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Northern Highlands – American Legion State Forest Timber Sale Bid Mailing List:

Enclosed you will find a list of the Northern Highlands-American Legion (NHAL) State Forest prospectus sheets and timber sale maps that will be offered at the upcoming summer bid opening. Advertised per unit prices do not need to be met but total bid amounts must be equal to or greater than the **total minimum bid price.** Please note that *all* species and products must receive a bid (bid forms with a zero bid for any species will be rejected). Performance bonds will be required no later than 6 weeks after the bidding process.

Please note that due to the recent recommendations regarding COVID-19 and public gatherings, we will be holding a *"CLOSED"* bid opening. The public and logging contractors may not attend in person, to ensure the health and safety of the public and our staff.

The bid opening will be on June 15th, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 Forest Headquarters Road, Boulder Junction WI 54512. 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 being opened/announced to allow that to happen. We will do our best to be flexible and fair during this unique situation.

Contractors are required to attend a pre-sale meeting with the Forester in charge of administration prior to performing any work. Any sale activity, including moving equipment into a sale area or establishing landings and wood roads, requires pre-approval by the administering Forester. Be sure to contact the Forester as soon as possible prior to moving into a sale area to provide sufficient planning and preparation time. Successful purchasers of NHAL State Forest stumpage will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor on site complies with Third Party Certification as these lands are Third Party Certified. Geo-referenced PDF timber sale maps are available for viewing on mobile devices.

Bids will be accepted at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters until 1:30 p.m. on the day of the bid opening. If you have any questions or require additional copies of the timber sale list, contact the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters at 715-904-1169 or visit our website at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/

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