

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #6751

<u>SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME:</u> 3:00 p.m. (local time) on September 29, 2021. <u>LOCATION:</u> BALDWIN FIELD OFFICE, 2468 W 24TH STREET, BALDWIN, MI 49304.

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PROSPECTUS NOTE: The bidder is advised to inspect the sale area and review the location, estimated volumes, operating costs and contract terms of proposed sales. Please be aware that some landowners may request 60 days or more notice for access across their land.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Unit Manager, CADILLAC MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

GNA2 Scattered Aspen (63-810-21) / T17N, R15W, SEC. 10, SWSW.

T17N, R15W, SEC. 14, W1/2SW. T17N, R15W, SEC. 15, NW,W1/2NE,E1/2SE. T17N, R15W, SEC. 26, NWNW.

T17N, R15W, SEC. 27, E1/2NE.

T17N, R15W, SEC. 9, W1/2SW.

Mason County, Advertised Price \$88,642.75, 117.7 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

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A timber sale contract for this lump sum, sealed bid timber sale will be awarded to the responsible bidder offering the highest sealed bid price. All units of volume listed below were estimated using the Inventory Manager computer program and the new Michigan taper model. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each product and species:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE	
Sawtimber					
B. T. Aspen	751.4	MBF	\$	82.00 / MBF	
Red Maple	95.7	MBF	\$	60.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood					
B. T. Aspen	1,252	Cords	\$	14.60 / Cord	
Red Maple	285	Cords	\$	10.55 / Cord	

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 5.81 percent. There are an estimated 3,518 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 205 cords at the 95% confidence level. The estimated units are final and not subject to adjustment. Prospective bidders are urged to examine this timber and to make their own estimates of quantity and quality.

BOND AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- 1. A bond in the amount of \$8,864.28 to insure faithful performance of the conditions of the contract will be deposited by the successful bidder within 21 days of the sale award.
- 2. Cutting in any sale or unit without the required advance payment would be considered a trespass.
- 3. Total payment must be paid in advance or according to the following schedule :
- (a) Ten percent (10%) of the sale value must be paid within 21 days of the sale award.
- (b) The 10% down payment will be credited towards the first unit cut.

(c) Payment for each of the following units must be made before cutting begins in that unit:

PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	11.0%
02	2.5%
03	7.7%
04	4.1%
05	5.2%
06	59.5%
07	10.0%

4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.

5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 09/30/2023.

SALE STATISTICS

Volumes were calculated in cubic feet using the Michigan taper model. Cubic foot volume includes all wood inside bark for the product indicated. For display purposes, cubic feet were converted to cords and MBF using a simple conversion factor, e.g. 79 cubic feet per cord and 185 cubic feet per MBF. The cubic foot volumes are precise; the cords and MBF volumes are not. Cubic foot volume cannot be directly converted to cords or boards with precision.

SALE VOLUMES

The total estimated sale volume may not equal the sum of the species/products due to the nature of statistical calculations associated with double sampling methodology.

VOLUME			STATISTICAL RANGE IN CORDS		
TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
277,935	3,518	5.81%	3,314	3,723	

VDU VOLUMES

A VDU is a Volume Determination Unit. Volumes and their associated statistics are calculated at the VDU level and summarized to the sale level. There is often a one to one relationship between a VDU and a Payment Unit, but not always, depending on the cruise design. Refer to the VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT table.

	VOLUME			RANGE IN CORDS	
VDU	TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	20,726	262	10.49%	235	290
2	19,655	249	27.37%	181	317
3	9,794	124	6.38%	116	132
9	11,145	141	18.88%	114	168
10	27,020	342	16.01%	287	397
22	36,531	462	14.81%	394	531
27	6,876	87	54.36%	40	134
61	22,447	284	25.04%	213	355
801	102,853	1,302	9.12%	1,183	1,421
TOTAL:	257,048	3,254		2,763	3,744

VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT

When a VDU is associated with more than one Payment Unit (PU), the VDU volumes are assigned to the PU based on acres of the VDU within the PU.

VDU	VDU ACRES	PU	PU ACRES
1	7.5	4	1.4
		5	6.1
2	7.9	6	7.9
3	2.6	6	2.6
9	7.9	2	7.9
10	13.7	3	13.7
22	25.6	1	25.6
27	10.0	4	10.0
61	9.2	7	9.2
801	33.3	6	33.3
TOTAL:	117.7		117.7

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	43.5	MBF	25.6	\$9,741.70
	Red Maple		41.2	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	151	Cords		
	Red Maple		142	Cords		
2	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	6.6	MBF	7.9	\$2,230.40
	Red Maple		8.9	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	56	Cords		
	Red Maple		32	Cords		
3	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	17.7	MBF	13.7	\$6,799.70
	Red Maple		34.6	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	188	Cords		
	Red Maple		50	Cords		
4	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	32.3	MBF	11.4	\$3,677.30
	Red Maple		1.3	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	55	Cords		
	Red Maple		14	Cords		
5	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	31.6	MBF	6.1	\$4,648.05
	Red Maple		0.9	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	109	Cords		
	Red Maple		39	Cords		
6	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	534.5	MBF	43.8	\$52,662.00
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	605	Cords		
7	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	85.2	MBF	9.2	\$8,883.60
	Red Maple		8.8	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	88	Cords		
	Red Maple		8	Cords		
		TOTAL:	847.1	MBF		
		TOTAL:	1,537	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: GNA2 Scattered Aspen

Sale Number: 63-810-21 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (9/19)

The sale boundary and Payment Unit boundaries are marked and identified by orange paint. Retention patches are marked with orange paint; no harvesting activities may occur within these areas. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected unless marked with orange paint. Orange painted trees designating an interior Payment Unit boundary are only to be cut when all surrounding Payment Units have been paid.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.1 - Clearcut unit(s) with unmerchantable trees (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-5 and 7, cut all aspen and red maple trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH. Within Payment Unit(s) 6, cut all aspen trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH.

2.1.9 - Harvest exception (12/08)

Do not cut any non-designated trees other than those that are necessary to remove in order to operate within the sale area. Every effort must be made to preserve the existing species and to leave an intact stand upon sale completion. All cut non-designated shall be piled separately by products and scaled in the woods unless other scaling arrangements are agreed to by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Stumpage price for trees shall be the average district price per cord for pulpwood and MBF for sawlogs.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.12 - GNA, cut and remove Included Timber (3/18)

Unless provided otherwise herein, the DNR agrees to sell and permit Purchaser to cut and remove Included Timber and Purchaser agrees to purchase, cut, and remove Included Timber.

3 - Payments

3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

3.3.4 - Dividing payment units (7/14)

Payment Unit(s) may be divided at the request of the Purchaser and upon approval of the Unit Manager. Dividing Payment Units is a contract modification which requires a Timber Sale Contract Amendment.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

4.1.3 - Slash and earthen piles (8/04)

Piles or windrows of earth along roads and landings that have been widened or constructed shall be leveled. Slash from road maintenance or construction, including stumps, shall be dispersed throughout the sale.

4.1.6 - Road construction (1/09)

Construction of new roads or improvements of existing roads shall be done in such a way as to minimize the environmental and visual impacts. Merchantable trees shall be cut and utilized unless otherwise directed. Non-merchantable trees shall be severed and laid flat on the ground. Slash shall be scattered, and not left in windrows and kept a minimum of 10 feet back from the road edge. Stumps shall be set upright, not left on edge, and be moved at least 10 feet away from the road edge. Disturbed soil shall be feathered into the woods and not left in berms or windrows.

4.1.7 - Road closure (10/11)

All new roads built into the sale must be blocked to vehicle traffic within 30 days of completion of hauling. Overgrown roads

that are reopened shall be considered new roads. In general, this will require constructing a four (4') foot high berm of stumps and logs covered with earth. Stumps and brush must be placed along the remainder of the trail. These roads must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. All stumps from road building and landing construction must be reserved to block any newly constructed roads upon completion of the sale. These stumps must be scattered along the road system to prohibit vehicular movement. Temporary berms may be required if no sale activity occurs for 30 or more consecutive days. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.5 - Two wheel drive condition (2/04)

All existing trail roads on and adjacent to the sale area must be passable by two-wheel drive traffic for the duration of the sale.

4.4 - Access

4.4.1 - Private property access (3/11)

Permission for access across private land is the responsibility of the Purchaser. Should the Purchaser desire to cross private land, a copy of the written permission from the private land-owner may be required by the DNR. A copy of the written permission from the private landowner must be given to the Unit Manager within 30 days of the bid opening and prior to the beginning of operations.

5 - Operations

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08) No slash may exceed 24 inches in height.

5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

5.2.2.1 - Den trees (10/16)Obvious hollow and/or den trees shall be protected and left standing unless they are a safety hazard.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-7, unless changed by written agreement, harvesting and skidding is not permitted during the period of April 15 to August 31. This restriction is because of potential Indiana bat habitat and oak wilt.

5.2.3.2 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 4 and 5, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of January 1 to April 14. This restriction is because of agreed upon access through private property.

5.2.3.4 - Oak wilt restriction, no exceptions (1/18)

Within the Sale Area, cutting, skidding, hauling within the sale and brushing of access roads to the sale are not permitted during the period of April 15 to July 15. No exceptions will be granted. This is necessary to reduce the spread of oak wilt.

5.2.3.11 - Coppice regeneration protection (4/10)

Timber harvesting in any Payment Unit must be completed before significant aspen sprouting occurs in that Payment Unit to minimize damage to the new regeneration.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.3 - Dead and down creation, dead trees (6/07)

Except as provided for in General Condition and Requirement 5.2.2, no dead trees, standing or down, are to be cut, skidded, or processed.

5.2.32 - Decking/landing restoration (9/13)

All decking and landing areas must have the surface area restored to a condition equal to or better than before. This is to

ensure the proper regeneration of the stand. Wood debris, chips, and "cookies" from trimmings must be removed or scattered away from landing and loading areas and may not be windrowed on the edge.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.1 - Rutting restriction, general (7/16)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and/or skid trails which is 12 inches or greater in depth and 50 feet in length. The Unit Manager or his/her representative may restrict hauling and/or skidding if ruts exceed the specified depth. With the Unit Manager or his/her representative's approval, the Purchaser may return to the area when the risk of rutting has decreased.

5.6 - Debris and Waste Material

5.6.2 - GNA, equipment cleaning (1/16)

(a) Areas, known by the DNR prior to timber sale advertisement, that are infested with invasive species of concern are shown on the Timber Sale Map. A current list of invasive species of concern and a map showing the extent of known infestations is available from the DNR. For purposes of this provision, "Off-Road Equipment" includes all logging and construction machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, service vehicles, water trucks, pickup trucks, cars, and similar vehicles.

(b) Purchaser shall adhere to the following requirements with regard to cleaning "Off-Road Equipment":

(i) Prior to moving Off-Road Equipment onto the Sale Area, Purchaser shall identify the location of the equipment's most recent operation. Purchaser shall not move any Off-Road Equipment that last operated in an area infested with one or more invasive species of concern onto Sale Area without having cleaned such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and having notified the DNR, as provided in (iii). If the location of prior operation cannot be identified, then Purchaser shall assume that the location is infested with invasive species of concern.

(ii) Prior to moving Off-Road Equipment from a cutting unit that is shown on the Timber Sale Map to be infested with invasive species of concern to, or through any other area that is shown as being free of invasive species of concern, or infested with a different invasive species, Purchaser shall clean such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and shall notify the DNR, as provided in (iii).

(iii) Prior to moving any Off-Road Equipment subject to the cleaning requirements set forth above, Purchaser shall advise DNR of its cleaning measures and make the equipment available for inspection. DNR shall have 2 days, excluding weekends and State holidays, to inspect equipment after it has been made available. After satisfactory inspection or after such 2 day period, Purchaser may move the equipment as planned. Equipment shall be considered clean when a visual inspection does not disclose seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds. Purchaser shall not be required to disassemble equipment unless so directed by the DNR after inspection.

(iv) If Purchaser desires to clean Off-Road Equipment on National Forest land, such as at the end of a project or prior to moving to, or through an area that is free of invasive species of concern, Purchaser shall obtain prior approval from the Unit Manager or his/her representative as to the location for such cleaning and measures, if any, for controlling impacts.

(v) Unit Manager or his/her representative may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to Condition & Requirement 7.3 or 7.3.4.

(c) Nothing contained in this Condition & Requirement shall be interpreted as creating any warranty on the part of the DNR that all locations of invasive species of concern have been described herein, elsewhere in this Contract, or designated on the ground. Following sale advertisement, additional locations may be described or designated, and other species may be added to the list of invasive species of concern. In such event, the Unit Manager or his/her representative may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to Condition & Requirement 7.3 or 7.3.4.

(d) The parties shall promptly communicate with one another with respect to description or designation of additional locations; discovery of locations of new species or new infestation; and, addition of species to the list of invasive species of concern.

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (3/13)

All trees with raptor nests will be protected if found during harvesting operations. Notification will be made to the Unit Manager or his/her representative who will notify the Wildlife Biologist so an on-site evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

7 - Other Conditions

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7.1.1 - GNA, title (7/16)

General Condition & Requirement 7.1 is inapplicable. The following applies to this contract.

All right, title, and interest in and to any Included Timber shall remain in USDA Forest Service with the State of Michigan acting on behalf of the USDA Forest Service under this GNA contract, until it has been Measured, removed from Sale Area or other authorized cutting area, and paid for, at which time title shall vest in Purchaser. Title to any Included Timber that has been Measured and paid for, but not removed from Sale Area or other authorized cutting area by Purchaser on or prior to Termination Date, shall remain in USDA Forest Service.

7.3 - Contract Modifications

7.3.4 - GNA, contract suspension and modification (5/16)

(a) The Unit Manager may, by written order, delay or interrupt authorized operations under this contract or, notwithstanding Condition & Requirement 7.3, modify this contract, in whole or in part:

(i) To prevent environmental degradation or resource damage, including, but not limited to, harm to habitat, plants, animals, cultural resources, or cave resources;

(ii) To ensure consistency with land and resource management plans or other documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321-4347;

(iii) To conduct environmental analysis, including, but not limited to, engaging in consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 USC 1531, et seq.; or

(iv) Upon agreement of the Forest Service, due to administrative appeal or litigation, regardless of whether the Unit Manager's order is required by a court order or this contract is named in such a proceeding.

(b) In the event of an order delaying or interrupting Purchaser's Operations under this Condition & Requirement, Purchaser's remedy shall be:

(i) a no cost contract extension,

(ii) reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses,

however, the foregoing remedies shall be available only to the extent that the Unit Manager's order was the sole and exclusive cause of the delay or interruption of Purchaser's operations.

(c) Remedies awarded to the Purchaser shall not be duplicative, and the Unit Manager shall have the right to structure remedies provided herein to avoid duplicative compensation.

(d) Purchaser agrees that this Condition & Requirement, and the remedies provided herein shall apply regardless of any finding by any court that the DNR failed to comply with any statute, regulation and/or policy in connection with awarding, advertising, or authorizing this sale, or a similar sale.

7.5 - Loss

7.5.2 - GNA, liability for loss (7/16)

If Included Timber is destroyed or damaged by an unexpected event that changes the nature of Included Timber, such as

wind, flood, insects, disease, or similar cause, the Purchaser shall bear the timber value loss resulting from such destruction or damage.

Deterioration or loss of timber value due to delay or interruption under 7.3.4 - GNA, contract suspension and modification, shall be borne by the party holding title. In this event, Included Timber to which USDA Forest Service holds title, Purchaser of the State GNA contract will not be obligated to remove and pay for such timber. This Subsection shall not be construed to relieve either party of liability for negligence.

7.10 - Certified Timber

7.10.1 - Non-certified timber (2/16)

The area encompassed by this timber sale is not certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Forest products from this sale may not be delivered to the mill as "FSC and / or SFI certified". The lands within this sale belong to the National Forest system and are being managed by the State as part of a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement.





