

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Office Chief, Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: August 31, 2019
RE: Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Big Bend Timber Services, LLC, for the Wolf Creek #1 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends the Governing Board Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Big Bend Timber Services, LLC, for the Wolf Creek #1 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

On August 6, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB 18/19-006 WLR) for timber located on the Wolf Creek Tract in Jefferson County. The timber offered for sale is 72 acres of loblolly and slash pine. The harvest is a marked thinning intended to reduce the number of diseased or suppressed trees and allow the highest quality trees to continue growing and to reduce southern pine beetle infestation potential. Reduction of pine density will also improve ecological conditions and wildlife habitat by allowing more sunlight penetration to the forest floor, enhancing production of groundcover.

Bid responses were received on August 20, 2019. Bids were received from three companies as indicated below. The bid calculation revenue is based on the District estimated volumes of pine pulpwood, pine chip-n-saw and better, and pine topwood on the proposed harvest acreage.

Bidder	City	Bid Calculation Revenue
Southland Forest Products, Inc.	Valdosta, Georgia	\$88,206.00
Big Bend Timber Services, LLC	Monticello, Florida	\$126,944.00
Williams Timber Inc.	Perry, Florida	\$117,592.80

Big Bend Timber Services, LLC's bid was \$17.10/ton for pine pulpwood, \$25.10/ton pine chip-n-saw and better, and \$15.10/ton for pine topwood.

WVM/pf