



May 4, 2020

**Department of Natural Resources
Notice of Sealed Timber Tract Bids**

Dear Producers:

Sealed Bids will be received by the Department of Natural Resources for timber stumpage on the following timber tracts:

- Tract 02-19 - Hoffman Hills State Rec. Area, Pine Thinning, Dunn Co.
- Tract 05-19 - Willow River State Park, Pine Thinning, St. Croix County
- Tract 06-19 - Sand Creek Fishery Area, Hardwood harvest, Chippewa County
- Tract 07-19 – Muddy Creek Wildlife Area, Hardwood harvest, Dunn County
- Tract 02-20 – Otter Creek Wildlife/Fishery Area, Pine harvest, Dunn County
- Tract 04-20 – Augusta Wildlife Area, Kelly Road Oak Harvest, Eau Claire County

These State lands timber sales third-party certified. Timber sale prospectuses, bid forms, sample contracts, and detailed information on each timber tract are available on the WDNR website at:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/statewide.html>

*Paper copies are available at the Menomonie DNR Field Office, 921 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, WI.

For more information call: DNR Forester Rob Strand at (715) 505-0439

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to the following:

**Timber Sale Bid – Spring 2020
WDNR Field Office
921 Brickyard Road, Menomonie WI 54751**

Bids will be opened on Thursday, May 28th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the DNR office in Menomonie. No bid will be accepted after the date and time of the bid opening. The Department of Natural Resources, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Note: Public attendance for this bid opening may be restricted due to COVID19 public health requirements. Bidders who wish to be present during the bid opening should contact DNR Forester Rob Strand at 715-505-0439 in advance to make arrangements for participating via telephone, video conference, or in person.

Bids should be made with an as-is understanding:

- The Department does not guarantee access to sales across any non-state-owned lands. The purchaser will be responsible for arranging access to haul timber across adjoining private lands.
- DNR Foresters will assist in obtaining any necessary permits. The contractor will be responsible for any permit fees and any installation, removal and restoration costs.
- The State does not guarantee volumes. Bidders are strongly encouraged to inspect sales to make their own volume and quality determinations.

Bidding Procedure for Timber Sales

- 1) Bids will be made by species for each property/tract; however, a minimum bid for each species is not published. Wisconsin DNR Timber Bid Form, (Form 2400-049) must be used to make bids. Each bid submitted must include the tract number, contractor's bid per cord, ton, or MBF for each species listed, and the bidder's signature. Bids for each tract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.

Acceptable bids must meet or exceed the total advertised sale value. Bids below total advertised sale value or bids that are incomplete will be rejected. A bid of zero for a particular species or product will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

- 2) The order of public reading of the timber sale bids will be done on a random basis. At any time, up until a sale is read out loud, bidders may pull their bid(s) from consideration. To remove a bid, bidders must be in attendance.
- 3) The successful bidder will be determined by the bid that is deemed the most advantageous to the State of Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Within 6 weeks of the bid opening, the following items need to be provided for the State sales:

(Note: See the Mondovi School Forest prospectus for requirements pertaining specifically to that sale.)

1. **A Signed Contract** - Sample contracts are available upon request. The typical contract period is 3 years – 3 full winter seasons - unless otherwise noted in the prospectus.
2. **A Performance Bond** - For each contract, the winning bidder will submit a performance bond to the Department equal to the greater of 15% of the total bid value or \$1000. Types of acceptable performance bonds are: personal check, certified check/cashier check/bank money order, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety bond.

Maintenance of surety bond and/or of the performance bond shall be for four (4) full years from the date of the contract.

3. **Workers Compensation Insurance** - The purchaser/contractor must demonstrate proof of Workers Compensation Insurance by providing a Certificate of Insurance showing the Department of Natural Resources as a "certificate holder" – **OR** - If the purchaser/contractor is exempt from Workers Compensation Insurance (i.e. no employees) the purchaser/contractor 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.
4. **FISTA Training Documentation** - Contractor must provide documentation confirming completion of the training standard throughout the duration of the sale.
5. 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 timber sales for a two-year period.

Payment Options

Scaled Sales

There are two payment arrangements for scaled sales:

1. DEFERRED STUMPAGE PAYMENT - **IF ELIGIBLE**, the successful bidder must make stumpage payments within 30 days of being billed.
2. ADVANCED STUMPAGE PAYMENT - No wood will be hauled from the sale area at any time until it has been paid for.

Lump Sum Sales

Prior to hauling, payment must be made for the entire sale, by the block, or by some other means that is mutually agreed upon by the contractor and the WIDNR.

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.

Contract Extensions

Contract lengths are given on the prospectus or the timber sale map. Contract extensions are not guaranteed. All extensions will be for 1 year. Extension requests will be considered with the following conditions:

Two year contracts

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

Three year Contracts

- 1st extension – 15% increase in stumpage rate

CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS POUNDS PER CORD

These factors will be used for all volume conversions (cords to tons or tons to cords) on the advertised State sales.

Species	Weight (lbs.)	Weight (tons)	Species	Weight (lbs.)	Weight (tons)
Hemlock	4800	2.400	Yellow birch	5350	2.675
Tamarack	4650	2.325	Hard maple	5100	2.550
Red pine	4500	2.250	Elm	5000	2.500
Jack pine	4250	2.125	Balsam poplar	4900	2.450
Balsam	4250	2.125	White birch	4800	2.400
White pine	4200	2.100	Ash	4600	2.300
Spruce	4000	2.000	Soft maple	4550	2.275
Cedar	3150	1.575	Aspen	4500	2.250
Red oak	5500	2.750	Basswood	3850	1.925
Mx Hardwood**	4800	2.400			

** Mx Hardwood conversion may be prorated based on the species mix found on the timber sale.

State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources Timber Sale
 Sand Creek Fishery Area – Chippewa County, Tract 06-19
 Hardwood Thinning & Aspen Regeneration
 Location: Section 2, T31N, R10W (Village of New Auburn)

See the attached map for the exact location of the harvest areas that comprise this sale.

Payment for timber cut on this sale will be on a mill scale system with haul tickets. See bid packet cover letter for payment schedule options.

The contract term for this sale will be 3+ years; to include 3 full winter seasons.

Timber volume estimates were obtained using random point sampling. The cordwood was cruised to a 4-inch diameter inside bark, and the sawtimber was cruised to a 10-inch diameter inside bark. Prospective bidders are encouraged to examine the timber tract in person prior to bidding. No allowances will be made for volume under-runs or over-runs. Harvest area access, seasonal restrictions, and other applicable factors should be factored into bid prices. Bids are to be based on a 4" minimum diameter utilization standard. See bid packet cover letter for bidding instructions.

All contractors working on the timber sale must demonstrate proof of worker's compensation insurance and demonstrate proof of current Sustainable Forestry Initiative logger certification prior to cutting.

The total harvest area is approximately 37 acres. There are two harvest units - see the attached map for details. Cutting instructions are as follows:

Aspen regeneration area: Cut all trees 1" DBH and larger; except do not cut trees marked with green paint.

Selection thinning area: Cut all trees marked with orange paint; cut all merchantable aspen.

Estimated Volumes

Species/product	MBF	Tons	Advertised Bid Price/Unit	Advertised Product Value
Misc. Hdwd. pulp/bolts	-	661	\$6.80/ton	\$4,494.80
Aspen pulp/bolts	-	482	\$10.90/ton	\$5,253.80
Oak pulp/bolts	-	50	\$3.90/ton	\$195.00
Ash Saw Timber	20.70	-	\$119.00/mbf	\$2,463.30
Misc. Hdwd. Saw timber	7.80	-	\$138.00/mbf	\$1,076.40
Total Estimate	28.50	1193		\$13,483.30 (min. total bid value)

Note: Misc. Hdwd. pulp volume includes >50% ash; along with red maple, elm, basswood, white birch.
 Misc. Hdwd. saw timber includes red maple, white oak, red oak, elm.

Operational Conditions

All harvesting & hauling operations must be conducted under dry or frozen ground conditions only. Harvesting operations will be suspended when soil rutting is possible.

Access to the harvest areas is across State-owned lands. The location of all landing/loading areas and haul roads must be approved by the DNR Forester.

The northern and eastern property boundaries are marked with blue paint. The adjoining land to the north is part of an active livestock farm. The contractor will be responsible for coordinating with the adjoining land owner to minimize damage – or repair any damage – to the line fence.

Several small wetland areas with muck soils exist within the harvest areas; the wetland boundaries are delineated with vertical green paint marks. Do not forward or skid through the wetland areas unless they are frozen solid.

Distinct drainage swales with wet soils traverse the harvest areas. Crossing these areas with machinery only where necessary. Crossings should be made perpendicular to the swale or dry run.

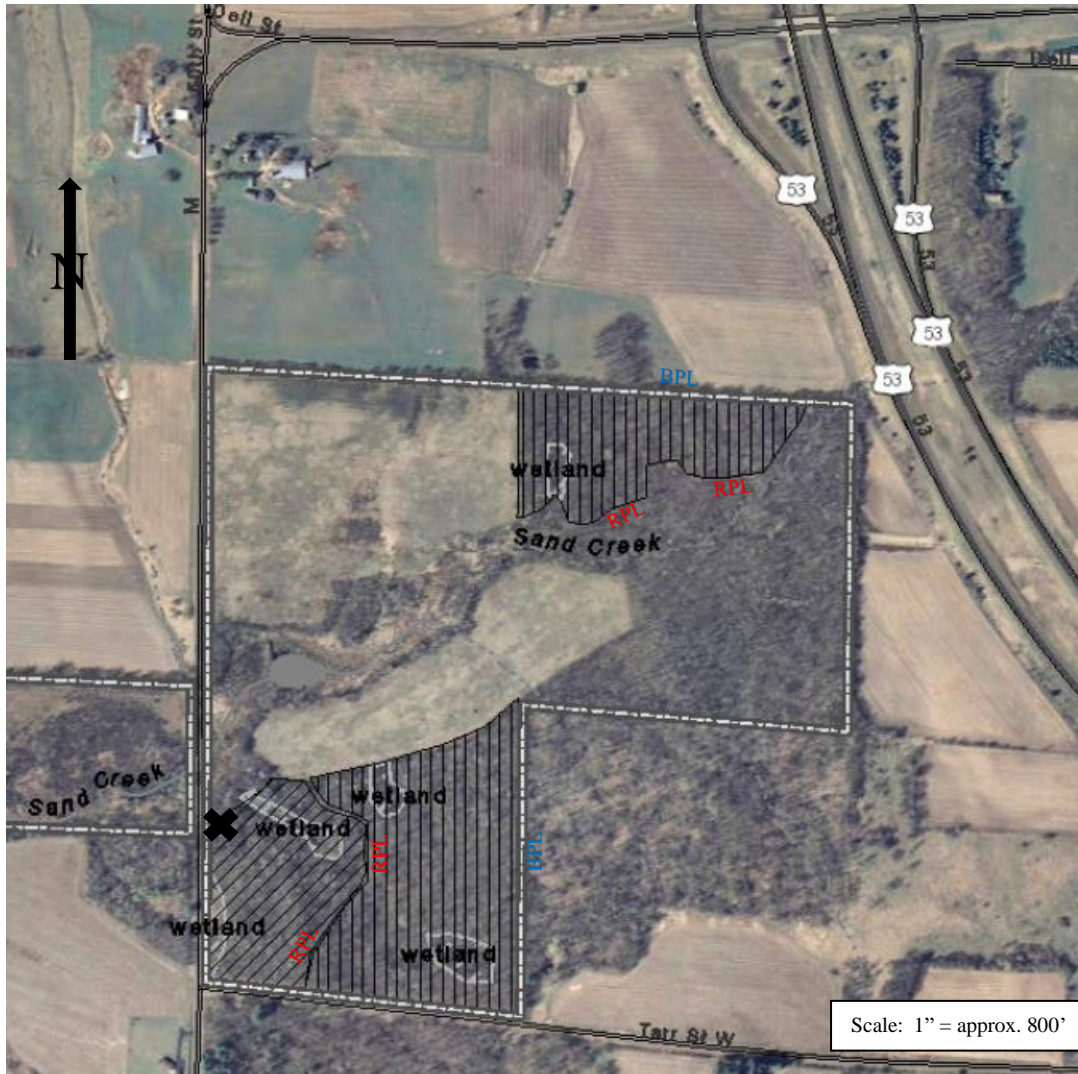
All stumps shall be no higher than the stump diameter, or 10 inches, whichever is less. Cut-off ends and other woody debris must be removed from landings and deposited back in the harvest area.

All logging slash and debris must remain in the harvest area, and be lopped or scattered such that it lies no more than 3 feet above the ground.

To minimize the risk of spreading invasive plants the contractor must ensure that all equipment is free of plant and soil material prior to entering and leaving the tract.

These lands are 3rd party certified

Sand Creek Fishery Area Timber Harvest
 DNR Tract 06-19
 Section 2, T31N, R10W
 Chippewa County, WI



Total Sale Area = 37 acres

Area 1 : Regeneration Harvest = 9 acres
 Cut or otherwise down all trees 1" diameter & larger except those marked with green paint.

Area 2 : Selection Harvest = 28 acres
 Cut all trees marked with orange paint, cut all merchantable aspen.

Note: No skidding/forwarding through wetland areas bounded by green paint lines

Map Symbols

BPL = Blue Paint Line

RPL = Red Paint Line

✖ = Parking Area

== = Public Road

---- = Woods/Field Trail

Notice: Completion of this form is mandatory. The Department will not recognize your bid unless you complete and submit this form. Personal information collected will be used for program administration and may be provided to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Open Records law [ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.].

Date

Bidder Name

Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
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Property Name (if any) Sand Creek Fishery Area (Nobbern Sale)	Tract Number 06-19
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Date and Hour of Bid Opening May 28th, 2020 9:00 a.m. @ Menomonie DNR Field Office	Minimum Acceptable Bid (optional) \$ 13,483.30
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Species-All bids including Lump Sum bids must be by species	Utilization Specifications	Advertised Value Per Unit (optional)	Estimated Volume	Volume Units	Price Bid Per Unit	Total Bid Value on Estimated Volume
Mixed Hdwd. pulp/bolts	4" top d.i.b.	\$6.80	661	tons		
Aspen pulp/bolts	4" top d.i.b.	\$10.90	482	tons		
Oak pulp/bolts	4" top d.i.b.	\$3.90	50	tons		
Ash saw logs	11" d.i.b. & >	\$119.00	20.7	MBF		
Misc. Hdwd. saw logs	11" d.i.b. & >	\$138.00	7.8	MBF		

The award shall be based on this TOTAL BID AMOUNT:

Performance Bond Will be in the form of: (select one)

<input type="radio"/> Cash	<input type="radio"/> Assurance Bond
<input type="radio"/> Personal Check	<input type="radio"/> Certificate of Deposit
<input type="radio"/> Certified Check/Money Order	<input type="radio"/> Assignment of Savings Account
<input type="radio"/> Irrevocable Letter of Credit	

I understand that any or all bids may be rejected and that consideration and awarding of a contract will be based upon my past performance and ability to complete contracts. **I also understand that if I am the winning bidder, I have 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond. I also understand that if I am awarded the contract and fail to execute it or work under it, I will be required to forfeit to the Department an amount equal to 10% of my total bid amount.** Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in being considered ineligible to bid on any state timber sales for a two-year duration. In the event the highest bidder can not or will not sign the contract, the award will be made to the next highest qualified bid.

Notice: I understand:
 Utilization specifications and estimated volumes are listed in the prospectus which is available upon request from the Department.
 A copy of the standard timber sales contract which must be entered into is available upon request from the Department.

Signature of Bidder
Bidder's Name (Please Print or Type)
Phone Number (include area code)
Email Address (optional)