

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry Kenai-Kodiak Area Office

Notice of Final Finding and Timber Sales, Corea Bend, Electric Two, Rascal, Cohoe Loop

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 this notice is intended to inform the public that the Department of Natural Resources is issuing a final written finding under AS 38.05.035(e) that the Corea Bend Timber Sale (SC-3147 K) Electric Two Timber Sale (SC-3242 K) Rascal Timber Sale (SC-3241K) and Cohoe Loop Firewood Area (SC-3243K) are in the best interest of the State and the Division has decided to initiate these forest management actions. Copies of the decision documents may be viewed at the Division of Forestry, 42499 Sterling Highway/ Soldotna, AK 99669. The Final Finding/ Forest Land Use Plans may be viewed on the Division of Forestry's website: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/timber/kenaikodiak.htm>.

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received by December 20th, 2011 and may be mailed or delivered to Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; or faxed to (907) 269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us. If no appeal is filed by December, 20, 2011, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on December, 21, 2011. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Notice of Timber Sales:

Pursuant to AS 38.945, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, will offer the following commercial timber sales for competitive sealed bid. The proposed timber sales are located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and are in the vicinity of Ninilchik and Anchor Point. Locations of the sale areas are as follows:

	Legal Descriptions	General Location
Corea Bend	Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian	Approximately four and one half miles South of Clam Gulch
Electric Two	Sections 17 and 20, Township 3 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian	Approximately nine miles South of Ninilchik
Rascal	Sections 22 and 23, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian.	South of Anchor Point five miles
Pothole 13	Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian.	South of Anchor Point six miles
Pothole 14	Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian	South of Anchor Point seven miles

Timber harvest for these sales entails salvaging dead trees and partial overstory removal with reserves. All dead spruce—standing or down—over eight inches in diameter will be harvested. Live spruce trees over 10 inches in diameter may be harvested; the State may select live trees to be retained for silvicultural purposes. These timber sales will require winter ice roads for log hauling and mobilizing heavy equipment. Performance deposits are required for all sales as detailed in the contracts.

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

Sale Name	Harvest Unit Acres	Minimum Bid	Performance Bond	Contract Expiration
Corea	29	\$580	\$500	July 31, 2013
Electric Two	32	\$640	\$500	July 31, 2013
Rascal	50	\$1,100	\$750	July 31, 2014
Pothole 13	31	\$620	\$500	July 31, 2013
Pothole 14	35	\$700	\$500	July 31, 2013

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that the State will accept **sealed bids for these timber sales until 1:00 p.m. on January 2nd 2012** at the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry Office at Mile 92.5 Sterling Highway. To qualify for bidding all bidders must, prior to the bid opening, 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 Kenai-Kodiak Area Office, 42499 Sterling Hwy., Soldotna, Alaska 99669, **bid envelopes will be opened at 1:15 pm January 2nd 2012**. Sealed bids may also be presented in person to the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester before the bid opening. All bids must be in the physical possession of the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester before the bid opening. 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. 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 each sale. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State.

Prior to executing the contract, the timber sale purchasers must visit the timber sale with a representative of the State to verify access and ensure that expectations of the contract are clear. Persons interested in these timber sales are encouraged to visit the sale areas, review the contracts, logging and road construction standards prior to bidding. More detailed information pertinent to the sales, prospectus and a sample contracts may be obtained at the following web site, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/timber/kenaikodiak.htm>. or at the Division of Forestry office in Soldotna or by calling 260-4200.

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 Hans Rinke at 260-4200 (Hans.Rinke@alaska.gov) no later than, **December 19th 2011** to make any necessary arrangements.

Hans Rinke—Area Forester