

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Special Procurement for)
a Contract to Provide Logging Services and)
Authorizing the Chair to Sign) ORDER NO. 14-2023

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has previously authorized the harvest of timber from the County's Carcus Creek Forest; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia County Public Contracting Ordinance designates the Board of County Commissioners as the Local Contract Review Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.e of the Columbia County Public Contracting Rules authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to approve a contract specific special procurement in accordance with ORS 279B.085; and

WHEREAS, ORS 279B.085 and OAR 137-047-0285 authorize a local contract review board to approve a contract-specific special procurement for the purpose of entering into a single contract on a one-time basis for a single project upon receipt of a written request that demonstrates that the use of a special procurement (a) is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and (b) is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the agency or to the public, or otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not practicably be realized by complying with requirements that are applicable under ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279.065, or 279B,070, or under any rules adopted thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has received a written request for a special procurement to retain the services of Evenson Logging Company ("Evenson") to provide logging services for the Carcus Creek Forest timber harvest. A copy of that request is attached hereto as Attachment 1 and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the written request for a special procurement demonstrates that the special procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts because of the unique circumstances leading to this award including the fact that Evenson is already mobilized on nearby property and that Evenson has already secured the right to use private logging roads in the area that can be used to move timber cut from County property to market; and

WHEREAS, the written request for a special procurement demonstrates that the special procurement is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the County as contracting with Everson will save the County the cost of having another logger mobilize and will substantially reduce the road permit fees paid by the County to transport its logs to market.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS, as follows:

1. The Board finds that the proposed contract with Evenson Logging Company meets the statutory requirements for a Contract Specific Special Procurement.
2. The above recitals are adopted in support of the Board's decision.
3. The logging contract with Evenson Logging Company is approved and the Chair of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign that contract.

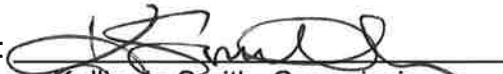
Dated this 26th day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

By: 
Casey Garrett, Chair

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner



DATE: April 21, 2023
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Riley Baker, General Services Director
RE: Carcus Creek logging

Commissioners,

General Services requests the Board's approval for a special procurement for logging services in the Carcus Creek Forest. Evenson logging is currently planning to log property adjacent to the Carcus Creek Forest and is willing to perform the logging required by the County at the same time. This presents several advantages to the County including savings in the cost of road permits and mobilization.

This proposal has been recommended by Oregon Natural Forestry, the consultant the County retained to conduct this sale. They have verified that the charges proposed by Evenson for providing these services are reasonable and competitive. Because of the unique circumstances of this arrangement and the assurance that the pricing is reasonable and competitive, approval of this request is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts.

Attached is a detailed plan from Evenson logging on how the Carcus Creek logging will be carried out based off their recommendations and planning. This provides addition details confirming the savings to the County if this special procurement is approved.

Thank you.

Riley Baker
Director General Services

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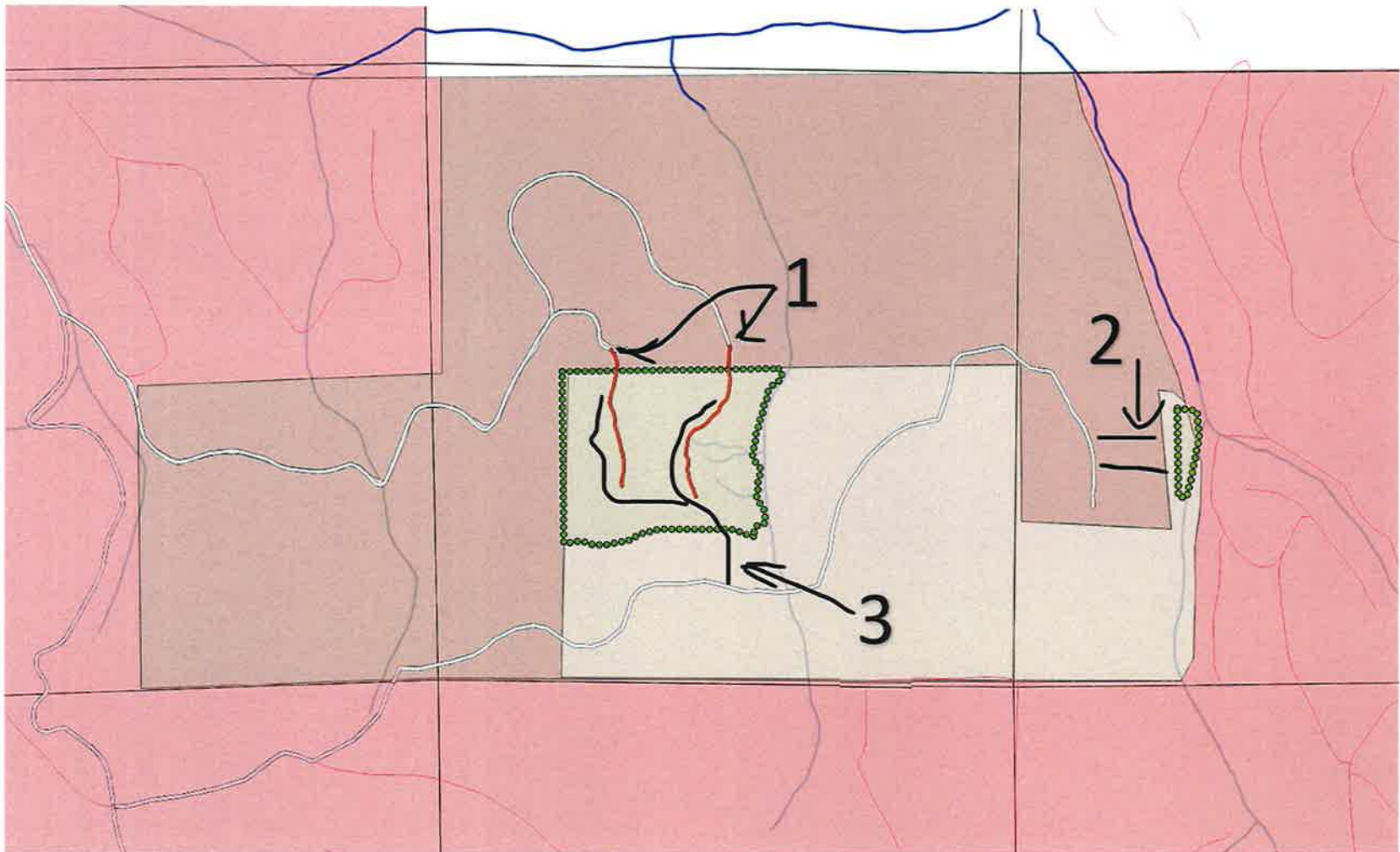
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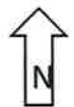
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Carcus Creek Harvest – Evenson Logging

Portions of Sections 19 and 20, T6N, R3W, W.M. Columbia County, Oregon

LEGEND Property Ownership
Pink – Weyerhaeuser
Lt Brown – Evenson
Lt. Beige – Columbia County



Evenson Logging Benefits to Columbia County for Carcus Creek Harvest

Site 1: Shows existing roads on Evenson Property that ends very close (within 200') to Columbia County property. In Evenson's Logging proposal they will allow use of their roads and will extend them to reach County property (roads shown in red). This requires going through previously planted Evenson property, and as part of the logging plan County will not be charged for replanting the disturbed forest. Without access across Evenson the timber can still be accessed but only by building more roads and disturbance of County Forestland.

Site 2: A portion of County forestland is adjacent to Carcus Creek and also below (east) of an access road on Evenson. Evenson has plans to log the between the access road and County forestland and as part of their proposal will also log County forestland at the same time. Working with Evenson will allow harvest with minimal disturbance to future trees growing on Evenson. Also with implementation of new Forest Practices Rules (January 2024) the new buffer width may economically prohibit future harvest of this area.

Site 3: Road plan without Evenson access. A longer road across a currently re-forested portion of County forestland would be needed to complete the same logging. In addition the area is a site of Scotch Broom an invasive species that could be tracked around to the adjoining forestland on trucks and equipment.

In addition there are other savings using the Evenson road system to haul logs towards Clatskanie rather than the Weyerhaeuser road system towards Apiary County Road. Using the Evenson road system also requires hauling over 1.9 miles of Weyerhaeuser forest land. Weyerhaeuser charges a fee for use of their road based on the amount of timber volume and length. For use of the 1.9 mile section there is a fee of about \$12,000. Hauling south from the Carcus Creek Harvest towards Apiary Road requires hauling over 4.3 miles of Weyerhaeuser road with a higher associated road fee.

Another benefit to the County is Evenson Logging's experience with handling trees suitable for the manufacture of poles. Special care is necessary to not damage the tree that would create a weak spot on the finished pole or reduce the effectiveness of the treating process. Evenson has harvested many trees from their own property that have been sold for poles and that experience can be applied to County timber. Trees suitable for the manufacture of poles are relatively rare with a commensurate higher value.