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(3) *Agreements.* Agreements entered into under this subpart are not subject to grant regulations found in 2 CFR part 200 as adopted and supplemented by the USDA in 2 CFR parts 400, 416, and 422.

(4) *Other provisions.* Additional terms and conditions for contracts and agreements may be added to a contract or agreement entered into under this subpart, in accordance with applicable law and to the extent determined to be necessary by the Forest Service.

(c) *Parties to contracts and agreements.* The Forest Service may enter into contracts and agreements under this part with private persons, private entities and public entities.

§ 223.301 Determination of type of contract or agreement.

(a) *Use of a contract or agreement.* When the Forest Service initiates a project under this subpart, a determination will be made whether to use a contract or an agreement to implement the project.

(b) *Type of contract.* If the Forest Service determines that a contract will be utilized:

(1) *Procurement of service contracts.* When the value of timber or other forest products removed through the contract will be less than the total value of the service work items received by the Forest Service, the activity shall be considered a procurement of a service and a contract, for a period not to exceed 10 years, will be utilized as provided in § 223.303 or

(2) *Sale of property contracts.* When the value of timber or other forest products removed through the contract is equal to or exceeds the total value of the service work items received by the Forest Service, the activity shall be considered a sale of property and a contract, for a period not to exceed 10 years, will be utilized as provided in § 223.304.

(c) *Best interest of the government determination.* The Forest Service official who makes a determination under paragraph (b) of this section shall document in the contract file the basis for the determination that:

(1) It is in the best interest of the government that a sale of property contract is more suitable for a contract

that would otherwise be subject to paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or

(2) It is in the best interest of the government that a procurement of service contract is more suitable for a contract that would otherwise be subject to paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

§ 223.302 Award of contracts and agreements.

Section 604(d) of HFRA requires that a source for performance of a stewardship agreement or contract be selected on a best-value basis. A stewardship agreement or contract may also be entered into notwithstanding subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a).

§ 223.303 Procurement of service contracts.

All contracts determined under § 223.301(b)(1) to be a contract for receipt of a service shall:

(a) Be administered under the Federal Acquisition Regulations, Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations including the regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture set forth in Chapter 4 of Title 48; and

(b) Provide for a fire liability provision. All contracts under this section shall contain a fire liability provision that is in substantially the same form as the fire liability provision contained in integrated resource timber contracts, as described in Forest Service contract numbered 2400-13, part H, section 4.

(c) Utilize the following provisions of subparts A and B of this part:

(1) Section 223.1 Authority to sell timber.

(2) Section 223.3 Sale of seized material.

(3) Section 223.14 Where timber may be cut.

(4) Section 223.30 Consistency with plans, environmental standards, and other management requirements.

(5) Section 223.34 Advance payment.

(6) Section 223.36 Volume determination.

(7) Section 223.37 Revegetation of temporary roads.

(8) Section 223.38 Standards for road design and construction.

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(9) Section 223.40 Cancellation for environmental protection or inconsistency with plans.

(10) Section 223.48 Restrictions on export and substitution of unprocessed timber.

(11) Section 223.60 Determining fair market value.

(12) Section 223.61 Establishing minimum stumpage rates.

(13) Section 223.87 Requirements of bidders concerning exports.

(14) Section 223.113 Modification of contracts to prevent environmental damage or to conform to forest plans.

(d) Products may be valued on a per acre basis.

(e) Such other provisions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of section 604 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591c).

§ 223.304 Sale of property contracts.

All contracts determined under § 223.301(b) to be a contract for a sale of property shall:

(a) Utilize the provisions of subparts A and B of this part, except that the following provisions will not be applicable:

(1) Section 223.4 Exchange of trees or portions of trees.

(2) Section 223.31 Duration of contracts.

(3) Section 223.42 Transfer of effective purchaser credits.

(4) Section 223.43 Limit on amounts of transferred purchaser credits.

(5) Section 223.44 Collection rights on contracts involved in transfer of purchaser credit.

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(7) Section 223.45 Definitions applicable to transfer of purchaser credit.

(8) Section 223.49 Downpayments. Paragraph (d).

(9) Section 223.62 Timber purchaser road construction credit.

(10) Section 223.65 Appraisal of timber for land exchange; right-of-way, or other authorized use.

(11) Section 223.80 When advertisement is required.

(12) Section 223.82 Contents of advertisement.

(13) Section 223.83 Contents of prospectus.

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(14) Section 223.84 Small business bid form provisions on sales with specified road construction.

(15) Section 223.88 Bidding methods.

(16) Section 223.100 Award to highest bidder.

(17) Section 223.102 Procedure when sale is not awarded to highest bidder.

(18) Section 223.103 Award of small business set aside sales.

(19) Section 223.118 Appeal process for small business timber sale set-aside program share recomputation decisions.

(b) Include the following additional provisions:

(1) If determined by the Forest Service to be necessary to protect the interests of the United States, a performance and payment bond, as described on February 7, 2014, in section 28-103-2 and 28-103-3 of Part 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in an amount sufficient to protect the investment in receipts by the United States generated by the contractor from the estimated value of the forest products to be removed under the contract;

(2) Provide for a fire liability provision.

(3) Redetermination of stumpage rates and deposits: The cost of service work included in stewardship contracts will be evaluated along with stumpage values at the time of a rate determination in accordance with normal rate determination procedures.

(4) Products may be valued on a per acre basis.

(5) Such other provisions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of section 604 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591c).

§ 223.305 Agreements.

The Forest Service may enter into an agreement under this subpart in lieu of a contract.

(a) The regulations governing Federal financial assistance relationships are not applicable to such agreements.

(b) All agreements under this section shall contain a fire liability provision that is in substantially the same form as the fire liability provision contained in integrated resource timber contracts, as described in Forest Service contract numbered 2400-13, part H, section 4.