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No. 64 by the State Lands
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**AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR
SANITATION-SALVAGE TIMBER SALE OF
DYER MOUNTAIN SCHOOL LANDS PARCEL**

PARTY:

California State Lands Commission
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AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

481.84 acres more or less, of forested State School Lands ranging from 6,500 to 7,100 feet in elevation described as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, Section 36, T28N, R8E, MDB&M, in Lassen County, three miles south of Westwood, California, near Lake Almanor.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

The Commission's School Lands Management Staff requests authorization to solicit bids for the Dyer Mountain School Lands parcel and execute a net-payment timber sale agreement with the highest responsible bidder. The biddable factor will be the net-payment percentage to the State. Bids would be solicited from individuals and organizations to prepare a forest inventory report, a Timber Harvest Plan (THP), and ultimately conduct a sanitation-salvage timber harvest following the certification of the THP by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) and its submittal to the Commission. The successful bidder will be responsible for the conduct, contracting, and supervision of all pre-harvest activities, harvest, transportation, and sale of timber to a mill and post sale cleanup. All activities will comply with the Forest Practice Act and only diseased and insect-infected trees will be designated for removal. The Commission's Registered Professional Foresters will exercise oversight of all activities.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code section 7306 (Sale of timber)
- B. Public Resources Code section 4511, et seq (Forest Practice Act)
- C. California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Article 2.1, section 2034 (Timber Sales)

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PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The majority of the timber on Dyer Mountain consists of a climax red fir forest. This particular stand of timber is deteriorating naturally through fungal, infectious rotting diseases and insects at a rate which has been estimated to reduce its value by \$300,000 annually. A sanitation-salvage harvest will significantly reduce the deterioration of the forest and create revenue for the State Teachers' Retirement System.
2. Staff proposes to award the bid to a qualified individual or organization that pledges the highest net profits share to the State. The successful bidder will be required to: 1) conduct a forest inventory and prepare a forest inventory report and timber type map for the parcel; 2) prepare a timber sale and a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) approval; and 3) market the timber prior to harvest
3. The successful qualified bidder will be required to have an experienced Registered Professional Forester (RPF) on staff to prepare a THP and comply with the Forest Practice Act during the operational phase of the THP.
4. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15378.

5. This activity involves state school lands which have not been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location Map

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONDUCT A TIMBER SALE BY THE NET-PAYMENT BID PROCESS AND ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO:
1) CONDUCT A FOREST INVENTORY AND PREPARE A FOREST INVENTORY REPORT AND TIMBER TYPE MAP FOR THE DYER MOUNTAIN SCHOOL LAND PARCEL; 2) PREPARE A TIMBER SALE AND TIMBER HARVEST PLAN (THP) TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PREVENTION FOR CERTIFICATION; AND 3) MARKET THE TIMBER PRIOR TO HARVEST.
3. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A NET-PAYMENT TIMBER SALE OF THE TIMBER ON THE DYER MOUNTAIN PARCEL.

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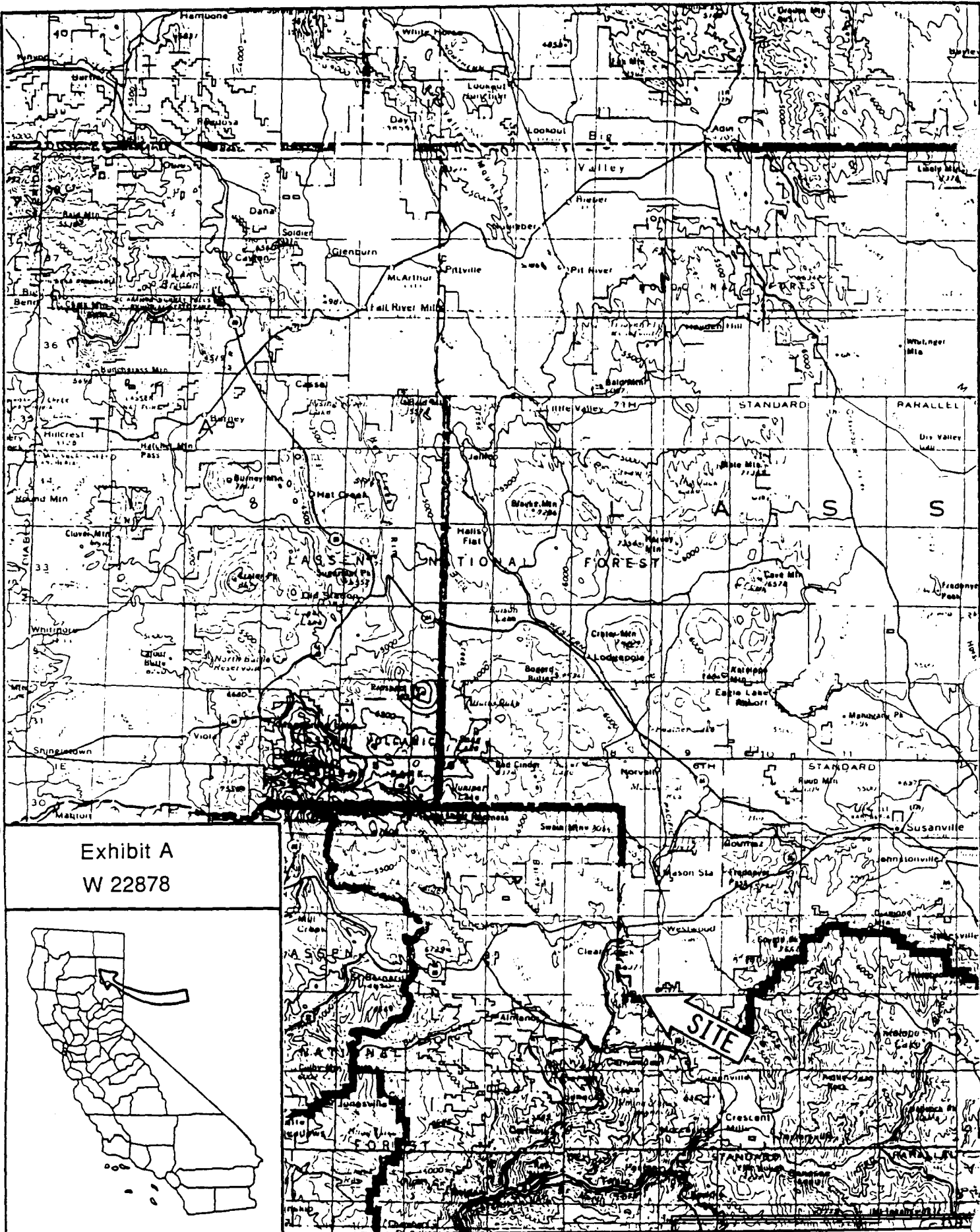


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