

Boca Stewardship Agreement Addendum #3

Q: In checking surrounding mills availability for Ponderosa Pine, some have asked to have the minimum DIB raised from 6" to 10". This helps the haul average and mill production costs compete in a downed market condition.

We have increased the DIB from 6" to 8" and have updated the quantities in Appendix F accordingly. Both the cruise data and appraisal have also been updated to reflect 8" DIB. As a result, volume has been reduced slightly (See Appendix F).

Additionally, we have decided internally to remove the requirement to masticate Bitterbrush and Sagebrush so that we can prioritize other brush species that carry fire more readily along with standing biomass trees targeted for mastication so that we can decrease risk of wildfire.

Q. Several units, such as Units 150, 140, 110, have concentrations of smaller (sub 12") trees that will be cut. Should these <12" trees be masticated in the woods rather than piled, because elsewhere in the RFP there is discussion about piling, though it's not one of the service items being requested.

All sub merch trees will be masticated to meet an average spacing of 30ft. However, we have set the DBH of mastication to 12 inches. Mastication is preferred rather than machine piling. Mastication must not exceed an average chip depth of 4 inches across the unit and 9 inches in a single spot. The reference to piling is about landing piles which includes just tops and limbs.

Q. You're asking for a bid amount to purchase the un-estimated tonnage from the 532.36 acres of plantation units - and these same units are part of the 1,547 acres mastication line item, correct? Is the intent for the contractor to haul biomass out of the sale - or can we propose straight mastication without any biomass component?

The Timber Subject to Agreement in the Plantation Units is up to the contractor if they want to take the wood to the mill or not. Mastication is preferred again for these units being that they hit specs.

The following information has been updated, or included as new information/documents for consideration of prospective contractors who are interested in submitting a bid for the Boca Stewardship Agreement:

[Appendix A – Boca Stewardship Agreement Bid Sheetv3](#)

[Appendices C-H \(Includes updated site map, service work and timber sale information\).](#)

[Revised cruise data](#)

[Updated USFS Appraisal](#)

[USFS Boca Stewardship Roads Package](#)