



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #5065

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 10:00 a.m. (local time) on January 27, 2014.

LOCATION: SAULT STE MARIE MGMT UNIT, 2001 ASHMUN, SAULT STE MARIE, MI 49783.

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

CRANBERRY BEECH (45-006-14-01) / T41N, R03E, SEC. 02, SW1/4.

T41N, R03E, SEC. 03, SE1/4, SWNE, S1/2NW, N1/2SW, SESW.

T41N, R03E, SEC. 10, NENE.

T41N, R03E, SEC. 11, N1/2NW, SENW, W1/2NE.

Chippewa County, Advertised Price \$77,663.10, 442.0 Acres

SALE NOTE: This is a beech salvage sale with a short contract length. It is highly recommended that the purchaser move into this sale as soon as possible to get the product out while it is still alive and standing.

A recreation site such as a trail, pathway, or campground is within the sale area or the vicinity. Certain restrictions/specifications may be applicable including time restrictions. Access may be through state forest land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 06/06/2013):

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

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, SAULT STE MARIE OFFICE, 2001 ASHMUN, SAULT STE MARIE, MI 49783, no later than 10:00 a.m. (local time) on January 27, 2014. For further information concerning this sale, contact Jeff Wise at 906-635-5281 extension 2.

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 (6/13)

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

If a bidder, present at a bid opening, has submitted bids on more than one sale, that bidder may withdraw their unopened bid envelopes after being declared the successful bidder on one sale.

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

CRANBERRY BEECH (45-006-14-01)

T41N, R03E, SEC. 02; T41N, R03E, SEC. 03; T41N, R03E, SEC. 10; T41N, R03E, SEC. 11.

SALE NOTE: This is a beech salvage sale with a short contract length. It is highly recommended that the purchaser move into this sale as soon as possible to get the product out while it is still alive and standing.

A recreation site such as a trail, pathway, or campground is within the sale area or the vicinity. Certain restrictions/specifications may be applicable including time restrictions. Access may be through state forest 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		
Beech	3,119.00 Cords	\$ 24.90 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 16.16 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 **\$7,500.00** 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	7%
02	22%
03	19%
04	26%
05	13%
06	13%
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 12/31/2015.

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Cranberry Beech Sale Number: 45-006-14-01

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 blue, red and/or yellow paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with blue paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with red paint. Interior Payment Unit boundaries are marked with yellow paint. Painted boundary line trees are only to be cut if they beech trees. Yellow painted trees designating an interior Payment Unit boundary are only to be cut when all surrounding Payment Units have been paid.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.4 - Species designation unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, all beech trees are designated for cutting which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 - Utilization. The purchaser is not required to cut beech which have deteriorated to the point that they are unsafe to cut. The purchaser may cut dead beech if the tree still has merchantable wood that can be salvage from it. **DO NOT CUT GREEN MARKED BEECH.**

2.1.9 - Harvest exception (12/08)

Do not cut mixed hardwood other than those that are necessary to remove in order to operate within the sale area. Every effort must be made to preserve the existing mixed hardwood and to leave an intact stand upon sale completion. All cut mixed hardwood shall be piled separately by products and scaled in the woods unless other scaling arrangements are agreed to by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Stumpage price for mixed hardwood shall be \$40 per cord for pulpwood, and \$1000 per MBF for sawlogs.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.4 - Skidding length (9/13)

Skidding of unlimbed tops or lengths over 17 feet is not permissible unless approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

2.2.11 - Chipping restriction (9/13)

If chipping occurs on this sale, then no woody debris present on the ground at the start of the sale may be chipped. In addition, brush or chips may not be stored or stockpiled on-site for more than 21 days. In addition, 1/6-1/3 of the tops must be left scattered about the sale area.

3 - Payments

3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

3.3.4 - Dividing payment units (12/08)

Payment Unit(s) #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 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 Supplement.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

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 a four (4') foot high berm of stumps and logs covered with earth. Stumps and brush must be placed along the remainder of the trail. These roads must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.2 - Maintenance

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 (10/11)

A pre-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations a Payment Unit to determine landing and road locations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 3 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.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.1 - Slash within sale area (2/04)

No trees are to be felled outside the sale area and all slash is to be kept at least 10 feet back from the blue paint line.

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.

5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

5.2.2.1 - Den trees (2/04)

Obvious hollow and/or den trees shall be protected and left standing unless they are a safety hazard.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.3 - Bark slippage restriction (3/09)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, unless changed by written agreement, cutting and skidding are not permitted during the period of April 15 to July 15. This restriction is because of bark slippage.

5.2.38 - No decking against live trees (2/04)

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

5.2.39 - ORV trail/route protection (12/12)

The ORV trail or route is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Trees with orange ORV markers shall be cut off above the markers and at least 5 feet above ground. All stumps within 5 feet of the trail must be cut flush with the ground. Maintain a 20 foot wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily using the ORV trail or route as the centerline. Do not run equipment down the ORV trail or route. Skidding across the trail or route may only occur in locations approved by the sale administrator.

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. 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 1st. 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. 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 (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.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (3/13)

Two undetermined raptor nests were found within the sale area. As a precaution the nests will be buffered with a five-chain radius (eight acre) protection area, centered on the nest tree, in which there will be no cutting or new roads constructed. Avoid human disturbance, including loading and skidding, in the protection area. An additional zone of five chains (ten chains centered on the active nest tree) will be established in which there is no management activity from March 1 to August 15. Limit biomass harvesting and chipping operations within this ten-chain zone, retain the maximum one-third of residues per the Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines (Michigan DNR 2010). If the nests are determined to be inactive or nests of species other than red-shoulder hawk or goshawk, then they will be protected with a one-chain no-harvest buffer. In this event the contract may be amended to allow the purchaser to harvest beech trees within the 5 chain buffer. The value of the trees in this area will be charged to the Purchaser. Do not cut in unit 3 between March 1 and August 15 unless a determination on the nests has been made. 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

6.2.2 - Snowmobile trail posting (8/09)

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.

6.2.3 - Recreational trail posting (2/10)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on the ORV trail prior to beginning operations. The trail must be posted at appropriate distances from the sale area to warn of logging activity and truck traffic at both ends of the trail. Signs must be removed when harvest operations are suspended or completed. The Purchaser will provide these signs.

7 - Other Conditions

7.2 - Extensions

7.2.3 - Salvage extension (6/13)

This is a salvage 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 expiration date of the contract to be extended must be within twelve (12) months from the issue 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 salvage 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.

7.3 - Contract Modifications

7.3.1 - Emerald Ash Borer

7.3.1.2 - Emerald ash borer, ash or firewood on sale (2/05)

There is ash and/or "firewood" in this sale and it is located within an emerald ash borer quarantined area. The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) by the authority of Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, and Quarantine Regulation No. 620, has promulgated this quarantine to prevent the further spread of this pest and sets forth: definitions, regulated articles, regulated areas, conditions of movement, violations and penalties, and special exemptions. The Purchaser must comply with this quarantine. Contact the MDA for further information.

7.5 - Loss

7.5.1 - Deteriorating timber (7/09)

The sale area has received damage from beech bark disease. 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.



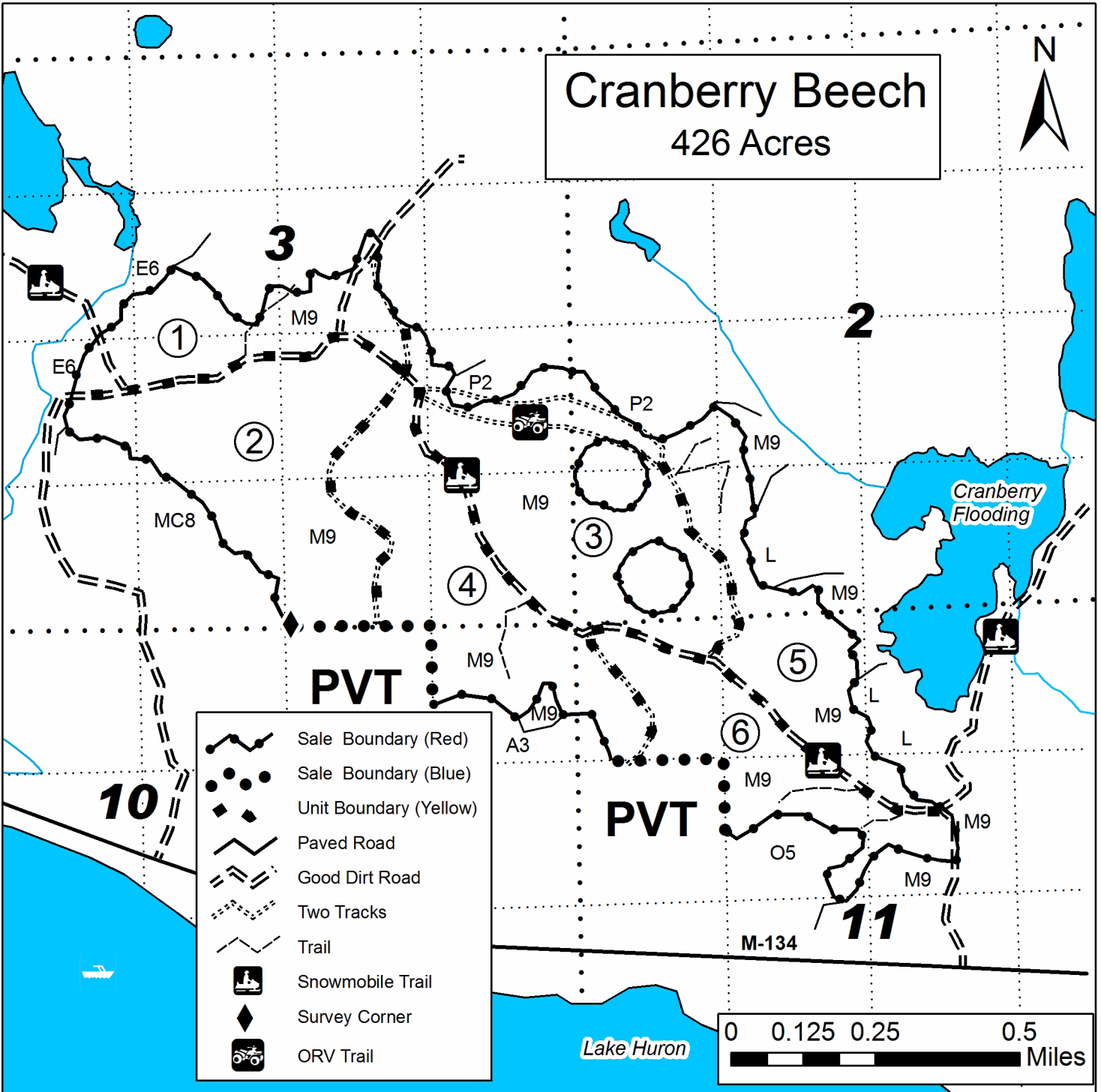
Sale Number	Year
45-006-14-01	2014

TIMBER SALE MAP

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

Forest Management Unit Sault Ste. Marie		County Chippewa	Mapped By Brinks	Date 11/14/2013	Page 1	of 1
Township T41N	Range R3E	Section(s) and Subdivision(s) Sec. 11 W1/2NE,N1/2NW,SE1/4 Sec. 3 SE1/4,SWNE,S1/2NW,N1/2SW,SESW Sec. 2 SW1/4 Sec. 10 NENE		Scale 1 inch = 1/4 mile 1:15,840		

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



CRANBERRY BEECH (45-006-14-01)

T41N, R03E, SEC. 02; T41N, R03E, SEC. 03; T41N, R03E, SEC. 10; T41N, R03E, SEC. 11, Chippewa
County

In response to the notice of sale to be held 10:00 a.m. (local time) on January 27, 2014, 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.

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
Pulpwood			
Beech	3,119.00 Cords	\$ 24.90 / Cord	\$ _____ / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 16.16 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.

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