

In both fiscal years the average sale size was 2.5 million board feet which is representative of BLM's historic pattern of small sales. These sales include provision of access, low installment payments and cutting against a performance bond. This timber sale program endeavors to meet the needs of both small and large business.

In FY 1967 and 1968 to date, no applications for set aside sales in western Oregon have been made to BLM. Two tracts of Port Orford cedar were offered by BLM as set aside sales in the Coos Bay area, however, no bids were received on these tracts.

Also, an SBA road loan program is available to qualified purchasers of BLM timber. Small business concerns may apply for a loan for the construction or improvement of permanent timber hauling roads. During the past 18 months, timber sale contracts carried a total of 827 miles of permanent roads to be constructed or improved. SBA road loans were available on three-quarters of these timber sale road construction projects, but no applications were made.