



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #4894

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 1:00 p.m. (local time) on May 14, 2013.

LOCATION: PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080.

PROSPECTUS NOTE: This sale is composed of red pine stands with jack and scotch pine mixed within. These stands are being removed for a site conversion to natural reproduction. Payment unit 3 of this sale contains red pine that is charred around the base by a fire that occurred several years ago.

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, BARRY SGA, for certain timber on the following described lands:

SECTION 24 RED PINE (20-001-13-01) / T03N, R10W, SEC. 13, SWSE, SESE, NESE.

T03N, R10W, SEC. 24, NW1/4, NE1/4, E1/2SE.

Barry County, Advertised Price \$23,230.55, 73.0 Acres

SALE NOTE: No designated recreation site such as a trail, pathway, or campground is within the sale area or the vicinity. Access may be through other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 03/08/2013):

1. Scheduled Bid Location, Date, and Time (2/11)

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080, no later than 1:00 p.m. (local time) on May 14, 2013. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cindy McQueer at 269-685-6851 extension 139.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (2/12)

Purchaser shall obtain workers compensation insurance to cover claims under Michigan's Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 or similar employee benefit act of any other state applicable to an employee. If all or part of a timber sale was prepared by a private contractor, that contractor and that contractor's company are not permitted to bid on the timber sale contract. Bids will not be accepted from individuals or companies appearing on the DNR/FRD No-Bid List. This list contains the names of purchasers who previously failed to execute a contract within 21-days or who have a history of poor performance.

3. Preparation of Sealed Bids (1/11)

Bids shall be manually signed in ink; bid prices must be entered for each species and product in the Bid Price column for all material subject to bidding; and all fill-in blanks must be completed. If erasures or other changes appear on the forms, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (6/11)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager. All bids must be submitted on the bid form and in an envelope clearly identified as described in this section. NOTE: Only one bid form per bid envelope. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Unit office designated in the prospectus and must be submitted at or prior to the time established in the prospectus. The envelope should show on the outside (a) the sale name or number and (b) the date and time of bid opening as shown in the prospectus. Bids received after the time specified in the sale prospectus are late bids and will be rejected.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (1/11)

If conditions permit, the sealed bids will be publicly opened and posted at the time and place set in the prospectus.

6. Award of Contract (1/11)

Award of the contract will be made to the Bidder whose bid, conforming to the prospectus, is most advantageous to the State of Michigan on the basis of total value at rates bid for the estimated quantities. The State reserves the right to reject any bid or waive any minor irregularity in bids received. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

7. Down Payment (1/11)

The Bidder to whom award is made must make a down payment within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the down payment will be calculated as shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. Only cash may be used to meet this requirement.

8. Performance Security (1/11)

As guarantee of faithful performance, a cash bond, certificate of deposit, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit (LOC) is required within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the performance security is shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. If an LOC or surety is used, the coverage must extend for at least 6 months beyond the contract expiration.

9. Timber Sale Contract (10/12)

Additional conditions and requirements common to all timber sales are listed on the timber sale contract (R4031) and are available on line at www.michigan.gov/timber. Contact the Unit Manager for additional information or a sample contract. Within 21 days of the date of the award letter, the bidder must sign the contract and provide the required down payment, performance security, and verification of worker's disability compensation. The down payment and performance security shall be in accordance with the provisions of the timber sale contract, in the sums stated in this prospectus. If these actions are not taken, then the Bidder, the Bidder's corporation, and the corporation's principals may not be permitted to bid on State timber sales for a period of 1 year. In addition, the Bidder certifies that if awarded this contract, the Bidder will complete the timber sale contract in accordance with its terms and any modifications thereof including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove

the included timber by the termination date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (1/11)

Before submitting this bid, the Bidder is advised and cautioned to inspect the sale area, review the requirements of the sale contract, and take other steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the location, estimated volumes, construction estimates, and operating costs of the proposed sale. Failure to do so will not relieve the Bidder from responsibility for completing the contract.

The Bidder warrants that this bid is submitted solely on the basis of the Bidder's examination and inspection of the quality and quantity of the timber offered for sale and the Bidder's opinion of the value thereof and the costs of recovery. No reliance should be placed on the State of Michigan's estimates of timber quality, quantity or costs of recovery. Bidder further acknowledges that the State of Michigan: (i) expressly disclaims any warranty of fitness of timber for any purpose; (ii) offers this timber as is without any warranty of quality (merchantability) or quantity and (iii) expressly disclaims any warranty as to the quantity or quality of timber sold.

11. Certification and Chain-of-Custody (3/13)

Unless otherwise indicated in the contract under section 7 – Other Conditions of the Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements, the area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) - Certificate #SCS-FM/COC-00090N and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) - Certificate # NSF-SFIS-5Y031-S1. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mill as "FSC 100% and / or SFI certified" as long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

KEITH CREAGH
Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

SECTION 24 RED PINE (20-001-13-01)
T03N, R10W, SEC. 13; T03N, R10W, SEC. 24.
Barry County (Advertised Price \$23,230.55)

SALE NOTE: No designated recreation site such as a trail, pathway, or campground is within the sale area or the vicinity. Access may be through other public land.

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. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each species:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Pulpwood		
Red Pine	989.00 Cords	\$ 22.30 / Cord

In addition, the successful bidder agrees to purchase the following species at the indicated advertised price for a total value of \$1,175.85:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Pulpwood		
Jack Pine	57.00 Cords	\$ 8.10 / Cord
Scotch Pine	207.00 Cords	\$ 3.45 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 17.36 percent. 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 **\$1,162.00** 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 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:

<u>PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE</u>
01	28%
02	33%
03	39%
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 05/14/2015.

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Section 24 Red Pine Sale Number: 20-001-13-01

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (10/12)

The sale boundary and Payment Unit boundaries are marked and identified by red paint. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.7 - Leave tree marked unit(s) (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, and 3, cut all red, jack, and scotch pine trees that are two (2) inches or more in diameter measured at a point four and one-half (4-1/2) feet above ground level regardless of merchantability, except trees marked with green paint above and below stump height in Unit 1.

2.1.11 - Description of timber note (2/04)

Note that within Unit 3, a wildfire occurred several years ago and trees are charred around the bases.

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.

3 - Payments

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.1 - Order of cutting (1/09)

Payment Units shall be cut in numerical order, unless the sale is paid in full.

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.

4.1.6 - Road construction (1/09)

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)

All new skid trails built into the sale 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. These skid trails must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. All stumps from road/skid trail 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.

4.1.10 - Oversight (12/08)

The Unit Manager, or his/her representative, must be present when the road improvement project is initiated.

4.1.11 - Permits (2/12)

The Purchaser will secure any necessary highway 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

4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

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

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.

4.2.4 - Grading (12/08)

Roads must be graded after the sale is completed. In general, this will require a road grader or bull dozer 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.

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. This applies to Payment Unit 2 and County Road Yankee Springs.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/11)

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 (6/11)

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. (10/08)

It is the responsibility of the Purchaser to obtain permission from the utility company to utilize the power line R.O.W. for operations.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.1 - Slash removal, right-of-way (12/04)

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

5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08)

No slash or tree tops may exceed 24 inches in height.

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 as 'Opening' on the Timber Sale Map. Any damage to the opening shall be repaired according to specifications of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) , unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are not permitted during the period of 11/15 to 11/30. This restriction is because of regular firearm season for whitetail deer.

5.2.29 - Shrub protection (9/07)

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

5.2.30 - Landing/road top soil protection (1/12)

Top soil on landings and new roads must be removed, stockpiled and saved. Upon completion of the timber sale, soil must be evenly distributed back over the area for revegetation.

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 (1/09)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and 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.

5.4.5 - Soil caution (11/04)

Care must be taken to minimize soil damage due to the sandy soils.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (4/09)

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 on-site evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

6 - Safety and Fire Prevention

6.2 - Signing

6.2.1 - Road posting (9/09)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Yankee Springs and Chief Noonday 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 (12/05)

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

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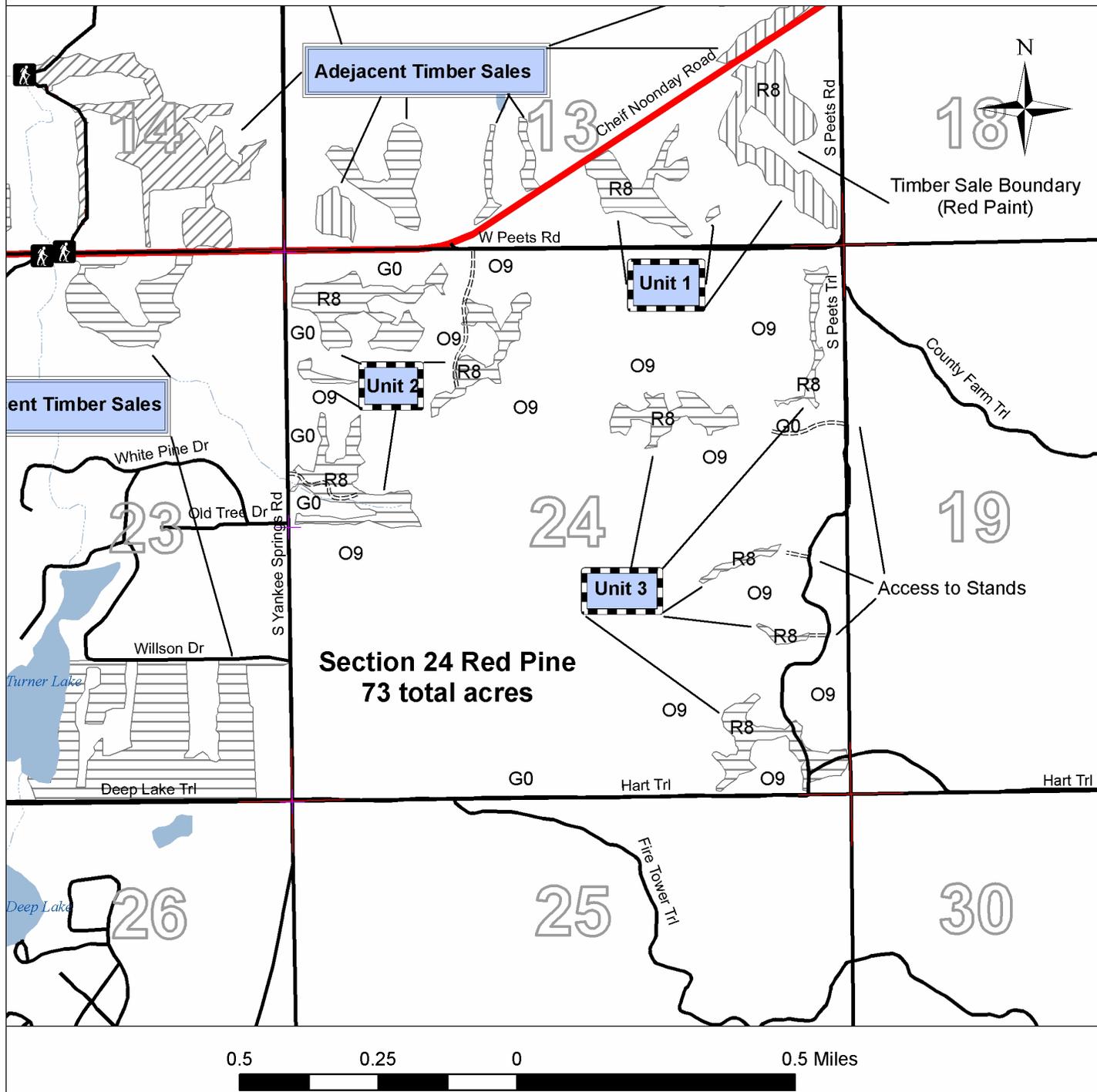
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This information provided by authority of Part 525, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Forest Management Unit Barry State Game Area	County Barry	Mapped By Jesse Bramer	Date 3/08/2013	Page 1	of 1
Township T03N	Range R10W	Cruised By Jesse Bramer	Section(s) and Subdivision(s) Sec. 13: SWSE, SESE, NESE; Sec. 24: NW1/4, NE1/4, E1/2SE		

1:15,840

Cover Type				Density	
A = Aspen	G = Grass	O = Oak	U = Upland Brush	0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
B = Paper Birch	H = Hemlock	P = Lowland Poplar	V = Bog or Marsh	1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
C = Cedar	J = Jack Pine	Q = Mixed Swamp Cnfr	W = White Pine	2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
D = Treed Bog	L = Lowland Brush	R = Red Pine	X = Non Stocked	3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
E = Swamp Hdwoods	M = Mpl, Bch, Brch	S = Black Spruce	Z = Water	4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well
F = Spruce Fir	N = Marsh	T = Tamarack			



SECTION 24 RED PINE (20-001-13-01)
T03N, R10W, SEC. 13; T03N, R10W, SEC. 24, Barry County

In response to the notice of sale to be held 1:00 p.m. (local time) on May 14, 2013, I am hereby submitting my sealed bid (firm offer) for the following forest products to be cut. Bids for individual species must be at or above the advertised price. All non-responsive bid forms may be rejected.

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I understand that any or all bids may be rejected. All bids must be signed and all bid items must be bid or the bid form may be rejected. I also understand that consideration and awarding a contract will be based upon my past performance and ability to complete the contract based upon equipment and staffing subject to my control.

FEDERAL ID: ____ - ____ - ____ or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ____ - ____ - ____

Company or individual bidding: _____

Company representative's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE PERSONALIZED LABEL FROM YOUR PROSPECTUS IN THE ABOVE BOX.

Individual or company representative's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number : _____ Email (optional): _____



TIMBER SALE

VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and
Part 525 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	
Sale Number (XX - XXX - XX - XX)	
Forest Management Unit:	

VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

- This verification must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.
- In addition, if boxes 2B or 2C are checked, then Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must be submitted within 21 days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.
- All Information must be typed or printed except for written signatures.

Please Check Appropriate Categories:

1. My business is organized as (you **must** check one of the boxes below):
 - A. Sole Proprietorship (individual)
 - B. Partnership
 - C. Corporation
2. You **must** check one of the boxes below:
 - A. I certify that my business is a sole proprietorship and it has no employees but the sole proprietor. I am not subject to the Worker's Compensation Laws.
 - B. I certify that my business has satisfied its obligation to the Worker's Compensation Act through the use of an approved Notice of Exclusion (BWC-337, Rev. 5/96). I will provide a copy of the Notice of Exclusion within 21 days of the contract award. (For questions or a copy of the BWC-337, please call the Worker's Compensation Bureau at 517-322-1195).
 - C. I certify that my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within 21 days of the contract award.
3. If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you **must** indicate the number of **both** full-time and part-time employees, other than yourself, including family members and active partners (if none, you must enter "0").

_____ Full-time Employees

_____ Part-time Employees

Name of Business		Federal ID (or) Social Security No.
Address		Telephone ()
City	State	ZIP

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I agree to notify the Michigan DNRE of any changes that occur in factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and future operations.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

Title

Date