



March 17, 2026

Black River State Forest Timber Sale Information

Sealed bids will be received by mail or in person at the Castle Mound Shop at W10325 US Hwy, up to 9 a.m. April 22, 2026 and will be opened immediately thereafter for timber stumpage described in this prospectus. The public may attend in person or call 1-608-571-2209; passcode 510374233# to attend virtually.

For questions about this bid opening- contact: Nick Randall at 715-586-8233; or at nicholas.randall@wisconsin.gov. This bid opening will be held for 6 tracts of timber on the Black River State Forest, 1 tract on Jackson County State Land, 1 tract on Trempealeau County State Land, and 2 tracts on Monroe County State Land.

Black River State Forest

Tract #	Sale Name	Acres	Timber Type	Total Volume (Tons)	MBF (included in Tons)
11-26	End of the Road 2	156	Jack/White Pine/ Red Maple	5675	130
12-26	Flip Flop Pine	58	White/Jack/ Red Pine/ Hardwood	2620	206
13-26	Bovine Pine	43	White/Red Pine/ Red Maple/Oak	2310	257
14-26	East Fork Pine	123	Red Maple/White/Red Pine/ Oak	2230	96
15-26	Arbutus Oak	173	Red/White Oak/White/Red Pine	7045	605
16-26	Bear Dog Pine	44	White/Red Pine/Maple Red/Oak	1195	96

Jackson County OSL: Trump Coulee Rearing Station

Tract #	Sale Name	Acres	Timber Type	Total Volume (Tons)	MBF (not included in Tons)
JC-1-26	Tremendous Timber	47	Oak/ Mixed Hardwoods/ Aspen	2120	220

Trempealeau County OSL: Borst Valley Wildlife Area

Tract #	Sale Name	Acres	Timber Type	Total Volume (Tons)	MBF (included in Tons)	MBF (not included in tons)
TC-1-25	Bear Skull	66	Oak/ Mixed Hardwoods/ Conifer	2100	2	325

Monroe County OSL: Big Creek Fishery Area & Mill Bluff State Park

Tract #	Sale Name	Acres	Timber Type	Total Volume (Tons)	MBF (included in Tons)
MC-1-26	Bygone Borer	26	Oak/ White Pine	580	12
MC-2-26	Bacon & Birch	52	Red Maple/Yellow Birch/ Oak	1765	100

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

1. Bidding Procedure for Timber Sales
 - a. Bids will be made by species for each tract.
 - b. Estimated volumes and utilization specifications are listed on individual sale prospectus maps. Bid according to volumes listed on individual sale prospectus and/or maps.
 - c. The **high bidder** will be determined by the **greatest total bid** for each tract.
 - d. Bids will be opened in random order.
 - e. **Bidders in attendance (virtual)** can remove their bid from consideration before each individual tract is opened. Bidders must identify themselves by clearly stating their name, address, and telephone number PRIOR to a bid being opened to withdraw their bid from consideration.
2. Bids may be made on one or more tracts.
3. Submit each bid in an **individual sealed envelope** marked “Bid for Timber Stumpage” with the timber sale name, and tract number on the outside. Wisconsin DNR Timber Sale Bid Forms must be used to make bids on DNR timber sales and is included with the individual sale prospectus
4. A per unit bid must be made on every item on a tract. No “zero” bids for any species or products will be accepted.
5. Winning bidders will be notified within 24 hours of bid opening and **must sign the timber sale contract and submit an acceptable performance bond within 6 weeks of the bid opening.** If the winning bidder fails to execute the contract and submit an acceptable performance bond, the bidder shall be required to forfeit to the department an amount equal to 10% of the total bid amount. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state or GNA timber sales for a two-year period.
6. A Performance Bond or Letter of Credit is required before awarding of contract. The bond shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid value or a minimum of \$1000.00, whichever is greater. The bond will be held intact by the Department of Natural Resources until the satisfactory completion of the timber sale contract. Contents of an irrevocable letter of credit (LOC) or Assurance/Surety bonds must include the following:
 - a. Letter of Credit number.
 - b. Timber sale identification – property name and sale or tract number.
 - c. A clear statement that it is irrevocable.
 - d. Name of the bank’s customer; that is the principal.
 - e. Amount of credit extended (maximum limit). This limit must equal or exceed the penal sum or penalty for which the letter of credit is pledged to secure.
 - f. An authorization to draw sight drafts upon the bank in favor of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - g. A clear statement that the letter of credit number appearing on a sight draft is sufficient identification for honoring it. The letter must specify only one identification number.
 - h. Expiration of bond: The expiration date must be 1 year beyond the contract expiration date
7. For sales requiring pesticide applications (e.g. HRD treatment). The Purchaser shall ensure and provide documentation that any person(s) who applies or handles any pesticide on Department lands is covered by a valid Pesticide Business License, Individual Commercial Applicators License, and Forestry 2.0 Certification issued by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) prior to pesticide application. The cost of this application can vary based on application method and harvest conditions, but should be considered when submitting bids on these timber sales.

8. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SALES TAX CERTIFICATION

1. A [Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate](#) must be provided at the signing of the contract. This certificate is required to cover a contractor or individual reselling stumpage harvested for firewood/fuelwood and mills and manufacturing facilities. More information about the certificate can be found at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/s-211-inst.pdf>

UTILIZATION

1. All trees designated for cutting will be utilized to the following:
 - a. Pulpwood: Cut all designated trees with one (1) or more 100” sticks to a 4” top diameter for hardwoods and softwoods.
 - b. Sawlogs: Cut all designated trees with one (1) or more 8’6” logs to a top diameter of 10” for hardwoods and 9” for softwoods.
2. See individual timber sales for utilization specifications.

SCALING AND PAYMENT

1. If eligible for deferred payment option, payment for timber removed from site must be made within 30 days after invoice.
2. If not eligible for deferred payment option, no wood will be hauled from the sale area until advanced payment is made.
3. If sold as a lump sum sale, payment in full must be made on entire sale, or by the cutting block, or by some other means as mutually agreed upon by Department of Natural Resources and contractor.
4. The mill scale ticket system will be used as the preferred method of sale administration. Other scaling systems may be used at the discretion of the Department of Natural Resources.
6. No refunds of stumpage payments will be made for un-removed wood, and wood left on the sale area at contract expiration shall revert to the seller.
7. Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs. Conversion from MBF to cords or cords to MBF shall be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.2 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
8. Weight scale conversions will be at rates as specified in the Department of Natural Resources timber sale handbook listed below, unless the individual timber sale has specific mixed species pro-rates/conversions.

CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS POUNDS PER CORD

<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>
Ash	4600	2.3	Jack pine	4250	2.125
Aspen	4500	2.25	Locust	5300	2.65
Balsam	4250	2.125	Mixed hardwood	4800	2.4
Balsam poplar	4900	2.45	Red oak	5500	2.75
Basswood	3850	1.925	Red pine	4500	2.25
Beech	5050	2.525	Soft maple	4550	2.275
Black Cherry	4300	2.15	Spruce	4000	2.0
Cedar	3150	1.575	Tamarack	4650	2.325
Cottonwood	4650	2.325	White birch	4800	2.4

Elm	5000	2.5	White oak	5850	2.925
Hard maple	5100	2.55	White pine	4200	2.1
Hemlock	4800	2.4	Yellow birch	5350	2.675
Hickory	5400	2.7			

CONTRACT PERIOD

1. All contracts offered during this bid opening will expire on **June 30th, 2029**. Unless noted on the individual timber sale prospectus.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Contract extensions will not be granted without justifiable reason. Justification will be determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Contract expiration dates are given on the individual timber sale. Contract extensions are not guaranteed. All extensions, if granted, will be for 1 year. Extension requests will be considered with the following conditions:

One and Two-year contracts

- 1st extension – 5% increase in stumpage rate
- 2nd extension – an additional 10% increase in stumpage rate

Three and Four-year Contracts

- 1st extension – 15% increase in stumpage rate (only 1 extension granted)

OTHER CONDITIONS

1. Wisconsin’s Best Management Practices for Water Quality, Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines, and Best Management Practices for Invasive Species must be followed on all DNR timber sales. More information on these management guidelines can be found at the links found below.

Water Quality BMPs: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/bmp.html>

Biomass: <https://councilonforestry.wi.gov/Pages/WoodyBiomass/Default.aspx>

Invasive BMPs: <https://councilonforestry.wi.gov/Pages/InvasiveSpecies/Forestry.aspx>

2. For further information regarding HRD, Oak Wilt, recreation, and other seasonal restrictions on sales. Please look at each individual map and prospectus.

Insurance

The “Contractor” (purchaser) shall provide the Department of Natural Resources with a Certificate of Insurance counter-signed by a Wisconsin Resident Agent, indicating that Worker’s Compensation Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the contract prior to any performance under it. Contractor claiming exemption, independent status, the contractor/purchaser will be required to submit a signed, notarized affidavit that affirms their exempt status pursuant to the criteria listed in section 102.07(7)(b), of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Contract may contain other provisions. Contracts may not be assigned. A sample copy of the contract is available upon request.

NOTE: Prospectus maps for each of the timber sales are available online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/TimberSales>

*****TRAINING STANDARD*****

The Purchaser shall ensure that at least one in-woods person actively engaged in performance of this contract and responsible for the logging site complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website https://www.fistausa.org/fista/SFI_Workshops.asp or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that the training has been attained prior to initiating sale.

FOREST CERTIFICATION: These lands are 3rd party certified. For information on Chain-of-Custody, refer to <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/timbersales/certification> **Except for tract JC-1-26.**