



SOUTHERN FORESTRY
CONSULTANTS

TIMBER SALE INVITATION TO BID
USFS Red Creek WMA 25-03

January 20, 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, February 3, 2026, 2 P.M. Central Time**

DESCRIPTION: This timber sale includes two cutting units on +/- 232 forested acres of southern yellow pine. Cutting Unit 1 (91 acres) is a Commercial thinning with a target of 65 BA per acre. These units will be harvested as operator select, to the target residual basal area. The units were previously Cut Tree Mark (CTM) marked with yellow, blue, or green marking paint. The paint can be used as guidance as necessary.

Cutting Unit 3 (141 acres) is a Clearcut with Reserves (longleaf). This unit is a Leave Tree Mark (LTM) marked with orange marking paint. Harvest Guidelines are to remove all off-site pine (slash, loblolly), retain all healthy and vigorous longleaf pines, only retain trees greater than 5" DBH, in longleaf pine "clumps", reduce total BA/ac to a target of 65 (range 60-70 BA/ac), and retain relict (older, gnarly, "Flat-topped", character) longleaf.

Cogon grass encountered off roads in stands of timber should be avoided by mechanical equipment. Concentrations of slash greater than three feet in height and ten feet in length shall be lopped and scattered evenly over skid trails, temporary roads, and adjacent areas concurrent with operations. All slash will be lopped and scattered to lie within 2 feet of the ground in a slash treatment zone, 50 feet measured from the edge of the clearing limits, 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. Trees would be directionally felled away from cogon grass infestations, and felled trees would not be dragged through cogon grass infestations. No trees are to be felled or dragged over gopher tortoise burrow entrances and their aprons; no slash is to be left over gopher tortoise burrows and aprons; and gopher tortoise burrows shall be avoided and protected when doing work. Boundary line trees for the timer sale are marked at eye level with 3 orange horizontal slash marks and a spot at



ground level with the eye level marks facing into the interior of the payment unit. 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.

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

BID BASIS:

All bids must be submitted on a **Per-Unit** basis using the enclosed bid form. We will not accept phone-in bids but will accept mailed, emailed, and hand-delivered bids if they are **received by 2 P.M. Central Time, Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026**. Hand-delivered or mailed bids will be received at our Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Office at 7 Professional Pkwy Suite 102, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39402. (If the office is closed, Box 102 is next to the door.) **Emailed bids must be sent to shendley@soforest.com or acarroll@soforest.com.**

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 negotiable performance bond (**\$5,000** preferred) will be required at closing. The cutting period is negotiable but will minimally extend until **one year after closing**. An advance will also be required and will not exceed 35% of the estimated appraised total value. The final amount of the advance will be determined after the bid opening and will be subject to how quickly the successful bidder begins logging.

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 Mississippi’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 Red Creek WMA 25-03 BID FORM

PER UNIT TIMBER SALE

DUE: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

2 P.M. Central Time

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

<u>Product</u>	<u>Price/Ton</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Destination</u>
<u>Pine Poles</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pine Ply Logs</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pine Sawtimber</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pine Chip-N-Saw</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pine Pulpwood</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pine Topwood</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Soft Hardwood Sawtimber</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Hard Hardwood Sawtimber</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Hardwood Pulpwood</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Other -</u>	_____	_____	_____

- All product categories do not have to be filled in. Bid should be submitted to reflect how buyer can best merchandise any timber product.
- Complete the specification and destination column of all applicable products

Preferred Contractual Agreements

Performance Bond: _____ (\$5,000 preferred)

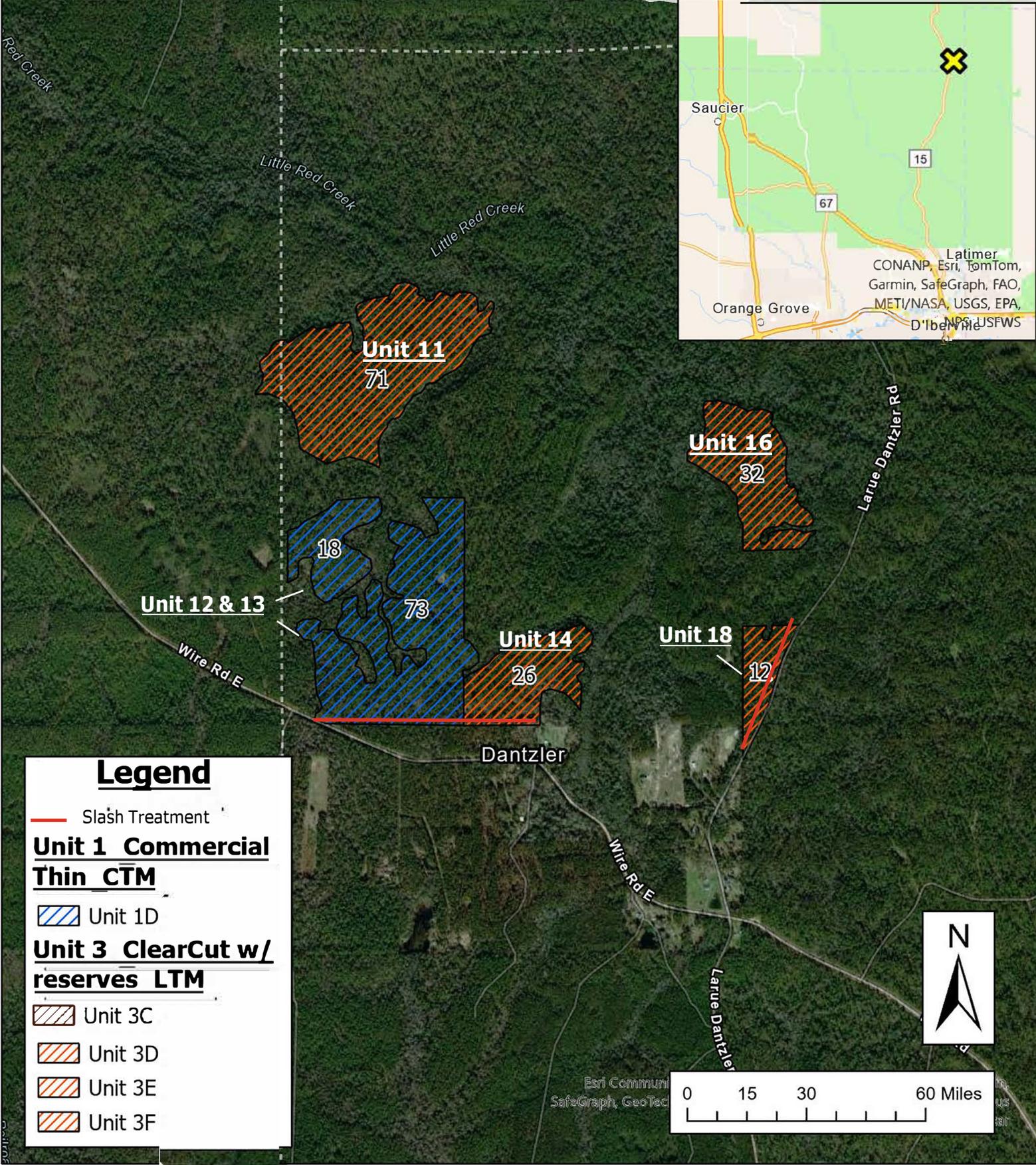
Advance %: _____

Preferred Contract Length: _____

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

Company Representative Signature: _____

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



Timber Sale Map	State: MS	Exhibit A. Red Creek Wildlife Management Area Timber Sale 24-03	TWP: 5S	Date: 2026
	County: Stone		RNG: 9W	By: SMH
	Location: 30°43'30.7"N 88°53'46.9"W		Total: 232 Acres	 SOUTHERN FORESTRY CONSULTANT

Attachment A

As necessary to attain stabilization, 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:

- All temporary roads, trails, and landings would be water-barred, disked, fertilized, and seeded with erosion-control herbaceous species, preferably native.
- Temporary road cuts, fill slopes, and shoulders shall be seeded and fertilized within 15 days of construction during the seeding seasons.
- Temporary road surfaces, landings, and skid trails shall be seeded when not to be used for a period exceeding 60 days during the seeding seasons.
- Temporary road cuts, fill slopes and other soil disturbances within 25 feet slope distance of a stream course shall be seeded within 3 days of the disturbance.
- Exposed soil on temporary roads, skid trails, and landings no longer needed for operations shall be seeded and fertilized within 30 days of discontinued use during the seeding seasons. Soil tiling to cover seed may be required under dry site conditions.
- Bare areas or roads with soil compaction will require harrowing, disking, or ripping. Fertilizer shall be applied and mixed thoroughly with the soil prior to seeding. Due to compaction, it may be necessary to till the soil to a depth of 6 inches or more.

Seasons, types, and amount of seed and fertilizer to be applied are shown in the tables below:

Seeding Season

From Date / To Date

Season 1 April 1st / June 15th

Season 2 September 1st / November 15th

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

Fertilizer Pounds/Acre:

13-13-13 / 400

Seed Pounds/Acre

Season 1

Millet / 45

Bermuda / 5

Season 2

Winter Wheat / 75

Crimson Clover / 5