

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN <u>TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7543</u>

<u>SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME:</u> 2:00 p.m. (local time) on December 18, 2024. <u>LOCATION:</u> SHINGLETON MGMT UNIT, PO BOX 67, M 28 WEST, SHINGLETON, MI 49884.

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<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, SHINGLETON MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

<u>Mink Heaven</u> (41-008-24) / T43N, R14W, SEC. 7 , SENE,SE. T43N, R14W, SEC. 8 , SWSW. Schoolcraft County, Advertised Price \$58,640.95, 59.9 Acres, Jack Pine, Red Pine. SALE NOTE: Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, all wood must be removed by whole tree, tree segment, or roundwood. No chipping is permitted.

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TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

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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	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVE	ADVERTISED PRICE	
Sawtimber					
Paper Birch	1.4	MBF	\$	25.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood					
Balsam Fir	2	Cords	\$	6.95 / Cord	
Black Spruce	125	Cords	\$	8.45 / Cord	
Jack Pine	568	Cords	\$	24.65 / Cord	
Mixed Aspen	87	Cords	\$	16.20 / Cord	
Mixed Hardwood	32	Cords	\$	13.45 / Cord	
Paper Birch	2	Cords	\$	6.10 / Cord	
Red Pine	658	Cords	\$	61.75 / Cord	
Tamarack	10	Cords	\$	2.15 / Cord	
White Pine	78	Cords	\$	13.20 / Cord	

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 19.62 percent. There are an estimated 1,567 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 307 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 \$2,932.05 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	62.3%
02	37.7%

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

5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 06/30/2028.

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	
123,758	1,567	19.62%	1,259	1,874	

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	123,758	1,567	19.63%	1,259	1,874
TOTAL:	123,758	1,567		1,259	1,874

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	59.9	1	37.3
		2	22.6
TOTAL:	59.9		59.9

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Paper Birch	Sawtimber	0.9	MBF	37.3	\$36,541.75
	Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	1	Cords		
	Black Spruce		78	Cords		
	Jack Pine		354	Cords		
	Mixed Aspen		54	Cords		
	B. T. Aspen		54	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		20	Cords		
	Red Maple		20	Cords		
	Paper Birch		1	Cords		
	Red Pine		410	Cords		
	Tamarack		6	Cords		
	White Pine		49	Cords		
2	Paper Birch	Sawtimber	0.5	MBF	22.6	\$22,099.20
	Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	1	Cords		
	Black Spruce		47	Cords		
	Jack Pine		214	Cords		
	Mixed Aspen		33	Cords		
	B. T. Aspen		33	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		12	Cords		
	Red Maple		12	Cords		
	Paper Birch		1	Cords		
	Red Pine		248	Cords		
	Tamarack		4	Cords		
	White Pine		29	Cords		
		TOTAL:	1.4	MBF		
		TOTAL:	1,562	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Mink Heaven

Sale Number: 41-008-24 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 blue and red paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with blue paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with red paint. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.2 - Clearcut unit(s) w/o unmerchantable trees (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, cut all trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization except do not cut any oak or hemlock. Special protection trees identified in accordance with condition 3.4.2, within clearcutting unit boundaries, are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.3 - Stump heights (4/07)

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

2.2.9 - No chipping permitted (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, all wood must be removed by whole tree, tree segment, or roundwood. No chipping is permitted.

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 one division per Payment Unit.

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.2 - Special Protection Trees (4/14)

The Purchaser shall not cut live or dead special protection trees within cutting units or clearings. Special protection trees are hemlock and oak. If the Purchaser's operations have cut or damaged special protection trees through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$100 as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each special protection tree cut or damaged. Such payment does not constitute ownership of the undesignated timber.

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 (4/24)

Construction of new roads, and improvement 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 upon completion of the sale. 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. Contact the Sale Administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.4 - Grading (10/16)

For completion of the sale, state forest roads must be graded. In general, this will require a road grader or bulldozer to shape up the roads after forest products have been hauled off site. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with gravel, if necessary. The grading equipment to be used must be approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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 and 2, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are not permitted during the period of April 1 to October 31 within 500 feet of Duck Creek. If required, Sale Administrator will delineate the boundary during harvesting operations. This restriction is because of wood turtle nesting requirements.

5.2.3.6 - Bark beetle restriction (12/08)

In the event drought creates a high risk of pine bark beetle infestation, pine is not to be cut during the period March 1 through July 1, unless all portions of trees greater than two inches in diameter are removed from the sale area, reduced to chips, or treated to the satisfaction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative, within fifteen days of being severed from the stump. Pine log decks, pulpwood piles and treetops that are piled for chipping in the fall or winter within a 1/4 mile of susceptible sites must be removed before March 15. Residual slash must not be placed in piles or rows and must be spread over the site for quick drying. The Department of Natural Resources will exercise this specification if the risk of damage warrants.

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.

5.2.41 - Snowmobile trail protection (9/11)

The Highwater Truck Trail is a snowmobile trail and it is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut or damage posts with orange trail markers or traffic control signs. The trail must be maintained and restored to a condition equal to or better than before the sale and the road maintenance/restoration must be done prior to December 1. If the trail road is to be used for hauling during the snowmobile season, then a snow-covered base must be left on the trail. Maintain a 20-foot-wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily using the snowmobile trail as the centerline. No decking of forest products will be permitted along the snowmobile trail. All stumps within 20 feet of the snowmobile trail must be cut at ground level.

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 April 1 to July 30. 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

6.2.2 - Snowmobile trail posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Snowmobile Trail 2 (Highwater Truck Trail) prior to beginning operations during the snowmobile season (approximately December 1 to March 31). The trail must be posted approximately 350 feet 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.

