

General Sale Conditions

1. Contracts will not be allowed to continue for longer than a four-year period.
2. Cutting on these areas shall be completed during the contract period. Contract extensions will be granted only when the sale operator can show just cause for an extension. Extensions may then be granted by the Department of Natural Resources or its authorized representative for six-month periods. A 5% penalty will be assessed for the first extension. All stumpage prices will be increased an additional 10% for the second extension and all additional extensions.
3. Whenever a sale area is divided into two or more cutting zones, one zone must be completed before cutting may begin on another zone, unless otherwise specified under special conditions.
4. Permission to cut in more than one cutting zone at a time will be granted only upon proof of hardship by the operator. If approval is granted, the operator will be required to furnish an additional performance bond prior to cutting.
5. No disturbance will be permitted within any wildlife openings as designated on the individual sale maps.
6. Full tree skidding (trees with tops) will be permitted only upon approval of the Forest Superintendent.
7. Logging debris must not be left on wood landing sites. Debris must be spread evenly over the cutting area concurrently with hauling.

Bidding and Financing

1. All bids must be submitted on a Department "Timber Sale Bid" form.
2. All species, product volumes, and minimum top diameters of utilization for each species must be included on the bid form.
3. A deposit must be submitted with each bid. The amount of deposit required is listed in this prospectus for each individual tract.
4. The deposit submitted with the bid will be considered a bid bond. The deposit will be forfeited by the successful bidder if the bidder fails to sign the contract within 30 days of the bid opening date.
5. Successful bid bonds may be used as a performance bond after the contract is signed, or they may be returned to the contractor if an assurance bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or any other method listed on the bid form is used for performance.
6. Assurance bonds or letters of credit must be presented prior to signing of the contract; EXPIRATION DATE FOR ASSURANCE BONDS OR LETTERS OF CREDIT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 4 YEARS FROM CONTRACT BEGINNING DATE.
7. Upon completion of the sale, the performance bond may either be refunded or withheld in total or in part as liquidated damage according to the conditions of the sale. Performance bonds cannot be applied toward final stumpage payment.
8. The advance stumpage payment required must be paid prior to the first scale or before any products are removed from the sale area. Advance stumpage payment may not be in the form of a surety bond. **Advance payment is required on all wood products prior to hauling.**
9. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bid for Timber Stumpage" on the outside.
10. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Utilization

1. All trees designated for cutting that will make one or more 100-inch pulpwood sticks to the minimum top diameter chosen by the bidder will be cut.
2. All timber marked or designated for cutting will be utilized whether or not the quantity is more or less than the estimated.
3. All merchantable wood bulldozed out during road construction must be utilized.

Scaling

1. All products will be scaled on the sale area unless other arrangements are made with the Forest Superintendent.
2. All hardwoods, except aspen, will be scaled to a 10-inch top diameter as sawlogs. All white pine, red pine, and white spruce will be scaled to an 8-inch top diameter as sawlogs unless obviously unfit. Wood that is unfit for sawlogs will be scaled as pulpwood to the minimum top utilization diameter chosen by the bidder.
3. Aspen cut in lengths longer than 100 inches will be scaled by the board foot and converted to cords scale.
4. Logs will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log lengths will be marked on the small end of the log with lumber crayon.
5. All pulpwood will be piled for scaling. Piles will be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile. At least 40 cords or the equivalent in logs will be piled before a scale is requested.
6. When peeled cordwood is scaled, 12.5% will be added to hand peeled volume, 16% to ring debarked volume, and 25% to other machine peeled volume to determine equivalent unpeeled volume.
7. Pine and hardwood sawbolts, which normally would have been cut into sawlogs, will be scaled by the cord. Sawbolt cordwood will be converted to MBF using a cord equivalent of 2.44 cords per MBF for pine and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
8. Sawbolts must be separated from pulpwood for scaling purposes.
9. All wood, irrespective of top diameter, harvested from the sale area must be accounted for and payment made.

Roads and Camps

1. Locations of roads and camps must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources.
2. Road entrances must be cleaned up of all roots, stumps, and down trees at time of construction and kept neat and in good repair during the contract period.
3. No camps will be permitted on any of the lakes or rivers or within sight of any town, county, or state road in the sale areas, nor will construction of any roads or trails be permitted to any of the lakes or rivers in the sale areas.
4. Camps and sale roads will be kept neat, clean, and free of garbage, oilcans, plastic bottles, and miscellaneous trash throughout the contract period.
5. All camps will be of a temporary type only. No permanent residence of any kind will be permitted on timber sale areas.
6. All new roads leading off of federal, state, and county highways require a written permit prior to construction.

Aesthetic Areas

1. Aesthetic areas of timber will be left along all federal, state, county, and town roads and along all lakes and streams in the sale area.
2. Trees to be cut within aesthetic areas will be marked with yellow or orange paint. Trees to be cut within aesthetic areas may also be designated under special sale conditions.
3. Slash resulting from cutting in these areas will be lopped and/or scattered to lie within two feet of the ground concurrently with the cutting operation.
4. Slash within all roadside aesthetic areas will be pulled back at least ten feet inside of the tree line concurrently with cutting.
5. Wood landings will not be permitted within aesthetic areas unless specific permission is given.

Worker's Compensation Law Certificate

A certificate of insurance showing proof of "Worker's Compensation Law" compliance is required to be in the Department file prior to the beginning of any work on a contract area. The certificate on file must cover the contract period and all employees working on the sale area.

Procedure for Submitting Bids

All bids must be submitted on Department Timber Sale Bid Form and shall include the following:

1. Tract number.
2. List of all tree species and products to be cut.
3. Bid price per volume unit for the minimum top diameter of utilization chosen and related volume listed herein.
4. The required deposit as specified for each tract. This deposit can be in the form of cash, certified check or personal check.
5. Check off the type of performance bond to be used in the appropriated box on the bid form.
6. Signature and address of bidder.
7. Lump sum bids will not be accepted.
8. Persons desiring to bid on more than one tract must submit separate bids on each tract with separate deposits for each tract.

Additional information, special sale conditions, maps, sample contracts, and bid forms can be obtained from the Forest Superintendent, Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 County Highway M, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512.

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Bids will be opened publicly at the Boulder Junction Community Center at 1:30 p.m. on the dates specified at the beginning of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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