



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #5856

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 1, 2017.

LOCATION: PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080.

PROSPECTUS NOTE: 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 Game Area Manager, CRANE POND SGA, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Norton Rd. Savanna (21-001-17)

Cass County, Advertised Price \$9,153.80, 26.4 Acres, Hardwood, Sugar Maple.

SALE NOTE: This sale is to be chipped. By products of chipping should be removed from the sale area as well. If by products of chipping can not be removed from the sale, an alternative option must be discussed with the sale administer before any operations start.

Access may be through other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 09/02/2016):

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

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 NORTH 10TH ST, PLAINWELL, MI 49080, no later than 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 1, 2017. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cindy McQueer at 269-685-6851 extension 139.

2. Bidder's Qualifications (5/16)

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, the 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 (5/16)

Bid Forms may be completed online thru Michigan DNR Timber Sale Online Bidding (OLB) at www.michigan.gov/timberbidding or by completing the hardcopy Bid Form found in the Timber Sale Prospectus. Hardcopy Bid Forms shall be manually signed in ink. Registration in OLB is considered your 'signature' for all bids submitted thru that system. 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 hardcopy Bid Form, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

4. Submission of Sealed Bids (5/16)

Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager or thru OLB. Bids may be submitted hardcopy or thru OLB. All hardcopy 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.

It is possible for a bidder to submit multiple bids on a single sale. For example, a bid may be submitted hardcopy and a bid may be submitted thru OLB. Or, two bidders from the same company could both submit bids on the same sale. If this were to happen, the State would accept all bids received and award the contract accordingly. All bidding and contractual requirements would apply to all bids received.

5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids (7/16)

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

If a bidder, present at a bid opening, has submitted bids on more than one sale, that bidder may withdraw their unopened bid envelopes or announce the withdrawal of their online bid after being declared the successful bidder on one sale.

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 (9/14)

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/timber. 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 expiration date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection (7/16)

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 (10/14)

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-SF5. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mill as "FSC 100% 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.

12. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements (7/16)

If the name of this timber sales contains the acronym GNA, it is authorized by the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) and covered by various agreements between the U.S. Forest Service and the State. The timber sale occurs on federal land and the following conditions apply:

GNA contracts on US Forest Service land will not be awarded to purchasers on the Federal list of excluded parties. The System for Award Management (SAM) will be checked for active excluded parties prior to award of contract. In addition, the Bidder to whom award is made must complete an Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants (AD-3031).

13. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Requirements, con't (9/16)

Bidder certifies, by signing this bid form, that to the best of Bidder's knowledge that the following representations are accurate and complete.

- a. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntary excluded from timber sales (covered transactions) by any Federal department or agency.
- b. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

c. That the Bidder and its principals are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b of this certification.

d. That the Bidder and its principals have not within a 3-year period preceding this bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for breach or default of a timber or forest product contract.

Bidders that cannot certify this requirement, in whole or in part, shall submit an explanation with their bid.

KEITH CREAGH

Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

Norton Rd. Savanna (21-001-17)

Cass County (Advertised Price \$9,153.80)

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Access may be through other public land.

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:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
Black Cherry	20.10 MBF	\$ 80.00 / MBF
Black Walnut	7.40 MBF	\$ 275.00 / MBF
Cottonwood	1.80 MBF	\$ 14.00 / MBF
Sugar Maple	19.40 MBF	\$ 69.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
Mixed Hardwood	377.00 Cords	\$ 11.00 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 35.27 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 \$458.00 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 remainder is due before cutting begins.
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 04/30/2018.

Description of Timber by Payment Unit (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Black Cherry	Sawtimber	20.1	MBF	26.4	\$9,153.80
	Black Walnut		7.4	MBF		
	Cottonwood		1.8	MBF		
	Sugar Maple		19.4	MBF		
	Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	377.0	Cords		
TOTAL:			48.7	MBF		
TOTAL:			377.0	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Norton Rd. Savanna

Sale Number: 21-001-17 Seq#: 3

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (1/14)

The sale boundary and Payment Unit boundaries are marked and identified by blue and red paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with blue paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with red paint. The painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.1 - Clearcut unit(s) with unmerchantable trees (6/14)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH except oak and hickory.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.1 - Utilization (2/04)

All listed board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined using a top diameter inside bark of 10 inches.

2.2.2 - Chipping required (5/14)

This area must be chip harvested to facilitate future silvicultural activities. 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 the Sale Area shall not exceed 12 inches for trees greater than 10 inches DBH and 4 inches for trees smaller than 10 inches DBH. Stump heights within 50 feet of roads or access points are to be left 3 foot high to block unauthorized access. The sale administrator will provide direction on where to leave 3 foot high stumps.

2.2.11 - Chipping restriction (9/14)

If chipping occurs on this sale, then no woody debris present on the ground at the start of the sale may be chipped. In addition, brush or chips may not be stored or stockpiled on-site for more than 30 days.

2.3 - Log Rule

2.3.1 - Log rule (12/08)

All board foot volumes of sawlog size products in this contract have been determined by the International ¼ Inch Log Rule.

4 - Transportation

4.1 - Construction

4.1.3 - Slash and earthen piles (8/04)

Piles or windrows of earth along roads and landings that have been widened or constructed shall be leveled. Slash from road maintenance or construction, including stumps, shall be chipped, utilized or otherwise removed from the sale.

4.1.12 - No new roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted. All operations are limited to existing roads. Skid trails only will be allowed and must be approved by sale administrator prior to construction.

4.4 - Access

4.4.3 - Access gate (12/08)

The access gate must be locked at the completion of each day unless otherwise approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/16)

A pre-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations to determine landing and skid trail locations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 10 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.1.4 - Post-sale conference (10/16)

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

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.6 - Slash removal, general (7/05)

All slash must be removed from the sale area.

5.2.1.10 - No slash in openings (5/10)

No brush or logging debris is to be left in the maintained wildlife opening which is indicated by G0 on the Timber Sale Map. Any damage to the opening shall be repaired according to specifications of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

5.2.2.1 - Den trees (10/16)

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

5.2.31 - Landing locations (9/13)

Landing areas are marked on the Timber Sale Map. Landings must be confined to these designated sites unless otherwise authorized by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.3 - Stream Protection

5.3.1 - Operating near stream (7/04)

No tracked or wheeled vehicles shall be operated within 50 feet of the stream/creek that is present near the eastern border of this sale.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.1 - Rutting restriction, general (7/16)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and/or 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.

5.4.6 - Wet area protection (5/10)

No harvesting operations, including skidding and felling, are to take place within the vernal pond areas or drainages. When harvesting occurs, there should be no disturbance to the vernal pond depression. All equipment, trees and tops should be kept out of this area. Within 100 feet of the pond, equipment should only be used when the soil is in a dry or frozen condition. Care must be taken by the Purchaser to identify and avoid operating in these areas of the timber sale.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (3/13)

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.

7 - Other Conditions

7.10 - Certified Timber

7.10.1 - Non-certified timber (2/16)

The area encompassed by this timber sale is not certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Forest products from this sale may not be delivered to the mill as "FSC and / or SFI certified". The lands within this sale are managed as a State Game Area.



TIMBER SALE MAP

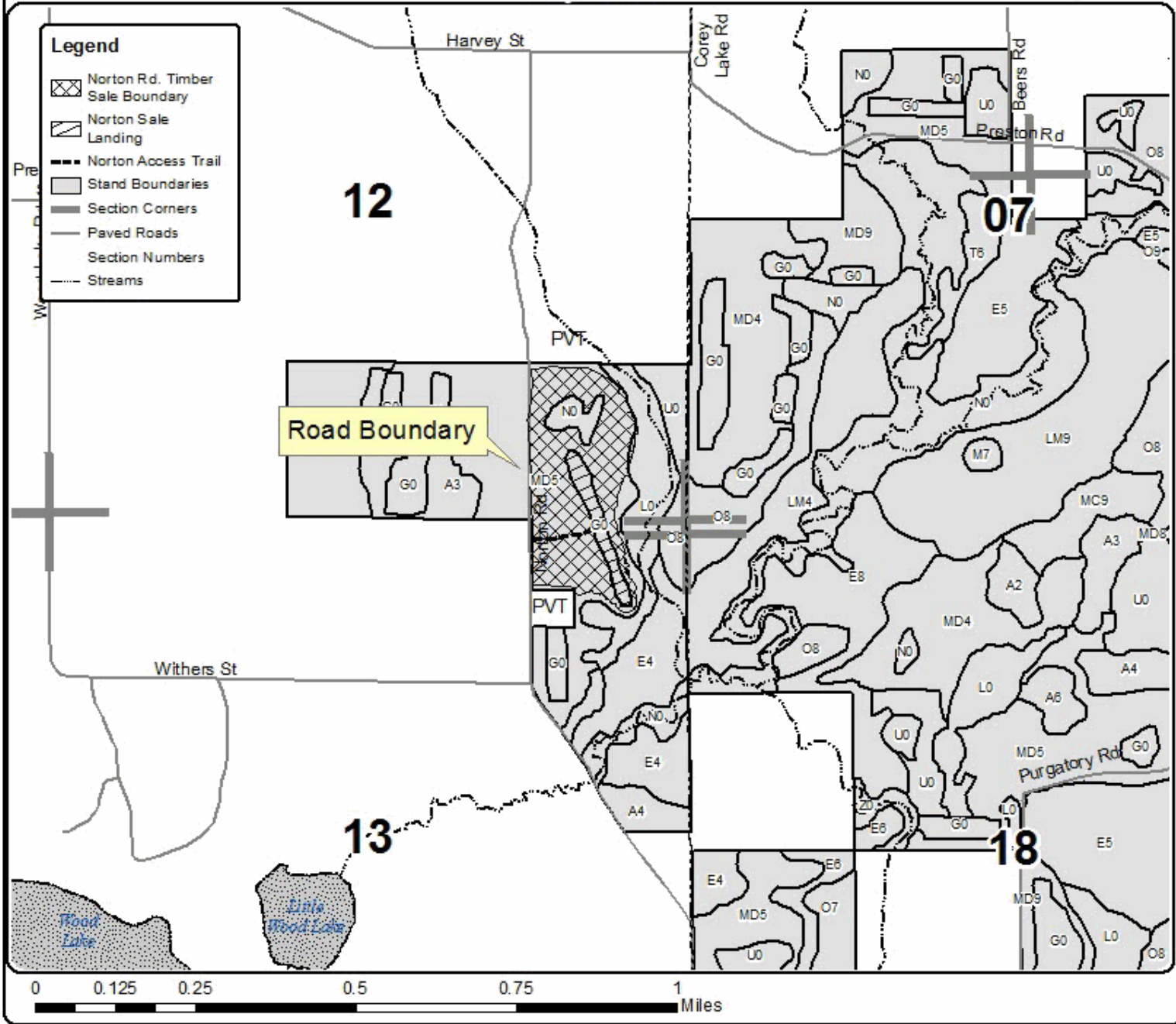
This information provided by authority of Part 525, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Forest Management Unit	County	Mapped By	Date	Page	of
Three Rivers State Game Area	St. Joseph	Nate DeVries	10/17/2016	1	1
Township	Range	Section(s) and Subdivision(s)	Scale		
7S	13W	Sections 12,13	1:13,811		

Cover Type				Density	
A = Aspen	H = Hemlock	N = Marsh	U = Upland Brush	0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
B = Paper Birch	J = Jack Pine	O = Oak	UM = Upland Mixed	1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	P = Lowland Poplar	V = Bog or Marsh	2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
D = Tread Bog	LM = Lowland Mixed	Q = Mixed Swamp Conifer	W = White Pine	3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
E = Swamp Hdwoods	M = Mpl, Bch, Brch	R = Red Pine	X = Non Stocked	4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well
F = Spruce Fir	MC = Mixed Conifer	S = Black Spruce	Z = Water		
G = Grass	MD = Mixed Deciduous	T = Tamarack			

Norton Rd. Savanna

Compartment 8140102
26.4 Acres



Norton Rd. Savanna (21-001-17)
; Cass COUNTY

In response to the notice of sale to be held 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 1, 2017, 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.

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
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I understand that any or all bids may be rejected. All bids must be signed and all bid items must be bid or the bid form may be rejected. I also understand that consideration and awarding a contract will be based upon my past performance and ability to complete the contract based upon equipment and staffing subject to my control.

FEDERAL ID: ____ - ____ - ____ or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ____ - ____ - ____

Company or individual bidding: _____

Company representative's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE PERSONALIZED LABEL FROM YOUR PROSPECTUS IN THE ABOVE BOX.

Individual or company representative's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number : _____ Email (optional): _____

THE WINNING BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE (ON REVERSE SIDE IF DOUBLE SIDED) WITHIN 21 DAYS OF SALE AWARD DATE



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

TIMBER SALE VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

*As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and
Part 5 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.*

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 sale contract.
- In addition, if boxes 2B or 2C are checked, then Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must be submitted within twenty-one (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 below):
 - A. Sole Proprietorship (individual)
 - B. Partnership
 - C. Corporation
2. You **must** check one of the boxes below:
 - A. I certify 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 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 my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within twenty-one (21) days of the contract award.
3. If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you **must** indicate the number of **both** full-time and part-time employees, other than yourself, including family members and active partners (if none, you must enter "0").

_____ Full-time Employees _____ Part-time Employees

Name of Business		Federal ID (or) Social Security No.	
Address		Telephone ()	
City	State	ZIP	

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I agree to notify the Michigan DNR of any changes that occur in factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and future operations.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

_____ _____
Title Date

Please complete the "SEALED BID" information on the next page