



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7780**

**SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on January 13, 2026.**

**LOCATION: GAYLORD MGMT UNIT, 1732 WEST M 32, GAYLORD, MI 49735.**

**CONTACT NAME: Lucas Merrick**

**PHONE NUMBER: (989) 732-3541**

**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 Unit Manager, GAYLORD MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Ice Hot Aspen (52-003-26) / T29N, R03W, SEC. 18, E1/2NE.

Otsego County, Advertised Price \$12,271.20, 31.7 Acres, Aspen, 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:

<u>PRODUCTS &amp; SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
Black/Red (Hybrid) Oak	108.2 MBF	\$ 55.00 / MBF
Red Maple	6.5 MBF	\$ 48.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
B. T. Aspen	451 Cords	\$ 8.40 / Cord
Black/Red (Hybrid) Oak	67 Cords	\$ 15.95 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	143 Cords	\$ 8.05 / Cord

\* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 19.39 percent. There are an estimated 929 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 180 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 \$1,227.12 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	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	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
73,423	929	19.39%	749	1,110

**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
37	30,438	385	28.42%	276	495
48	42,985	544	26.57%	400	689
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>73,423</b>	<b>929</b>		<b>675</b>	<b>1,183</b>

**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
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

**DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)**

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Black/Red (Hybrid	Sawtimber	108.2	MBF	31.7	\$12,271.20
	Red Maple		6.5	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	451	Cords		
	Black/Red (Hybrid		67	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		143	Cords		
	<i>Beech</i>		14	<i>Cords</i>		
	<i>Paper Birch</i>		14	<i>Cords</i>		
	<i>Red Maple</i>		115	<i>Cords</i>		
TOTAL:			114.7	MBF		
TOTAL:			661	Cords		

## Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Icee Hot Aspen

Sale Number: 52-003-26 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. Retention patches are marked with red paint; no harvesting activities may occur within these areas. 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

##### 2.1.1 - Clearcut Unit(s) with Unmerchantable Trees (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH.

### 3 - Payments

#### 3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

##### 3.3.4 - Dividing Payment Units (7/14)

Payment Unit(s) 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

##### 3.4.1 - 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.

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.

### 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. Only Skid trails will be allowed.

#### 4.2 - Maintenance

##### 4.2.3 - Road maintenance (8/13)

The following road maintenance may be needed: 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

#### 5.1.3 - Well Heads and Natural Gas Pipelines (11/15)

The Purchaser is responsible for contacting the MISS DIG call line prior to operating equipment in the vicinity of well heads or natural gas pipelines.

### 5.2 - Conduct of Operations

#### 5.2.1 - Slash

##### 5.2.1.8 - Slash Height (12/08)

No slash or tree tops may exceed 36 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

##### 5.2.3.5 - Oak Wilt Restriction (1/18)

Within Payment Unit(s), unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, hauling within the sale and brushing of access roads to the sale are not permitted during the period of April 15 to July 15. Operations may be allowed if specific steps are taken to prevent damaging uncut oak during the high-risk period. Those steps may include completing all road brushing before April 15 and clearing a tree-length buffer along uncut oak cover before April 15. This is necessary to reduce the spread of oak wilt. For more information, contact the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

##### 5.2.3.11 - Coppice Regeneration Protection (4/10)

Timber harvesting in any Payment Unit must be completed before significant sprouting occurs in that Payment Unit, so as to minimize damage to the new regeneration. Any post-harvest operations, such as chipping, must be completed before sprouting of regeneration occurs. If it is anticipated that chipping will be delayed, then tops shall be carried to one central location or left unchipped. The Unit Manager or his/her representative may cease such operations if sprouting occurs before the operation is complete.

#### 5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

##### 5.2.4.2 - Dead and Down Creation, Hare and Grouse (1/25)

To improve habitat for snowshoe hare, grouse, and other species, the Purchaser is to leave two 14-inch diameter or larger log size pieces on the ground for every two (2) acres. They should be scattered throughout the sale or positioned per the Sale Administrator's instructions. If possible, the logs or trees should be felled so they overlap. Note these pieces should have a minimum length of five (5) feet. 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.

#### 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 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. The snowmobile trail may only be crossed at right angles. 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.

#### 5.4 - 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.

#### 5.8 - 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 all haul 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.

##### 6.2.2 - 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

##### 7.2.2 - No Extensions (3/09)

There will be no extensions granted on this contract.

#### 7.3 - Contract Modifications

##### 7.3.2 - Modification for Oak Wilt (2/05)

Within the Sale Area, there may be patches of oak wilt. If oak wilt is identified within the Sale Area, this contract may be modified. The following modifications could occur: time of cutting, species to cut, volume to harvest, or various others dealing with the treatment of oak wilt. If a species is not specified in this contract, it shall be paid for at the average price received for that species and product.

#### 7.5 - Loss

##### 7.5.1 - Deteriorating Timber (7/09)

The Sale Area has received damage from the 2025 Ice Storm. The Purchaser should harvest the wood as soon as possible. The Department of Natural Resources is held free of responsibility of any further damage or deterioration due to delay in harvesting.



### TIMBER SALE MAP

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

Sale Number	Date	
<b>52-003-26</b>	11/19/2025	
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1:7,920	1	1

Forest Management Unit	County	Mapped By: Crew
Gaylord Mgt Unit	Otsego	Cruised By: Crew

Township	Range	Section(s) and Subdivision(s)
29N	03W	Sec. 18 E1/2NE;

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

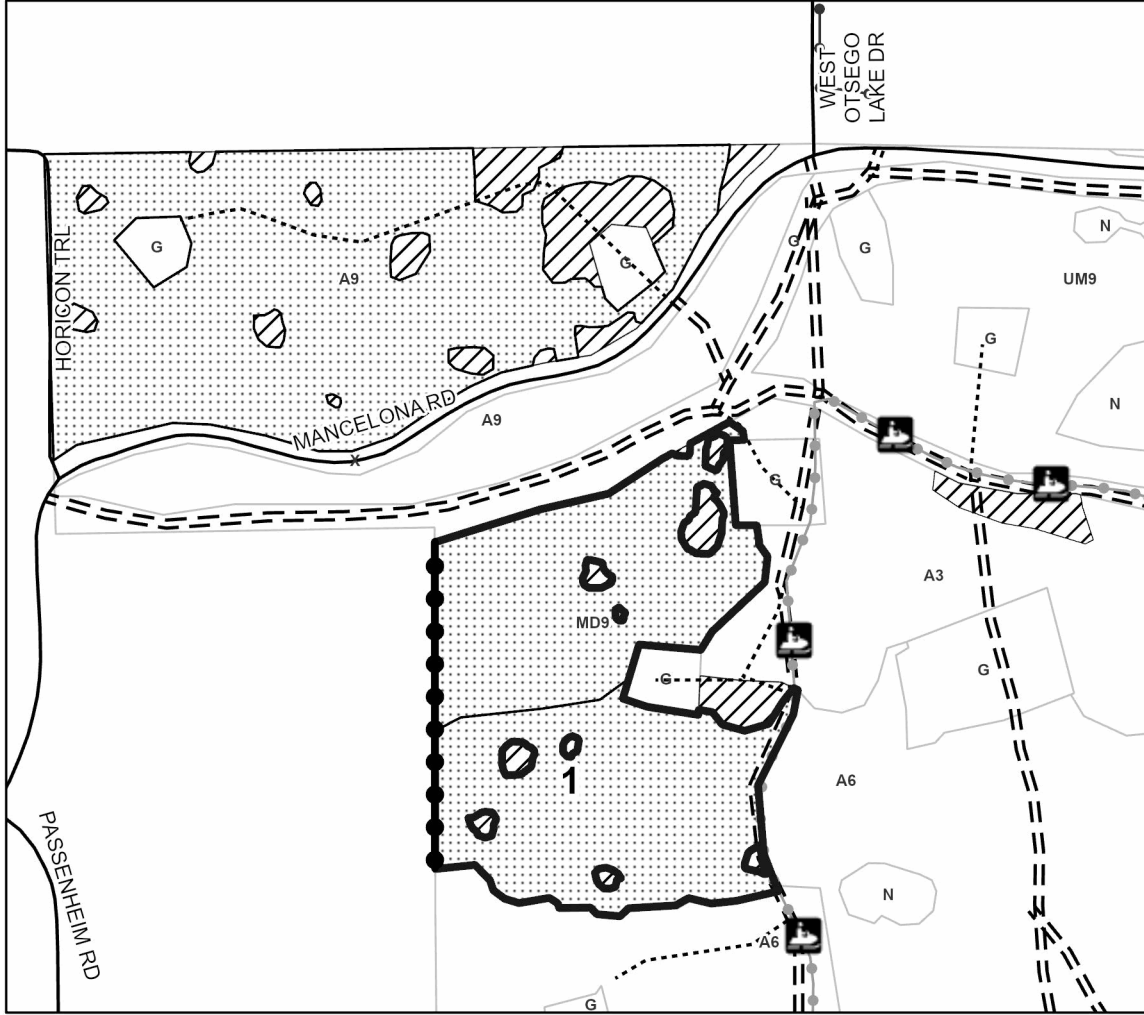
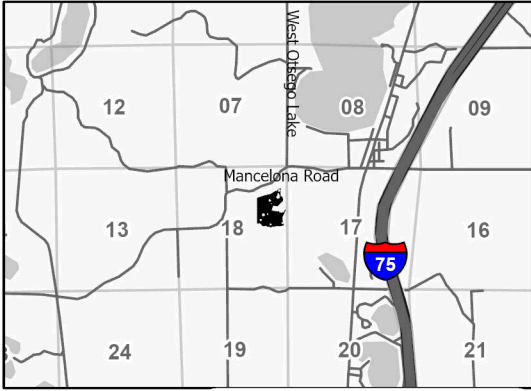
Payment Unit Number	Acres
1	31.7

Map Note:  
Snowmobile trail present, plenty of Oil/Gas activity in the area

## Icee Hot Aspen

### 31.7 Acres

### Locator Map 1:100,000



- Legend**
- Against State (Red)
  - Private Line (Blue)
  - Nearby Timber Sale
  - Recreational Trails
  - Forest Access Route
  - Administrative Access Only
  - Paved Road
  - DNR Utility Lines Edit
  - Electric

