pine, and ponderosa pine.

This sale will remove an estimated 8,090 tons of mixed conifer sawtimber and other products from approximately 163 acres.

The minimum acceptable bid is \$7.00 per ton for sawtimber and \$2.75 for other products. The total minimum bid for the timber sale will be \$45,580.00.

This sale requires a 2.31 mile road package for road reconstruction needed to occur in order to reduce the resource damage and improve the road for hauling for this and future timber sales on this large parcel of state lands. The total estimated value of the road work to be completed is estimated to be \$45,000.00. Purchaser will be given credit for the road package cost and this cost will be deducted from the total bid price for the sale.

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 8,090 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 \$7.00 per ton for sawtimber and \$2.75 per ton for products other than sawtimber will be accepted.
2. A large road package is a part of this sale and is valued to be \$45,000.00. This will be deducted from total value price of the timber sale.
3. The purchaser shall be obligated by a three year written contract covering cutting and removal operations.
4. A slash disposal deposit shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract.
5. A report of the bids received shall be submitted to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Board Approved