

FALL 2015 IRON COUNTY FORESTRY TIMBER SALE



Sealed timber sale bids will be accepted for thirteen (13) timber sale tracts, at the IRON COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT OFFICE; 607 3rd Avenue North – Suite 2, Hurley, WI 54534 (Phone: 715/561-2697; Fax: 715/561-4801), until **8:30 A.M.** on **Monday, October 5, 2015**.

Bids received by that time and date will be publicly opened at **9:00 A.M**. on **Monday, October 5, 2015** at the Iron County Forestry Office Conference Room, and will be reviewed. Contracts may be awarded to the successful bidders after bids are opened.

Bids submitted for this sale must include at least 10% of the total bid value. Bid Bond will be forfeited upon failure to sign contract by successful bidder. Bidders who previously have had Iron County timber sale contracts *in default* or suspended may be required to deposit 100% of the total bid value.

We will be accepting bid deposits for these contracts under these conditions:

- 1. A check, certified check or money order in an amount that is equal to **10%** of the TOTAL bid value. If you are selected as the successful bidder your bid deposit will be used towards the sale Performance Bond.
- 2. Irrevocable Letters of Credit will NOT BE ACCEPTED for a bid deposit.
- 3. No Surety Bonds will be accepted.
- 4. If you plan to replace the bid deposit check included in your bid with an irrevocable letter of credit, please indicate that in writing on your bid form. Be aware that our department will hold your check for a maximum of Twenty (20) days, then it will be cashed. If your check is returned due to insufficient funds you will not receive a contract for that sale tract.

If you have any questions about any of the above conditions please contact the Iron County Forestry Department Office at (715) 561 - 2697.

Successful bidders in this bid opening will be required to submit proof that they are in compliance with Wisconsin requirements for Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage for their employees *upon award of contract*; and proof that any subcontractors working on their sales are also in compliance with those requirements as a condition of their timber sales contracts.

Successful bidders in this bid opening will be required to ensure that the actual logging contractor and any subcontractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). **Documentation confirming completion of the training standard (FISTA Certificate of Completion) will be required** upon award of contract.

<u>Please note</u>: Iron County Forestry Department policy requires that each cut stick with a small end diameter of ten or more inches, and a length of eight or more feet, and a grade of number three (3) or

better, according to "National Hardwood Lumber Association Log Grading Rules", will be scaled as a log using Scriber Decimal C scale at the timber sale site before it is hauled. This will be done regardless of whether the scaled stick is actually sold as a log, bolt, or pulpwood, by the contractor. All bidders are urged to consider this when they are deciding what to bid for log stumpage on the sales.

Original contract length: All Contracts are for two (2) years unless otherwise noted. Two (2) year Contracts expire <u>December 31, 2017</u>. Three (3) year Contracts expire <u>December 31, 2018</u>. (See prospectus and sale maps) **A one (1) year extension will be granted, with no stumpage increase, provided purchaser has paid for at least 50% of the total bid value.** Additional extensions of contracts may be granted by the Forestry Committee with up to a 10% stumpage increase.

DAMAGES: The Seller's damages upon the Purchaser's failure to perform this Contract include, but are not limited to: Double the mill value, as determined by the Seller, for the timber cut, removed, or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this Contract.

Utilization will follow specifications described on the map or pulp to a 4-inch minimum top diameter, hardwood sawlogs to a 10-inch minimum top diameter, and softwood sawtimber to a 9-inch minimum top diameter.

Contractors interested in the utilization of biomass (waste) must contact the Iron County Forestry Department for price negotiation and harvest specifications prior to removal.

Prior to logging operations but within six (6) months of the bid opening, a down payment in the amount of:

- 15% of the total bid value for sales greater than \$10,000 in bid value.
- The entire bid value for sales with a bid value under \$10,000.
- <u>90% of the bid value for purchasers who have previously failed to make timely payments.</u>

If cash, check, cashier's check or money order are used for the down payment, the down payment will be credited to the Contract upon Purchaser's payment of no less than 75% of the estimated sale value. If an irrevocable letter of credit is used for the down payment, the irrevocable letter of credit will be returned to the Purchaser upon Purchaser's payment of no less than 90% of the estimated sale value.

The Purchaser will have the option, at the Seller's discretion, to prepay for scale tickets.

The performance bond may be written by an insurance company licensed to do business in Wisconsin, a cash bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or any other form of security acceptable to Seller. The bond must be valid for six months beyond the expiration of this contract. Failure to submit the bond will be considered a breach of this Contract and subject the Purchaser to liability for damages.

Rutting Policy: In order to provide quantitative standards for defining the limits of acceptable rutting as required for Forest Certification Standards, Iron County Forest enforces the following policy. This policy is a part of the 2006 Fifteen Year Comprehensive Forest Management Plan. These standards will be used on timber sales, landings, skid trails, forest roads and trails, recreation trails (motorized and non-motorized), parks and the Harbor.

Materials that complement the standards are being developed by State and Federal entities. Our past experiences with managing soil quality have been used to develop this policy and will be implemented for future problem solving. These materials will provide information on how to avoid unintentional soil disturbances and how to correct them if they occur.

This policy should be used in conjunction with field visits and in consultation with contractors, users and equipment operators. The policy should guide decisions made by the administrator and by users; but it does not mandate decisions. On the ground conditions and availability of equipment and other resources should also be considered.

Goals for the management of soil disturbance are to:

- Minimize inadvertent soil disturbance and potential adverse impacts to soil productivity, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and other natural resources.
- Protect public investment in the Iron County Forest.
- Maintain roads and trails to intended design standards.
- Combine professional expertise and operator (user) experience in the formation of on the ground decisions.
- Provide a protocol for identifying and responding to maintenance needs.

The Iron County Forest recognizes that soil disturbances occur during forestry operations and recreational pursuits. Some disturbances are intentional, such as mechanical site preparation, construction of roads, landings and trails, and improvement of infrastructure and facilities. Other soil disturbances are unintentional, such as ruts or gullies, and may result in tree mortality, reduced forest soil productivity, and reduced water quality. Ruts and other soil disturbances visually suggest poor forest stewardship, even if forest productivity or water quality is not impacted.

Soil disturbance during logging or recreational use can be avoided or minimized by using appropriate equipment, by avoiding forest use on susceptible sites during wet periods, and by carefully monitoring and controlling operations. If they do occur, the potentially negative effects of soil disturbance can be mitigated by remedial actions such as reestablishing drainage or installing erosion controls. Repair and mitigation is less desirable than avoidance because of the cost of implementing and maintaining repair and mitigation practices, the loss of forest productivity, and the possibility that the soil degradation may not be correctable.

Areas with excessive levels of soil disturbance display degradation due to poor site conditions or excessive use. To avoid reaching excessive levels of soil disturbance and to avoid disruption in timber sale and other forest use activities, it shall be the policy of the Iron County Forest to take the following actions:

- Identify areas susceptible to soil disturbance and plan activities accordingly.
- Operate equipment and vehicles only when ground is frozen or dry enough to support the load.
- Monitor air temperature. Equipment or vehicles may not able to operate once temperatures rise above freezing.
- Avoid sharp turns, especially at base of hills.
- Avoid traveling through depressions.
- Utilize mats made from slash or manufactured material for temporary crossings. Remove when finished.

- Shift all operations to upland areas when soil or temperature conditions deteriorate.
- Reduce loads.
- Use low ground pressure equipment and vehicles.
- Use common sense while operating vehicles on the Iron County Forest, ask yourself "will I cause significant soil disturbance? Do I have the proper equipment and time to repair any damage I cause?"

Excessive soil disturbance requires special attention from timber sale administrators in order to make any necessary recommendations. Classifying a soil disturbance as excessive does not mandate closing of a timber sale or a forest road, however, actions should be taken, as appropriate, to minimize further soil disturbances. A guideline for excessive rutting is as follows:

| Roads, landings, skid trails, and general harvest area | A gully or rut 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream, or lake. |
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| Roads, landings, and primary skid trails | In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more. |
| | In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more. |
| Secondary skid trails and general harvest area | A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more. |

Note: The depth is to be measured from the original soil surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (the top of the lug). The length would be measured from the start of the too deep section to the end of the too deep section. Measurements are not cumulative.

Iron County Forest Cordwood Weight Conversion Factors: The following weight conversion methods may be used in the conversion of weight scale to standard 128 cubic foot cord.

| Species | Weight (lbs) | |
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| | | |
| Hemlock | 4,800 | |
| Tamarack | 4,650 | |
| Red Pine | 4,500 | |
| Jack Pine | 4,250 | |
| Balsam | 4,250 | |
| White Pine | 4,200 | |
| Spruce | 4,000 | |
| Cedar | 3,150 | |
| White Oak | 5,850 | |
| Red Oak | 5,500 | |
| Yellow Birch | 5,350 | |
| Hard Maple | 5,100 | |
| Elm | 5,000 | |
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| Balsam Poplar | 4,900 |
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| White Birch | 4,800 |
| Ash | 4,600 |
| Soft Maple | 4,550 |
| Aspen | 4,500 |
| Basswood | 3,850 |
| Mixed Hardwood | 4,800 |
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Tract 46-14

Sec 3, T45N, R1E, Town of Knight; Sec 34, T46N, R1E, Town of Saxon; Sec 35, T46N, R1E, Town of Kimball (McKinnon St. or Cty E).

Estimated to be: 20 MBF Hard Maple, 2 MBF Basswood, 1 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 480 cord Mixed Hardwood, 10 cord Spruce, 5 cord Balsam, 5 cord Aspen, 20 cord Basswood.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Area 1: Single Tree Selection Harvest with Gaps (39 acres): Cut all trees marked with Orange Paint and all aspen and balsam fir containing 1 or more 100" pulpstick. Protect advanced regeneration. Leave all snag and den trees when safely possible.

Area 2: Overstory Removal (11 acres): Cut all trees containing 1 or more 100" pulp stick except hemlock, cedar, white pine and yellow birch <10" DBH. Leave all snag and den trees when safely possible.

All sale boundaries are marked with Red or Blue paint. All WI BMPs for Water Quality to be strictly followed. Ensure soils are adequately dry or frozen to avoid rutting. No harvesting April 1 – September 15.

Sale area is 50 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$200.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$100.00 per MBF Basswood, \$100.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$14.60 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$24.00 per cord Spruce, \$12.20 per cord Balsam, \$14.60 per cord Aspen, \$4.10 per cord Basswood.

Tract 4-15

Sec 4 & 5, T42N, R2E; Sec 33, T43N, R2E, Town of Mercer (Swamp Creek Rd.).

Estimated to be: 13 MBF Sugar Maple, 28 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 1500 cord Mixed Hardwood, 280 cord Aspen, 375 cord Balsam Fir, 250 cord Spruce, 100 cord Basswood.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: <u>Area 1 (95 acres)</u> Aspen Conversion: Harvest all trees greater than 5 inches dbh. Leave all cedar, hemlock, and pine. Utilize pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter, sawlogs to a minimum 10 inch top diameter. Follow the BMP's and prevent/minimize rutting along with damage to residual trees. Sale boundaries are two red dots in the two southern units and a solid red line in the far northern piece.

<u>Area 2 (156 acres) Northern Hardwood Selection:</u> Harvest all trees marked with orange paint along with all aspen, balsam fir, and spruce. Utilize pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter, sawlogs to a minimum 10 inch top diameter. Follow the BMP's and prevent/minimize rutting along with damage to residual trees.

Harvest will not take place from April 1st through July 1st. Sale boundaries are solid red line in the two south units and two red dots in the far northern piece. Wheeled Feller Bunchers will not be allowed in Area 2.

Sale area is 251 acres and is cross-hatched on the map. This sale will have a 3 year contract.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$175.00 per MBF Sugar Maple, \$88.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$17.60 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$17.60 per cord Aspen, \$14.70 per cord Balsam Fir, \$19.60 per cord Spruce, \$4.90 per cord Basswood.

Tract 5-15

Sec 27 & 28, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney (Vogues Rd.).

Estimated to be: 5 MBF Sugar Maple, 7 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 1000 cord Mixed Hardwood, 70 cord Aspen, 50 cord Balsam Fir, 25 cord Spruce.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint along with all aspen, balsam fir, and spruce. Utilize pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter, sawlogs to a minimum 10 inch top diameter. Follow the BMP's and prevent/minimize rutting along with damage to residual trees. Harvest will not take place from April 1st through July 1st. Sale boundaries are solid red lines. Wheeled Feller Bunchers will not be allowed on this sale.

Sale area is 116 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$173.00 per MBF Sugar Maple, \$86.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$17.60 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$17.60 per cord Aspen, \$14.70 per cord Balsam Fir, \$19.60 per cord Spruce.

Tract 12-15

Sec 3 & 10, T44N, R2E, Town of Carey; Sec 4 & 9, T44N, R2E, Town of Pence (Hogsback Rd.). Estimated to be: 12 MBF Hard Maple, 19 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 1625 cord Mixed Hardwood, 180 cord Spruce (includes 31 MBF), 110 cord Balsam, 70 cord Aspen, 150 cord Tamarack.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Area 1: Single Tree Selection Harvest with Gaps (131 acres): Cut all trees marked with Orange Paint and all aspen and balsam fir containing 1 or more 100" pulp stick. Protect advanced regeneration. Leave all snag and den trees when safely possible.

Area 2: Overstory Removal (58 acres): Cut all trees containing 1 or more 100" pulp stick except hemlock, cedar, white pine and spruce with less than 3 100" pulp sticks. Leave all snag and den trees when safely possible.

All sale boundaries are marked with red paint. All WI BMPs for Water Quality to be strictly followed. Ensure soils are adequately dry or frozen to avoid rutting. No harvesting in Area 1 in April – June without approval of Iron County Forestry.

Sale area is 189 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$30.00 per cord Spruce, \$15.00 per cord Balsam, \$18.00 per cord Aspen, \$8.00 per cord Tamarack.

Tract 19-15

Sec 30, R1E, T43N, Town of Knight (Duck Lake Rd.)

Estimated to be: 40 MBF Hard Maple, 10 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 9 MBF Basswood, 14 MBF Yellow Birch, 1250 cord Mixed Hardwood, 20 cord Basswood, 65 cord Balsam, 20 cord Aspen.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Sale must be cut during dry summer or frozen ground conditions. Shelterwood Harvest (70 acres): Cut all hardwoods with one or more 100" pulp stick and balsam fir with 2 or more 100" pulp sticks. Do not cut any trees marked with green paint. Do not cut any oak, hemlock, cedar, spruce, elm or white pine.

Selective Harvest (51 acres): Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Cut all aspen and balsam fir containing one or more pulp stick.

General cutting restrictions: No slash shall be left lying over the blue line. Excessive rutting or excessive damage to residual trees shall result in suspension of logging activity. The sale must be cut progressively. Protect survey markers from damage. New road construction will require Forest Administrator approval. No harvest activity between 1 April and 30 June. Follow all WI BMPs to protect water and soil quality.

Sale Area is 121 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$125.00 per MBF Basswood, \$200.00 per MBF Yellow Birch, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$5.00 per cord Basswood, \$15.00 per cord Balsam, \$18.00 per cord Aspen.

Tract 20-15

Sec 6 & 7, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson (Bull Gus Rd)

Estimated to be: 100 MBF Hard Maple, 140 MBF Oak, 40 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 1500 cord Mixed Hardwood, 30 cord Basswood, 10 cord Aspen.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Cut all trees marked with orange paint and all Aspen containing one or more 100 inch pulp stick to a 4 inch minimum top diameter. No logging during April, May or June. Damage to residual trees will result in sale suspension. Do not operate equipment within 15 feet of wetlands unless during frozen ground conditions. Eliminate rutting.

Sale area is approximately 210 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$250.00 per MBF Oak, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$8.00 per cord Basswood, \$18.00 per cord Aspen.

Tract 21-15

Sec 15, 16, 21 & 22, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney (Hwy 169).

Estimated to be: 96 MBF Hard Maple, 26 MBF Basswood, 19 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 1560 cord Mixed Hardwood, 370 cord Basswood, 55 cord Aspen, 30 cord Balsam Fir.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Zone 1 (160 acres): Harvest all orange marked trees, aspen, balsam fir and ironwood. Utilize all pulpwood to a minimum 4 inch top diameter, all sawtimber to a 10 inch top diameter. Follow all BMPs. Prevent and minimize rutting. Keep sale free of litter at all times. All slash will remain in sale area and out of ephemeral ponds, creeks and ash swales. No cutting from April through June.

Zone 2 (5 acres): Harvest all trees that contain at least 1 100" pulp stick. No cutting of hemlock or spruce. Utilize all pulpwood to a minimum 4 inch top diameter, all sawtimber to a 10 inch minimum top diameter. Follow all BMPs. Prevent and minimize rutting. Keep sale free of litter at all times. No cutting from April through June.

The sale area is 165 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$125.00 per MBF Basswood, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$5.00 per cord Basswood, \$18.00 per cord Aspen, \$15.00 per cord Balsam Fir.

Tract 22-15

Sec 19, 20, 29 & 30; T47N, R1W, Town of Gurney (Fire Lane Rd.)

Estimated to be: 9 MBF Red Oak, 1 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 600 cord Red Oak, 225 cord Aspen, 100 cord Mixed Hardwood, 85 cord Red Pine, 20 cord Jack Pine.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Harvest all orange marked trees, aspen, white birch, red pine, and jack pine. Utilize all pulpwood to a minimum 4-inch top diameter, sawtimber to a 10-inch minimum top diameter. Careful consideration must go into protecting all residual trees. Follow all BMP's. Prevent and minimize rutting. Keep sale free of litter at all times. All slash will remain in sale area, out of power line, and private property to the east. No seasonal restrictions.

The sale consists of 76 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Red Oak, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$10.00 per cord Red Oak, \$18.00 per cord Aspen, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$20.00 per cord Red Pine, \$20.00 per cord Jack Pine.

Tract 24-15

Sec 16 & 17, T42N, R2E, Town of Mercer (Hwy FF)

Estimated to be: 630 cord Aspen, 250 cord Spruce (includes 4 MBF), 70 cord Balsam Fir.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Cut all Aspen, White Spruce and Balsam Fir containing one or more 100 inch pulp stick to a 4 inch minimum top diameter. Do not cut Hardwoods, Black Spruce, Cedar or Tamarack. Do not operate equipment within 15 feet of wetlands unless the ground is frozen. Eliminate rutting.

Sale area is approximately 46 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$18.00 per cord Aspen, \$35.00 per cord Spruce, \$15.00 per cord Balsam Fir.

Tract 26-15

Sec 21, 28 & 32, T46N, R1W, Town of Saxon (Hwy 122)

Estimated to be: 91 MBF Sugar Maple, 75 MBF Mixed Hardwood (60% Basswood), 3110 cord Mixed Hardwood, 230 cord Aspen, 50 cord Balsam Fir, 25 cord Spruce, 470 cord Basswood.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: <u>Area 1 (456 acres)Northern Hardwood Selection Harvest</u>: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint along with all balsam fir, spruce, and only aspen greater than 8 inches in diameter. Utilize pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter, sawlogs to a minimum 10 inch top diameter. Follow the BMP's and prevent/minimize rutting along with damage to residual trees. Harvest will not take place from April 1st through July 1st. Sale boundaries are solid red line and blue line. Wheeled Feller Bunchers will not be allowed in Area 1.

<u>Area 2 (9 acres) Aspen Regeneration Harvest</u>: Harvest all trees 2 inches dbh and up, except for cedar, hemlock, and pine. Utilize pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter, sawlogs to a minimum 10 inch top diameter. Follow the BMP's and prevent/minimize rutting along with damage to residual trees. Sale boundaries are two red dots.

The sale consists of 465 acres and is cross-hatched on the map. This sale will have a 3 year contract.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$193.00 per MBF Sugar Maple, \$96.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$20.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood; \$20.00 per cord Aspen, \$16.70 per cord Balsam Fir, \$22.20 per cord Spruce, \$5.60 per cord Basswood.

Tract 27-15

Sec 6, T45N, R1E, Town of Anderson (Hwy 122)

Estimated to be: 35 MBF Hard Maple, 10 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 420 cord Mixed Hardwood, 100 cord Basswood.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Cut all trees marked with orange paint and all Ironwood with at least one 100" pulp stick. Utilize saw logs to a 10 inch minimum top diameter, pulpwood to a 4 inch minimum top diameter. No slash over the blue line. Minimize/prevent rutting and damage to residual stems. Minimize damage to seedlings and saplings. Sale must be cut progressively. No new road construction without prior approval by Iron County Forest Administrator. No harvest activity between April 1 and July 1. All BMPs for Water Quality must be followed. Dry summer or frozen ground conditions suggested.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$250.00 per MBF Hard Maple, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$5.00 per cord Basswood.

Tract 28-15

Sec 18, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson (Caroline Lake Rd).

Estimated to be: 42 MBF Sugar Maple, 19 MBF Yellow Birch, 7 MBF Red Oak, 19 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 890 cord Mixed Hardwood, 15 cord Basswood, 40 cord Spruce, 10 cord Balsam, 2 cord Aspen.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Cut all trees marked with orange paint and all aspen, white birch, spruce and balsam fir with one or more 100" pulp stick. Protect advanced regeneration from excessive damage. Leave all snag and den trees where safely possible.

Sale area is bounded with blue paint and red paint lines. No slash outside of the sale area. All WI BMPs for Water Quality to be strictly followed. Ensure soils are adequately dry or frozen to avoid rutting. No harvesting from April 1 – June 30 without permission of Iron County Forestry.

The sale area is 108 acres and is cross-hatched on the map.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$188.00 per MBF Sugar Maple, \$150.00 per MBF Yellow Birch, \$188.00 per MBF Red Oak, \$94.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$5.00 per cord Basswood, \$30.00 per cord Spruce, \$11.30 per cord Balsam Fir, \$13.50 per cord Aspen.

Tract 29-15

Sec 19, R1W, T45N, Town of Anderson (County Line Rd.)

Estimated to be: 26 MBF Basswood, 31 MBF Mixed Hardwood, 880 cord Mixed Hardwood, 65 cord Aspen, 450 cord Basswood.

HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS: Minimize/prevent rutting. Harvest sale progressively. Protect residual stems from damage. New road construction only with approval from ICF Administrator. Follow all Wisconsin BMPs for Water Quality.

Northern Hardwood Selective Harvest (77 acres): Harvest all trees marked with orange paint. Harvest all aspen and ironwood containing at least one 100" pulp stick. Utilize saw timber to a 10 inch top, pulpwood to a 4 inch top. No harvest from April 1 to July 1.

Aspen/Red Maple Harvest (22 acres): Harvest all merchantable timber except Spruce, Cedar, Hemlock and Oak. Utilize saw timber to a 10 inch top diameter and pulpwood to a 4 inch top diameter.

NO BIDS LESS THAN: \$125.00 per MBF Basswood, \$125.00 per MBF Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Mixed Hardwood, \$18.00 per cord Aspen, \$5.00 per cord Basswood.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL THE PRECEDING SALES:

All forest roads and recreation trails must be kept free of logging materials during logging operations and as a condition of close out. Some of these materials have a restriction against skidding or cutting during the months of April, May, and June, and will be enforced. Every species / product listed MUST have a bid price! Bidders are required to deposit 10% of the total bid value which can be used as the 10% performance bond. Successful bidders will be required to make a 15% down payment before they will be allowed to start their sales or within 6 months of bid opening.

- 15% of the total bid value for sales greater than \$10,000 in bid value.
- The entire bid value for sales with a bid value under \$10,000.
- <u>90% of the bid value for purchasers who have previously failed to make timely payments.</u>

The Purchaser will have the option, at the Seller's discretion, to prepay for scale tickets.

<u>Bidders who have previously had Iron County timber sale contracts in default or suspended may be</u> required to deposit 100% of the total bid value.

Contractors who choose to use the haul ticket scaling system, for pulpwood, will be held completely responsible for compliance with all rules established for this scaling method by the Iron County Forestry Committee. Copies of Iron County's haul ticket scaling rules can be obtained from the Forestry Office.

The Iron County Forestry Committee requires that all bids be submitted on their bid form. Failure to do so may result in your bid being rejected. The successful bidders will be required to meet with the forester who set up their sale (or forester designated by administrator) before beginning any logging operations. The Iron County Cruiser must be notified either verbally or in writing before any logging activities have begun on these timber sales.

Dumping of garbage, refuse, and intentional draining of motor oil and lubricants onto the ground on lands owned by Iron County is prohibited by Iron County Ordinance #2004. This ordinance specifies a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a prison term not to exceed 90 days for violations. Persons violating this ordinance will also be responsible for cleanup costs.

Each bid shall be sealed by itself in an envelope, plainly marked with the words, "Timber Sale Bid", the name of the bidder, and the number of the tract that the bid is for, on the front. Information on cutting regulations, restrictions, and timber sale maps may be obtained from the Iron County Forestry Department Office, 607 3rd Avenue North – Suite 2, Hurley, WI 54534 or the Mercer DNR Ranger Station. The Iron County Forestry Committee reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received, or to accept the bid that it considers to be in the best interest of Iron County.

IRON COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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