

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Madison, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation for Bids on the
NORTHERN HIGHLAND-AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST
Fall 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Division of Forestry Financial Specialist, Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 Forest Headquarters Road, Boulder Junction WI, 54512, until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 for the 23 tracts. These tracts comprise a total of 2,940 acres and contain estimated volumes of 121,340 tons of pulpwood and 160 MBF of sawlogs.

A timber sale prospectus and detailed information including maps of each tract, as well as required bid forms and copies of sample contract forms, can be obtained by contacting the Division of Forestry Financial Specialist at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters (715) 904-1169. All timber sales and associated forms are also located on our website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/StateForests/nhal>

Bids must be submitted on department "Timber Sale Bid" forms. Contractors who wish to bid on more than one tract must submit separate bids and separate envelopes for each tract. The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, the bid opening will be "CLOSED" to the public and logging contractors. Bids will be opened by DNR Forestry staff at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters at 1:30 p.m. November 4th, 2020.

We will follow our traditional procedures and open and award bids in a random fashion. If you have an interest in joining the bid opening via conference call:

- Please dial **1-855-947-8255**.
- Once connected, use passcode **6648340#** to join the conference call.
- For contractors wishing to withdraw a bid, there will be time given prior to each sale/tract being opened/announced to allow that to happen. We will do our best to be flexible and fair during this unique situation.

These lands are Third Party Certified.

BID BOND POLICY

There is no bid bond required. However, winning bidders will have up to 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond to the department. If the winning bidder fails to submit an acceptable performance bond within the allotted timeframe, 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

Any tracts that are not sold on November 4th, 2020, may be offered at a follow-up bid opening on January 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters. Please call prior to the bid opening if you have any questions.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
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