

Chaplain Gap Timber Sale, 6/16/21 Questions Answered

Cruising:

6am-6pm any day of the week. For cruising access north of the electronic gate (units 1,8, 9,10 and parts of 7) please enter through the electronic gate on the South side of the property and check in at the water filtration plant so that they know you are in the watershed. There is a sign-in sheet on the first floor of the operations building just inside the front door. Masks are required inside the building. The operator will let you in the building to sign in and out. Locks need to stay on the gate lock boxes, don't take them with you.

Bid:

Due date: July 20th at 2pm

Bid bonds are acceptable for deposit

Demonstrated experience as required on the bid sheet can mean working in a similar capacity on other projects or timber sales

Paperwork and Process:

Bids due July 20th by 2pm

Preliminary bid award will be made by webcast on July 20th at 2pm

Award will then be recommended for approval through City Council, August 4th

It will take a few weeks after official City Council approval to have all the contract signing finalized so that work can begin (would estimate towards the end of August)

There is a \$400 administrative fee for the purchaser as per the contract

Future sales:

City intends to offer a smaller timber sale again in 2022

Gates, roads, traffic:

If trucks are running in convoy, last truck out to close gate

If trucks are going to be back through a gate within an hour gates can stay open (turn and burn)

Gates need to be closed and locked at the end of the day

Yield to City traffic

For the pull coming up the hill out of the Diversion Dam road system onto the Lost Lake Mainline across Lake Chaplain Road, a watchman is advised. Cross traffic needs to yield to City traffic. City staff and chemical deliveries (semi-trucks of water treatment chemicals) travel on Lake Chaplain Road

Refueling trucks need to be labeled

Haul along Lake Chaplain Road needs to be minimized by using other haul routes. There may be some exceptions to this for pole removal if wood is too long to use other routes

Any haul along Lake Chaplain Road needs to be well communicated and coordinated with the City for staff and public safety

The access road parallel to the pavement along the powerline units can be used where it is currently open. No unpermitted culverts can be installed due to fish requirements.

Pits:

The materials in the north pit will have been dug up and made more accessible by City crews prior to the sale date

There is rock in both the north and south pit that can be used

The City is not specifying which rock needs to go to which harvest unit

There is the expectation that the purchaser uses the rock closest to the unit as far as possible to minimize impacts from truck traffic

The rock in the north pit should be used first as far as possible

In the south pit it is requested that the pit run is used by digging away from the access road

The shot rock in the south pit is to be used only as cap

All rock necessary for the project is available in the pits with the exception of the cobble needed for the bridge installation as specified in the road plan, which is to be imported at the purchaser's expense.

Bridges, culverts:

Bridge can be stored by the side of the road adjacent to the creek crossing on the SE side, or in the south pit until install

It is possible that some material from removal of existing culvert structure may be used to armor nearby gates with approval from contract administrator rather than hauled off site.

To the best of the City's knowledge there are concrete wing walls and no other concrete in the existing road structure around and over the six-barrel culvert stream crossing, but the City cannot guarantee this

Six weeks' notice is required prior to bridge installation at the Chaplain Creek crossing

Equipment:

Watchmen for equipment is up to buyer. City patrol will likely be through equipment staging areas, only as their routine patrols allow.

Shovel Logging:

There may be some flexibility in some harvest units in the shovel logging restriction (October 15th-June 15th), depending on conditions. Any requests for waivers need to be submitted in writing.

Unit and Road Flagging and Markers:

Harvest boundary flagging is pink, similar to DNR

There are also harvest boundary tags

Roads are flagged, and will be staked towards the end of June after the pre-bid on the 23rd once mowing is complete

Unit Specifics:

Unit 8, cyclone fence can be removed to allow for trees to be pulled out on the Lake Chaplain Road side of the unit as long as the timing of the removal is communicated in advance and the area is restored to original condition immediately upon conclusion of work

Units 1, 9 and 10 are all in the watershed and will be subject to the in-watershed work clauses in the contract.

Haul times and routes for the powerline units need to be coordinated carefully **Unit 3-4 haul route**

Landing and Slash Disposal:

Slash disposal will be handled in house. No burn permit needed.

Power lines will need to be taken in to account with regards to slash pile spacing in units close to the lines.

Cutting Plan:

Purchaser provides a general cutting plan, to include the intended order and timing of the harvest of the units (how the purchaser intends to work through the sale)

Power lines:

The power line across Chaplain Creek by the bridge install site is a “routine” 12.47kV line

If purchaser is concerned about stray trees or equipment hitting the lines along the power line units there may be an opportunity to work out de-energizing the lines for a short period of time, depending on timing

Questions regarding liability/insurance issues stemming from accidental disruption of power to the water filtration facility due to harvest activities need to be referred to the bidder’s insurance agent/broker