

Brule River State Forest Timber Sale Information

Sealed bids will be received at the Brule River State Forest Office, 6250 S. Ranger Rd., Brule, WI 54820, up to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2008 and will be opened immediately thereafter for timber stumpage described in this prospectus. This bid opening will be held for tracts 01-07, 02-07, 03-07, 05-07, 06-07, 07-07, and 07-04 on the Brule River State Forest, Timber Sale MSD1-08 on the Maple School Forest, tract 01-08 on the Amnicon Falls State Park, tract 01-05 on the Totogatic Wildlife Area, tract 0607 on the Uhrenholdt Memorial Forest. Sealed bids will be accepted by the Brule River State Forest office until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2008 for any tracts not sold on April 24, 2008.

1. Bidding Procedure for Timber Sales
 - a. Bids will be made by species for each tract, however, a minimum bid for each species is not published. Wisconsin DNR Timber Sale Bid Forms must be used to make bids.
 - b. Estimated volumes used on individual sale prospectus maps are based on a four inch (4") top diameter. Tracts 01-07 (BRSF), 02-07 (BRSF), and tract 01-08 (Amnicon) will be offered at a less than four inch (4") top diameter utilization, use volumes as listed on individual sale map. Purchasers wishing to utilize other sales to specifications less than a four inch (4") top diameter must contact Brule River State Forest office prior to bid opening for volumes.
 - c. The **high bidder** will be determined by the **greatest total bid** for each tract.
 - d. Bids will be opened in random order from a draw of the hat.
 - e. **Bidders in attendance** can remove their bid from consideration before each individual tract is opened.
2. Bids may be made on one or more tracts
3. Submit bids in **individual sealed envelopes** marked "Bids for Timber Stumpage" with the tract number and timber sale name on the outside.
4. A per unit bid must be made on every item on a tract.
5. A deposit of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid must be enclosed with each bid. Bids are understood to be irrevocable offers for a period of 14 days. Submit separate bid bond checks/bonds/letters of credit (LOC) for each tract bid on. **Bid bond checks are subject to verification of sufficient funds with the bidders bank and deposit into the state forest bank account. Bid bond checks for successful bidders will be deposited in the state forest bank account.** Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Successful bidders will forfeit deposit upon failure to sign contract within 14 days of bid opening. **Make all bid bond checks payable to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, except for tract MSD1-08 which must be made out to Maple School District.**
6. A **Performance Bond or Letter of Credit** is required before awarding of contract. The bond shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid value or a **minimum of \$1000.00**. The bond will be held intact by the Department of Natural Resources until the satisfactory completion of the timber sale contract.
7. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

UTILIZATION

1. All trees designated for cutting will be utilized to a four inch (4") top diameter unless stated otherwise in the prospectus.
2. When designated for cutting, all trees containing one (1) or more one hundred inch (100") long stick to a four inch (4") minimum top diameter will be considered merchantable.

SCALING AND PAYMENT

1. Payment for timber removed from site must be made within 30 days after hauling or scaling under deferred payment option unless otherwise indicated on sale map.
2. The mill scale ticket system will be used as the preferred method of sale administration for sales on the Brule River State Forest. (NOTE: Maple School Forest and Amnicon Falls State Park timber sales will be sold as lump sum.) Other scaling systems may be used at the discretion of the Department of Natural Resources.
3. If a woods scale system is used, all cordwood will be piled for scaling. Piles will be level and square with at least two cords per pile. At least 20 cords will be piled before a scale is requested. Scaling requests must be made at least one day in advance.
4. Weight scale conversions will be at rates as specified in the DNR timber sale handbook.

CONTRACT PERIOD

1. The contract period shall be for a period of 2 years unless otherwise noted.
2. Contract extensions will not be granted without justifiable reason. Justification will be determined by the Department of Natural Resources. If extended, stumpage prices will be increased by five percent (5%). For each additional extension, the stumpage rate will be increased by ten percent (10%).

The "Contractor" (purchaser) shall provide the Department with a Certificate of Insurance counter-signed by a Wisconsin Resident Agent, indicating that Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the contract prior to any performance under it. Such Certificate of Insurance shall further include the condition that the insurer shall notify the Department at the Brule River State Forest Office within five (5) days of any change in its terms of twenty (20) days prior to its termination.

Contract may contain other provisions. A sample copy of the contract is available upon request.

Current Brule River State Forest contracts that have run longer than the original expiration date must be completed before sale operations are started on a new contract.

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NOTE: Prospectus maps for each of the timber sales are available at the Brule River State Forest office. Contact Dave Schulz or Chris Sutherland at the above address and phone number if you have any questions concerning these sales.

*****FOLLOWING APPLIES TO BRULE RIVER STATE FOREST SALES*****

*****TRAINING STANDARD*****

Successful purchasers of timber stumpage on Wisconsin State Forests will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor compiles with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the training standard can be obtained by contacting FISTA. Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that the training has been attained prior to initiating the sale

*****NOTE*** Wood products from all Wisconsin State Forests are now certified under both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) (cert. # SCS-FM/COC-00070N) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) (cert. # 1Y941-S1).**