

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN <u>TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7656</u>

<u>SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME:</u> 10:00 a.m. (local time) on June 30, 2025. <u>LOCATION:</u> SAULT DNR CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, 4131 S. M-129, SAULT STE MARIE, MI 49783.

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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, SAULT STE MARIE MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

<u>School Farm Cedar Cut CRP</u> (45-004-25) / T45N, R03W, SEC. 11, SENE,NESE. T45N, R03W, SEC. 12, W1/2SW.

Chippewa County, Advertised Price \$910.80, 9.9 Acres, Hardwood.

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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*	ADV	ERTISED PRICE
Pulpwood			
Misc. Species 1	9.9 Acres	\$	92.00 / Acre

* 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 \$1,000.00 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 remainder is due before cutting begins.

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(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

100.0%

- 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
2,718	34	N/A	34	34
9.90 acres are being sold by the acre and do not have cubic foot or cord volumes.				

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
10 *			N/A		
TOTAL:	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A

* This VDU is being sold by the acre. There are no cruise statistics available.

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
10	9.9	1	9.9
TOTAL:	9.9		9.9

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Misc. Species 1	Pulpwood	9.9	Acres	9.9	\$910.80
		TOTAL:	9.9	Acres		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: School Farm Cedar Cut CRP

Sale Number: 45-004-25 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted Boundaries (9/19)

For Payment Unit 1A (strip thinning), the 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 unless marked with orange paint. In addition, a 16-foot-wide skid trail is marked through the center of the unit using yellow paint. All equipment operations in unit 1A must occur between the two yellow painted lines that delineate the skid trail. No equipment can operate outside of the skid trail without permission from the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Yellow trees are designated for harvest.

For Payment Unit 1B (strip clearcut), the 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. In addition, there is a single yellow painted boundary in each strip that is 16 feet from, and parallels, the red boundary. This delineates the skid trail. All equipment operations in unit 1B must occur between the red boundary line and the yellow painted line that delineate the skid trail. No equipment can operate outside of the skid trail without permission from the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Yellow trees are designated for harvest.

For Payment Unit 1C and 1D (gaps), the 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 unless marked with orange paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.2 - Clearcut Unit(s) w/o Unmerchantable Trees (8/11)Within Payment Unit(s) 1B, cut all trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization.

Note that: Skid trails are marked with yellow paint. No equipment can cross the yellow painted boundary during sale operations without approval from the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Trees marked with yellow paint are designated for harvest.

2.1.3 - Cut Tree Marked Unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1A, all trees are designated for cutting when marked with orange paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability.

Note that: Skid trail boundaries are marked with yellow paint. All trees within the skid trail boundaries are designated for harvest. No equipment may cross the yellow painted boundary during sale operations without approval from the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Trees marked with yellow paint are designated for harvest.

2.1.7 - Leave Tree Marked Unit(s) (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1C and 1D, all cedar, hemlock, yellow birch and white pine, which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, are designated for cutting. In addition, cut all other trees that are one (1) inch or more at DBH, except do not cut trees marked with green paint above and below the stump height.

Note that: No equipment shall be operated within the red boundary lines that delineate the gaps. Skid trails will be established around portions of the perimeter of the gaps which can be used for harvesting and skidding operations. These skid trails will be established by the Sale Administrator and marked with orange paint.

2.1.11 - Description of Timber Note (2/04)

Note that The Purchaser is required to report total volume harvested in cords by species upon completion of the contract. This is required as part of the research.

Payment Unit 1 is being sold by the acre. There are 3 acres of strip clearcuts, 4.4 acres of strip thinnings, 0.8 acres of gaps and 1.7 acres of 16-foot-wide skid trails for access. A reconnaissance cruise was done in the Sale Area which showed that the volume per acre ranged from 16 cords per acre to 35 cords per acre. The Sale Area is dominated by cedar with a small component of fir, spruce, paper birch, aspen and red maple.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.6 - Roundwood Operation Required (3/21)

The skidding of whole trees or tree segments with limbs attached is prohibited. All products must be produced as roundwood and forwarded to existing roads or landing areas in final product length. Trees must be harvested with in-woods processor (feller bunching harvester will not be allowed) in order to retain existing understory.

3 - Payments

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.1 - Damaged Timber (12/24)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. In addition, extreme care should be taken to avoid damage to tree seedlings and saplings.

Within the Sale Area, if more than 25% of the cedar 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.

No damage is acceptable to undesignated live merchantable trees. Within the Sale Area, if more than 5% 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.

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 the interior of Payment Units 1C and 1D. The Purchaser shall not run equipment or place skid trails within these areas. If the Purchaser's operations have left equipment tracks, ruts or other ground damage within special protection areas through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$500 as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each canopy gap damaged.

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 outside of designated harvest areas, unless otherwise instructed by the Sale Administrator.

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.

4.1.6 - Road Construction (4/24)

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, 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. All skid trails and road locations must be approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. See Timber Sale Maps for proposed skid trail and road locations.

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 double earthen berms at strategic locations.

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

4.2.3 - Road maintenance (8/13)

The following road maintenance is required: Within 60 days of completion of hauling, or if no hauling occurs for 60 days, the road must be maintained and graded. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with gravel, if necessary. Damages will be assessed if grading/repair does not occur.

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 on site between the Purchaser and Sale Administrator is required prior to beginning any operations, to determine landing and road locations, go over operating specifications, and slash specifications. 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

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.6 - Slash Removal, General (7/05)

All slash must be removed from Payment Units 1B and 1C. Slash can be utilized in skid trails to assist in flotation or slash can be evenly scattered outside of the Payment Units.

5.2.1.11 - Slash for Reforestation (3/21)

To facilitate reforestation, within Payment Unit 1A, slash shall be used in skid trails to support equipment flotation. If not used in skid trails, slash shall be evenly distributed throughout the Payment Unit. Bunched tops within the cutting area shall be broken up and scattered. Processing sites shall not be left with a compacted layer of slash.

Within Payment Unit 1D, all slash is to be removed from the unit except, do not process six (6) cedar trees above six (6) inches in diameter, these intact tops with branches attached must be arranged in a jack strawed/campfire orientation within the center of the gap to impede access by deer and protect existing cedar regeneration.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.2 - Operating Restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of December 1 to March 31. This restriction is because low ground conditions and providing browse for wintering deer.

5.2.17 - Timber Mats and Interlocking Composite Mats (5/23)

Some roads or skid trails may require extra protection such as that afforded by timber mats, interlocking composite mats, or another approved system. If available, mats may be borrowed from the DNR. A Timber Sale Contract Amendment 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.

5.2.41 - Snowmobile Trail Protection (9/11)

The snowmobile trail and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut or damage posts with orange trail markers or traffic control signs. If the trail is used, it must be maintained and restored to a condition equal to or better than before the sale. The road maintenance/restoration must be done prior to December 1. If the trail is used for hauling, it must be graded to the satisfaction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative 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. No decking of forest products will be permitted along the snowmobile trail. All stumps within 5 feet of the snowmobile trail must be cut at ground level.

5.5 - Protection of Improvements

5.5.3 - Protection of Improvements Detail (10/13)

The following are specific protection measures for this sale. Trail cameras have been installed within the Sale Area as part of the research project. Before operations begin, contact the Sale Administrator to have the cameras removed. If cameras are damaged, an invoice will be sent to the Purchaser for the cost of replacing the camera.

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 the haul 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.

6.2.2 - Snowmobile Trail Posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on the snowmobile trail prior to beginning operations during the snowmobile season (approximately December 1 to March 31). The trail 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

7.2 - Extensions

7.2.7 - Research Extension (4/25)

This is a research sale with a short contract length. The sale must be harvested promptly. One (1), twelve (12) month extension can be applied to one (1) other State Forest Timber Sale Contract owned by the Purchaser or owned by one (1) designated sub-contractor of the Purchaser that works this contract. To qualify, the contract to be extended must be extended by the original expiration date of this contract. If this is the first extension on the other State Forest Timber Sale Contract, then the 5% extension fee will be waived. If this is an additional extension, the 10% fee will be reduced to 5%. The research extension must be used before this contract is closed out. This specification does not alleviate the Purchaser from any contractual obligations of the extended State Forest Timber Sale Contract. Per General Condition & Requirement 7.2, extensions are at the sole discretion of the DNR.



