



April 3, 2022

Black River State Forest Timber Sale Information

Sealed bids will be received by mail or in person at the Castle Mound Shop at W10325 Hwy 12, up to 9 a.m. April 28, 2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter for timber stumpage described in this prospectus. The public may attend in person or call (608) 316-9000, ID #28746049 to attend virtually.

For questions about this bid opening- contact: Jennifer Boice at 715-410-8839; Jennifer.Boice@wisconsin.gov
 This bid opening will be held for 8 tracts on the Black River State Forest and 1 tract on Other State Lands.

Black River State Forest

Tract #	Sale Name	Acres	Timber Type	Total Volume (tons)	MBF (included in tons)
17-21	Powerhouse Oak & Pine	74	Red pine / oak	1525	24
10-22	Sand Pillow Pine	72	Red pine / jack pine	6185	970
11-22	Snowball's Chance	121	Red/White/Jack pine	3735	249
12-22	G.I. Pine	14	Red pine / Jack pine	700	30
13-22	Morrison Red Pine	98	Red pine	4040	90
14-22	Firebreak Pine	100	Red pine	9155	1337
15-22	Cemetery Pond Pine	60	White pine / Jack pine	3825	225
16-22	Foundation Pine	88	Jack pine / White pine	2560	100

Other State Lands- Sand Creek Fisheries Area

1-22	Prairie Pines	24	Red/White/Jack pine	655	
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For tracts not sold on April 28, 2022 sealed bids will be accepted by mail or in person until 9 a.m. June 7, 2022. Contact Jennifer Boice at 715-410-8839 or Jennifer.Boice@wisconsin.gov for details on bid results following each bid opening.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

1. Bidding Procedure for Timber Sales
 - a. Bids will be made by species for each tract.
 - b. Estimated volumes and utilization specifications are listed on individual sale prospectus maps. Bid according to volumes listed on individual sale prospectus and/or maps.
 - c. The **high bidder** will be determined by the **greatest total bid** for each tract.
 - d. **Bidders in attendance (or virtual)** can remove their bid from consideration before each individual tract is opened. Bidders must identify themselves by clearly stating their name, address, and telephone number **PRIOR** to a bid being opened to withdraw their bid from consideration.
2. Bids may be made on one or more tracts.
3. Submit each bid in an individual sealed envelope marked "Bid for Timber Stumpage" with the timber sale name, and tract number on the outside. Wisconsin DNR Timber Sale Bid Forms must be used to make bids on DNR timber sales and is included with the individual sale prospectus.
4. A per unit bid must be made on every item on a tract. No "zero" bids for any species or products will be accepted.
5. Winning bidders will be notified within 24 hours of bid opening and must sign the timber sale contract and submit an acceptable performance bond within 6 weeks of the bid opening. 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 or GNA timber sales for a two-year period.

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, whichever is greater. The bond will be held intact by the Department of Natural Resources until the satisfactory completion of the timber sale contract. Performance bonds in a form of other than cash for these sales must expire no earlier than **1-year past contract expiration date: June 30, 2026 on all tracts (except 12-22 GI Pine should expire on or after June 30, 2024).**
7. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SALES TAX CERTIFICATION: A [Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate](https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/s-211-inst.pdf) must be provided at the signing of the contract. This certificate is required to cover a contractor or individual reselling stumpage harvested for firewood/fuelwood and mills and manufacturing facilities. More information about the certificate can be found at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/s-211-inst.pdf>

UTILIZATION: Cut and use all designated trees with one or more 100” sticks to a 4” top diameter. Any other provisions will be listed on individual sale Map/Prospectus.

SCALING AND PAYMENT

1. If eligible for deferred payment option, payment for timber removed from site must be made within 30 days after invoice.
2. If not eligible for deferred payment option, no wood will be hauled from the sale area until advanced payment is made.
3. If sold as a lump sum sale, payment in full must be made on entire sale, or by the cutting block, or by some other means as mutually agreed upon by Department of Natural Resources and contractor.
4. The mill scale ticket system will be used as the preferred method of sale administration. Other scaling systems may be used at the discretion of the Department of Natural Resources.
5. If a woods scale system is used, all cordwood or logs will be piled for scaling. Scaling requests must be made at least one day in advance.
6. No refunds of stumpage payments will be made for un-removed wood, and wood left on the sale area at contract expiration shall revert to the seller.
7. Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs. Conversion from MBF to cords or cords to MBF shall be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.2 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
8. Weight scale conversions will be at rates as specified in the Department of Natural Resources timber sale handbook listed below, unless the individual timber sale has specific mixed species pro-rates/conversions.

CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS POUNDS PER CORD

<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>
Ash	4600	2.3	Mixed hardwood	4800	2.4
Aspen	4500	2.25	Red/Black oak	5500	2.75
Basswood	3850	1.925	Red pine	4500	2.25
Black Cherry	4300	2.15	Soft maple	4550	2.275
Elm	5000	2.5	Spruce	4000	2.0
Hard maple	5100	2.55	Tamarack	4650	2.325
Hickory	5400	2.7	White birch	4800	2.4
Jack pine	4250	2.125	White oak	5850	2.925
Locust	5300	2.65	White pine	4200	2.1

CONTRACT PERIOD: All contracts offered during this bid opening will expire **June 30, 2025**, except tract # 12-22 G.I. Pine, which expires June 30, 2023.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: Contract extensions will not be granted without justifiable reason. Justification will be determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Contract expiration dates are given on the individual timber sale. Contract extensions are not guaranteed. All extensions, if granted, will be for 1 year. Extension requests will be considered with the following conditions:

One and Two-year contracts

- 1st extension – 5% increase in stumpage rate
- 2nd extension – an additional 10% increase in stumpage rate

Three and Four-year Contracts

- 1st extension – 15% increase in stumpage rate (only 1 extension granted)

OTHER CONDITIONS

1. Wisconsin's Best Management Practices for Water Quality, Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines, and Best Management Practices for Invasive Species must be followed on all DNR timber sales. More information on these management guidelines can be found at the links found below.

Water Quality BMPs: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/bmp.html>

Biomass: <https://councilonforestry.wi.gov/Pages/WoodyBiomass/Default.aspx>

Invasive BMPs: <https://councilonforestry.wi.gov/Pages/InvasiveSpecies/Forestry.aspx>

2. **Heterobasidial Root Disease Treatment:** For timber sales that require stump treatment for Heterobasidial Root Disease (Annosum), treatment must be performed by a Certified Pesticide Applicator through Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. **Proof of Certification will be required prior to beginning any areas requiring treatment.** Reporting of type and amount of chemical used will be required. More information at: http://datcp.wi.gov/Plants/Pesticides/Licenses/Commercial_Applicator_Certification.

Insurance: The Contractor shall provide the Department of Natural Resources 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. Contractor claiming exemption, independent status, the contractor/purchaser will be required to submit a signed, notarized affidavit that affirms their exempt status pursuant to the criteria listed in section 102.07(7)(b), of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The contract may contain other provisions – See “Attachment C – General Sale Conditions” enclosed. Contracts may not be assigned. A sample copy of the contract is available upon request. NOTE: Prospectus, maps and bid forms for each of the timber sales are available online at:

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

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

The Purchaser shall ensure that at least one in-woods person actively engaged in performance of this contract and responsible for the logging site 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 https://www.fistausa.org/fista/SFI_Workshops.asp or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). The Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that the training has been attained prior to initiating sale.

FOREST CERTIFICATION: These lands are 3rd party certified.