

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7673

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 22, 2025. LOCATION: SW REGION-WILD, 621 NORTH 10TH STREET, PLAINWELL, MI 49080.

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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 Game Area Manager, FLAT RIVER SGA, for certain timber on the following described lands:

MJR Pine Grove (24-001-25) / T11N, R05W, SEC. 20, S1/2NW,SWNE,N1/2SW,NWSE. Montcalm County, Advertised Price \$37,213.10, 24.9 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

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TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

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T11N, R05W, SEC. 20.
Montcalm County (Advertised Price \$37,213.10)

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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	ED UNITS*	AD\	VERTISED PRICE
Sawtimber	202.4	MDE	_	00.00 /MPF
B. T. Aspen	306.4	MBF	\$	80.00 / MBF
Black Cherry	11.7	MBF	\$	144.00 / MBF
Pulpwood				
B. T. Aspen	568	Cords	\$	18.60 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	30	Cords	\$	15.05 / Cord

^{*} The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 30.15 percent. There are an estimated 1,342 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 405 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 \$1,860.66 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.
 - (c) Payment for each of the following units must be made before cutting begins in that unit:

PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER

01

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 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	
106,020	1,342	30.15%	937	1,747	

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	84,020	1,064	35.56%	685	1,442
20	21,490	272	62.79%	101	443
30	432	5	430.27%	0	29
40	79	1	318.24%	0	4
TOTAL:	106,020	1,342		787	1,918

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
TOTAL:			

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

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PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	306.4	MBF	24.9	\$37,213.10
	Black Cherry		11.7	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	568	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		30	Cords		
	Black Cherry		12	Cords		
	Paper Birch		4	Cords		
	Red Maple		14	Cords		
		TOTAL:	318.1	MBF		
		TOTAL:	598	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: MJR Pine Grove Sale Number: 24-001-25 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted Boundaries (9/19)

The sale 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.

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. Do not cut oak, beech, white pine, or walnut trees.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.3 - Stump Heights (12/24)

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

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.

4.1.12 - No New Roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted in any Payment Unit. All operations are limited to existing roads. Skid trails need to be approved by a Sale Administrator.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.1 - Hauling Restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted on forest roads by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. The restriction may occur during spring breakup or wet weather conditions.

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.

4.3 - Public Right-of-Way

4.3.2 - County R-O-W (12/06)

The County must be contacted prior to crossing or harvesting in the County Road R-O-W.

4.4 - Access

4.4.1 - Private property access (3/11)

Permission for access across private land is the responsibility of the Purchaser. Should the Purchaser desire to cross private land, a copy of the written permission from the private landowner may be required by the DNR.

4.4.3 - Access gate (12/08)

The access gate must be locked at the completion of each day unless otherwise approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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 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.

5.1.6 - Utility R.O.W. (1/25)

It is the responsibility of the Purchaser to obtain permission from the utility company to utilize the power line right-of-way (R.O.W.) for operations. The Sale Administrator can help with obtaining the contact information for the utility company.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.1 - Slash Within Sale Area (9/16)

No trees are to be felled outside the Sale Area, and all slash is to be kept at least 10 feet back from the red and blue paint line. If sale boundary lines are along a public road or highway, then slash must be removed 50' from these lines per General Condition & Requirement 5.2.1.

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.1 - Slash Removal, Right-of-Way (9/16)

All slash must be removed at least 10 feet from the cleared right-of-way of

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

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Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of December 1 to March 1; logging operations are not permitted during special hunts such as youth hunt events. Specific dates not yet designated, contact Unit Manager or his/her representative for more details. This restriction is to mitigate forest health issues, protect wildlife nesting season, and to provide quiet hunting opportunities.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.4 - Dead and Down Creation, Grouse (6/18)

To encourage grouse and other wildlife, in Payment Unit(s) 1, leave one, 12" diameter or larger log-length (8 foot minimum) piece on the ground for every acre. In addition, leave 2 brush piles(20'x20'x5') of tops per acre. These will be evenly scattered throughout the Payment Unit.

5.2.29 - Shrub Protection (1/20)

Do not cut or damage hawthorn, witch-hazel, dogwood, crabapple 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.

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 are 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 (9/24)

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.

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