Eau Claire, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation for Bids
March 31, 2017

COULEE EXPERIMENTAL STATE FOREST

STATE LANDS:
BUFFALO COUNTY
DUNN COUNTY
PEPIN COUNTY
PIERCE COUNTY
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

Attached are the bid prospectuses for the March 31, 2017 Mississippi River Area State Lands Timber Sale Bid Opening. Offers will be taken by sealed bids on each tract until 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 31. No late bids will be accepted and all bidders are welcome to attend. Bids will be opened starting at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Eau Claire DNR Service Center, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave Eau Claire, WI. The conference room is located near the service counter near the main entrance to the building. Those tracts not sold on Friday, March 31st may be re-advertised at the fall 2017 bid opening. Any tract not sold in two bid openings is eligible to be sold directly to responsible buyers at or above the current appraised value.

Bids may delivered in person or mailed to:

Wisconsin DNR
Attn: Andrew Sorenson
1300 W. Clairemont Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701

FOREST CERTIFICATION

The area encompassed by these timber sales is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®) - Certificate # SCS-FM/COC-00070N. Forest products from these sales may be delivered to the mills “FSC 100%” as long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

The area encompassed by these timber sales is certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) - Certificate # NSF-SFI-FM-1Y941. Successful purchasers of Wisconsin DNR stumpage
will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website http://www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Documentation confirming completion of the training standard will be required prior to starting sale.

**BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS**

All pulpwood and co-mingled products will be bid to a 4 inch top diameter. These products will be bid by the ton or cord as advertised on each prospectus page. Sawlogs will be bid by the thousand board feet (MBF).

The Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling hardwood sawlogs. Locked box ticket system or on-site cord scaling or a combination thereof may be used for pulp, or co-mingled material. Cord scaled products will be converted between cords and tons using the weights published in the WDNR Timber Sale Handbook.

When submitting a bid, use the attached timber sale bid form or a photocopy. All bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked: Timber Sale Bid, Tract #______.

Please note that there is a minimum total bid value listed for each sale. State sales only require that the minimum total bid price be met or exceeded.

- The successful bid is based on the total dollar amount bid for any one tract. However, bids must be broken down for each volume description in the tract prospectus and meet or exceed the total minimum bid price. Bids that fail to meet these minimums may be rejected.
- All sawlogs will be stick scaled by DNR Foresters before leaving the sale area. Other log scaling arrangements may be allowed on a case-by-case basis. Stick scaled pulp will be converted between cords and tons using the weights published in the WDNR Timber Sale Handbook.

**Workers Compensation insurance will be required.** A current “Certificate of Insurance” must be provided before any work begins.

**A performance bond is required for each tract.** Winning bidders will have six weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit a performance bond to the Department equal to the greater of 15% of the total bid value or $1000. If the winning bidder fails to execute the contract and submit an acceptable performance bond, the bidder shall be required to forfeit to the department an amount equal to 10% of the total bid amount. Types of acceptable performance bonds are: cash bond, personal check, certified check/cashier check/bank money order, or irrevocable letter of credit. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state timber sales for a two-year period. Maintenance of surety bond and/or letters of credit shall be for four (4) full years.

**Contract lengths** for all timber sales advertised in this bid opening are until **November 1, 2019**. Contract extensions will be considered with the following conditions:

- 1st 6 month extension – 0% increase in stumpage rate
• 2nd 6 month extension – 5% increase in stumpage rate
• Subsequent 6 month extensions – 10% increase in stumpage rate over and above previous extensions. Please consider this when bidding and scheduling timber sale work on state lands.

**Bids should be made with an as-is understanding.** If there is no access road to a job, it is the purchaser's responsibility to create such access, unless specified with a contingency. In some cases navigable streams may be involved. DNR Foresters will assist in acquiring stream-crossing permits for culvert placement. Contractor will pay the current permit fee if a fee is required and culvert and all culvert installation, removal and restoration costs.

**Stumpage Payments**
• Payments for scaled wood or haul ticket wood leaving the job must be received within 30 days of billing date.
• Violations of payment provisions will result in contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that particular sale.
• A violation for that contractor will also be logged onto the pre-payment only list, which will require all payments on all state timber sales be pre-paid for a two year time period.
• Successful completion of pre-payments for 2 years will remove the contractor from the list and they can again have a 30-day payment privilege.
• No advance stumpage is required unless the sale is designated lump sum.

**Lump Sum Timber Sales.** Tracts #1717-1-15, #628-2-15, #1704-1-16, #1710-5-56, #1710-6-16, #1711-2-14, #1711-2-16, #4703-1-14, #4824-2-14, #6206-1-16, and #6212-2-16 are lump sum sales. The actual volumes removed may be different than the advertised volumes. Bids must include a price for each product listed on the tract prospectus. No adjustments to the purchase price or harvest volumes will be made. All stumpage will be paid in advance of removal of timber or arrangement of a payment schedule in advance of removal of timber from the sale, in a form acceptable to the Seller.

**PROCEDURE FOR BID OPENING**

The order of public reading of the timber sale bids will be done on a random basis. It will not be in tract order of first to last. At any time up until a sale is read out loud, bidders may pull their bid(s) from consideration. This can be done in person, by calling someone present at the bid opening to do this or by written instructions presented to the DNR forester conducting the bid opening procedures. It cannot be done after the tract results are announced. We hope this will make a better bid process for all.

**CUTTING REQUIREMENTS**

All designated thinning areas have the following cutting requirements and operational restrictions:

• Harvest all trees in accordance with the specifications listed on the tract description page and timber sale map.
• Care must be taken to avoid damaging residual trees.
• No cutting, skidding or road building between April 1 and July 15 in hardwood thinnings due to
oak wilt concern.

- All cut pine and spruce products must be removed from the sale area within two weeks during the period of May 15 through August 15
- Road building will be kept to a minimum and residual stems avoided, whenever possible. The location of any roads built must be approved by DNR forester.
- Tree and pole length skidding will be considered on a case by case basis.

All designated regeneration harvests have the following cutting requirements and operational restrictions:

- Harvest all merchantable trees within the designated sale area. Avoid damage to and no cutting of designated reserve trees, individually marked trees, or wildlife islands. Skidding through wildlife islands is only allowed with prior approval of the seller.
- Non-merchantable tree stumps shall be no higher than 6 inches.

**UTILIZATION SPECIFICATIONS**

All trees containing one or more 100 inch sticks or 8 foot 6 inch logs, 50% or more merchantable, to the minimum top diameter are considered merchantable.

- Whole Tree: No minimum top diameter. Includes all bark and limbs.
- Cordwood: Minimum top diameter will be 4 inches DOB for all species.
- Sawlogs: Minimum top diameter will be 11 inches DIB for all species.

The above-listed items will continuously be scrutinized and evaluated for compliance throughout the time of the contract. Failure to comply with the above-listed or other contract conditions may result in contract closure and may jeopardize your opportunity to bid on future timber sales.

Any questions regarding State Land timber sales should be directed to the forester listed on the prospectus page. Good Luck.
MINIMUM BID INFORMATION FOR THE
March 31, 2017 MISSISSIPPI RIVER AREA STATE LANDS
TIMBER SALE BID OPENING.

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* Lump Sum Sale

Mississippi River Area DNR Forestry Contacts

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<th>Forester</th>
<th>Phone</th>
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<tr>
<td>BUFFALO</td>
<td>Justin Kania</td>
<td>(608) 685-6223</td>
<td>Buffalo County Court House Alma, WI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Brent Weaver</td>
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<tr>
<td>DUNN</td>
<td>Matt Molback</td>
<td>(715) 232-1516</td>
<td>921 Brickyard Rd. Menomonie, WI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Rob Strand</td>
<td>(725) 232-6980</td>
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<tr>
<td>LA CROSSE</td>
<td>Kevin Schilling</td>
<td>(608) 785-9007</td>
<td>3550 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI</td>
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<td>PEPIN</td>
<td>covered by adjacent stations</td>
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<tr>
<td>PIERCE</td>
<td>Chuck Abitz</td>
<td>(715) 273-5525</td>
<td>130 Chestnut St. Elsworth, WI</td>
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<tr>
<td>TREMPLEAU</td>
<td>Kyle Coopman</td>
<td>(715) 538-4480</td>
<td>36270 Tower Dr. Suite 200 Whitehall, WI</td>
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<tr>
<td>Area Forestry Leader</td>
<td>Andrew Sorenson</td>
<td>(715) 836-7574</td>
<td>1300 W. Clairemont Ave Eau Claire, WI</td>
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Tract # 610-1-16  
Merrick State Park  
BUFFALO COUNTY

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This sale is **NOT** eligible for biomass harvesting.  
109 Tons  

**SCALEd SALE**  
Minimum Bid $770.60

**Pine Thinning - (20 Acres)**  
Harvest all trees marked with orange paint.

**Special Conditions:**
1. Coarse wood debris and fine woody material may not be harvested from this sale.
2. **Harvesting will be allowed between November 1st and April 1st.**
3. Prevent damage to residual trees.
4. Remove trees and/or treetops hanging in standing trees.
5. All slash should be removed entirely, chipped and left on property, or hauled a minimum of 50 feet from the trail and road edges and flattened so that it is no taller than 2 feet above the ground. All slash must stay within the sale boundaries.
6. Harvest under dry or frozen ground conditions. Cease logging if rutting occurs.
7. Remove oil cans, pop cans, and other debris from site.
8. Access across private property is the responsibility of the purchaser
9. **Annosum Root Rot control work is required on this sale.** Purchaser shall apply Cellu-Treat fungicide according to product label directions. Application is not required for harvest operations conducted at temperatures below 32 degrees. It is the responsibility of the contractor to obtain any state licenses or certifications necessary for contractual pesticide applications.
10. Landings and road locations must be approved prior to construction.

**Management Objectives:**
Maintain growth and productivity. Reduce stocking to recommended levels. Maintain and enhance the red pine timber type.

SALE MAP AND BID SHEET ON FOLLOWING PAGES

Note: This sale will be administered by DNR Foresters in accordance with DNR policies and procedures. Standard DNR timber sale contract will be used. A copy of the timber sale contract can be found on our website at [http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/2400/2400-005.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/2400/2400-005.pdf)
**Tract # 610-1-16**
Merrick State Park
BUFFALO COUNTY

**SALE SIZE:** 20 acres

**ACCESS:** Access is good using park roads, however, minimizing damage to the roads will be a priority.

**Sale Location**
Buffalo County
Town of Milton
Section 6, T19N – R11W
Section 1, T19N – R12W
Section 36, T20N – R12W

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# SCS-FM/COC-00070N
FSC 100%

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100% SFI Certified
#NSF-SFI-FM-1Y941
Timber Sale Bid
Form 2400-049 (R 7/16)

**Bidder Information**

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The award shall be based on this TOTAL BID AMOUNT:

**Performance Bond**

Will be in the form of: (select one)

- □ Cash
- □ Personal Check
- □ Certified Check/Money Order
- □ Irrevocable Letter of Credit
- □ Assurance Bond
- □ Certificate of Deposit
- □ Assignment of Savings Account

I understand that any or all bids may be rejected and that consideration and awarding of a contract will be based upon my past performance and ability to complete contracts. I also understand that if I am the winning bidder, I have 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond. I also understand that if I am awarded the contract and fail to execute it or work under it, I will be required to forfeit to the Department an amount equal to 10% of my total bid amount. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in being considered ineligible to bid on any state timber sales for a two-year duration. In the event the highest bidder can not or will not sign the contract, the award will be made to the next highest qualified bid.

**Notice:** I understand:

Utilization specifications and estimated volumes are listed in the prospectus which is available upon request from the Department.

A copy of the standard timber sales contract which must be entered into is available upon request from the Department.

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