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State forestry timber sales in Fairbanks, Delta attract local buyers

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Alaska Division of Forestry (DOF) sold nearly $160,000 worth of timber in the Fairbanks and Delta areas on Monday, through the division’s area offices’ regular five-year timber sales schedules.

The DOF offered nine timber sales covering a total of 351 acres in different parts of the Tanana Valley State Forest. Bidders purchased seven of the offerings, comprising 293 acres. The two unsold offerings will be now offered over the counter for any potential buyers.

The size of the sales ranged from 10 to 77 acres. Five were for firewood and four were for spruce sawlogs. While all four of the sawlog offerings were purchased, three of the five firewood sales were bought.

The largest sale, of 77.6 acres, was purchased by Logging & Milling Associates, a locally owned company in Dry Creek south of Delta Junction that sells custom-built log homes as well as lumber and fuel pellets. The company also purchased a 44-acre salvage offering of timber in the 2013 Mississippi Fire burn area north of Delta Junction.

Northland Wood in Fairbanks also purchased two sales – a 73.6-acre spruce sawlog sale near Quartz Lake, and a 35.1-acre sawlog sale on Skinny’s Road south of Fairbanks in the 2013 Skinny’s Fire burn area.

Aurora Energy, which recently constructed a kiln to dry birch firewood in Fairbanks for sale, purchased a 36.1-acre spruce firewood sale in the Skinny’s Fire burn area south of Fairbanks.

Here are the successful timber sales from Monday, along with the buyer and price paid:

- **Cache Creek 7 Mile Birch** – a 16.6-acre birch firewood sale on Cache Creek Road west of Fairbanks; purchased by Scott’s Firewood for $3,350
- **Halfaspruce #3** – a 35.1-acre spruce sawlog sale on Skinny’s Road west of Fairbanks in the burn scar of the 2013 Skinny’s Fire; purchased by Northland Wood for $15,200

- **Mississippi Salvage #13** – a 44-acre spruce fuelwood sale in the burn area of the 2013 Mississippi Fire approximately 14 miles northwest of Delta Junction; winter access only; purchased by Logging & Milling Associates for $4,620

- **Rowland #2** – a 77.6-acre spruce sawlog sale along Pogo Mine Road approximately 34 miles north of Delta Junction; purchased by Logging & Milling Associates for $63,771

- **Deja View #2** – a 73.6-acre spruce sawlog sale near Quartz Lake 21.5 miles north of Delta Junction; purchased by Northland Wood for $54,000

- **Skinny’s Fire Salvage** – a 36.1-acre spruce fuelwood sale in the 2013 Skinny’s Fire on Skinny’s Road approximately 31 miles west of Fairbanks; purchased by Aurora Energy for $11,200

- **Big Bend Spruce** – a 10-acre spruce sawlog sale located in the Pleasant Valley area on Chena Hot Springs Road about 35 miles east of Fairbanks; purchased by AKlogfather & Son LLC Firewood for $5,001

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