

**State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Mat Su Area Office**

Notice of Timber Sale under AS 38.05.945

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 Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

The sale area is described as follows:

<u>Sale Name & Sale Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
Copper # 4 SC-3049M	637 Cunits of Birch 282 MBF of Spruce	113 Total Acres	Birch \$2.00/Cunit Spruce\$14.00/MBF \$5,220.00 (min.)	Portions of Sections 33 &34, T21N, R3W, Seward Meridian

- 1 MBF = one thousand board feet = approximately 5 tons
- 1 Cunit = 100 cubic feet

The sale will be sold on an individual lump sum basis. The timber harvest contracts expire 3 ½ years after signing. Performance *and* Scarification bonds required are detailed in the contracts. This timber sale includes utilization of existing permanent logging roads, new permanent, temporary, and winter road development, and roads as described and directed in each specific contract. Contract includes scarification requirements. Planting costs will be a State responsibility.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 this notice is intended to inform the public that the Department of Natural Resources is offering the Copper #4 Timber Sale. This Timber Sale was originally part of the Copper Timber Sale (SC-06-04 M). The Copper Timber Sale was previously reviewed, sold and subsequently returned to the Division of Forestry unharvested.

The Final Written Finding required under AS 38.05.035(e) for the Copper Timber Sale may be reviewed at the Division of Forestry, 101 Airport Road, Palmer, AK 99645. These decision documents may also be reviewed on the Division of Forestry’s website:

“<http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/matsu.htm>.”

All sales above meet the requirements of AS 38.05.112. 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 these timber sales 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 Mat-Su Area Office, 101 Airport Road., Palmer, Alaska 99645, will be accepted until **2:00 P.M. prevailing time, February 16, 2016**. Sealed bids may also be presented in person to the Mat-Su Area Forester before the bid opening. All bids must be in the physical possession of the Mat-Su Area Forester before bid opening.

For a bid to qualify, prospective bidders will be required to submit a 10% bid deposit of the total bid value, for each 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 each sale. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State.

Persons interested in these timber sales are encouraged to visit the sale areas, 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 at the following web site: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/matsu.htm> or at the Division of Forestry office at 101 Airport Road in Palmer or by calling the Mat-Su Area Forester, Rick Jandreau, at 761-6301.

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 Mat-Su Area Forester at 761-6301 no later than **February 10, 2016** to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/ Rick Jandreau
Area Forester