



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.

Pumpkinseed Timber Sale
Tract #05-19
Property Owner: WI DNR
Name of Property: Willow River State Park

Forester Contact Information:
 Andy Ciurro
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 Baldwin WI 54002
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Legal Description: Sec 8 & 9, T29N R19W, St. Croix County, State of Wisconsin
see attached map for location and layout of harvest area(s)

Species	Est. Volume	Minimum Bid Value:	\$19,507.80
Red Pine (co-mingled)*	1586 Tons†	Biomass Harvesting:	Allowed
Totals	1586 Tons	Scaling Method:	Scale
		Contract Ending Date:	Apr 20, 2022
		Sale Area:	46 acres

*Avg DBH: 9-10"; Avg height: 70'
 †Volume contains a small amount of white pine and mixed hardwoods

Cutting Specifications

Unit 1 (25 acres): 2nd Pine thinning - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Operational period is Sep 15 - Jan 1. Access from state park road.

Unit 2 (13 acres): 1st Pine thinning - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Operational period is Oct 1 - Dec 1. Access from state park road and purple trail. Purple trail may not be suitable for a semi-truck.

Unit 3 (8 acres): 1st Pine thinning - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Operational period is Aug 15 - Apr 20. Access from Trout Brook Road field. No operating during 10-day gun deer season. New skid trails required.

Operational Considerations

- All stands have been treated with a FECON brush mower in Fall 2019. Visibility is greatly improved.
- Understory of stands will be broadcast sprayed Summer/Fall 2021 to treat invasive resprouts.
- Units #1 and #2 are encouraged to operate in the fall due to high foot and ski traffic in other seasons. Operational restrictions may be adjusted in the case(s) of a dry winter or early snow cover. These two units MAY be worked on during the 10-day gun deer season, as hunting is not allowed in these areas.
- Landing and skid trail locations must be approved by the DNR Forester or property manager prior to starting work on the sale. All existing trails, roads, and clearings used for logging operations must be restored to pre-sale conditions by the purchaser.

- Rutting will be monitored and if soil disturbances become excessive (based on established thresholds defined in contract), harvesting operations may be suspended until the affected areas are repaired properly.
- Maximum stump height shall not exceed stump diameter; except for all stumps less than 10 inches in diameter, the stump height may not exceed 10 inches.
- Slash shall be lopped and/or scattered evenly across sale area and lie within three (3) feet of the ground.
- Ensure that all equipment is free of plant and soil material prior to enter and leaving the sale area to minimize the spread of invasive plants.
- Biomass harvesting is allowed, but whole-tree skidding may not be possible in some stands due to residual tree spacing.

Trails

- The Purchaser should be aware of the recreational trail uses in the sale area, including hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.
- No ski trails may be accessed or crossed when groomed for skiing.
- Signage will be provided by the Purchaser and established at edges of sale area on trails indicating "*Timber Sale Area Ahead*" (minimum two-inch lettering).
- All ruts created on recreational trail surfaces shall be repaired daily to the satisfaction of the Seller.

Sale Method and Payment

This will be a scaled sale. Cordwood will be sold by mill scale in conjunction with the ticket system. The Department will issue invoices biweekly based on mill scale reports for products cut and hauled. Payment for timber volume must be made within thirty (30) days of each invoice.

Access

2 out of the 3 units may be accessed via the park entrance. From the south, the entrance can be accessed off I-94, exit #4 Hwy 12/Co Hwy A heading north towards Somerset in St. Croix County. Hwy 12 will turn into Co Hwy A about 1.5 miles north of the exit, and from there the park can be accessed. From the north, take US Hwy 63 south to US Hwy 12. Head north on Co Hwy A. Unit 3 is to be accessed from a gate on Trout Brook Road along the western boundary of the property. This road is accessed from River Rd., off Co Hwy I. See map for details.

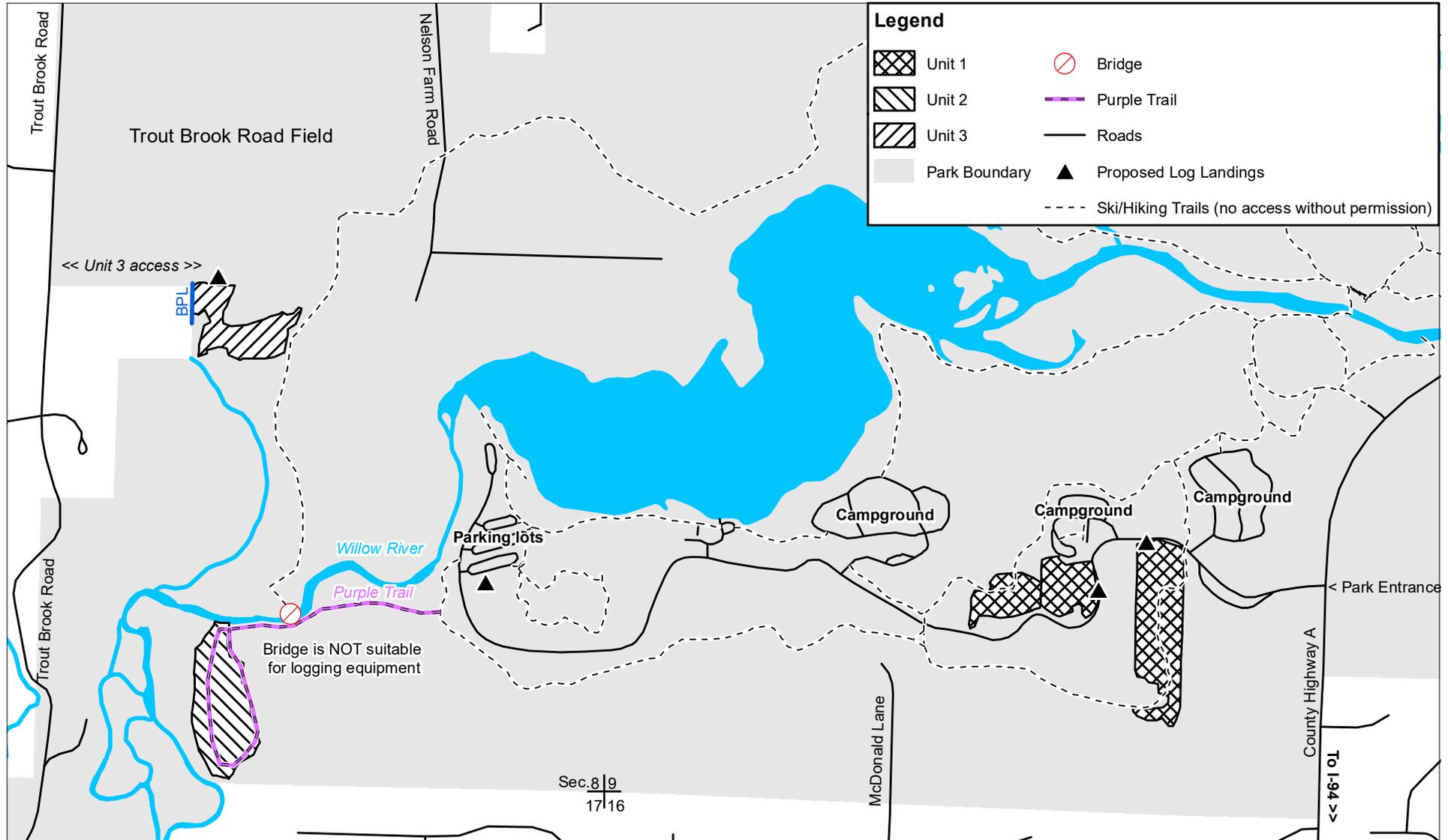
Contact

Baldwin DNR Forester – Andy Ciurro – (715) 271-5228

Willow River State Park Property Manager – Aaron Mason – (715) 386-5931

Pumpkinseed Timber Sale
Tract #5640-1-19
WI DNR
Willow River State Park

Sec 8 & 9 T29N R19W



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This map is not a survey of the actual boundary of any property this map depicts.

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DNR Forester

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