

PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT
SALE OF NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER

The Forest Service intends to advertise a combination of timber and stewardship project work items associated with the following stewardship contract on the Ouachita National Forest prior to September 30, 2022. The Sandy Creek Stewardship Contract is located within T9S, R26E, Sections 22,25-28, and 36; T9S, R27E, Sections 29-32; and T10S, R26E, Sections 3 and 4. Timber to be cut within the contract area includes a preliminary estimated volume of 12,700 CCF of timber designated for cutting. The preliminary mandatory stewardship project work includes 196.76 acres of Midstory Reduction. The preliminary construction cost estimate for specified roads is \$27,846 which includes an estimated 0.0 miles of construction and 0.27 miles of reconstruction. This advance notice is to afford interested parties time to begin examination of the contract and preliminary contract data and specified road plans prior to the final advertisement. Interested parties may obtain information and maps about the contract area from the District Ranger's Office, Hochatown, Oklahoma or Forest Supervisor's Office, Hot Springs, AR. Preliminary sale information is also posted on the following website under Quick Links, Timber Bid Information:

www.fs.usda.gov/ouachita. The final advertisement will show the date and time that the Forest Service will receive sealed offers. Offers will be evaluated on a best value basis and offeror's must submit a technical proposal describing how timber removal and stewardship project work will be completed, as well as, a per unit rate bid for the timber and for completing the stewardship project work items. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers. A prospectus, offer form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance questionnaire form, complete information concerning the timber, the stewardship project work required in this contract, and the process to submit offers will made available at final advertisement.