

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7715

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on September 25, 2025. LOCATION: GRAYLING MGMT UNIT, 1955 HARTWICK PINES ROAD, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

<u>PROSPECTUS NOTE:</u> 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, GRAYLING MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

GNA2 Gopher Lake KW South (72-826-25) / T25N, R02E, SEC. 10, SENW,S1/2NE,SW,SE.

T25N, R02E, SEC. 15, NW,N1/2NE,SWNE,N1/2SW.

T25N, R02E, SEC. 9, SESE.

Oscoda County, Advertised Price \$398,605.35, 383.5 Acres, Red Pine, Jack Pine.

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### BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 10/10/2022):

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

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, GRAYLING OFFICE, 1955 HARTWICK PINES ROAD, GRAYLING, MI 49738, no later than 9:00 a.m. (local time) on September 25, 2025. For further information concerning this sale, contact Tom Barnes at 231-384-7732 extension.

#### 2. Bidder's Qualifications (10/22)

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. A person must be 18 years of age or older to purchase timber. Permanent employees of the Department of Natural Resources or members of their immediate household may not bid. Former employees, in the permanent or seasonal class, may not bid until 3 months after the last day of active duty. 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. Worker's Compensation (10/22)

Purchaser shall obtain worker's 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. Verification of Worker's Disability Compensation Act Compliance must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract. In addition, if applicable, Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must also be submitted.

#### 10. Timber Sale Contract (10/22)

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 3 months after the first offense, 6 months after the second offense, and 1 year after the third offense. An offense will only be counted against the Bidder for 5 years. 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.

Payment Unit values in the State Forest Timber Sale Contract are calculated based on the advertised value of the Payment Unit as a percentage of the total advertised value of the contract. The advertised value of each Payment Unit is given in the Description of Timber by Payment Unit table on the Timber Sale Information page. For example, if the value of Payment Unit 1 is advertised as \$1,500 and the total Timber Sale value is advertised as \$10,000, the contract price for Payment Unit 1 will be 15% of the total bid price (\$1,500/\$10,000 \* 100).

#### 11. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (10/22)

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.

## 12. Certification and Chain-of-Custody (10/22)

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.

## 13. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements (10/22)

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).

- 14. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements, con't (10/22) 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.

Scott Bowen Director

#### TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

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A timber sale contract for this lump sum, sealed bid timber sale will be awarded to the responsible bidder offering the highest sealed bid price. All units of volume listed below were estimated using the Inventory Manager computer program and the new Michigan taper model. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each product and species:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED P	
Sawtimber				
Mixed Oak	229.9	MBF	\$	131.00 / MBF
White Pine	5.5	MBF	\$	42.00 / MBF
Pulpwood				
B. T. Aspen	858	Cords	\$	22.70 / Cord
Jack Pine	5,037	Cords	\$	16.55 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	98	Cords	\$	30.05 / Cord
Mixed Oak	1,539	Cords	\$	21.60 / Cord
Red Pine	5,631	Cords	\$	40.70 / Cord
White Pine	3	Cords	\$	16.50 / Cord

<sup>\*</sup> The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 12.46 percent. There are an estimated 13,723 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 1,711 cords at the 95% confidence level. The estimated units are final and not subject to adjustment. Prospective bidders are urged to examine this timber and to make their own estimates of quantity and quality.

#### **BOND AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

- 1. A bond in the amount of \$19,930.00 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:

PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	20.7%
02	29.2%
03	31.0%
04	19.1%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 12/31/2028.

## **SALE STATISTICS**

Volumes were calculated in cubic feet using the Michigan taper model. Cubic foot volume includes all wood inside bark for the product indicated. For display purposes, cubic feet were converted to cords and MBF using a simple conversion factor, e.g. 79 cubic feet per cord and 185 cubic feet per MBF. The cubic foot volumes are precise; the cords and MBF volumes are not. Cubic foot volume cannot be directly converted to cords or boards with precision.

#### **SALE VOLUMES**

The total estimated sale volume may not equal the sum of the species/products due to the nature of statistical calculations associated with double sampling methodology.

VOLUME			STATISTICAL RA	ANGE IN CORDS
TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1,084,093	13,723	12.46%	12,012	15,433

## **VDU VOLUMES**

A VDU is a Volume Determination Unit. Volumes and their associated statistics are calculated at the VDU level and summarized to the sale level. There is often a one to one relationship between a VDU and a Payment Unit, but not always, depending on the cruise design. Refer to the VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT table.

	VOLUME			RANGE II	N CORDS
VDU	TOTAL CUBIC FEET TOTAL CORDS		PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	65,721	832	18.39%	679	985
2	1,018,372	12,891	13.23%	11,186	14,596
TOTAL:	1,084,093	13,723		11,865	15,581

#### **VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT**

When a VDU is associated with more than one Payment Unit (PU), the VDU volumes are assigned to the PU based on acres of the VDU within the PU.

VDU	VDU ACRES	PU	PU ACRES
TOTAL:			

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Mixed Oak	Sawtimber	40.1	MBF	81.8	\$82,446.15
	Northern Pin Oak		37.0	MBF		
	White Oak		3.1	MBF		
	White Pine		1.0	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	150	Cords		
	Jack Pine		1,457	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		22	Cords		
	Black Cherry		14	Cords		
	Red Maple		8	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		320	Cords		
	Northern Pin Oak		313	Cords		
	White Oak		7	Cords		
	Red Pine		1,033	Cords		
	White Pine		1	Cords		
2	Mixed Oak	Sawtimber	69.8	MBF	110.9	\$116,214.70
_	Northern Pin Oak	Gawanison	64.4	MBF	110.0	ψ110,21111
	White Oak		5.4	MBF		
	White Pine		1.7	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	260	Cords		
	Jack Pine	i uipwood	1,316	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		28	Cords		
	Black Cherry		15	Cords		
	- 1		13			
	Red Maple			Cords		
	Mixed Oak		448	Cords		
	Northern Pin Oak		436	Cords		
	White Oak		12	Cords		
	Red Pine		1,690	Cords		
	White Pine		1	Cords		
3	Mixed Oak	Sawtimber	74.4	MBF	118.3	\$123,942.95
	Northern Pin Oak		68.7	MBF		
	White Oak		5.7	MBF		
	White Pine		1.7	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	278	Cords		
	Jack Pine		1,404	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		29	Cords		
	Black Cherry		15	Cords		
	Red Maple		14	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		478	Cords		
	Northern Pin Oak		464	Cords		
	White Oak		14	Cords		
	Red Pine		1,803	Cords		
4	Mixed Oak	Sawtimber	45.6	MBF	72.5	\$76,001.55
	Northern Pin Oak		42.1	MBF		
	White Oak		3.5	MBF		
	White Pine		1.1	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	170	Cords		
	Jack Pine		860	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		19	Cords		
	Black Cherry		10	Cords		
	Red Maple		9	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		293	Cords		
	Northern Pin Oak		285	Cords		
	White Oak		8	Cords		
			1,105	Cords		
	Red Pine					

TOTAL:	235.4	MBF
TOTAL:	13,166	Cords

## Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: GNA2 Gopher Lake KW South Sale Number: 72-826-25 Seq#: 1

#### 1 - Sale Area

#### 1.2 - Boundaries

#### 1.2.1 - Painted Boundaries (9/19)

The sale boundaries and payment unit boundaries are marked and identified by orange paint except along existing roads, trails and powerline as identified on the timber sale map. 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) #s 1-4, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH, except do not cut dead trees or relic red or white pine. Most of the relic pines have been marked in orange paint for reference. Relic red pine and white pine are defined by having a minimum diameter of 20" have plate like bark, large limbs and developed canopies with the chance of fire scars on the bole of the tree. Special protection trees identified in accordance with condition 3.4.2, within clearcutting unit boundaries, are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

#### 2.2 - Utilization

## 2.2.2 - Chipping Required (12/24)

Payment Unit's 1-4 must be chip harvested to facilitate subsequent planting operations. The Purchaser has the option to produce sawlogs or pulpwood bolts, but the remaining portion of the trees must be chipped and hauled. Chipping exemption may be allowed if approved by USFS.

#### 2.2.3 - Stump Heights (12/24)

Stump heights within Payment Unit(s) #'s 1-4 shall not exceed six (6) inches for all trees. This is in order to facilitate planting operations.

## 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

## 3.4 - Damaged Timber

#### 3.4.2 - Special Protection Trees (1/25)

The Purchaser shall not cut live or dead special protection trees within cutting units or clearings. Special protection trees are relic red pine and white pine trees. Relic trees are defined by having a minimum diameter of 20" have plate like bark, large limbs and developed canopies with the chance of fire scars on the bole of the tree. Most of the relic pines have been marked with orange paint for reference. If Purchaser's operations have cut or damaged special protection trees through carelessness, the Purchaser shall pay \$250 as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each special protection tree cut or damaged. Such payment does not constitute ownership of the undesignated 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 (4/24)

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 chipped, utilized or otherwise removed from the sale. Stumps shall be set upright, not left on edge, and be moved at least 10 feet from road edge.

## 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. Some existing roads may also need to be closed. In general, this will require constructing a four (4') foot high berm of stumps and logs covered with earth. 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. Contact the Sale Administrator for specific details of design and placement.

#### 4.2 - Maintenance

## 4.2.1 - Hauling Restriction (12/08)

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

## 4.2.3 - Road maintenance (8/13)

The following road maintenance is required: Within 60 days of completion of hauling, the road must be maintained and graded. This includes 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, USFS roads must be graded. In general, this will require a road grader or bulldozer 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.

#### 4.4 - Access

#### 4.4.5 - Federal Property Access (3/11)

Permission for access across federal land has been obtained by the DNR.

## 5 - Operations

## 5.1 - Notification

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

The Purchaser is responsible for contacting the gas or pipeline company prior to starting operations. Contact Lambda Energy Resources LLC prior to operating equipment in the vicinity of well heads or natural gas pipelines.

Payment Unit 3 has two known gas lines. The East/West gas line has been marked out with orange paint. The North/South gas line has not been marked out and will need to be identified by gas company. See map for approximate locations.

#### 5.2 - Conduct of Operations

## 5.2.1 - Slash

#### 5.2.1.14 - Chipping of Slash (10/08)

If tops are chipped, they must be skidded to the landing separately from the bole section of the tree. Skidding of tops must be done in such a way as to minimize damage to the residual trees.

## 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.

## 5.2.29 - Shrub Protection (1/20)

Reasonable care should be taken to avoid cutting hawthorn, witch-hazel, dogwood or juneberry. These woody-shrub plants

are highly beneficial to various wildlife species.

## 5.2.32 - Decking/Landing Restoration (9/13)

All decking and landing areas must have the surface area restored to a condition equal to or better than before. This is to ensure the proper regeneration of the stand. Wood debris, chips and "cookies" from trimmings must be removed or scattered away from landing and loading areas and may not be windrowed on the edge.

## 5.2.37 - No Decking Areas (12/08)

No decking is allowed within 50 feet of snowmobile trails or roads shown on sale area map without permission of the Unit Manager or his/her representative. In addition, no decking is allowed on injection sites without permission of the pipeline company.

#### 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 (4/18)

Big Creek (FR 4263) and Meadows-M33 (H58-1) are ORV trails or routes and are shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut trees or damage posts with yellow ORV markers. All stumps within five (5) feet of the trail must be cut flush with the ground. Maintain a 10-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 Meadows-M33 (H58-1) snowmobile trail is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut or damage posts with orange trail markers or traffic control signs. If the trail is used, it must be maintained and restored to a condition equal to or better than before the sale. The road maintenance/restoration must be done prior to December 1 each year. The snowmobile trail may not be used for any timber sale operations from December 1 to March 31 without written permission each year from the unit manager or his/her representative. Maintain a 10-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 5 feet of the snowmobile trail must be cut to ground level.

## 5.4 - Soil Protection

## 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.

#### 5.6 - Debris and Waste Material

#### 5.6.2 - GNA, Equipment Cleaning (4/24)

- (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 two (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.

#### 5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

#### 5.8.5 - Protection of Raptor Nests (3/13)

All trees with raptor nests will be protected if found during harvesting operations. Notification will be made to the Unit Manager or his/her representative who will notify the Wildlife Biologist so an onsite evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

#### 5.8.9 - GNA, Bat Habitat and Roost Trees (7/25)

If bats are observed emerging from a tree prior to being felled, or if injured or dead bats are found after a tree is felled, notify the Unit Manager for coordination with Forest Service biologists. If the tree is determined to be a roost, the contract may be amended to include a no activity buffer (typically 150 feet radius around the roost tree or trees).

During operations if any sick, injured, and/or dead bats (regardless of species) are found in the Sale Area the Purchaser shall report its location to the Sale Administrator as soon as possible, but no more than 12 hours upon discovery.

#### 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 Deyarmond Valley, Upper Big Creek, and Union Corners prior to beginning operations. The road must be posted an appropriate distance 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 (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on ORV and Snowmobile trails within sale area prior to beginning operations. The trail must be posted 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

**SKIP** 

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

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.

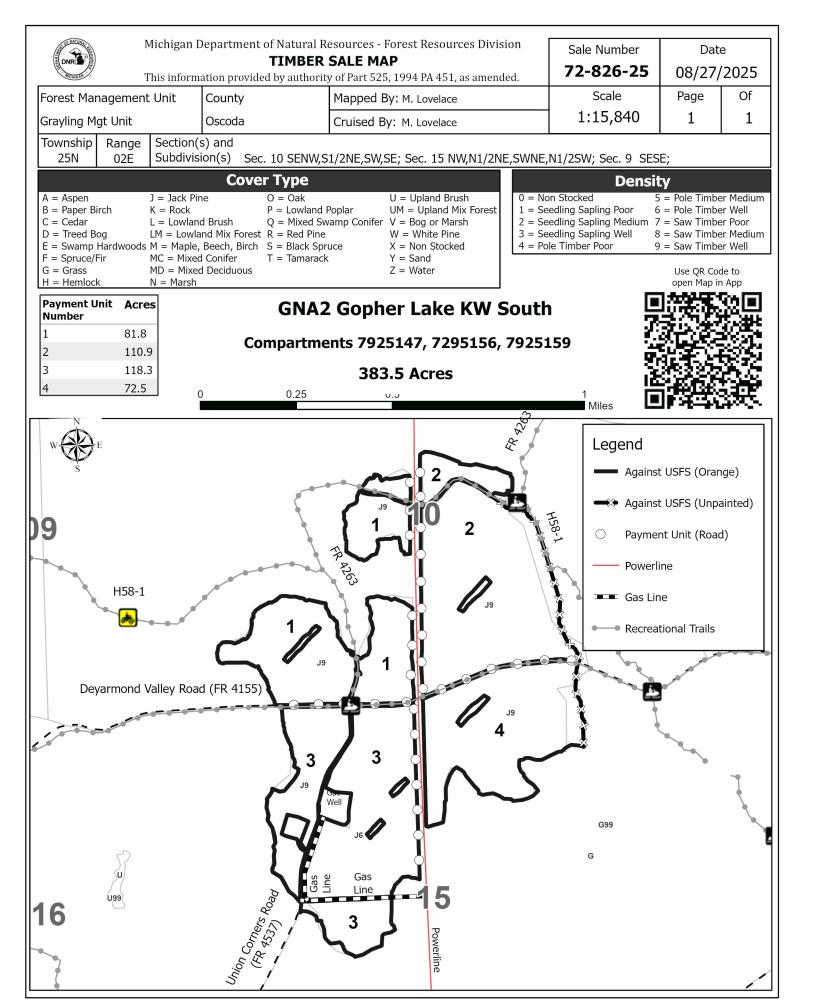
#### 8 - Performance and Settlement

## 8.3 - Uncompleted or Terminated Contracts

8.3.1 - Completion of Contract, Chipping (1/16)

In addition to cutting, all chipping must be completed by the contract expiration date. If chipping has not been completed, an extension fee or damages may be charged per General Condition & Requirement 7.2 and 8.3.

Section Name: Sale Specific Current as of 8/28/2025 10:41:16AM



#### **BID FORM**

GRAYLING MANAGEMENT UNIT GRAYLING OFFICE

#### GNA2 Gopher Lake KW South (72-826-25)

T25N, R02E, SEC. 10; T25N, R02E, SEC. 15; T25N, R02E, SEC. 9; Oscoda

In response to the notice of sale to be held 9:00 a.m. (local time) on September 25, 2025, 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.

	ODUCTS & SPECIES vtimber	ESTIMATED	VOLUME*	<u>AD</u>	VERTISED PRICE	BID PRICE/UNIT
	Mixed Oak	229.9	MBF	\$	131.00/MBF	\$
	White Pine	5.5	MBF	\$	42.00/MBF	\$
Pul	pwood					
	B. T. Aspen	858	Cords	\$	22.70/Cord	\$
	Jack Pine	5,037	Cords	\$	16.55/Cord	\$
	Mixed Hardwood	98	Cords	\$	30.05/Cord	\$
	Mixed Oak	1,539	Cords	\$	21.60/Cord	\$
	Red Pine	5,631	Cords	\$	40.70/Cord	\$
	White Pine	3	Cords	\$	16.50/Cord	\$

\*The volumes are statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 12.46 percent at 95% confidence level. These estimated volumes 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:					
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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



#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division

# TIMBER SALE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

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

As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and Part 5 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

۷E	RIFICATION 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 twenty-one (21) days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.

•	twenty-one (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.	
PΙε	Please Check Appropriate Categories:	
1.	<ul> <li>My business is organized as (you <b>must</b> check <u>one</u> of the boxes below):</li> <li>A. □ Sole Proprietorship (individual)</li> <li>B. □ Partnership</li> <li>C. □ Corporation</li> </ul>	
2.	<ul> <li>You must check one of the boxes below:</li> <li>A. ☐ I certify 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.</li> </ul>	
	B.  I certify my business has satisfied its o bligation 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 my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within twenty-one (21) days of the contract award.	
<ol> <li>If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you must indicate the number of both full-time and part-time employ than yourself, including family members and active partners (if none, you must enter "0").</li> </ol>		
	Full-time Employees	Part-time Employees
Van	Name of Business Federal ID	(or) Social Security No.
Add	Address Telephone (	)
City	City State ZIP	
	hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I agree to n factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and future ope	
5	Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative	
7	Title	Date

Please complete the "SEALED BID" information on the next page

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