

The Timber Sale Handbook (HB2461, Appendix pages A-21 & A-22) has been updated to reflect the following:

1. Updates to the template cover letter and Cutting Line Agreement used for timber sales on Department lands that abut private property.
2. Includes clearer language to help landowners understand the process of establishing the cutting line.

The Department is now soliciting public comment on the proposed policy and procedure, which will be available for comment for 21 days. Once the 21-day public comment period is complete, all comments will be considered. Updated policy and guidance related to the proposed changes will be incorporated into the handbook once it has gone through the public review process.

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PROPOSED NEW CUTTING LINE NOTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT COVER LETTER

December 21, 2017

Name
Address
City State Zip Code

Dear Name:

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) is planning a timber sale on state-owned land that borders your property in Name County. The Department has placed a blue paint line for the purposes of establishing the timber sale boundary. This is not a legal survey of the property line.

The timber sale boundary was established using surveyed corners, county parcel data, and a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS). The blue paint line that was established is a close and reasonable approximation of the actual property boundaries but is not a legal survey of the property line. The blue paint line separating your property from state land is only intended for use as a boundary during this timber sale, and is not established for the purpose of ownership, transfer or possession. Only licensed surveyors can establish actual survey corners and determine property boundaries.

We intend to offer the timber sale for bids this spring and harvesting would likely take place within the next 2-3 years. Trees marked with blue paint will not be harvested but the timber sale will go up to the blue paint line. We have enclosed a cutting line agreement that describes the boundaries between the timber sale and your property. Please read, sign, and return the enclosed cutting line agreement by date. While the cutting line agreement is effective, the Department agrees to the timber sale boundary line marked with blue paint should you wish to cut timber up to this line for your own purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed timber sale or how the boundary line was established, please feel free to contact me. My direct telephone line is (XXX) XXX-XXXX. I have included a map of the proposed timber sale as well as a stamped return envelope for the cutting line agreement.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Name
DNR Forester - Location

**BOUNDARY CUTTING LINE AGREEMENT
FOR TIMBER HARVEST PURPOSES**

PROPOSED NEW CUTTING LINE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter "Department") and Landowner Name(s) (hereinafter "Landowner").

WHEREAS, the Department is the owner of certain real property located in Name County, Wisconsin and more specifically described as follows:

Legal Description; and

WHEREAS, Landowner is the owner of certain real property located in Name County, Wisconsin and more specifically described as follows:

Legal Description; and

WHEREAS, the Department has set up a timber sale to harvest XX acres of timber and has established a blue paint cutting line (hereinafter "timber sale boundary line") for the purpose of harvesting timber; and

WHEREAS, the exact property boundary line between the Department property and Landowner property has not been established by a complete and accurate survey prepared by a Wisconsin licensed surveyor.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed between the Department and Landowner, for purposes of Department's timber harvest that:

1. The established timber sale boundary line shall be the boundary cutting line between Department property and Landowner property for the express purpose of establishing a Department timber sale.
2. The Department shall be entitled to all net proceeds from the harvest of said timber, regardless of where the true property line is located.
3. The established timber sale boundary line is not the exact property boundary and is not established for the purpose of ownership, transfer or possession.
4. Timber sale boundary line establishment, as per this Agreement, will be null and void upon true property line location by a licensed surveyor, or four years from the date of this Agreement.

Each person signing this Agreement personally warrants and represents that he or she is authorized to agree to this Agreement and cutting lines for the purpose of harvesting timber.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
For the Secretary

By: _____ Date: _____
Name
[DNR Property Name] Property Manager

Landowner(s):

By: _____ Date: _____
Name

By: _____ Date: _____
Name