

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

# **TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #6980**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 3:00 p.m. (local time) on February 23, 2022. LOCATION: BALDWIN 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:

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Newaygo County, Advertised Price \$76,056.90, 45.2 Acres, Aspen, Red Pine.

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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	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE	
Sawtimber					
Quaking Aspen	99.6	MBF	\$	60.00 / MBF	
Red Pine	248.3	MBF	\$	60.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood					
Quaking Aspen	55	Cords	\$	11.40 / Cord	
Red Pine	2,191	Cords	\$	24.90 / Cord	

<sup>\*</sup> The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 14.28 percent. There are an estimated 3,028 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 432 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 \$7,605.69 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

28.5%

71.5%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 04/30/2024.

#### 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
239,231	3,028	14.28%	2,596	3,461

# **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
7	232,437	2,942	14.28%	2,522	3,362
TOTAL:	232,437	2,942		2,522	3,362

## **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
7	45.2	1	12.9
		2	32.3
TOTAL:	45.2		45.2

# **DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)**

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Quaking Aspen	Sawtimber	28.4	MBF	12.9	\$21,702.90
	Red Pine		70.9	MBF		
	Quaking Aspen	Pulpwood	16	Cords		
	Red Pine		625	Cords		
2	Quaking Aspen	Sawtimber	71.2	MBF	32.3	\$54,354.00
	Red Pine		177.4	MBF		
	Quaking Aspen	Pulpwood	39	Cords		
	Red Pine		1,566	Cords		
		TOTAL:	347.9	MBF		
		TOTAL:	2,246	Cords		

# **Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements**

Sale Name: GNA2 Martin Creek Take 2 Sale Number: 63-801-22 Seg#: 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 orange paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with orange paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against federal are marked with orange paint. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

## 2 - Timber Specifications

#### 2.1 - Included Timber

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, cut all red pine and aspen trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH. In addition, cut all maple trees that are five (5) inches or less within Payment Unit 2.

#### 2.2 - Utilization

## 2.2.8 - Utilization and removal (5/14)

Retain on site more than 1/3 of the slash from harvested trees (tree tops and limbs less than four inches in diameter). This is because of future soil quality.

## 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) 1 and 2 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. There will be only two divisions per Payment Unit.

# 3.4 - Damaged Timber

## 3.4.3 - Special Protection Areas (8/11)

The Purchaser shall protect special protection areas from damage by the Purchaser's operations. Special protection areas are marked with a orange boundary line. The Purchaser shall not cut live or dead trees within special protection areas. If the Purchaser's operations have cut or damaged special protection areas through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$5,000 as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages for each acre or part thereof cut or damaged. Such payment does not constitute ownership of the undesignated timber.

## 4 - Transportation

# 4.1 - Construction

# 4.1.2 - Stream crossings, specific (3/11)

The Creek crossing will require the removal of a portable bridge which is borrowed from the DNR. This removal will be performed in accordance with the specifications on the appropriate permits which shall be provided by the DNR.

# 4.1.4 - Timber removed for construction (12/09)

Trees cut or damaged in the process of pre-approved road, landing or skid trail construction will be decked in an area separate from other Designated Timber and not removed until measured by the sale administrator. Payment will be made at the

specified Purchase Unit Price.

## 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.

#### 4.1.11 - Permits (2/12)

The DNR will secure any necessary stream crossing permits that may be required.

# 4.4 - Access

#### 4.4.1 - Private property access (3/11)

Permission for access across private land has been obtained by the DNR. Should the Purchaser desire to cross other private land, a copy of the written permission from the private land-owner will be required by the DNR.

# 5 - Operations

#### 5.1 - Notification

#### 5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/16)

A pre-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations to determine landing and road locations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 5 days in advance to schedule the conference.

## 5.2 - Conduct of Operations

#### 5.2.1 - Slash

## 5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08)

No slash or tree tops 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.

#### 5.2.2.3 - Snag tree creation (2) (2/04)

Special consideration is given to snags because they are an important part of the habitat requirement for many species of wildlife. The logger is to leave or create at least nine (9) wildlife snags per acre throughout the sale area. Snags consist of leaving a dead standing tree that is not deemed a safety hazard by the Purchaser, or trees with a minimum diameter of nine (9) inches measured at a point to 4.5 feet above ground level which can be girdled the full circumference of the tree.

# 5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

## 5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are not permitted during the period of October 1 to November 30. This restriction is because private access.

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, 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.

# 5.2.3.14 - heterobasidion root disease (HRD) (3/21)

This plantation is at risk of infection by the root rot fungus, Heterobasidion irregulare. To prevent the spread of this disease, cutting operations within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2 are restricted to the period of January 1st through February 28th. Cutting may only occur outside this period with written permission of the Unit Manager or with the application of a preventative pesticide. Cellu-Treat and RotStop C are currently the only EPA registered products available in the United States for the control of Heterobasidion. Both products are a water-soluble powder that must be applied to the stump, in

accordance with the product label. Dye must be added to these products to provide visible evidence of adequate coverage. Application of these pesticides requires licensing by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. All applicators are required to: provide to the Sale Administrator notification of application per requirements in 40 CFR 170.120; and document and provide to the Sale Administrator annually, by December 31 and prior to closure of sale, the volume of product used and acres treated.

## 5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

## 5.2.4.1 - Dead and down creation, marked trees (10/13)

Reserve down woody material at the following levels where not a safety hazard. Size objectives are minimums, and the largest diameter trees practical should be used, down wood 3 per acre at a 10" diameter minimum. These trees have been taken off the timber tally.

## 5.2.17 - Timber Mats and Interlocking Composite Mats (10/20)

Some roads or skid trails may require extra protection such as that afforded by timber mats, interlocking composite mats, or another approved system. Approximately 300 feet of road or trail will need extra protection at locations shown on the Timber Sale Map. If available, mats may be borrowed from the DNR. A Timber Sale Contract Supplement will be used to document the Purchaser's use of the DNR's mats. Contact the sale administrator regarding availability and pick-up. Timber mats are available from various field offices. Composite mats are only available from the Grayling field office and the Marquette ICC. The Purchaser is responsible for picking up and hauling the mats to and from the site. The composite mats will require DNR staff onsite for installation and removal. Contact the sale administrator to schedule at least 30 days before desired install/removal date. All mats must be cleaned prior to drop off. This may include, but is not limited to, power washing and brushing to remove mud and debris. A charge of \$700.00 per timber mat and \$2,000.00 per composite mat will be assessed for all damaged or non-returned mats. Damage for the crane/timber mats is defined as three or more broken cants. Damage for the composite mats is defined as cracked or broken mats.

# 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.

# 5.2.38 - No decking against live trees (2/04)

Cut products may not be decked against unmarked or designated leave trees.

#### 5.2.43 - Opening protection (2/21)

No activities are permitted in openings marked on the Timber Sale Map with the letter "A". Any damage to the openings shall be repaired according to specifications of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

## 5.3 - Stream Protection

## 5.3.1 - Operating near stream (7/04)

No tracked or wheeled vehicles shall be operated within 50 feet of creek, except at an approved crossing. No crossings will be approved.

## 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.

#### 5.7 - Protection of Historical Sites

## 5.7.1 - Historical sites (7/12)

The Purchaser shall not cut live or dead trees or operate equipment within historical sites. Historical sites are marked with a orange boundary line. The Purchaser shall protect historical sites from damage by the Purchaser's operations. If Purchaser's operations have cut or damaged historical sites through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$900 as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each acre or part thereof cut or damaged.

## 5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

## 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

## 7.5.1 - Deteriorating timber (7/09)

The sale area has received damage from insects. The Purchaser should harvest the wood as soon as possible. The Department of Natural Resources is held free of responsibility of any further damage or deterioration due to delay in harvesting.

# 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.

## 99 - Unique

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# 99.1 - Unique Sale Condition (5/19)

Turtles are likely to cross H-9516 during the summer to nest in C476 S046. Operators should immediately remove turtles from the road to a safe location. If turtles are encountered during project activities, inform the district wildlife biologist, avoid harming individuals, and quickly move turtles to a nearby safe area.

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