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Fairbanks Area Forestry offering 300 acres in timber sales

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Alaska Division of Forestry is offering six white-spruce timber sales in the Tanana Valley State Forest around Fairbanks totaling just over 300 acres. A virtual sealed-bid timber auction will be held on Dec. 23.

The six sales, all located within 50 miles of Fairbanks, range in size from 4.6 to 183 acres and have a total appraised value of approximately \$165,000, according to estimates by the Fairbanks Area Forestry Office on Airport Way. All six sales target white-spruce saw logs with a minimal amount of firewood mixed in.

"These are prime, accessible timber sale units with healthy stands of white spruce," Fairbanks Area Resource Forester Kevin Meany said. "We anticipate good demand for this saw log material."

Sealed bids are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and bids will be opened at 10 a.m. on Dec. 23 for contract awards. More information about the sale and details about the six different sale areas can be found at http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fairbanks.

The largest of the six sale units is the 183-acre Win Lake #2 sale just north of Nenana off the Maisch Logging Road. The only other sale units over 10 acres are the 64-acre Halfaspruce Re-Sale and 40.2-acre Skinny's North Re-Sale, both of which are located behind Skinny Dick's bar near Mile 327 Parks Highway.

Other sale unit locations include Standard Creek Road west of Fairbanks (9.9 acres); Jenny M Road in Two Rivers (9.9 acres); and Pagh Road in the Rosie Creek area (4.6 acres).

No new roads need to be built to reach any of the sale units.

The Division of Forestry has determined that the timber sales are in the best interest of the State. The public can review the decision documents at the Division of Forestry website at http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fairbanks or in person at the Fairbanks Area Forestry Office at 3700 Airport Way in Fairbanks. The public may also call Fairbanks Forestry at (907) 451-2600 with questions.

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