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BLM Sells Timber at Hoadley Peak to Reduce Fire Danger and Benefit Renewable Energy

A timber harvest began this week on public lands east of Lewiston aimed at reducing fire danger, producing biomass to further renewable energy goals, and benefitting the local economy. The work was authorized by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

BLM recently awarded the contract to Sierra Pacific Industries of Anderson, which was the winning bidder for more than 4.3 million board feet of timber and 1,000 tons of biomass at the BLM's Hoadley Peak Forest Health timber sale.

The spirited oral auction involved 67 bids placed for the Douglas-fir timber. Sierra Pacific bid \$243 per 1,000 board feet to win the sale. The BLM's minimum bid was \$75 per 1,000 board feet.

"We are pleased to have been able to complete this sale, which will benefit the forest and the regional economy," said BLM Redding Field Manager Steve Anderson. "There are employment benefits in the harvest and processing of the timber, and renewable energy benefits from the biomass.

"Importantly," Anderson continued, "the forest will be healthier as remaining trees have room to grow, and more fire resistant due to the removal of small trees and brush that would help carry a wildfire."

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