

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry
Rhinelander, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Good Neighbor Authority Timber Sales

Sales Established under agreement with the USFS,
Chequamegon - Nicolet National Forest
Invitation for Bids

May 27, 2020

Sealed bids will be received by the National Forest Liaisons to the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), at the following locations before and on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020**. Bids are being accepted for opening at:

- Washburn Ranger Station will have 2 tracts to bid located on Washburn District (West)
- Park Falls DNR Service Center will have 2 bids sale for Medford/Park Falls District (West).

COVID-19 BIDDING PROCESS

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak in the United States, the opening of timber sale bids will be made public via toll-free conference call option. Interested individuals may call in on the number provided to hear bids as they are received. An in-person bid opening will not be made available to the public.

If you are interested in listening to the bid openings via conference call, please contact the district NFL for the conference call number.

Bids for each individual District are to be mailed only to the separate offices where GNA sales are located. Addresses are listed on page 3. Please mark envelope with "GNA Bid and sale number". No emailed bids will be accepted.

The bids will be opened at (1:30p.m.) in these different locations. No bids will be accepted past 1:30 p.m. for GNA Forest Service-State sales.

Those tracts not sold during this bid opening, will be re-advertised at the next GNA bid opening later in 2020. Any tract not sold in two bid openings may be sold directly to responsible buyers at or above the current appraised value.

PROCEDURE FOR BID OPENING

The order of public reading of the timber sale bids will be done on a random basis. 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 in on the provided conference call number. Alternatively, bidders may include instructions with their bid indicating their preferred sales. It can not be done after the tract results are announced. We hope this procedure will not burden any one bidder with too many sales.

BIDDING FOR GNA TIMBER SALES

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.

- An acceptable bid must have a price for each species and product listed on every sale.
- Only the total must meet the minimum total bid price advertised to be accepted as a valid bid.
- All lump sum bids must also state a product price for each listed product on the prospectus.

Please be aware that the following items are significant to successful contract compliance:

1. Be sure to read all the conditions for each sale carefully. Failure to do so may result in financial penalties.
2. Maintenance of Worker's Compensation Certificate.
3. Maintenance of surety bond and/or letters of credit for **four (4)** full years for each sale Performance Bond.
4. Satisfactory compliance of all requirements and specifications listed in the contract, including:
 - A. Successful purchasers of GNA Forest Service 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). This will be required prior to starting sale (contract signing).
 - B. State of Wisconsin will continue the 30-day payment policy. Payments for scaled wood or haul ticket wood leaving the job must be received within 30 days of billing date. If a payment is later than 30 days, then a late interest penalty will apply. Violations of payment provisions will result in contractor having to pre-pay for the remainder of that sale. Additional payment violation for that contractor will also be logged onto the pre-payment only list, which will require all payments on any state timber sales be pre-paid for a two-year time. 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.
 - C. The cutting of all trees specified on the timber sale map, which is part of the contract.
 - D. Prompt and proper treatment of all slash where required. It is the responsibility of the timber contractor to spread out all landing debris (slasher ends, stumps, slash, etc.) over the sale area to within two feet of the ground concurrently with hauling.
 - E. Liability to pay double the mill value payments for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through negligence or carelessness.
 - F. All pulpwood will be sold by the cord on a mill ticket system. Scaling requests can be made for firewood and/or a minimum of 10 MBF of sawlogs. **Some sales have pulpwood and sawlogs combined into pulpwood cords.**
 - G. All pine products cut between May 1 and September 1 each year must be removed from sale area within three (3) weeks from time of cutting. This is to limit the risk of pine engraver damage.
 - H. The policy for the extension of expired contracts is as follows. The first six-month extension will have a 5% increase of bid value and any subsequent extensions will include an additional 10% increase per extension. Please consider this when bidding and scheduling timber sale work on GNA timber sales.
5. Bidding for GNA timber sales DOES NOT REQUIRE A BID BOND to be submitted. Winning bidders will have 6 weeks from the date of the bid to submit an acceptable performance bond to the department. 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. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state administered timber sale for a two-year period.

Additional General Sale Conditions to be met are detailed on the website,

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/GNAGeneralInfo.html>

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. Sale contracts can be requested by any of the foresters below or listed on sale prospectus or map.

Any questions regarding GNA Federal Forest timber sales should be directed to the National Forest Liaisons at the phone numbers below. **Bids should be delivered or sent to these addresses and clearly marked “GNA Bid and sale number” on the envelope. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE WITH THE NFL NAME ON FRONT.**

Washburn Ranger Station, 203 E Bayfield St., Washburn, WI 54891.
Larin Krautkramer at 715-781-5149 for all **Washburn District sales**

Park Falls DNR Service Center, 875 South 4th Ave., Park Falls, WI 54552.
Maggie Lorenz at (715) 492-1970 for all **Medford/Park Falls District sales**.