10 of 14 Timber Tracts Offered by BLM Bring Half-Million Dollars

Ten of the 14 tracts of timber offered for sale by the Medford district of the Bureau of Land Management on May 16 were sold for more than half a million dollars.

Competition varied considerably with the individual sales, according to BLM officials. Only one bid was received for five of the tracts while four bidders participated in two of the sales. The total purchase price for the 20,677,000 board feet sold was $583,427.75.

In Two Counties

Eight of the tracts are located in Jackson county while the other two are in Josephine county.

In Jackson county, Ford Brothers Logging of Rogue River purchased an estimated 2,882,000 board feet on Upper Grave creek for $93,776.40. Bate Lumber company of Merlin purchased another tract on Upper Grave creek containing an estimated 5,786,000 board feet for $167,918.20. Duane Burton of Butte Falls was the successful bidder for two tracts of salvage timber. One, containing an estimated 42,000 board feet on the Butte Falls-Prospect road was purchased for $670.00 and the second, containing an estimated 237,000 board feet in the Dead Indian area for $4,684.05.

Salvage Tract

Another salvage tract in the Dead Indian area was purchased by McDonough Logging company of Ashland. That tract contains an estimated 167,000 board feet and was purchased for $2,792.00. Two tracts in the Butte Falls area were purchased by Crater Logging company of Prospect and Ross Lumber company of Medford. Crater Loggin company bid $49,545.30 for a tract containing an estimated 1,907,000 board feet while Ross Lumber company bid $55,390.55 for their tract which contains an estimated 1,656,000 board feet.

Green Springs Lumber company of Klamath Falls was the purchaser of an estimated 4,894,000 board feet in the Lincoln area. Their bid was $109,759.30.

In Josephine county, Ord Parks of Sunny Valley purchased an estimated 37,000 board feet of salvage on Lower Grave creek for $872.90 and Southern Oregon Plywoods Inc., of Grants Pass bought an estimated 3,569,000 board feet located on Wolf Creek for $98,019.05.

No Bid Sales

The no bid sales included small salvage sales of blowdown timber on Battle Mountain and Morris creek, a sale of 815,000 board feet of fire-killed salvage in the Sykes creek burn and a tract of 382,000 board feet of green timber on the Howard Prairie reservoir site. These tracts will be held open for bids for a period of 90 days.

Two other small salvage sales were withdrawn before the sale.

At least three timber sales will be held in June by the Bureau of Land Management in the Medford district according to an announcement by the district forester's office.

Special Sale

A special sale will be held on June 4 when an estimated 650,000 board feet will be offered for sale along the Galice access road in Josephine county. This sale is planned for the purpose of removing trees that are hazardous to travel on the newly constructed access road.

On June 13 eight tracts containing an estimated 30,203,000 board feet will be offered for sale. Four of these sales are located in Jackson county, two in Josephine county and one each in Douglas and Klamath counties.

Seven more tracts with a volume of approximately 27,700,000 board feet will be offered for sale on June 20. Three of these sales are located in Jackson county, two in Josephine county and one each in Douglas and Klamath counties.

Additional information regarding the no bid sales or the proposed sales for June may be secured by contacting the Bureau's district office in the Medford city hall.

Data on National Parks Published

Portland — "Areas Administered by the National Park Service," a compilation of basic data on each of 181 areas as of Dec. 31, 1956, has been published by the government printing office, the department of the interior announced today.

The booklet may be purchased from the superintendent of documents, Washington 25, D. C., for 20 cents a copy.

Similar compilations have been produced annually for the past dozen years, primarily as administrative reference documents. Broadened public interest in the national park system has created a steadily increasing demand for the booklet which the park service is no longer able to meet. It becomes a sales item this year for the first time.

Phoenix Night Set At X-Ray Clinic

Phoenix social and service organizations are sponsoring "Phoenix X-Ray Night," Monday, May 20, according to the Jackson County Public Health association, which operates the clinic at Sacred Heart hospital.

Mrs. M. O. Grove, a member of the board of the association, has made arrangements with all Phoenix PTA, Grange, church and civic organizations to advise their members of the special opening of the chest x-ray clinic.

Phoenix school children have been given notices to take to their parents urging them to take advantage of this opportunity.

The clinic will be open for Phoenix residents from 7 to 9 p.m.

School District Calls For Bids on Property

Phoenix—Phoenix school district 4 is calling for bids on sale of the Wagner Creek school house with approximately one acre of land, it was reported Saturday.

The school house and property are located on Wagner Creek rd. at Talent. Bids will be opened at the next regular meeting of the school directors on Monday, June 10, according to E. R. James, superintendent of Phoenix schools.

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