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Forest Products Sale Notice

Jocassee Gorges
Pickens County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will accept sealed, per ton bids for the sale of approximately 350 acres of sawtimber in northern Pickens County. The sale will involve operator-select thinning of white pine, along with some scattered yellow-poplar, maple and yellow pine sawtimber, to achieve a residual basal area of about 50 square feet. Purchaser will coordinate with the SCDNR Project Manager to adjust harvesting as needed to achieve desired results. SCDNR does not advertise volumes or guarantee acreages, and bidders are encouraged to make their own determinations.

The sale area is part of, and located on SCDNR's Jim Timmerman Natural Resources Area at Jocassee Gorges in northern Pickens County located within a remote portion of the Jocassee Gorges. The sale area will be accessed by Horse Pasture and Cane Brake Roads from the main entrance on US Hwy 178. The sale area is adjacent to Cane Brake and Jackie's Ridge Roads. The attached sale map is believed to be reliable and accurate, but is not absolutely guaranteed.

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on July 3, 2019 at SCDNR Headquarters, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC – Room 202, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be delivered to the opening; mailed to Gary Burger, Statewide Forester, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; or e-mailed to BurgerG@dnr.sc.gov. All bids should be signed by the bidder and clearly marked "Jocassee Gorges 2019 Timber Sale". NO VERBAL or FAX BIDS will be ACCEPTED. Mailed bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2019. SCDNR reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

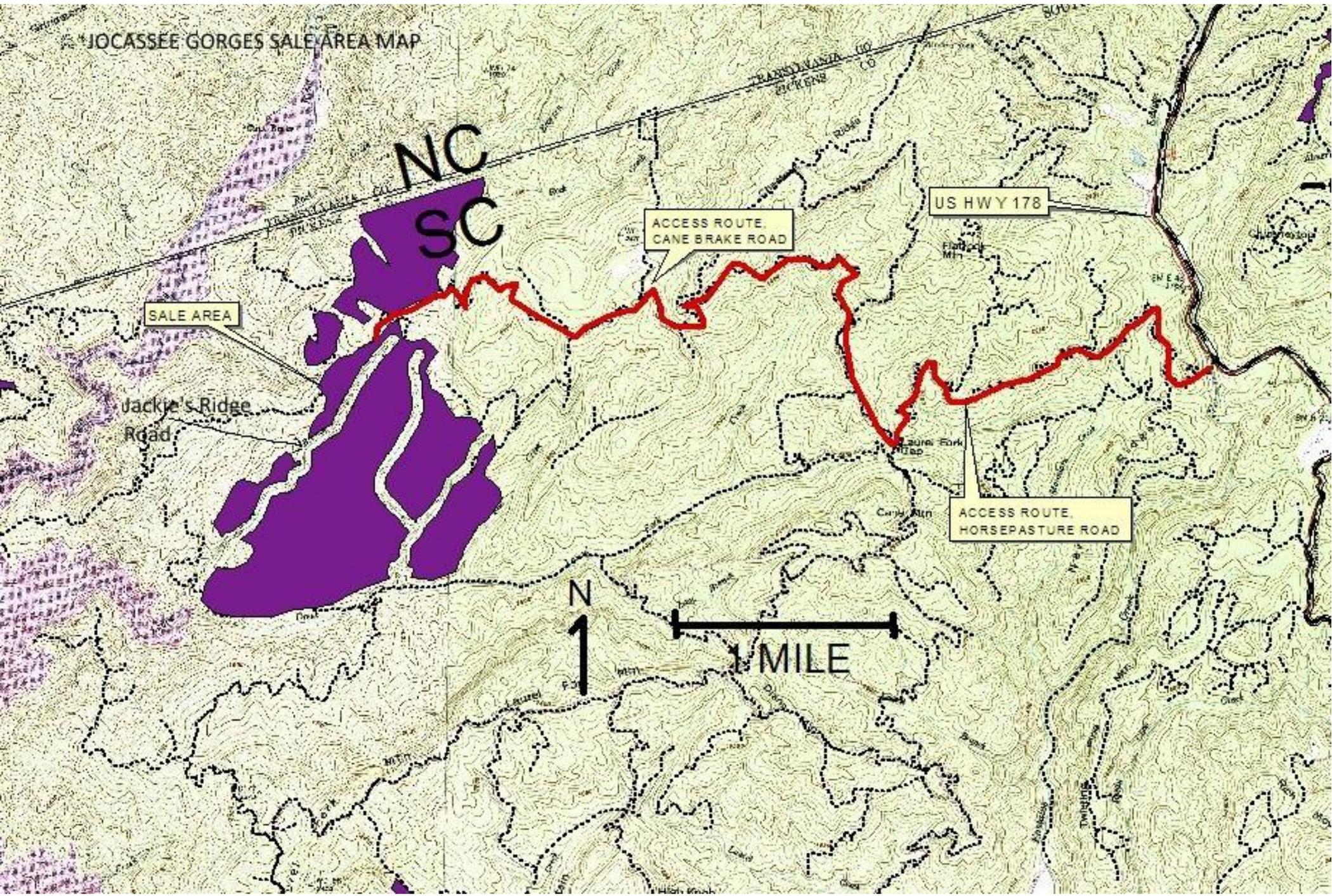
The successful bidder will have 24 months to remove the timber. The successful bidder will be required to submit an advance payment of \$25,000 upon signing of the contract and within 10 days of bid opening. In addition, a \$5,000 performance bond is required. The performance bond and the advance payment are to be in the form of 2 separate cashier's checks or company checks made out to: **South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources**. The performance bond will be held by SCDNR in a non-interest bearing account until satisfactory completion of the harvesting operation. Payments for timber removed, mill tickets, and settlement accountings will be mailed to SCDNR Headquarters in Columbia or delivered to Gary Burger on a weekly basis.

A pre-harvest conference between the successful bidder and SCDNR will be held prior to the commencement of harvest, and BMP compliance will be required. SCDNR advises bidders of their interest in protecting the plants, wildlife, educational, cultural, and aesthetic values that exist on the tract. All logging decks, equipment, felled trees, and debris will be confined to the sale area. Damage to adjoining areas and/or excessive damage to residual trees may incur assessment of damages to the buyer. No logging will be allowed when the ground is subject to rutting, but wet weather extensions may be granted for extensive delays. Existing internal roads will be utilized but must be left free of logging debris and in good condition. The return of the performance bond will be contingent on SCDNR's inspection of these conditions.

For further information contact SCDNR Statewide Forester, Gary Burger at (803) 429-3900 or email at BurgerG@dnr.sc.gov or Mark Hall, Jocassee Project Manager, at (864) 868-0281 or email at HallM@dnr.sc.gov.

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JOCASSEE GORGES SALE AREA MAP



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SALE AREA

ACCESS ROUTE
CANE BRAKE ROAD

US HWY 178

Jackie's Ridge
Road

ACCESS ROUTE
HORSE PASTURE ROAD

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