

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7447

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on June 20, 2024.

LOCATION: PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MGMT UNIT, PO BOX 456, 9966 TWIN LAKES ROAD, VANDERBILT, MI

CONTACT NAME: Mark Monroe PHONE NUMBER: (989) 983-4101

<u>PROSPECTUS NOTE:</u> 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, PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Early Bird Red Pine (53-011-24) / T32N, R01W, SEC. 8, SENE.

T32N, R01W, SEC. 9, NW.

Otsego County, Advertised Price \$59,667.80, 35.2 Acres, Red Pine, White 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	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE	
Sawtimber					
Red Pine	312.3	MBF	\$	121.00 / MBF	
White Pine	7.6	MBF	\$	93.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood					
Red Oak	32	Cords	\$	33.75 / Cord	
Red Pine	390	Cords	\$	48.60 / Cord	
White Pine	59	Cords	\$	19.30 / Cord	

^{*} The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 29.46 percent. There are an estimated 1,231 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 363 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 \$5,966.78 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	31.1%
02	26.5%
03	42.4%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 06/30/2027.

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	
97,271	1,231	29.46%	869	1,594	

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
68	56,460	715	30.62%	496	934
71	40,811	517	34.41%	339	694
TOTAL:	97,271	1,231		835	1,628

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
68	22.9	1	12.4
		2	10.5
71	12.3	3	12.3
TOTAL:	35.2		35.2

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Red Pine	Sawtimber	99.3	MBF	12.4	\$18,566.55
	White Pine		4.1	MBF		
	Red Oak	Pulpwood	17	Cords		
	Red Oak	Sawtimber	2.2	MBF		
	Red Oak	Pulpwood	13	Cords		
	Red Pine		108	Cords		
	White Pine		18	Cords		
2	Red Pine	Sawtimber	84.1	MBF	10.5	\$15,787.85
	White Pine		3.5	MBF		
	Red Oak	Pulpwood	15	Cords		
	Red Oak	Sawtimber	1.8	MBF		
	Red Oak	Pulpwood	11	Cords		
	Red Pine		92	Cords		
	White Pine		16	Cords		
3	Red Pine	Sawtimber	128.9	MBF	12.3	\$25,313.40
	Red Pine	Pulpwood	190	Cords		
	White Pine		25	Cords		
	TOTAL:		319.9	MBF		
	TOTAL:			Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Early Bird Red Pine Sale Number: 53-011-24 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 red and yellow paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with red paint. Interior Payment Unit boundaries are marked with yellow paint. Retention patches are marked with red paint; no harvesting activities may occur within these areas. 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) 3, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH, except do not cut any white pine greater than twenty (20) inches at DBH, red pine under four (4) inches at DBH, oak or trees marked with green paint. Further explanation of regeneration protection can be found in spec 3.4.1.

2.1.7 - Leave tree marked unit(s) (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-2, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH, except do not cut any red pine under four (4) inches at DBH, or trees marked with green paint above and below stump height. Further explanation of regeneration protection can be found in spec 3.4.1.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.2 - Chipping required (2/18)

The Sale Area must be chip harvested to facilitate future silvicultural activities. Products may be produced as roundwood and forwarded to decking areas in final product length, but the tops must be left intact and skidded to the landing for chipping in order to minimize the amount of residual slash. The requirement to retain approximately 1/6 to 1/3 of tree tops and limbs less than four inches in diameter does not apply (G. C. & R. 2.2). This is due to future silvicultural activities.

2.2.3 - Stump heights (4/07)

Stump heights within the Sale Area shall not exceed 12 inches for trees greater than 10 inches at DBH and 4 inches for trees smaller than 10 inches at DBH.

3 - Payments

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.1 - Damaged timber (7/16)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. No damage is acceptable to undesignated live merchantable trees. Within the Sale Area, if more than 10% of trees (> 4.5" DBH) within a specified area of the sale are damaged, liquidated damages will be assessed for all trees damaged. Rates will be in accordance with General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber.

In addition, extreme care should be taken to avoid damage to "clumps" of red pine seedlings and saplings. A "clump" is at least 20x20 feet in size and consists mostly of red pine seedlings and saplings ranging from 3 to 10 feet tall. Many, but not all, of these "clumps" of saplings have been marked with green paint around the edges, do not run equipment through these regeneration clumps. Individual red pine saplings that do not fall in a clump do not need to be protected.

Within the Sale Area, if more than 25% of the red pine seedlings or saplings (1/4" to 4.5" DBH) within a specified portion of the Sale Area are damaged, liquidated damages will be assessed at \$500 per acre for all acreage within that specified portion of the Sale Area that was damaged.

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.8 - Operating period (5/16)

Once cutting begins, operations must continue until all Payment Units are completed.

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.

4.1.7 - Road closure (10/11)

Overgrown roads that are reopened must be blocked to vehicle traffic upon completion of the sale. In general, this will require constructing double earthen berms at strategic locations. These roads must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. Contact the Sale Administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.1.12 - No new roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted in any Payment Unit. All operations are limited to existing roads.

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.

5 - Operations

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

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) 1-3, cutting, skidding, chipping, and hauling are limited to the period of July 16 to November 1. This restriction is in place to maximize soil scarification during the time period of optimal red pine seed production. In addition, all chipping operations must be completed during this time period as well. No exceptions will be granted to this operating restriction.

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-3, 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.

5.2.4 - 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.

5.2.18 - Equipment requirements (1/09)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-3, all trees and/or tops must be dragged to the landing with a grapple skidder.

5.2.31 - Landing locations (9/13)

Recommended landing areas are marked on the Timber Sale Map with the letters "LD". Landings must be confined to these designated sites unless otherwise authorized by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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.

5.2.40 - Pathway protection (10/10)

The Shingle Mill Pathway is a hiking trail and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut trees or damage posts with blue pathway markers. Maintain a 20-foot-wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily, using the pathway as the centerline. Do not run equipment down the pathway.

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 25 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.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.3 - Red shoulder hawk or goshawk (1) (2/16)

In the event that an active red shoulder hawk or goshawk nest is found, the contract may be amended to protect the nest site until the nest is determined to be inactive. The value of the trees in this excluded area will be refunded or credited to the Purchaser. The nest will be buffered with a five-chain radius (eight acre) protection area, centered on the nest tree, in which there will be no cutting or new roads constructed. Avoid human disturbance, including loading and skidding, in the protection area.

An additional zone of five chains (ten chains centered on the active nest tree) will be established in which there is no management activity from March 15 to July 15. Limit biomass harvesting and chipping operations within this ten-chain zone, retain the maximum one-third of residues per the Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines (Michigan DNR 2010). Nests determined to be inactive will be protected with a one-chain no-harvest buffer.

6 - Safety and Fire Prevention

6.2 - Signing

6.2.1 - Road posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Ford Lake Road prior to beginning operations. The road must be posted at appropriate distances from the Sale Area to warn of logging activity and truck traffic. Signs must be removed when harvest operations are suspended or completed. The Purchaser will provide these signs.

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