

Specification for the Sale of Standing Timber

Easter Bleaton



1.0 Introduction

FW Forestry invites you to bid for the standing sale at Easter Bleaton. The sale consists of clear-fell of predominantly Sitka spruce 16.14ha planted in 1970; the sale includes 0.58ha of Nordman fir as one of the north groups, around 1.2ha of SP to the south, on the west side of the road and around 3ha of LP, largely blown on the east side of the road.

A portion of the felling has blown.

There are no signs of pests or disease within the planned felling area.

2.0 Location

Easter Bleaton is located approx. 12 km north of Blairgowrie.

Entrance (NO 1416 5661)

3.0 Access/Haulage

Access is taken via the forest road and then unclassified "Tullymurdoch" road to Alyth which is a consultation route to agreed routes on the B952 and A926.

4.0 Operation Information

4.1 Clear-fell/Thinning

The compartments to be clear-felled are outlined in red on the attached felling map. Clear-felling will be undertaken wheeled/band tracked harvesters and forwarders.

Motor manual felling is limited to edge oversized trees. Works to be conducted by experienced certified operators. Operators must be on the FWM works list and certificates provided to FW Forestry prior to operations.
No lone working for chainsaw operators under any circumstances.

Thinning, felling racks, edge felling are permissible to allow whatever roadside stacking/benching is required on areas outside of the felling area.

No forwarders to cross or run on road.

4.2 Stump Treatment

No stump treatment required.

4.3 Processing

All brash arising from harvesting must be cut into appropriate lengths and laid low (below 1m in height). Brash should not be stacked within 5 meters of any watercourse, drain, ride, or ditch. Stumps must be cut as low to the forest floor possible and must be flush. Standing deadwood to be left only where it is in a stable condition.

4.4 Extraction

All processed timber is to be extracted on well-maintained brash mats to prevent siltation of water habitats. Log crossing to be used over water courses and double brashed mats to be installed when crossing forest rides.

Existing drains to be protected and left free of brash.

Log crossings and ride crossings must be removed following extraction. Any excessive rutting caused by poor maintenance must be reinstated to prevent pollution and maintain future access.

Damage to retained trees during felling/extraction that are not included in the sale must be avoided.

4.5 Internal Access and Stacking areas.

Internal access has been constructed with a smooth-running surface and has been maintained prior to felling.

Stacking areas are to be agreed prior to start.

Tracked machinery must not be driven on forest roads, except to offload. The cost of repair for any damage to forest roads arising from the use of tracked machinery will be deducted from the agreed bond.

Stacking of timber will be monitored by FW Forestry and operations delayed if unsafe or excessive volumes of timber are found.

4.6 Terrain

The site is generally comprised of steep undulating terrain with a mixture of stony brown earth/shallow peat and is generally free draining.

5.0 Constraints

5.1 Archaeology and Historic Features

There are no recorded archaeology or historic features within the sale boundary. If any previously unknown features are discovered during the contract, the operator must stop harvesting or extracting and move away from the area by 20 meters and report his or her findings to the Forest works Manager immediately.

5.2 Public Access

Public use of the existing forest road for recreational pursuits is low..

Appropriate safety signage must be visible on both sides of the work site at all times. Erection and maintenance of signage will be the responsibility of the FWM.

5.3 Utilities

There is a water supply pipe dug below the ditch on the road as shown on the map.

There are two powerlines as shown on the map.

5.4 Protected Habitats and Species

No protected species have been found during recent surveys. Should any species be discovered during felling operations; stop works immediately, assess and contact the Forest Works Manager.

6.0 Health and Safety

6.1 General

The successful bidder will accept full responsibility for complying with the provisions of the health and safety act (1974) together with all relevant regulations in respect of the work comprised in the final agreement.

All work will be undertaken and completed in compliance with the industry best practice and adhering to all relevant current FISA, HSE and AFAG guidance.

Timber haulage must follow best practice as defined by the Timber Transport Forum Road Haulage of Round Timber. Strapping of loads will be monitored and PPE worn by haulage drivers will be assessed for date and condition.

Site specific hazard information will be provided to the successful bidder identifying all known hazards within the site. This information must be used by the successful bidder to compile their own site-specific risk assessment, method statement and emergency procedure. All health and safety documents must be approved by FW Forestry prior to works commencing.

6.2 Welfare

The successful bidder will comply with the requirements of the workplace (Health and Safety and Welfare) regulations 1992 and ensure the welfare provisions are in accordance with current industry guidance, as set out in 2019 FISA Guidance on Managing Health and Safety in Forestry (GMHSF) and FISA Safety Guide 806 Welfare.

This will include at minimum, the provision of toilet facilities, hot and cold water on site at all times. The assessment, planning, supply, and management of these facilities will be the responsibility of the Forestry Works Manager (FWM) of the successful bidder. Details of the provision allowed by the bidder should be included in the additional notes in the pricing document.

For further guidance refer to the workplace Health and Safety and Welfare Regulations 1992. Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) L24 (available free to download from (www.hse.gov.uk)).

6.3 Contractor Competency

All contractors engaged in works comprised in the final agreement must hold appropriate certificates of competency and industry best practice. Refresher training for all operators and supervisors must be up to date. Copies of training certificates and certificates of competence must be provided to the Vendor prior to works commencing (FMOC's).

6.4 Public Liability Insurance

The successful bidder and contractor must each hold Public Liability Insurance to a minimum of £5,000,000. Copies of insurance certificates must be provided to the Vendor prior to works commencing.

7.0 Measurement and Payment

7.1 Measurement

All timber in this agreement is sold standing. Timber measurements and estimated volumes or tonnages are believed to be accurate but cannot be guaranteed. The purchaser shall be deemed to have satisfied themselves that the number and classification of the trees is correct in all aspects. No compensation in respect of errors in number, description quantity or quality shall be claimed or be payable.

7.2 Payment

Measures are to be taken on an outturn basis per tonne through and through with all loads weighted over a registered public weighbridge.

A bond equivalent to 5% of the value of the estimated tonnage will be paid to FW Forestry before works commence. This will be repaid to the successful bidder on satisfactory completion of works and receipt of the final timber payment. The bond must not be deducted from final payments.

The successful bidder is responsible for monitoring and recording timber uplift to prevent incorrect allocation or timber theft. The Vendor may also use

monitoring by way of records or image recording. This will normally be undertaken in cooperation with the successful bidder. Payment for timber will be made within 28 days of the end of the month of dispatch. Compartment information is provided in attached information.

8.0 Timing

Provisional start date of June/July with all timber extracted from site before end October.

Bidders must provide an estimate of the time it will take to complete harvesting and timber uplift.

9.0 Viewing

The property can be viewed at any time if potential bidders are in possession of the sales particulars.

Please inform FW Forestry of your intention to visit to ensure deer stalking is not active. Wear a hard hat when entering the woodland and have your lone working procedure in place.

The gate code is 1218.

10.0 Bids

The successful bidder will be required to agree to our standard terms and conditions of sale for the separate standing sales. The Vendor reserves the right to refuse any offer submitted. Bids must take the form of price per tonne standing.

10.1 Bid Submission Date

All bids must be submitted no later than 12pm Monday 23rd May 2025 by email to Matthew Trewin mtrewin@fwforestry.com

11.0 Information and Data

11.1 Compartments and Stand Data

Easter Bleaton
Felling 1 (1,2, 7 part)

Gross area (ha): 16.14ha
Species: SS and NF/SP/LP
Estimated Tonnage: 5000

The standing sale is highlighted in red as described in this document and is sold as [certified timber](#).

ALL MAPS ARE ATTACHED TO EMAIL TO BE USED IN AVENZA