



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7579**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 19, 2025.

LOCATION: SW REGION-WILD, 621 NORTH 10TH STREET, PLAINWELL, MI 49080.

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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 Game Area Manager, PARIS FIELD OFFICE, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Bergess Blend (68-001-24) / T16N, R09W, SEC. 32, NESE.

T16N, R09W, SEC. 33, N1/2NW, SWNW, NWSW.

Mecosta County, Advertised Price \$70,187.90, 24.8 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:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
B. T. Aspen	59.0 MBF	\$ 99.00 / MBF
Black Cherry	2.9 MBF	\$ 169.00 / MBF
Red Pine	216.2 MBF	\$ 119.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
B. T. Aspen	404 Cords	\$ 22.35 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	39 Cords	\$ 20.40 / Cord
Red Pine	580 Cords	\$ 48.80 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 18.94 percent. There are an estimated 1,674 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 317 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 \$3,509.40 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	20.2%
02	79.8%
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 03/01/2027.

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
132,275	1,674	18.94%	1,357	1,992

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.

VDU	VOLUME		PERCENT ERROR	RANGE IN CORDS	
	TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	11,733	149	94.36%	8	289
2	29,529	374	39.14%	228	520
3	68,280	864	27.92%	623	1,106
4	17,603	223	38.84%	136	309
5	4,984	63	106.65%	0	130
6	109	1	323.47%	0	6
7	36	0	1,270.62%	0	6
TOTAL:	132,275	1,674		995	2,366

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	4.0	1	4.0
2	8.1	1	8.1
3	9.2	2	9.2
4	2.1	2	2.1
5	0.6	2	0.6
6	0.3	2	0.3
7	0.5	2	0.5
TOTAL:	24.8		24.8

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	47.1	MBF	12.1	\$14,151.05
	Black Cherry		2.9	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	367	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		39	Cords		
	<i>Black Cherry</i>		6	<i>Cords</i>		
	<i>Red Maple</i>		33	<i>Cords</i>		
2	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	11.9	MBF	12.7	\$56,036.85
	Red Pine		216.2	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	37	Cords		
	Red Pine		580	Cords		
TOTAL:			278.1	MBF		
TOTAL:			1,023	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Bergess Blend

Sale Number: 68-001-24 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, cut all aspen, red maple, and black cherry trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH, .Special protection areas are identified in accordance with condition 3.4.3, within clearcutting unit boundaries, are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2.1.5 - Overstory Removal Unit(s) (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 2, all red pine and aspen which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, are designated for cutting, except do not cut those marked with green paint. Special protection areas identified in accordance with condition 3.4.3, 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.

2.2.10 - No Chipping Tops and Limbs (8/16)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, chipping of limbs or tops is not permitted. Limbs and the remaining top must be left on site and scattered.

3 - Payments

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 green boundary line. The Purchaser shall not drive machinery nor 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 \$500 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

4.1.12 - 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. No skidding against live trees that are to remain per the contract.

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 10 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.1.4 - Post-Sale Conference (10/16)

A post-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required 5-10 days prior to the completion of active logging operations to determine clean-up and repair of landings, road edges, and the fulfillment of other contract specifications.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.6 - Slash Removal, General (7/05)

All slash must be removed from in between the special protection areas that occur in the west stand of Payment Unit 2. The Sale Administrator will provide further instruction on where this is exactly and where to place the 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.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.2 - Operating Restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of September 1 to March 1, except November 15 to November 30. No timber sale operations are to occur during the regular firearm deer hunting season. This restriction is to reduce disturbance to wildlife and forest regeneration during sensitive spring and early summer seasons.

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 two trees, nine (9) inches or larger in diameter on the ground for every two acres. They can be of any tree species and can be an un-merchantable piece of wood or a full tree.

5.2.29 - Shrub Protection (1/20)

Do not cut or damage hawthorn, witch-hazel, dogwood or juneberry. These woody-shrub plants are highly beneficial to various wildlife species.

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. This includes parking lots used for landings.

5.2.38 - No Decking Against Live Trees (2/04)

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

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.

5.4.2 - Skid Trails (2/04)

Skid trails up and down slopes should be avoided. If, however, this is unavoidable, these trails will be left in a non-erodible condition using water bars, logs, and slash. Placing of slash on these skid trails while logging is ongoing may alleviate need for any further action. At the direction of the Sale Administrator, seed, fertilizer, and mulch may also be required.

5.6 - Debris and Waste Material

5.6.3 - Equipment cleaning (12/17)

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. Off-Road Equipment brought on site must be clean and free from plant material and soil prior to arrival on any Payment Unit. Off-Road Equipment shall be cleaned of plant material and dirt prior to being moved to a new stand within the sale. Plant material includes leaves, stems, roots and seeds. 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. This is to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.

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 adjacent roads 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.

7 - Other Conditions

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 are managed as a State Game Area.



TIMBER SALE MAP

This information provided by authority of Part 525, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Sale Number	Date	
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Forest Management Unit	County	Mapped By: Jesse Brammer
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Township	Range	Section(s) and Subdivision(s)
16N	09W	Sec. 32 NESE; Sec. 33 N1/2NW,SWNW,NWSW;

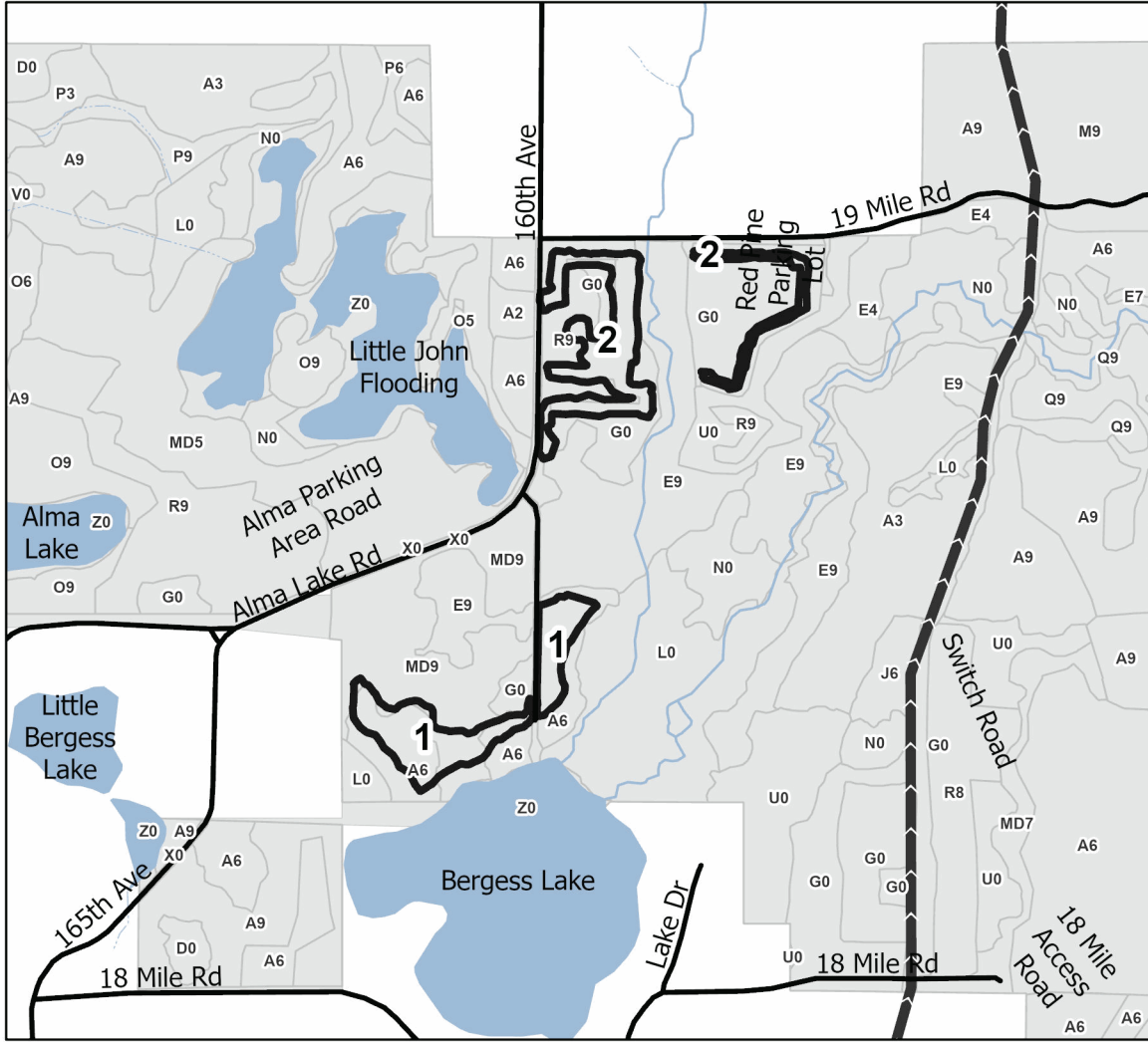
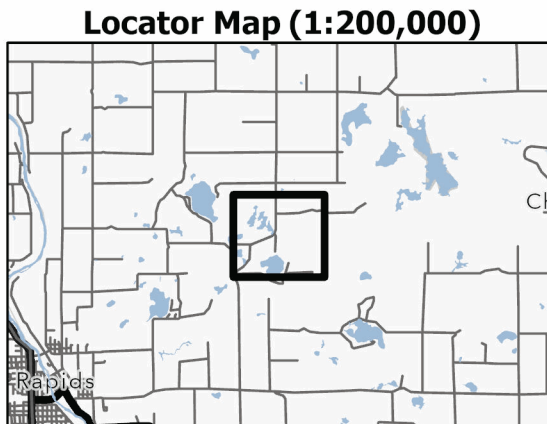
Cover Type			
A = Aspen	J = Jack Pine	O = Oak	U = Upland Brush
B = Paper Birch	K = Rock	P = Lowland Poplar	UM = Upland Mix Forest
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	Q = Mixed Swamp Conifer	V = Bog or Marsh
D = Treed Bog	LM = Lowland Mix Forest	R = Red Pine	W = White Pine
E = Swamp Hardwoods	M = Maple, Beech, Birch	S = Black Spruce	X = Non Stocked
F = Spruce/Fir	MC = Mixed Conifer	T = Tamarack	Y = Sand
G = Grass	MD = Mixed Deciduous	Z = Water	
H = Hemlock	N = Marsh		

Density	
0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well

PU #	Acres
1	12.1
2	12.7

Bergess Blend

24.8 Acres



Legend

- Payment Unit (Red Paint)
- Stand
- State Game Area
- Lakes and Rivers
- Pipeline
- Road

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