

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN <u>TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7560</u>

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on April 24, 2025. LOCATION: PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MGMT UNIT, PO BOX 456, 9966 TWIN LAKES ROAD, VANDERBILT, MI

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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, PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Lobster Bisque (53-031-24) / T34N, R01W, SEC. 27, SWSW. T34N, R01W, SEC. 28, E1/2SW,S1/2SE. Cheboygan County, Advertised Price \$10,768.70, 21.2 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood. SALE NOTE: It is recommended, but not required, that within Payment Unit(s) 1-2, cutting, skidding, and hauling occur during dry summer or frozen winter conditions. The reason for the recommendation is because of seasonally wet and sometimes unusable segments of open and closed forest roads (5.2.22.1). Some road locations may require culvert installation (4.1.5).

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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	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE	
Sawtimber					
Red Maple	14.0	MBF	\$	70.00 / MBF	
Pulpwood					
Balsam Fir	123	Cords	\$	17.55 / Cord	
Jack Pine	22	Cords	\$	10.15 / Cord	
Mixed Aspen	306	Cords	\$	15.45 / Cord	
Red Maple	165	Cords	\$	9.65 / Cord	
Red Pine	6	Cords	\$	41.80 / Cord	
White Pine	32	Cords	\$	16.05 / Cord	
White Spruce	26	Cords	\$	12.40 / Cord	

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 23.64 percent. There are an estimated 717 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 169 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 \$1,076.87 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				
01	59.1%			
02	40.9%			

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	
56,610	717	23.64%	547	886	

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
45	11,088	140	58.56%	58	223
48	21,883	277	30.16%	193	361
114	23,639	299	44.49%	166	432
TOTAL:	56,610	717		418	1,015

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
45	5.6	1	5.6
48	8.4	1	8.4
114	7.2	2	7.2
TOTAL:	21.2		21.2

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	87	Cords	14.0	\$6,369.30
	Jack Pine	i upwood	22	Cords	14.0	ψ0,000.00
	Mixed Aspen		209	Cords		
	Quaking Aspen	Sawtimber	3.9	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	21	Cords		
	Balsam Poplar		12	Cords		
	Quaking Aspen		168	Cords		
	Red Maple		34	Cords		
	Red Pine		6	Cords		
	Red Pine	Sawtimber	1.9	MBF		
	Red Pine	Pulpwood	2	Cords		
	White Pine	,	32	Cords		
	White Spruce		24	Cords		
2	Red Maple	Sawtimber	14.0	MBF	7.2	\$4,399.40
	Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	36	Cords		
	Mixed Aspen		97	Cords		
	Balsam Poplar		8	Cords		
	Quaking Aspen		89	Cords		
	Red Maple		131	Cords		
	White Spruce		2	Cords		
		TOTAL:	14.0	MBF		
		TOTAL:	680	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Lobster Bisque

Sale Number: 53-031-24 Seq#: 2

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 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

2.1.1 - Clearcut Unit(s) with Unmerchantable Trees (6/14)Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH with the following exceptions:

- Within Payment Unit 1, do not cut trees marked with green paint.

- Within Payment Unit 2, do not cut any red pine, hemlock, cedar or trees marked with green paint.

Special protection trees identified in accordance with condition 3.4.2, within clearcutting unit boundaries, are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

3 - Payments

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 some of the Red/White Pine trees marked with green paint in Payment Units 1-2. Though not prevalent, a few of the Red/White Pine marked with green paint meet Legacy tree standards. Legacy trees are longer-lived tree species that are 150 years old or older; OR are 26 inches or greater at DBH, and in either case will exhibit some of the following characteristics: presence of hollows and cavities, super-canopy crown position, broken tops with crown debris accumulations and/or partial snag formation, plate-like or thick fire-resistant bark and/or fire scars and basal burn cavities. If the Purchaser's operations have cut or damaged special protection trees through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$500.00 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.

4.1.4 - Timber Removed for Construction (3/23)

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 contract prices or average prices, if not on the contract.

4.1.5 - Culverts (5/14)

The closed forest road providing temporary management access may require the installation of culverts for cross drainage or at natural drainage-ways. If culverts are needed in these locations, their placement will be specified by the Sale Administrator, and they shall be installed prior to hauling. The culverts shall be new, corrugated metal or plastic gauge. Culverts will be a minimum of 12 inches in diameter and 24 feet in length. If culverts are removed, fill shall be removed from wetland soils as specified. Soils shall be maintained and left in a non-erodible condition, with water bars, seed, fertilizer,

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mulch, and slash installed as directed by the Sale Administrator and as specified in the BMP manual. Stream crossing permits, if needed, will be obtained by the DNR.

4.1.6 - Road Construction (4/24)

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)

Overgrown or closed roads that are reopened must be blocked to vehicle traffic within 30 days of completion of hauling. 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.

4.1.11 - Permits (2/12)

The Purchaser will secure any necessary highway and stream crossing permits that may be required.

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. Skid trails only will be allowed.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.2 - Fill Material (4/07)

To maintain roads, fill material may be needed in areas where "holes" exist or may be expected to develop. This fill material should be placed before trucking begins. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must approve the type of fill material used prior to placement. In general, suitable fill material includes cobble and/or crushed rock. Fill material may not be sourced from adjacent State-owned lands.

4.2.4 - Grading (10/16)

If deemed necessary by the Sale Administrator, state forest roads must be graded after hauling operations are complete. In general, this will require a road grader or bulldozer to shape up the roads after forest products have been hauled off site. The grading equipment to be used must be approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale Conference (10/16)

A pre-sale conference 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

5.2.1.10 - No Slash in Openings (5/10)

No brush or logging debris is to be left in the maintained wildlife opening which is indicated by G0 on the Timber Sale Map. Any damage to the opening shall be repaired according to specifications of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.2 - Dead and down creation, hare and grouse (1/14)

To improve habitat for snowshoe hare, grouse, and other species, the Purchaser is to leave evenly scattered, linear (not round) brush piles composed of at least five (5) of the largest available tops on the ground for every two (2) acres within Payment Units 1-2. These brush piles can be constructed from the tops of any available tree species. Focus placing some brush piles near or against lowland ground that borders areas of Payment Units 1-2. Contact the Sale Administrator for specific details of design and placement.

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.

5.2.4.7 - Dead and Down Creation: Hare, Grouse, Deer and Other Species (5/15)

To improve horizontal cover habitat for snowshoe hare, grouse, deer, and other species, the Purchaser is to push over all trees painted w/Pink Paint in Payment Unit 1. These trees should be tipped over with the root ball still attached so the base of the tree is suspended off the ground. The crown of the fallen tree should be at or near ground level after it is pushed over. If it becomes impractical or impossible to push over a tree, severing or partially severing the tree is acceptable.

5.2.22 - Operating Caution

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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 North Country Pathway is shown on the Timber Sale Map. The pathway does not travel directly through either Payments Unit in this sale. However, the pathway does cross Road 12 near Payment Unit 2. Road 12 will be used for harvest/hauling operations. Be vigilant for North Country Pathway users during all operations, especially when Payment Unit 2 becomes active.

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

5.8.5 - 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 onsite evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

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 hauling routes 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.

6.2.3 - Recreational Trail Posting (10/20)

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

