

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry, Southeast Area
Haines State Forest

Notice of Timber Sale under AS 38.05.945 & AS 38.05.035(e)

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), as part of its forest management program will offer the following commercial timber sale for competitive sealed bid. The proposed timber sale is located within the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area.

The sale is described as follows:

Baby Brown timber sale – NSE-1549 ADL #108447

The sale will consist of an estimated 19.7 million board feet of Spruce and Hemlock timber on approximately 855 acres located on the south side of the Klehini River drainage between Porcupine and Jarvis Creeks. The sale area, consisting of 4,992 acres, more or less, is within portions of Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 36 T28S R53E, and Sections 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 T28S R54E, Copper River Meridian. Harvest activities for this sale are designated in 10 units with a prescription of Selective cutting composed of leave areas interspersed with clear cut areas. This will be a scaled timber sale. The minimum acceptable bid is \$250,000.00 USD. The term of the contract will be 60 months. This sale includes the construction of 7.3 miles of new road and the reconstruction of 2.6 miles of closed harvest road as described and directed in the contract. A cash performance bond of \$80,000.00 USD is required prior to the execution of the contract. The sale area is located approximately 37 air miles northwest of Haines, Alaska.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 this notice is intended to inform the public that the Department of Natural Resources is offering the Baby Brown Timber Sale.

The Final Best Interest Finding required under AS 38.05.035(e) for the Baby Brown Timber Sale may be reviewed at the Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 or at the Division of Forestry, 219 Main Street, Suite 26A, Gateway Building, Haines, Alaska 99827. This decision document may also be reviewed on the Division of Forestry's website <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/haines>.

This sale meets the requirements of AS 38.05.120. The forest management actions are directed at achieving specific resource objectives outlined in the decision documents. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that it is in the best interest of the State to offer this timber sale by **sealed bid**. To qualify bidders must, prior to the bid opening, **not be in breach of any prior timber sale contract**, and must submit a copy of their current **Alaska Business License**. The business license copy may accompany the sealed bid. Sealed bids, submitted in duplicate, on forms provided by the Division of Forestry, marked on the outside with the timber sale name and number, and addressed to the Southeast Area Office, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, will be accepted until **2:00 P.M. prevailing time, December 15, 2016**. Sealed bids may also be presented in person to the Southeast Area Forester before the bid opening. All bids must be in the physical possession of the Southeast Area Forester before bid opening.

For a bid to qualify, prospective bidders will be required to submit a 5% bid deposit of the total bid value, for the sale they are bidding on. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the sale will be awarded to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for the timber on the sale. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State.

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.

Persons interested in this timber sale are encouraged to visit the sale area, review logging and road cost estimates, road construction standards, and scarification requirements and standards prior to bidding. More detailed information pertinent to the sales, prospectus and sample contracts may be obtained on the state's public notice web site at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=183543> as well as the DOF's web site at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/haines> or at the Division of Forestry's offices in Haines (907) 766-2120 and Ketchikan (907) 225-3070.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need help with bidding should contact the Southeast Area Forester at 225-3070 no later than **November 30, 2016** to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/ Greg Staunton
Southeast Area Forester