

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Coos Bay District Office  
1300 Airport Lane  
North Bend, Oregon 97459

SPECIAL SALE NOTICE – NOTICE OF LITIGATION

9/22/2023

The Big Weekly Elk Environmental Assessment (EA), which underlies the Jones and Elk CT, Contract # ORC04-TS-2023.0031, has been challenged in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division. The plaintiffs have requested that the Court vacate and set aside the Decision Record(s), FONSI, and EA. The Authorized Officer may exercise his/her discretion to award the contract for this sale without waiting for a judgement from the Court. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will proceed with normal bidding on the tracts.

Although the BLM does not know at this time how the Court will rule, the BLM is providing this notice to advise all bidders that significant delays may occur before award of the contract or before any operations may be undertaken. Additionally, an adverse ruling may require the BLM to suspend, cancel, or modify the contract. The Authorized Officer retains the right to reject all bids associated with this tract.

The high bidder must submit the signed Notice of Litigation Acknowledgement form along with their written bid.

If you have any questions, please contact the Coos Bay District, at (541) 756-0100.

NOTICE OF LITIGATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

To ensure that this notice is understood, the bidders for this contract must sign the acknowledgement below and submit this document to the BLM to confirm your bid.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this notice and understand that because of litigation lodged with United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division, any decision to award the Jones & Elk CT timber sale may be significantly delayed, or operations suspended, and that the BLM has authority under 43 CFR 5442.3 to reject all bids if the Government determines it is in the Government's interest to do so.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_