

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY  
Kenai Kodiak Area 2015 Prospectus of Timber  
Sales

**Introduction**

This prospectus is intended to furnish sufficient information to enable prospective bidders to decide whether further investigation of the above sales are warranted. Descriptions, estimates and other information within this prospectus are not a part of the contracts unless otherwise stated. Should the prospectus be in error or contradict the contracts, the sample contract governs. Prospective bidders are strongly urged to examine the timber sales and to make their own estimates. Quantities and quality of timber in the contracts are not guaranteed. The sale areas and sample contracts should be reviewed prior to submission of a bid(s).

Acresages, and distances are based on satellite imagery and the use of Geographic Information System data. Acresages and road distances were not calculated from field traverse surveys.

Locations:

	<b>Legal Descriptions</b>	<b>General Locations/directions</b>
Mile 127 SC-3093 K	Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 13 West; and Sections 3, and 4, Township 1 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian	Ninilchik is the nearest community, and is located about 8 miles southwest of the sale.
Garden SC-3179 K	Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian	Ninilchik is the nearest community, and is located about 10 miles southwest of the sale.
East Ninilchik SC-3072 K	Sections 17, 18, 19, & 20 Township 1 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian	Approximately 6 miles northeast of Ninilchik. Access will be via winter road along a public easement extending east from Rachael Avenue. Rachel Avenue is near Mile 130.2 Sterling Highway.
North Ranch SC-3051 K	Section 28 Township 1 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian	Approximately 8 miles east of Ninilchik. Planned access is via Lake Road, which extends north from Oilwell Road near Mile 3.7, then northeast approximately 2 miles down the CIRI Tract 3 Road. Lake Road passes through Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. ownership and the CIRI Tract 3 Road passes through Cook Inlet Region, Inc ownership.
Jerome SC-3112 K	Section 10 Township 5 North Range 2 West Seward Meridian	West of the Seward Highway near Mile 32 and 2 miles north of the Seward Highway / Sterling Highway Junction. Nearest community is Cooper Landing. Access is via a Forest Service unimproved dirt road for approximately 1 mile.
Dome View SC-3090 K	Section 31, Township 2 South Range 13 West, and Sections 6 and 7, Township 3 South Range 13 West, Seward Meridian.	13 miles south of Ninilchik—Happy Valley. Past end of Tim Avenue via Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcels 18510008 and 18505023

## **Description of Timber**

The spruce within the Mile 127, Garden, East Ninilchik, North Ranch, and Dome View timber sales were visually estimated to be 75 to 80 percent dead. An estimated 60 percent of the dead trees in the sales are down. The timber in all of these sales is of a salvage value and not of a defined volume. The State does not expressly or implicitly warrant any quantity, quality, or marketability estimates of the timber sold in any of these timber sales. The State strongly urges prospective bidders to visit the site and evaluate the timber before submitting a bid.

Most of the timber that will be offered in the Jerome Timber Sale is mountain hemlock. A lesser portion of the sale is spruce. Almost all of the hemlock offered will be live as is most of the spruce.

## **Silvicultural Prescriptions**

Mile 127, Garden, East Ninilchik, North Ranch, and Dome View: The silvicultural prescription selected for spruce in all sales is salvage cut, partial overstory removal with reserves. All dead spruce—standing or down—over eight inches in diameter will be harvested. Live spruce over 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh), and birch over 12 inches dbh will be harvested.

Jerome: Dead spruce will be salvaged. Live spruce less than 10 inches dbh will be retained and protected. Mountain Hemlock greater than 6 inches dbh will be harvested. Harvested sites will be scarified to promote spruce regeneration.

Scarification will be required in all of the timber sales, to cover at least 15% of each harvest unit. Details regarding the scarification specifications are in the contract for the sales.

## **Topography**

The sales are located on gently rolling to flat terrain. Slopes range from 0 to 15%. All of the timber sales except the Jerome sale will require access only during winter months when the ground is sufficiently frozen.

## **Access and Permissions**

Proposed road locations will be submitted by the Purchaser in the annual operating plan and approved by the Forester in Charge prior to construction. Access depicted on the attached timber sale maps is conceptual and depicts the shortest easement through public land via roads managed by either the State or the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Alternative access routes into the sale area must be approved by the State. Access into the sales must be reviewed and approved by the State prior to commencement of operations. Purchasers accessing timber sales through private land must obtain written permission or permits from the landowners. The Purchaser will need to contact Ninilchik Natives Association, Inc, and Cook Inlet Region, Inc., to determine permitting. The Purchaser will need to contact the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) or the University of Alaska for any permits needed to cross their ownerships.

All stream crossings must be approved by the Forester in Charge, and may require permits issued by the Department of Fish & Game if streams are fish habitat. Winter roads into the sale area and temporary roads on state land will be put to bed upon completion of use in accordance with the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations on road closure (11 AAC 95.320) and the contracts. On sales limited to winter logging, operations will ensue only when the ground is sufficiently frozen to withstand equipment operations and prevent adverse impacts to surface waters. All roads will need to be maintained to the standards of 11 AAC 95.285-.335 of the Forest Resources and Practices

Regulations.

**Contract Requirements and Stipulations**

The Purchaser will have 30 days from the receipt of the contract(s) for signing to return it to the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester, properly signed and notarized. The sales will require that portions of the timber be harvested each year of the contract period. In addition, the Purchaser must be able to demonstrate the ability to log during each operational period of the contract.

**Bidding**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that the State will **sealed bids for these timber sales until 1:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015**. Bids will be accepted in person or by mail. Bids for each sale must be submitted on forms provided by the Division of Forestry, enclosed within envelopes marked on the outside with the timber sale name and number. Prospective bidders are required to submit a 10% bid deposit for the total bid amount for each sale they are bidding on with their bid form. Prior to the bid opening all bidders must submit a copy of their current Alaska Business License. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the individual sales will be awarded to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for the timber on each respective sale. **Bid envelopes will be opened at 1:15 pm February 9, 2015.**

The minimum bid prices, performance bonds, and contract periods are as follows:

<b>Sale Name</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Minimum Bid</b>	<b>Performance Bond</b>	<b>Contract Expiration</b>
Mile 127	102	3,060	5,000	July 31, 2017
Garden	55	1,650	3,000	July 31, 2017
East Ninilchik	198	5,940	5,000	July 31, 2018
North Ranch	120	3,600	5,000	July 31, 2017
Jerome	48	6,500	3,000	July 31, 2017
Dome View	410	12,300	8,000	July 31, 2020

If a tie in the high sealed bid occurs on any sale, the successful bidder will be determined by lot at the time of bid opening. If bidding as an agent for an individual, partnership, or corporation, the agent must submit with the bid a notarized power-of-attorney authorizing such agency. No agent may represent more than one principal, or bid in competition with the agent's principal.

**BID GUARANTEE:**

A deposit in the amount of 10% of the total bid will be required at the time bids are submitted. Deposits from unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the time the sales are awarded. The deposit furnished by the high bidder whose bid was declared acceptable will be retained as liquidated damages if the bidder does not execute the contract and furnish a satisfactory performance deposit within 30 days of receipt of the contract for execution. The 10% bid deposit shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check, or money order, or any combination of these. The State will not accept cash for any timber sale payments.

**PERFORMANCE BOND:**

The performance deposit shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check, money order, or surety bond. Other arrangements may be made at the sole discretion of the STATE. The bidder shall furnish a satisfactory performance deposit upon execution of the contract. The deposit will be maintained throughout the life of the contract.

**PAYMENT:**

At the discretion of the State, the purchaser may pay for the stumpage in installments established and scheduled by the State. The State will determine the acreage of timber that may be harvested per installment. Payments for each sale shall be made at least 15 days prior to the date the Purchaser will commence operations on that sale. Payment shall be submitted by certified mail or in person to the Kenai-Kodiak Area Office of the Alaska Division of Forestry.

**RESERVATIONS:**

The state reserves the right to waive technical defects in this prospectus and reject any and all high bids. The State reserves the right to award the sale(s) for the amount of the next high bid to the next highest bidder if the Director considers the highest bidder unqualified to fulfill the requirements of the contract, or if the contract is not executed by the highest bidder. The State also reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids received whenever the waiver is in the best interests of the State.

**Obtaining Documents:**

Documents available online at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/timber/kenaikodiak.htm> include-

- Sample Timber Sale Contract
- Timber Sale Bid Sheets
- Map Packet of timber sales

**Or navigate to the Alaska Division of Forestry Website...**

- > “Forest Resources Program”
- > “Commercial Timber Sales”
  - > “Step 4: Timber Sale Contracts”
    - > “Kenai/Kodiak Area”
      - > “Timber Sale Contract Information”

**Bid envelopes may be mailed to:**

Alaska Division of Forestry  
42499 Sterling Highway  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Additional information may be obtained by written request, calling the Alaska Division of Forestry at (907) 260-4200, or by visiting the Area Office located at Mile 92.5 of the Sterling Highway.