

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### **TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7120**

## REVISION NOTICE #1 - September 19, 2022

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 LOCATION: BALDWIN OFFICE, 2468 W 24th Street, Baldwin, MI 49304

The following sale conditions for the **GNA2 Woods Trail Mix** timber sale (63-802-22) have been updated:

**Spec 2.1.3** - Within Payment Unit(s) 2, all trees are designated for cutting when marked with blue paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability.

**Spec 2.1.7** - Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 3-10, all trees, which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, are designated for cutting except conifer species and trees marked with orange paint above and below stump height.

Please use the attached sale conditions when bidding on this sale and disregard the original sale conditions sent with the prospectus.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you need assistance, please contact Andrew Krugh at 906-291-0124.

## Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: GNA2 Woods Trail Mix Sale Number: 63-802-22 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 orange paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with orange paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with orange paint. Interior Payment Unit boundaries are marked with double slashed orange paint. Retention patches are marked with orange paint; no harvesting activities may occur within these areas. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

## 2 - Timber Specifications

#### 2.1 - Included Timber

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 16, cut all red pine trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH including red pine snags.

## 2.1.2 - Clearcut unit(s) w/o unmerchantable trees (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 12-15, cut all species trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization except oak and pine.

#### 2.1.3 - Cut tree marked unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 2, all trees are designated for cutting when marked with blue paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability.

#### 2.1.7 - Leave tree marked unit(s) (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 3-10, all trees, which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, are designated for cutting except conifer species and trees marked with orange paint above and below stump height.

## 2.1.8 - Designated plantation row unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 11, all red pine trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, within designated plantation rows are designated for cutting. Designated plantation rows are identified by blue paint. Because of the variability of row direction, it shall be the responsibility of the producer to maintain the row sequence. In addition harvest all blue marked trees outside of designated rows.

#### 2.2 - Utilization

## 2.2.10 - No chipping tops and limbs (8/16)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-16, chipping of the bole, 2-inches in diameter or greater, is allowed. Chipping of limbs or portions of the tree less than 2-inches in diameter is not permitted, chipping of limbs or tops is not permitted. Limbs and the remaining top must be left on site and scattered. In addition there will be no piles of slash left at the base of residual trees, due to future prescribed burning.

#### 2.2.12 - GNA, cut and remove Included Timber (3/18)

Unless provided otherwise herein, the DNR agrees to sell and permit Purchaser to cut and remove Included Timber and Purchaser agrees to purchase, cut, and remove Included Timber.

#### 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.

# 3.4 - Damaged Timber

#### 3.4.1 - Damaged timber (7/16)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. In addition, extreme care should be taken to avoid damage to tree seedlings and saplings.

No damage is acceptable to undesignated live merchantable trees. Within the sale area, if more than 10% 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.

## 4.1.6 - Road construction (1/09)

Construction of new roads or 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 roads built into the sale must be blocked to vehicle traffic within 30 days of completion of hauling. 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. All stumps from road 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.

#### 4.2 - Maintenance

## 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.

# 4.2.4 - Grading (10/16)

For completion of the sale, forest roads must be graded. In general, this will require a road grader or bull dozer to shape up the roads after forest products have been hauled off site. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with gravel, if necessary. 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.

## 5 - Operations

# 5.2 - Conduct of Operations

## 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.

## 5.2.2.3 - Snag tree creation (2) (2/04)

Special consideration is given to snags because they are an important part of the habitat requirement for many species of wildlife. The logger is to leave or create at least nine (9) wildlife snags per acre throughout the sale area. Snags consist of leaving a dead standing tree that is not deemed a safety hazard by the Purchaser, or trees with a minimum diameter of nine (9) inches measured at a point to 4.5 feet above ground level which can be girdled the full circumference of the tree.

# 5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

## 5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-16, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of 09/15 to 5/15. This restriction is to protect Wood turtle, Blanding's turtle, and eastern box turtle.

## 5.2.3.4 - Oak wilt restriction, no exceptions (1/18)

Within sale area 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. No exceptions will be granted. This is necessary to reduce the spread of oak wilt.

## 5.2.3.13 - Heterobasidion root disease (HRD) (7/19)

This plantation is at risk of infection by the root rot fungus, Heterobasidion irregulare. To prevent the spread of this disease, cutting operations within payment units 11 and 16 are restricted to the period of January 1st through March 31st. Cutting may only occur outside this period with written permission of the Unit Manager or with the application of a preventative pesticide. Consultation with a forest health specialist will determine if cutting can occur prior to January 1 without pesticide application, dependent upon current and forecasted snow cover. Cellu-Treat and RotStop C are currently the only EPA registered products available in the United States for the control of Heterobasidion. Both products are a water-soluble powder that must be applied to the stump, in accordance with the product label. Dye must be added to these products to provide visible evidence of adequate coverage. Application of these pesticides requires licensing by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. All applicators are required to: provide to the Sale Administrator notification of application per requirements in 40 CFR 170.120; and document and provide to the Sale Administrator annually, by December 31 and prior to closure of sale, the volume of product used and acres treated.

# 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

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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 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.

## 5.6 - Debris and Waste Material

- 5.6.2 GNA, equipment cleaning (1/16)
- (a) Areas, known by the DNR prior to timber sale advertisement, that are infested with invasive species of concern are shown on the Timber Sale Map. A current list of invasive species of concern and a map showing the extent of known infestations is available from the DNR. 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.
- (b) Purchaser shall adhere to the following requirements with regard to cleaning "Off-Road Equipment":
- (i) Prior to moving Off-Road Equipment onto the Sale Area, Purchaser shall identify the location of the equipment's most recent operation. Purchaser shall not move any Off-Road Equipment that last operated in an area infested with one or more invasive species of concern onto Sale Area without having cleaned such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and having notified the DNR, as provided in (iii). If the location of prior operation cannot be identified, then Purchaser shall assume that the location is infested with invasive species of concern.
- (ii) Prior to moving Off-Road Equipment from a cutting unit that is shown on the Timber Sale Map to be infested with invasive species of concern to, or through any other area that is shown as being free of invasive species of concern, or infested with a different invasive species, Purchaser shall clean such equipment of seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds, and shall notify the DNR, as provided in (iii).
- (iii) Prior to moving any Off-Road Equipment subject to the cleaning requirements set forth above, Purchaser shall advise DNR of its cleaning measures and make the equipment available for inspection. DNR shall have 2 days, excluding weekends and State holidays, to inspect equipment after it has been made available. After satisfactory inspection or after such 2 day period, Purchaser may move the equipment as planned. 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. Purchaser shall not be required to disassemble equipment unless so directed by the DNR after inspection.
- (iv) If Purchaser desires to clean Off-Road Equipment on National Forest land, such as at the end of a project or prior to moving to, or through an area that is free of invasive species of concern, Purchaser shall obtain prior approval from the Unit Manager or his/her representative as to the location for such cleaning and measures, if any, for controlling impacts.
- (v) Unit Manager or his/her representative may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to Condition & Requirement 7.3 or 7.3.4.
- (c) Nothing contained in this Condition & Requirement shall be interpreted as creating any warranty on the part of the DNR that all locations of invasive species of concern have been described herein, elsewhere in this Contract, or designated on the ground. Following sale advertisement, additional locations may be described or designated, and other species may be added to the list of invasive species of concern. In such event, the Unit Manager or his/her representative may order delay, interruption, or modification of this Contract pursuant to Condition & Requirement 7.3 or 7.3.4.
- (d) The parties shall promptly communicate with one another with respect to description or designation of additional locations; discovery of locations of new species or new infestation; and, addition of species to the list of invasive species of concern.

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## 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 on-site 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 woods trail 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

7.1.1 - GNA, title (7/16)

General Condition & Requirement 7.1 is inapplicable. The following applies to this contract.

All right, title, and interest in and to any Included Timber shall remain in USDA Forest Service with the State of Michigan acting on behalf of the USDA Forest Service under this GNA contract, until it has been Measured, removed from Sale Area or other authorized cutting area, and paid for, at which time title shall vest in Purchaser. Title to any Included Timber that has been Measured and paid for, but not removed from Sale Area or other authorized cutting area by Purchaser on or prior to Termination Date, shall remain in USDA Forest Service.

#### 7.3 - Contract Modifications

- 7.3.4 GNA, contract suspension and modification (5/16)
- (a) The Unit Manager may, by written order, delay or interrupt authorized operations under this contract or, notwithstanding Condition & Requirement 7.3, modify this contract, in whole or in part:
- (i) To prevent environmental degradation or resource damage, including, but not limited to, harm to habitat, plants, animals, cultural resources, or cave resources;
- (ii) To ensure consistency with land and resource management plans or other documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321-4347;
- (iii) To conduct environmental analysis, including, but not limited to, engaging in consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 USC 1531, et seq.; or
- (iv) Upon agreement of the Forest Service, due to administrative appeal or litigation, regardless of whether the Unit Manager's order is required by a court order or this contract is named in such a proceeding.
- (b) In the event of an order delaying or interrupting Purchaser's Operations under this Condition & Requirement, Purchaser's remedy shall be:
- (i) a no cost contract extension,
- (ii) reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses,

however, the foregoing remedies shall be available only to the extent that the Unit Manager's order was the sole and exclusive cause of the delay or interruption of Purchaser's operations.

(c) Remedies awarded to the Purchaser shall not be duplicative, and the Unit Manager shall have the right to structure remedies provided herein to avoid duplicative compensation.

(d) Purchaser agrees that this Condition & Requirement, and the remedies provided herein shall apply regardless of any finding by any court that the DNR failed to comply with any statute, regulation and/or policy in connection with awarding, advertising, or authorizing this sale, or a similar sale.

#### 7.5 - Loss

#### 7.5.2 - GNA, liability for loss (7/16)

If Included Timber is destroyed or damaged by an unexpected event that changes the nature of Included Timber, such as wind, flood, insects, disease, or similar cause, the Purchaser shall bear the timber value loss resulting from such destruction or damage.

Deterioration or loss of timber value due to delay or interruption under 7.3.4 - GNA, contract suspension and modification, shall be borne by the party holding title. In this event, Included Timber to which USDA Forest Service holds title, Purchaser of the State GNA contract will not be obligated to remove and pay for such timber. This Subsection shall not be construed to relieve either party of liability for negligence.

#### 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 belong to the National Forest system and are being managed by the State as part of a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement.

#### 99 - Unique

# 99.1 - Unique Sale Condition (5/19)

All activities shall stay within sale area. If any parking, hauling, skidding, ect. happens outside the sale area it must first be approved by the sale administrator.

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