

United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge 1310 Bear Creek Road Colville, WA 99114 509-684-8384

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The following to be posted on the LPO NWR Website under the News/Land Management section:

Notice of Timber for Sale

<u>Timber for Sale:</u> Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge is seeking qualified bidders to obtain a Special Use Permit (SUP) to harvest estimated volumes* of selected timber using Cut-to-Length (CTL) equipment from the Black Shu Wildlife Habitat Management Unit (WHMU). The primary purpose of this project is to improve forest habitat for wildlife, reduce wildland fire fuels and prepare forest areas for prescribed fire. This WHMU requires cutting and removal of mixed species according to specific species and diameter limits by a qualified logger using CTL harvesters and forwarders. This unit is to be logged between 01 Oct. 2025 and 15 Apr. 2027 with all slash piling and final road maintenance to be completed no later than 30 Sept. 2027 operating conditions permitting. The successful bidder agrees to treat the Palmer WHMU on Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (TBL) using modern logging equipment. Palmer will use whole-tree skidding and construct tipi-style landing piles.

Black Shu WHMU is located within the Little Pend Oreille NWR, Colville, WA, as follows: Blacktail Mountain Road T35 R41 part Sec. 33-35, T34 R41, part Sec. 2-4, Stevens County, Washington, W.M., for a total of approximately 455 acres.

Palmer WHMU is located within the Turnbull NWR, Cheney, WA, as follows Township 22N Range 41E, portions of sections 10, 15-16, Spokane County, Washington, W.M., for a total of approximately 645 acres.

Access to these units is provided by County and Refuge roads. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will accept sealed bids, on the appropriate bid application form, at the Little Pend Oreille NWR Headquarters Office, 1310 Bear Creek Road, Colville, WA 99114 until 9:00 AM, Wednesday, 18 June 2025. At 10:00 AM a public bid opening will be conducted. All bids **must** be received by 9:00 AM at the above specified location and contain all information specified in the application. All sealed envelopes must be clearly marked **Black Shu WHMU Sale of Natural Resources**. The Special Use Permit (SUP) to be issued to the successful bidder contains a section entitled **Special Conditions** regarding method of harvest, utilization, and timing of operations, road use, stewardship obligations and other requirements for the successful execution of the permit. Prospective bidders are encouraged to contact the Refuge for additional detailed information, bid applications and to request tours of the sale areas. Contact may be made M-F, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 509-684-8384.

Bids in U.S. dollars per unit (mbf or tons) must be made on each of the following *estimated* quantities.**

SPECIES	ESTIMATED VOLUME
DF/WL	1,700
WW	700
PP	100
WRC	110
PP (Turnbull)	1,000
Pulp	365 tons

^{*}all volumes are estimates and prospective bidders are encouraged to examine sale unit prior to bidding

^{**}minimum total bid for all items above must exceed \$81,000 to be accepted. Additionally, bids for individual species less than \$5.00/mbf will not be accepted (except pulp).

