



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #5742

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 10, 2016.

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

PROSPECTUS NOTE: This sale occurs within the Haymarsh Campground and receives much public interaction.

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, PARIS FIELD OFFICE, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Haymarsh Campground (68-003-16)

Mecosta County, Advertised Price \$51,819.10, 94.2 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

SALE NOTE: This sale occurs within a highly used campground that is maintained by the county. Caution and attention to contractual details is a must with this sale. The aspen is great but there will be a lot of public scrutiny during harvest operations.

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 other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 09/02/2016):

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 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 10, 2016. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cynthia McQueer at 268-685-6851 extension 139.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (5/16)

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, the 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 (5/16)

Bid Forms may be completed online thru Michigan DNR Timber Sale Online Bidding (OLB) at www.michigan.gov/timberbidding or by completing the hardcopy Bid Form found in the Timber Sale Prospectus. Hardcopy Bid Forms shall be manually signed in ink. Registration in OLB is considered your 'signature' for all bids submitted thru that system. 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 hardcopy Bid Form, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (5/16)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager or thru OLB. Bids may be submitted hardcopy or thru OLB. All hardcopy 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.

It is possible for a bidder to submit multiple bids on a single sale. For example, a bid may be submitted hardcopy and a bid may be submitted thru OLB. Or, two bidders from the same company could both submit bids on the same sale. If this were to happen, the State would accept all bids received and award the contract accordingly. All bidding and contractual requirements would apply to all bids received.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (7/16)

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 or announce the withdrawal of their online bid 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 (9/14)

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 expiration date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (7/16)

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 (10/14)

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-SF5. 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.

12. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements (7/16)

If the name of this timber sales contains the acronym GNA, it is authorized by the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) and covered by various agreements between the U.S. Forest Service and the State. The timber sale occurs on federal land and the following conditions apply:

GNA contracts on US Forest Service land will not be awarded to purchasers on the Federal list of excluded parties. The System for Award Management (SAM) will be checked for active excluded parties prior to award of contract. In addition, the Bidder to whom award is made must complete an Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants (AD-3031).

13. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements, con't (9/16)

Bidder certifies, by signing this bid form, that to the best of Bidder's knowledge that the following representations are accurate and complete.

- a. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntary excluded from timber sales (covered transactions) by any Federal department or agency.
- b. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

c. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b of this certification.

d. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for breach or default of a timber or forest product contract.

Bidders that cannot certify this requirement, in whole or in part, shall submit an explanation with their bid.

KEITH CREAGH

Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

Haymarsh Campground (68-003-16)

Mecosta County (Advertised Price \$51,819.10)

SALE NOTE: This sale occurs within a highly used campground that is maintained by the county. Caution and attention to contractual details is a must with this sale. The aspen is great but there will be a lot of public scrutiny during harvest operations.

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 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>
Sawtimber		
B. T. Aspen	161.90 MBF	\$ 80.00 / MBF
Red Maple	21.10 MBF	\$ 174.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
B. T. Aspen	1,634.00 Cords	\$ 17.55 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	318.00 Cords	\$ 20.50 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 13.89 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 \$5,182.00 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.
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 04/01/2018.

Description of Timber by Payment Unit (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	28.9	MBF	61.8	\$24,864.40
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	1,118.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		143.0	Cords		
	<i>Black Cherry</i>		17.0	<i>Cords</i>		
	<i>Red Maple</i>		126.0	<i>Cords</i>		
2	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	133.0	MBF	32.4	\$26,954.70
	Red Maple		21.1	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	516.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		175.0	Cords		
	<i>Red Maple</i>		175.0	<i>Cords</i>		
TOTAL:			183.0	MBF		
TOTAL:			1,952.0	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Haymarsh Campground

Sale Number: 68-003-16 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (1/14)

The sale boundary and Payment Unit boundaries are marked and identified by red paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.1 - Clearcut unit(s) with unmerchantable trees (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 2, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH except trees marked with green paint and any oak, hickory, cedar, and hemlock trees that may be present on site. If individual trees of these tree species need to be removed for access reasons approval must be obtained from the area manager or representative.

2.1.11 - Description of timber note (2/04)

Note that mixed hardwood pulpwood includes red and sugar maple and black cherry. Red maple sawlog includes red maple and sugar maple.

2.1.15 - Hazard trees near roads (7/13)

Cut and remove all standing dead trees within 50 feet of the cleared portion of Haymarsh Campground Road that is adjacent to the sale area. These trees may be utilized or must be scattered back into the sale area.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.1 - Utilization (2/04)

All listed board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined using a top diameter inside bark of 10 inches.

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.

2.2.5 - Limbed tree skidding (1/09)

The skidding of whole trees or tree segments with limbs attached is prohibited unless approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

2.3 - Log Rule

2.3.1 - Log rule (12/08)

All board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined by the International ¼ Inch Log Rule.

3 - Payments

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 marked with a green boundary line. The Purchaser shall not operate machinery within these areas nor cut live or dead trees within special protection areas. Do not fell trees in the special protection areas either.

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.1 - Order of cutting (1/09)

Payment Units shall be cut in numerical order.

3.6.2 - One active unit (12/08)

Each Payment Unit must be completed to the satisfaction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative before the next unit

may be opened. The Purchaser must give a one week notice before finishing a unit to allow for inspection.

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 only will be allowed.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted on the Haymarsh Campground by the Area Manager or his/her representative. The restriction may occur during wet and mild winter 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.

4.2.3 - Road maintenance (8/13)

The following road maintenance is required: Within 30 days of completion of hauling, or if no hauling occurs for 30 days, the road must be maintained and graded. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with 22A road gravel or equivalent, if necessary. Culverts that are damaged will need to be replaced with similar kind. 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 (10/11)

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.

5.2 - 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 red paint line.

5.2.1.8 - Slash height (12/08)

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

5.2.1.11 - Slash for reforestation (5/07)

To facilitate reforestation, Payment Units 1 and 2, shall be left with slash evenly distributed. Bunched tops within the cutting area shall be broken up and scattered. Stumps shall be cut low to the ground. Processing sites shall not be left with a compacted layer of slash; tops from these sites shall be hauled back into the cut area and scattered.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 2, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of 12/01 to 04/01. This restriction is due to wet soils, hunting season, and campground use.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.4 - Dead and down creation, grouse (8/13)

To encourage grouse and other wildlife, in Payment Unit(s) 1 and 2, leave one, 12" diameter or larger log-length (8 foot minimum) piece on the ground for every 2 acres. This can be an unmerchantable piece or a full tree. Each log must be clearly identified by a piece of blue flagging.

5.2.29 - Shrub protection (9/07)

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

5.2.40 - Pathway protection (10/10)

There is a trail within the sale area and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Maintain a 20-foot wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily, using the pathway as the centerline. Skidding across and along the trail may only occur in locations approved by the sale administrator.

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.

5.4.3 - Erosion control (12/08)

Skid trails or haul roads may require erosion control structures or berms per direction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.4.6 - Wet area protection (5/10)

No harvesting operations, including skidding and felling, are to take place within vernal pond areas or drainages. When harvesting occurs, there should be no disturbance to the vernal pond depression. All equipment, trees and tops should be kept out of this area. Within 100 feet of the pond, equipment should only be used when the soil is in a dry or frozen condition. Care must be taken by the Purchaser to identify and avoid operating in these areas of the timber sale.

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 the Haymarsh Campground road prior to beginning operations. The road must be posted at the entrance of the campground as well as 200 feet before the area where active timber sale operations are occurring 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.



TIMBER SALE MAP

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

Forest Management Unit Haymarsh Lake State Game Area		County Mecosta	Mapped By Jesse Bramer & James Miller	Date 06/07/2016	Page 1	of 1
Township T.16.N	Range R.9.W	Section(s) and Subdivision(s) Sections 23 & 26		Scale 1:8,367		

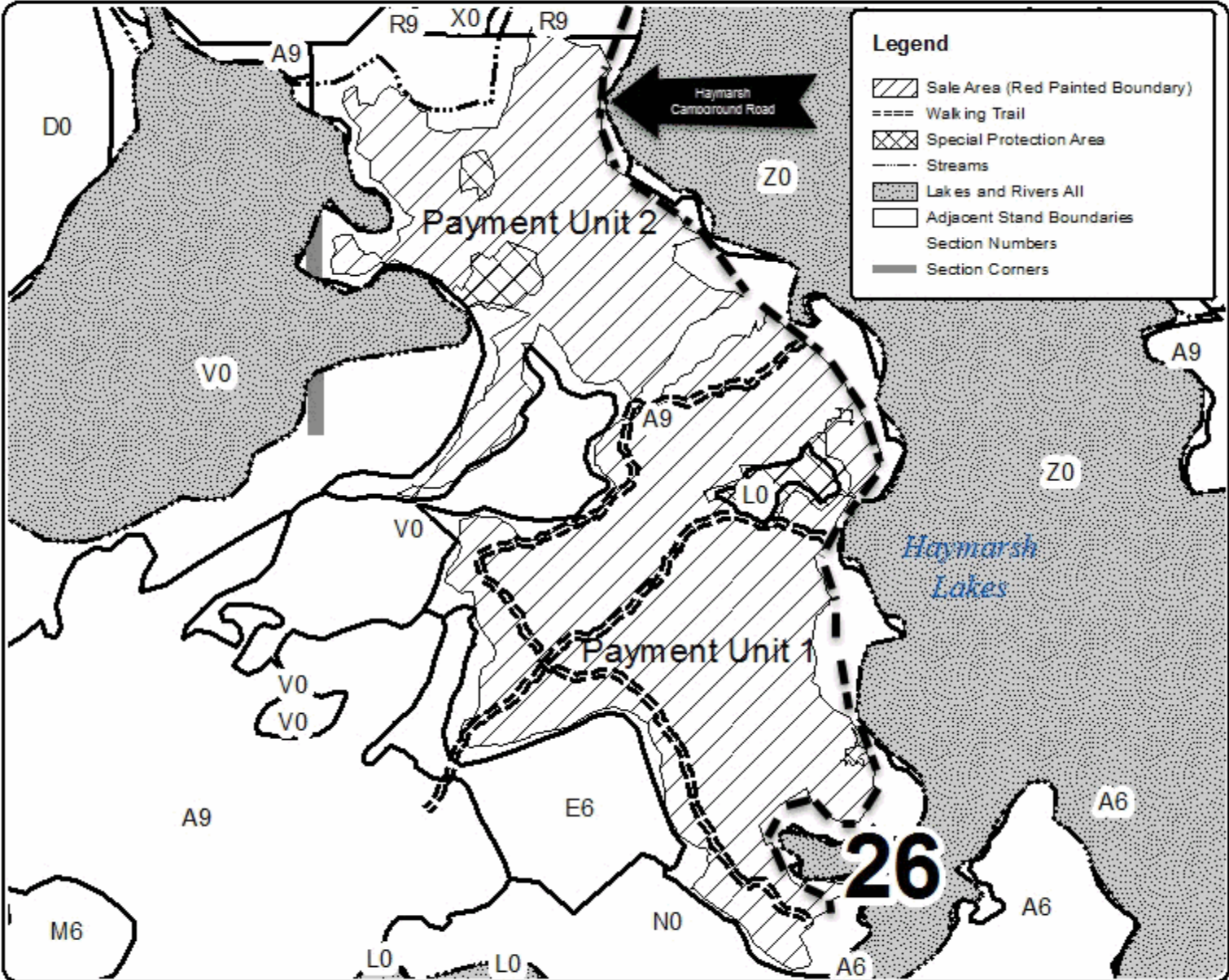
Cover Type				Density	
A = Aspen	H = Hemlock	N = Marsh	U = Upland Brush	0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
R = Paper Birch	J = Jack Pine	O = Oak	UM = Upland Mixed	1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	P = Lowland Poplar	V = Bog or Marsh	2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
D = Tread 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, Birch	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			

PU	Acres
1	32.40
2	61.80

Haymarsh Campground

Compartment 4

94.2 Acres



Haymarsh Campground (68-003-16)
; Mecosta COUNTY

In response to the notice of sale to be held 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 10, 2016, 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 VOLUME*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
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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): _____

THE WINNING BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE (ON REVERSE SIDE IF DOUBLE SIDED) WITHIN 21 DAYS OF SALE AWARD DATE

