

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #4588

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 3:00 p.m. (local time) on April 24, 2012. LOCATION: NAUBINWAY FIELD OFFICE, PO BOX 287 US 2, NAUBINWAY, MI 49762.

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The bidder is advised to inspect the sale area and review the location, estimated volumes, operating costs and contract terms of proposed sales. Please be aware that some landowners may request 60 days or more notice for access across their land.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Unit Manager, SAULT STE MARIE MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

<u>GRAVY PINE</u> (45-101-11-01) / T42N, R06W, SEC. 01, N 1/2, NWSE,NESW. Mackinac County, Advertised Price \$297,004.30, 132.0 Acres

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BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 02/13/2012):

1. Scheduled Bid Location, Date, and Time (2/11)

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, NAUBINWAY OFFICE, PO BOX 287 US 2, NAUBINWAY, MI 49762, no later than 3:00 p.m. (local time) on April 24, 2012. For further information concerning this sale, contact Karen Rodock at 906-635-5281.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (2/12)

Purchaser shall obtain workers compensation insurance to cover claims under Michigan's Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 or similar employee benefit act of any other state applicable to an employee. If all or part of a timber sale was prepared by a private contractor, that contractor and that contractor's company are not permitted to bid on the timber sale contract. Bids will not be accepted from individuals or companies appearing on the DNR/FRD No-Bid List. This list contains the names of purchasers who previously failed to execute a contract within 21-days or who have a history of poor performance.

3. Preparation of Sealed Bids (1/11)

Bids shall be manually signed in ink; bid prices must be entered for each species and product in the Bid Price column for all material subject to bidding; and all fill-in blanks must be completed. If erasures or other changes appear on the forms, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (6/11)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager. All bids must be submitted on the bid form and in an envelope clearly identified as described in this section. NOTE: Only one bid form per bid envelope. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Unit office designated in the prospectus and must be submitted at or prior to the time established in the prospectus. The envelope should show on the outside (a) the sale name or number and (b) the date and time of bid opening as shown in the prospectus. Bids received after the time specified in the sale prospectus are late bids and will be rejected.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (1/11)

If conditions permit, the sealed bids will be publicly opened and posted at the time and place set in the prospectus.

6. Award of Contract (1/11)

Award of the contract will be made to the Bidder whose bid, conforming to the prospectus, is most advantageous to the State of Michigan on the basis of total value at rates bid for the estimated quantities. The State reserves the right to reject any bid or waive any minor irregularity in bids received. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

7. Down Payment (1/11)

The Bidder to whom award is made must make a down payment within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the down payment will be calculated as shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. Only cash may be used to meet this requirement.

8. Performance Security (1/11)

As guarantee of faithful performance, a cash bond, certificate of deposit, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit (LOC) is required within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the performance security is shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. If an LOC or surety is used, the coverage must extend for at least 6 months beyond the contract expiration.

9. Timber Sale Contract (1/11)

Additional conditions and requirements common to all timber sales are listed on the timber sale contract (R4031) and are available on line at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Contact the Unit Manager for additional information or a sample contract. Within 21 days of the date of the award letter, the bidder must sign the contract and provide the required down payment, performance security, and verification of worker's disability compensation. The down payment and performance security shall be in accordance with the provisions of the timber sale contract, in the sums stated in this prospectus. If these actions are not taken, then the Bidder, the Bidder's corporation, and the corporation's principals may not be permitted to bid on State timber sales for a period of 1 year. In addition, the Bidder certifies that if awarded this contract, the Bidder will complete the timber sale contract in accordance with its terms and any modifications thereof including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove the included timber by the termination date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (1/11)

Before submitting this bid, the Bidder is advised and cautioned to inspect the sale area, review the requirements of the sale contract, and take other steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the location, estimated volumes, construction estimates, and operating costs of the proposed sale. Failure to do so will not relieve the Bidder from responsibility for completing the contract.

The Bidder warrants that this bid is submitted solely on the basis of the Bidder's examination and inspection of the quality and quantity of the timber offered for sale and the Bidder's opinion of the value thereof and the costs of recovery. No reliance should be placed on the State of Michigan's estimates of timber quality, quantity or costs of recovery. Bidder further acknowledges that the State of Michigan: (i) expressly disclaims any warranty of fitness of timber for any purpose; (ii) offers this timber as is without any warranty of quality (merchantability) or quantity and (iii) expressly disclaims any warranty as to the quantity or quality of timber sold.

11. Certification and Chain-of-Custody (10/11)

Unless otherwise indicated in the contract under section 7 – Other Conditions of the Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements, the area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) - Certificate #SCS-FM/COC-00090N and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) - Certificate # NSF-SFIS-5Y031-S1. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mill as "FSC Pure and / or SFI certified" 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.

RODNEY STOKES
Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

GRAVY PINE (45-101-11-01)

T42N, R06W, SEC. 01.

Mackinac County (Advertised Price \$297,004.30)

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A timber sale contract for this lump sum, sealed bid timber sale will be awarded to the responsible bidder offering the highest sealed bid price. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each species:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE		
Sawlogs					
Red Pine	876.40 MBF	\$	158.00 / MBF		
Pulpwood					
Red Pine	2,476.00 Cords	\$	61.10 / Cord		

In addition, the successful bidder agrees to purchase the following species at the indicated advertised price for a total value of \$7,249.50:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*	<u>ADV</u>	ERTISED PRICE
Pulpwood			
Jack Pine	358.00 Cords	\$	20.25 / Cord

^{*} The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 10.96 percent. The estimated units are final and not subject to adjustment. Prospective bidders are urged to examine this timber and to make their own estimates of quantity and quality.

BOND AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- 1. A bond in the amount of \$24,000.00 to insure faithful performance of the conditions of the contract will be deposited by the successful bidder within 21 days of the sale award.
- 2. Cutting in any sale or unit without the required advance payment would be considered a trespass.
- 3. Total payment must be paid in advance or according to the following schedule:
 - (a) Ten percent (10%) of the sale value must be paid within 21 days of the sale award.
 - (b) The 10% down payment will be credited towards the first unit cut.
 - (c) Payment for each of the following units must be made before cutting begins in that unit:

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PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	12%
02	18%
03	16%
04	24%
05	15%
06	15%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 12/31/2014.

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Gravy Pine Sale Number: 45-101-11-01

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (12/08)

The sale boundary is marked and identified by red paint. The payment unit lines between Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are marked and identified by green paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.1 - Clearcut unit(s) with unmerchantable trees (4/09)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more in diameter measured at a point four and one-half (4-1/2) feet above ground level regardless of merchantability. Except in north portion of Unit 1 as shown on timber sale map, do not cut green marked trees or red painted sale boundary trees.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.2 - Chipping required (1/11)

Payment units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 must be chip harvested, except for the North part of Unit 1 (as shown on the map). The purchaser has the option to produce sawlogs or pulpwood bolts, but the remaining portion of the trees must be chipped and hauled.

2.2.3 - Stump heights (4/07)

Stump heights within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 shall not exceed 12 inches for trees greater than 10 inches DBH and 6 inches for trees smaller than 10 inches DBH. This is in order to facilitate planting operations.

3 - Payments

3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

3.3.4 - Dividing payment units (12/08)

Payment unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 may be divided at the request of the purchaser and upon approval of the Unit Manager. Dividing payment units is a contract modification which requires a Timber Sale Contract Supplement.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

4.1.8 - Road work (1) (8/07)

All sale associated roads must be maintained at their current condition or better during the duration and upon completion of the sale.

4.4 - Access

4.4.5 - Federal property access (9/10)

Permission for access across federal land is the responsibility of the purchaser. To haul on road USFS 3124, the purchaser must obtain a permit from the USFS. Contact Ken Guillard at the St. Ignace Ranger District. His number is (906) 643-7900 ext. 141.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (12/08)

A pre-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 3 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.1.4 - Post-sale conference (9/09)

A post-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required 5 days prior to the completion of active logging operations to determine clean-up and repair of landings, road edges, and the fulfillment of other contract specifications.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.11 - Slash for reforestation (5/07)

To facilitate reforestation, the North part of Unit 1, as indicated on the sale map, shall be left with slash evenly distributed. Bunched tops within the cutting area shall be broken up and scattered. Stumps shall be cut low to the ground. Processing sites shall not be left with a compacted layer of slash; tops from these sites shall be hauled back into the cut area and scattered.

5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

5.2.2.1 - Den trees (2/04)

Obvious hollow and/or den trees shall be protected and left standing unless they are a safety hazard.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are not permitted during the period of 12/15 to 04/01. This restriction is due to restricted access on the snowmobile trail.

5.2.3.6 - Bark beetle restriction (12/08)

In the event drought creates a high risk of pine bark beetle infestation, pine is not to be cut during the period March 1 through July 1, unless all portions of trees greater than two inches in diameter are removed from the sale area, reduced to chips, or treated to the satisfaction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative, within fifteen days of being severed from the stump. Pine log decks, pulpwood piles and treetops that are piled for chipping in the fall or winter within a 1/4 mile of susceptible sites must be removed before March 15. Residual slash must not be placed in piles or rows and must be spread over the site for quick drying. The Department of Natural Resources will exercise this specification if the risk of damage warrants.

5.2.39 - ORV trail/route protection (1/09)

The Troutlake-Brevort Motorcycle Trail is an ORV trail and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not damage posts with orange ORV markers. The tree with orange ORV markers may cut off above the marker leaving at least 6 to 8 feet of the butt standing. Maintain a 20 foot wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily using the ORV trail or route as the centerline. Do not run equipment down the ORV trail or route.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.1 - Rutting restriction, general (1/09)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and skid trails which is 12 inches or greater in depth and 50 feet in length. The Unit Manager or his/her representative may restrict hauling and/or skidding if ruts exceed the specified depth. With the Unit Manager or his/her representative's approval, the Purchaser may return to the area when the risk of rutting has decreased.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (4/09)

All trees with raptor nests will be protected if found during harvesting operations. Notification will be made to the Unit Manager or his/her representative who will notify the Wildlife Biologist so an on-site evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

6 - Safety and Fire Prevention

6.2 - Signing

6.2.3 - Recreational trail posting (2/10)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Trout Lake-Brevort Motorcycle trail prior to beginning operations. The trail must be posted 200 feet from the sale area to warn of logging activity and truck traffic at both ends of the trail. Signs must be removed when harvest operations are suspended or completed. The Purchaser will provide these signs.

7 - Other Conditions

7.3 - Contract Modifications

7.3.1 - Emerald Ash Borer

7.3.1.1 - Emerald ash borer, no ash or firewood on sale (2/05)

There is no ash or "firewood" in this sale, but it is located within an emerald ash borer quarantined area. The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) by the authority of Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, and Quarantine Regulation No. 620, has promulgated this quarantine to prevent the further spread of this pest and sets forth: definitions, regulated articles, regulated areas, conditions of movement, violations and penalties, and special exemptions. The purchaser must comply with this quarantine. Contact the MDA for further information.

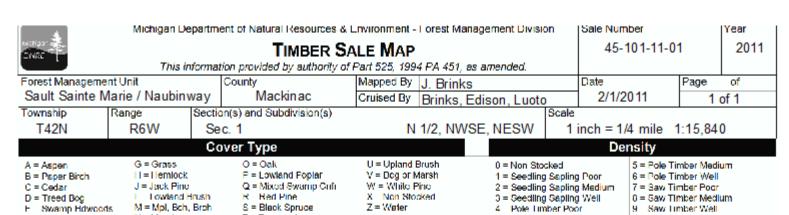
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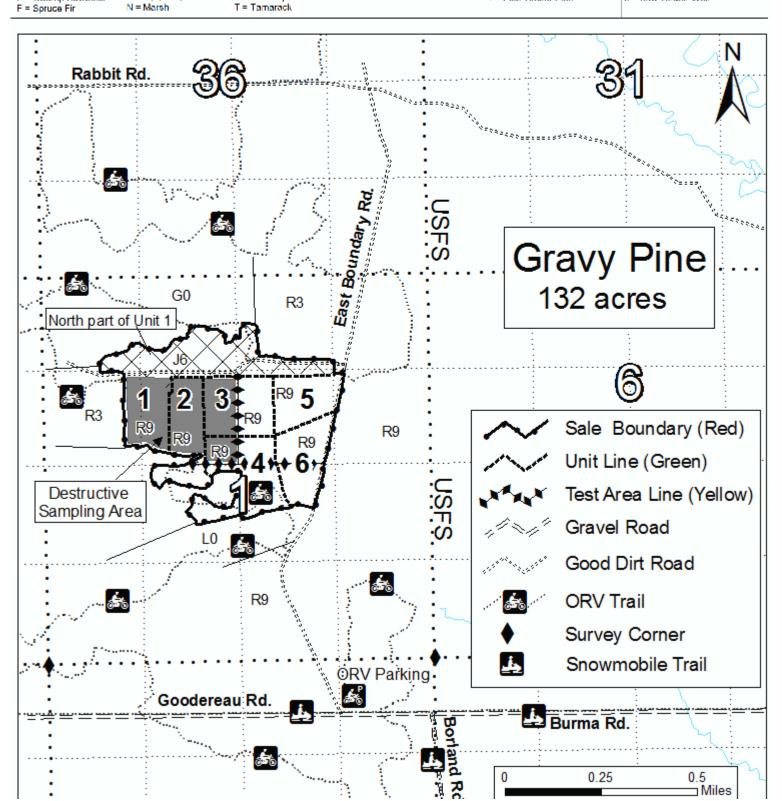
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PRODUCTS & SPECIES

Sawlogs

BID FORM

SAULT STE MARIE MANAGEMENT UNIT **NAUBINWAY OFFICE**

GRAVY PINE (45-101-11-01) T42N, R06W, SEC. 01, Mackinac County

ADVERTISED PRICE

In response to the notice of sale to be held 3:00 p.m. (local time) on April 24, 2012, I am hereby submitting my sealed bid (firm offer) for the following forest products to be cut. Bids for individual species must be at or above the advertised price. All non-responsive bid forms may be rejected.

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F AVAILABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE PERSONALIZED LABEL FROM YOUR PROSPECTUS IN THE ABOVE BOX.								
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Phone number :_____ Email (optional):____



Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment Forest Management Division

TIMBER SALE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and Part 525 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY				
Sale Number (XX – XXX – XX – XX)				
Forest Management Unit:				

VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

- This verification must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber
- In addition, if boxes 2B or 2C are checked, then Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must be submitted within 21

	days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.				
•	All Information must be typed or printed except for written signatures.				
Please Check Appropriate Categories:					
1.	 My business is organized as (you must check one of the boxes be A. Sole Proprietorship (individual) Partnership C. Corporation 	elow):			
2.	 You must check one of the boxes below: A. I certify that my business is a sole proprietorship and it has no employees but the sole proprietor. I am not subject to the Worker's Compensation Laws. B. I certify that my business has satisfied its obligation to the Worker's Compensation Act through the use of an approved Notice of Exclusion (BWC-337, Rev. 5/96). I will provide a copy of the Notice of Exclusion within 21 days of the contract award. (For questions or a copy of the BWC-337, please call the Worker's Compensation Bureau at 517-322-1195). C. I certify that my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within 21 days of the contract award. 				
3.	 If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you must indicate the num than yourself, including family members and active partners (if norFull-time Employees 				
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