



SOUTHERN FORESTRY
CONSULTANTS

TIMBER SALE INVITATION TO BID
USFS Duckett Ridge

February 2, 2026

Prospective Bidders:

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (USFS) and the National Deer Association (NDA), and as described below and depicted on the included Timber Sale Map (Exhibit A), Southern Forestry Consultants (SFC) is offering for sale:

DUE DATE: **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, 2 P.M. Eastern Time**

DESCRIPTION: This timber sale includes 8 cutting units on +/- 250 forested acres of eastern white pine, combined oak, combined hardwoods, southern yellow pine, and white oak. Cutting Units 1-8 are overstory thinnings. These units are a Leave Tree Mark (LTM) marked with orange marking paint. Trees are marked at eye level with one (1) continuous band with a minimum of 5-inch diameter and one (1) stump mark placed on the downhill side of the tree in direct contact with the ground. All logging slash will be lopped and scattered to lie within 2 feet of the ground in the slash treatment zone in Unit 8, 100 feet measured from the edge of the road surface, unless otherwise designated by the SFC. The slash treatment zone is delineated in Exhibit “A” Timber Sale Map. When operations are active, erosion control work will be kept current and will be completed as soon as practicable. “Attachment A” contains appropriate seeding times and acceptable species for erosion control. Boundary line trees are marked at eye level with three (3) orange horizontal slash marks facing the interior and a stump mark at ground level on the downhill side. Natural boundaries such as roads and power lines are marked. None of the marked trees along the boundary should be cut down. The attached Exhibit “A” Timber Sale Map depicts the sale boundaries.

The Purchaser is responsible for maintaining road systems and other transportation facilities, as needed, for conducting treatments on the National Forest and other lands where the Forest Service has such authority. Temporary roads shall follow the general contour insofar as practical. It is estimated that 320 tons of #4 aggregate will be required for pre-, during, and post-haul activities to access the timber. See “Attachment B”.

Note: Please have the necessary signage required for traffic safety.



BID BASIS: Lump sum by per product rate. All bids will be submitted using the enclosed bid form. We will not accept phone-in bids but will accept mailed and emailed bids if they are **received by 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time, March 3rd, 2026**. Bids may be mailed to our corporate office at 305 West Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819. **Emailed bids should be sent to shendley@soforest.com or acarroll@soforest.com.**

Additional volume may be added to the sale and will be based on per-product rates. NDA and SFC reserve the right to request additional information from bidders to complete evaluations. NDA and SFC reserve the right to reject all bids. NDA and SFC reserve the right to negotiate all bids.

Bids will be evaluated to provide the best value to the Forest Service. In addition to price, the best value will be determined by projected start date, contract term, operational plan, equipment to be used, and utilization of local workforce.

CONTRACT: A sample agreement for the conveyance of this timber is available upon request. A **\$10,000** performance bond will be required at closing. The cutting period (contract length) is negotiable but will minimally extend until one year after closing.

USFS PROPERTY: This property is currently under USFS ownership. All parties involved with this sale must follow all state and federal regulations and guidelines that apply to forestry activities that occur during this sale and until its completion. A harvest plan will be reviewed and discussed during the pre-cutting conference and will be expected to be followed. This plan will include guidelines from Tennessee's Best Management Practices (BMP) handbook and harvest expectations relative to the protection of Endangered Species and tract aesthetics. Adherence to these regulations and guidelines will be documented during regular inspections.

SHOWINGS: You are invited to inspect the tract at your convenience, but if you prefer a personal showing, please call Sean Hendley to schedule an appointment. All questions and inquiries should be directed to Southern Forestry Consultants.

Sincerely,

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USFS Duckett Ridge BID FORM

PER UNIT TIMBER SALE

DUE: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026; 2 P.M. Eastern Time

(Please complete all columns and blanks)

We, _____, submit the following per-species bid for the timber you are offering for sale on behalf of USFS.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Mill Specs</u>	<u>Price/Unit</u>	x	<u>Est. volumes</u>	=	<u>Total/Product</u>	<u>Destination</u>
<u>White Oak ST</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>289 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>White Pine ST</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>2077 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>Yellow Pine ST</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>853 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>C. Hardwood ST</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>783 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>C. Oak ST</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>1,357 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>Hardwood Pulp</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>1,712 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____
<u>Softwood Pulp</u>	_____	_____	x	<u>1,823 CCF</u>	=	_____	_____

Total CCF: 8,894 CCF

Lump Sum Total (sum of total/product column): _____

- All Sawtimber volumes were cruised for 13"+ DBH to 9" top timber specifications.
- All Pulpwood volumes were cruised for 8"-12.9" DBH to 3.5" top timber specifications
- All volumes are estimated and should not be considered as guaranteed volumes.
- Bid should be submitted to reflect how the buyer can best merchandise any timber product.
- *Complete the specification and destination column of all applicable products.*

Preferred Contractual Agreements

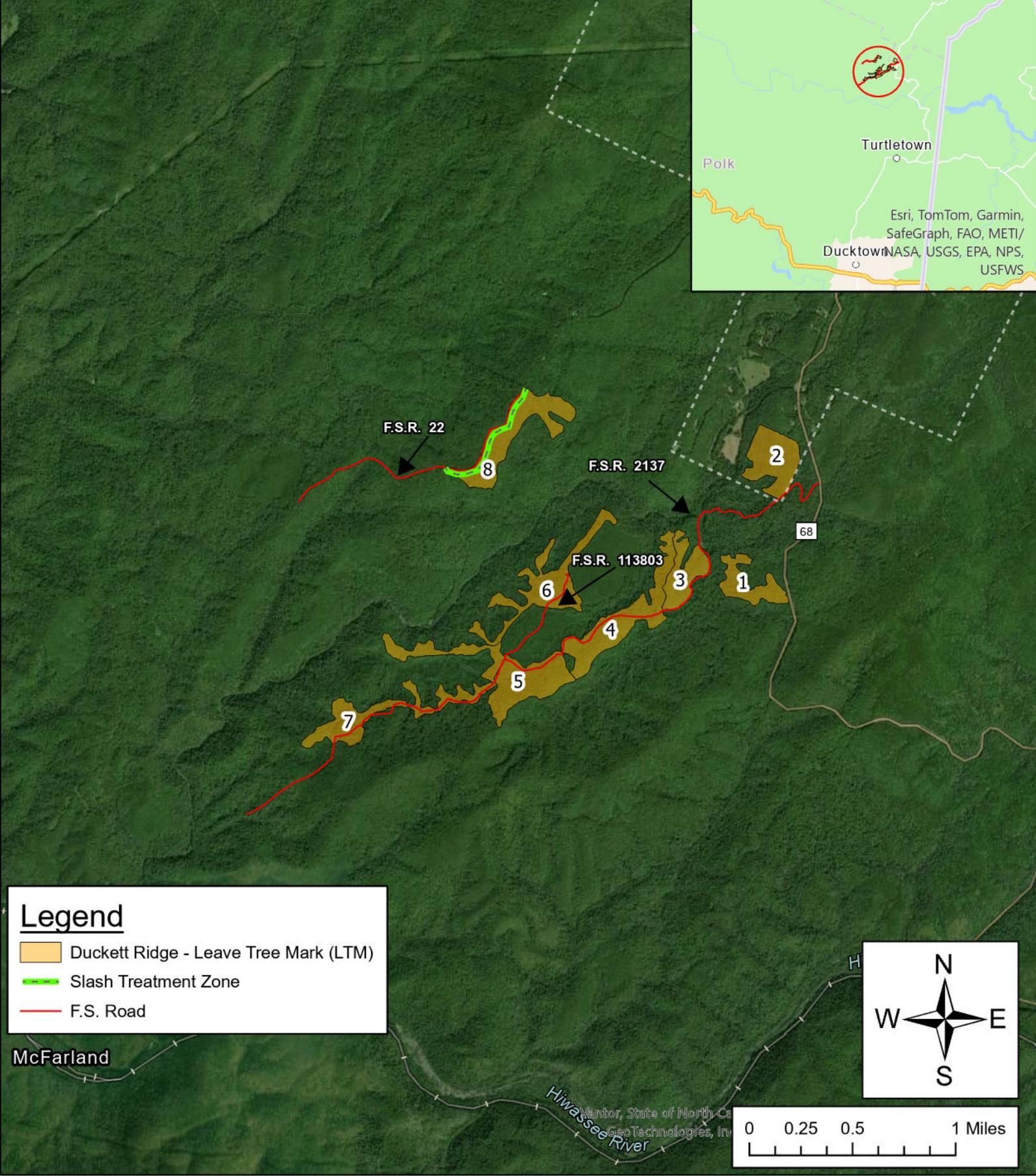
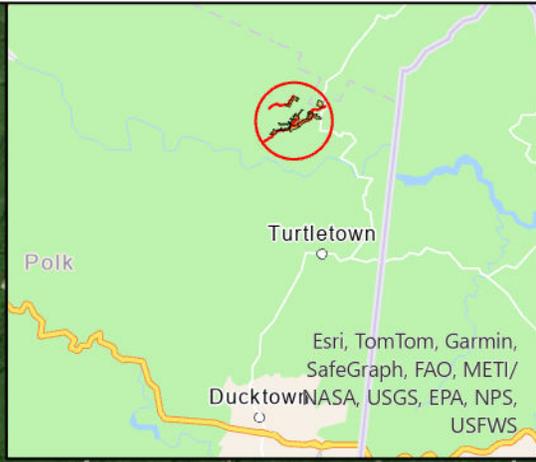
Performance Bond: \$10,000 _____

Preferred Contract Length: _____

- The successful bidder will be expected to sign a mutually agreeable timber cutting agreement.
- NDA and SFC reserves the right to negotiate and/or reject all bids.

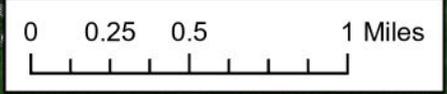
Company Representative Signature: _____

Buyer name: _____ **Date Logger can start:** _____



Legend

- Duckett Ridge - Leave Tree Mark (LTM)
- Slash Treatment Zone
- F.S. Road



Timber Sale Map	State: TN	Exhibit A. Cherokee National Forest - Duckett Ridge	Date: 2025
	County: Polk		By: SMH
	Location: 84°20'31"W 35°12'19"N		Commercial Thinning +/- 250 Acres SOUTHERN FORESTRY CONSULTANTS

Attachment A

Where the soil has been disturbed by contractor operations, and vegetation is needed to minimize erosion, the contractor shall take appropriate measures according to the following specifications or other agreed stabilization measures:

- Temporary road cuts, fill slopes, and shoulders shall be seeded and fertilized within 15 days of construction during the seeding season(s).
- Temporary road surfaces, landings, and skid trails shall be seeded when not to be used for a period exceeding 60 days during the seeding season(s).
- Temporary road cuts, fill slopes, and other soil disturbance within 25 feet slope distance of a stream course shall be seeded and mulched within 3 days of the disturbance.
- Exposed soil on temporary roads, skid trails, and landings no longer needed for the operations shall be seeded within 30 days of discontinued use during the seeding season(s).
- Soil tilling to cover the seed may be required under dry site conditions. Fertilizer shall be applied and mixed thoroughly with the soil prior to seeding. Due to compaction, it may be necessary to till or disc the soil to a depth of 6 inches or more.

Temporary roads shall follow the general contour insofar as practical. Temporary road surface width shall be limited to truck bunk width plus four (4) feet, except for needed turnouts which shall not exceed two (2) times the bunk width plus four (4) feet. If shovels or cranes with revolving carriage are used to skid or load, temporary road surface width equal to track width plus tail swing shall be permitted. As necessary to attain stabilization of roadbed and fill slopes of Temporary Roads, PURCHASER shall employ such measures as outslowing, drainage dips, and water-spreading ditches. All bridges and culverts shall remain in place and ditches shall not be eliminated on Temporary Roads.

The seeding season(s) shall be during the inclusive listed below unless otherwise agreed.

Seeding Season

From Date / To Date

Season 1 March 1st / June 15th

Season 2 August 1st / October 15th

The following kinds and amounts per acre of seed and fertilizer shall be applied unless otherwise agreed:

Fertilizer Pounds/Acre:

10-10-10 / 200

Seed Pounds/Acre

Ladino Clover / 5

Red Clover / 10

Annual Rye / 30

Wheat / 30

Attachment B

Road Number	Road Name	Haul Time	Type of Material	Quantity
NFSA 2137	Brannon Cove	Pre - Haul	#4	100
NFSR 113803	F.S. Road	Pre - Haul	#4	40
NFSR 2137	Brannon Cove	During - Haul	#4	40
NFSR 113803	F.S. Road	During - Haul	#4	40
NFSR 22	Duckett Ridge Rd	Post - Haul	#4	100