

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #6154

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 13, 2018. 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:

Crane Pond 2017 (21-005-17)

Cass County, Advertised Price \$9,137.90, 26.2 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

SALE NOTE: Access may be through other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 11/28/2017):

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 13, 2018. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cynthia 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 (11/17)

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.

Payment Unit values in the State Forest Timber Sale Contract are calculated based on the advertised value of the Payment Unit as a percentage of the total advertised value of the contract. The advertised value of each Payment Unit is given in the Description of Timber by Payment Unit table on the Timber Sale Information page. For example, if the value of Payment Unit 1 is advertised as \$1,500 and the total Timber Sale value is advertised as \$10,000, the contract price for Payment Unit 1 will be 15% of the total bid price (\$1,500/\$10,000 * 100).

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

Crane Pond 2017 (21-005-17)

Cass County (Advertised Price \$9,137.90)

SALE NOTE: 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:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED UNITS*		<u>ADV</u>	ERTISED PRICE
Sawtimber				
B. T. Aspen	14.10	MBF	\$	97.00 / MBF
Beech	0.10	MBF	\$	78.00 / MBF
Black Cherry	1.50	MBF	\$	125.00 / MBF
Black Walnut	0.20	MBF	\$	360.00 / MBF
Misc. Species 1	1.70	MBF	\$	127.00 / MBF
Misc. Species 2	6.30	MBF	\$	97.00 / MBF
Red Maple	3.40	MBF	\$	110.00 / MBF
Red Oak	0.40	MBF	\$	175.00 / MBF
Sugar Maple	17.90	MBF	\$	190.00 / MBF
Pulpwood				
B. T. Aspen	46.00	Cords	\$	14.65 / Cord
Misc. Species 2	15.00	Cords	\$	14.65 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	123.00	Cords	\$	15.75 / Cord

^{*} 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 \$457.00 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 03/31/2020.

Description of Timber by Payment Unit (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	14.1	MBF	26.2	\$9,137.90
	Beech		0.1	MBF		
	Black Cherry		1.5	MBF		
	Black Walnut		0.2	MBF		
	Misc. Species 1		1.7	MBF		
	Misc. Species 2		6.3	MBF		
	Cottonwood		6.3	MBF		
	Red Maple		3.4	MBF		
	Red Oak		0.4	MBF		
	Sugar Maple		17.9	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	46.0	Cords		
	Misc. Species 2		15.0	Cords		
	Cottonwood		15.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		123.0	Cords		
	Beech		1.0	Cords		
	Black Cherry		7.0	Cords		
	Black Walnut		1.0	Cords		
	Misc. Species 1		5.0	Cords		
	Red Maple		28.0	Cords		
	Red Oak		2.0	Cords		
	Sugar Maple		79.0	Cords		
		TOTAL:	45.6	MBF		
		TOTAL:	184.0	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Crane Pond 2017 Sale Number: 21-005-17 Seg#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (1/14)

The sale boundary is 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 unless marked with orange paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.3 - Cut tree marked unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, all trees are designated for cutting when marked with orange paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability.

2.1.11 - Description of timber note (2/04)

Note that Misc. Species 1 is hickory and Misc. Species 2 is tuliptree.

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.

2.3 - 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 1/4 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 dispersed throughout the sale. No slash will be left on landing sites.

4.1.12 - No new roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted in any Payment Unit. All operations are limited to existing roads. Skid trails only will be allowed.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.2 - Fill material (4/07)

To maintain roads, fill material may be needed in areas where "holes" exist or may be expected to develop. This fill material should be placed before trucking begins.

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. 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

5.2.2 - 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.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of November 1 to March 31. This restriction is to reduce soil disturbance and abide by Massassauga rattlesnake and Indiana bat restrictions.

5.2.3.5 - Hunting operating restriction (12/08)

No Payment unit may be started during the period of November 8 to November 30 without permission of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.2.31 - Landing locations (9/13)

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

5.2.32 - Decking/landing restoration (9/13)

All decking and landing areas must have the surface area restored to a condition equal to or better than before. This is to ensure the proper regeneration of the stand. Wood debris, chips and "cookies" from trimmings must be removed or scattered away from landing and loading areas and may not be windrowed on the edge.

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 10 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.

5.4.2 - Skid trails (2/04)

Skid trails up and down slopes should be avoided. If however this is unavoidable, these trails will be left in a non-erodible condition using water bars, logs, and slash. Placing of slash on these skid trails while logging is ongoing may alleviate need for any further action. At the direction of the sale administrator, seed, fertilizer, and mulch may also be required.

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.

5.6 - Debris and Waste Material

5.6.3 - Equipment cleaning (12/17)

For purposes of this provision, "Off-Road Equipment" includes all logging and construction machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, service vehicles, water trucks, pickup trucks, cars, and similar vehicles. Off-Road Equipment brought on site must be clean and free from plant material and soil prior to arrival on any Payment Unit. Off-Road Equipment shall be cleaned of plant material and dirt prior to being moved to a new stand within the sale. Plant material includes leaves, stems, roots and

seeds. Equipment shall be considered clean when a visual inspection does not disclose seeds, soil, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain or hold seeds. This is to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.

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.

6 - Safety and Fire Prevention

6.2 - Signing

6.2.1 - Road posting (9/09)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Savage Road prior to beginning operations. The road must be posted at appropriate distances from the sale area to warn of logging activity and truck traffic. Signs must be removed when harvest operations are suspended or completed. The Purchaser will provide these signs.

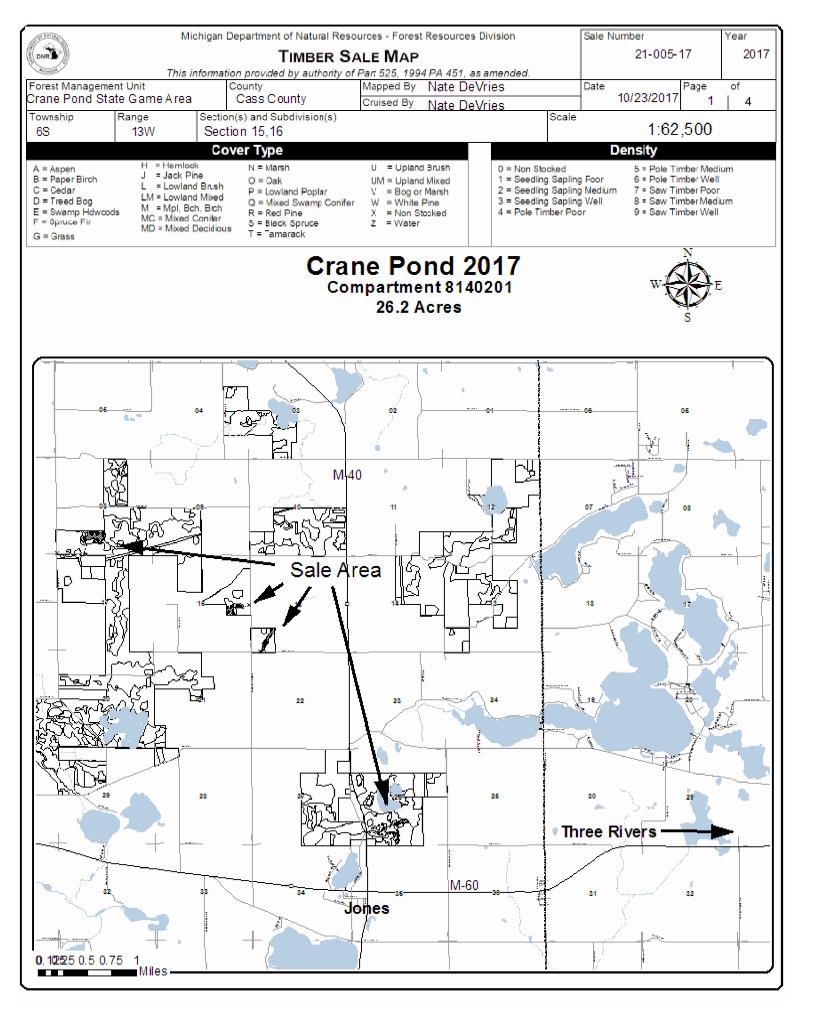
7 - Other Conditions

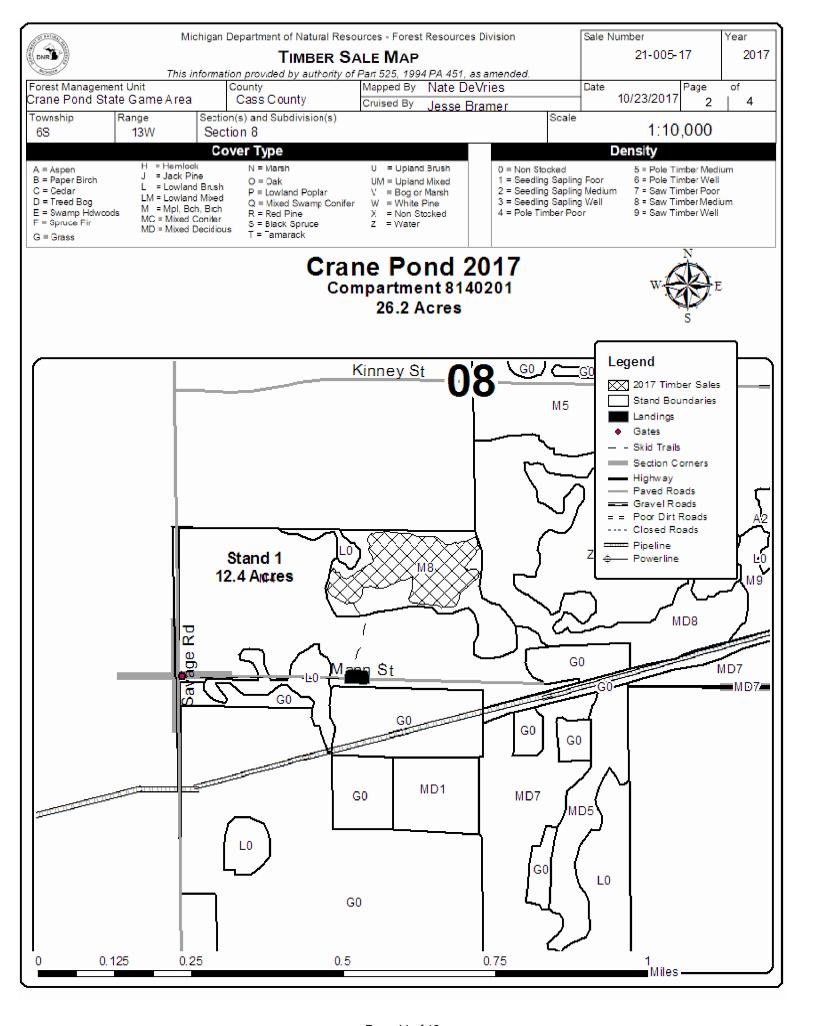
7.10 - Certified Timber

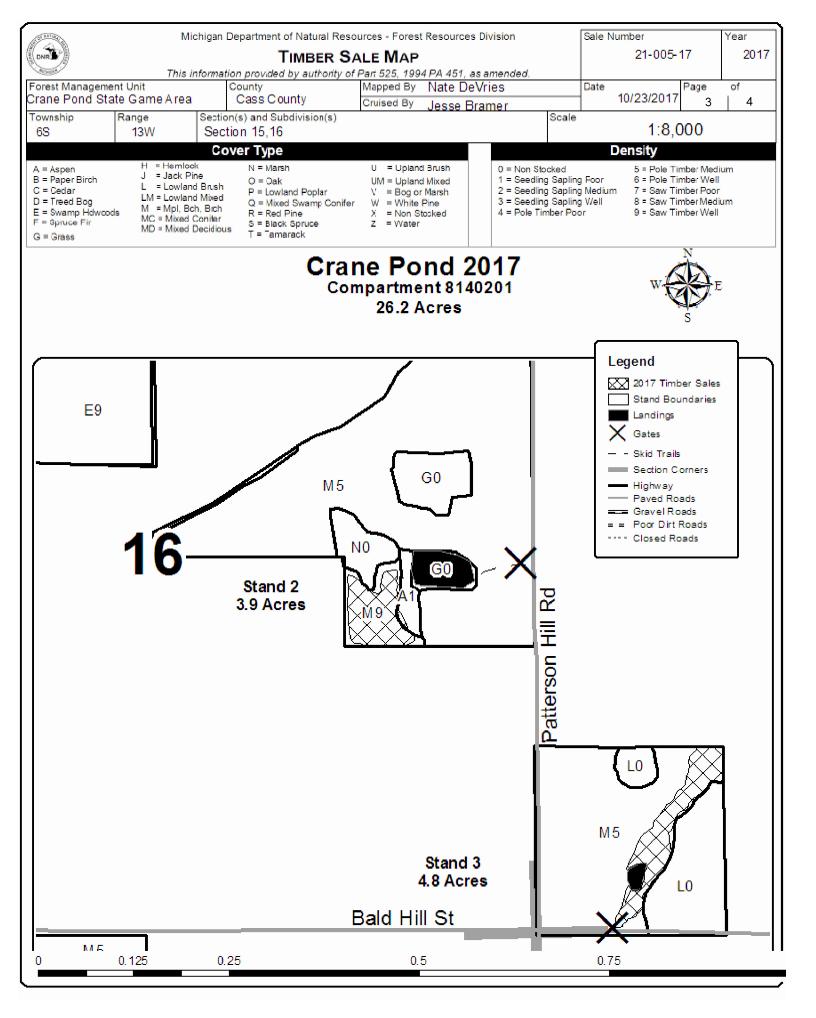
7.10.1 - Non-certified timber (2/16)

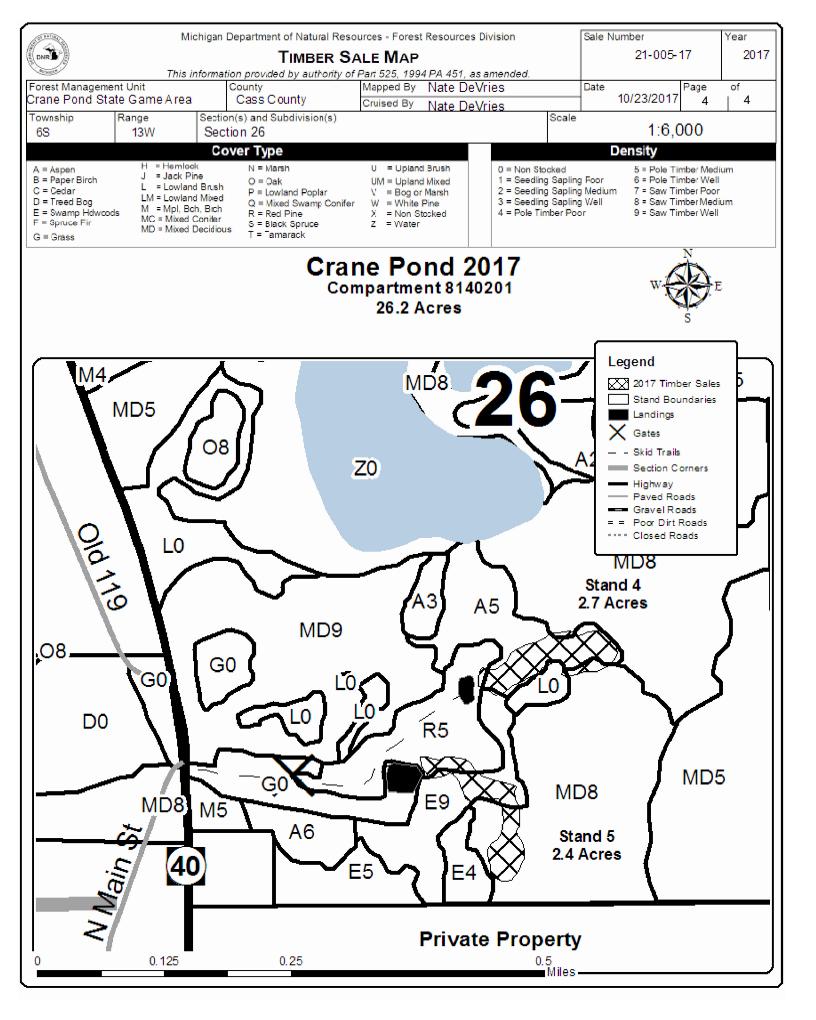
The area encompassed by this timber sale is not certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Forest products from this sale may not be delivered to the mill as "FSC and / or SFI certified". The lands within this sale are managed as a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

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BID FORM

CRANE POND SGA PLAINWELL OFFICE

<u>Crane Pond 2017 (21-005-17)</u> ; Cass COUNTY

In response to the notice of sale to be held 11:00 a.m. (local time) on February 13, 2018, 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.

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	ESTIMATED	VOLUME*	<u>AD</u>	VERTISED PRICE	BID PRICE/UNIT
Sawtimber					
B. T. Aspen	14.10	MBF	\$	97.00/MBF	\$
Beech	0.10	MBF	\$	78.00/MBF	\$
Black Cherry	1.50	MBF	\$	125.00/MBF	\$
Black Walnut	0.20	MBF	\$	360.00/MBF	\$
Misc. Species 1	1.70	MBF	\$	127.00/MBF	\$
Misc. Species 2	6.30	MBF	\$	97.00/MBF	\$
Red Maple	3.40	MBF	\$	110.00/MBF	\$
Red Oak	0.40	MBF	\$	175.00/MBF	\$
Sugar Maple	17.90	MBF	\$	190.00/MBF	\$
Pulpwood					
B. T. Aspen	46.00	Cords	\$	14.65/Cord	\$
Misc. Species 2	15.00	Cords	\$	14.65/Cord	\$
Mixed Hardwood	123.00	Cords	\$	15.75/Cord	\$
I					

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:		<u></u>		
	Company representative's name:					
	Address:					
	City:	State:	Zip:			
F AVAILA	ABLE, PLEASE PLACE	THE PERSONALIZED LABEL F	ROM YOUR PROSP	PECTUS IN THE ABOVE BOX.	_	
ndividual	or company representat	ive's signature:		Date:		
Phone nu	mber :	Eı	mail (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

^{*}These estimated volumes 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.



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division

TIMBER SALE **VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE**

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

As required by Act 217 P. A. 1060 (Marker's Compensation) and

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

Title

	Part 5 of Act 451 of 1994, as	, ,				
VE	RIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILIT	Y COMPENSATION	ON 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.					
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•	All Information must be typed or printed except for written signatures.					
Ple	ease Check Appropriate Categories:					
1.	My business is organized as (you must A. ☐ Sole Proprietorship (individual) B. ☐ Partnership C. ☐ Corporation	poxes below):				
2.	Worker's Compensation Laws. B. I certify my business has satisfied its of Exclusion (BWC-337, Rev. 5/96). I will questions or a copy of the BWC-337,	orship and it has no obligation to the Worll provide a copy of the please call the Work	employees but the sole proprietor. I am not subject to the rker's Compensation Act through the use of an approved Notice of the Notice of Exclusion within 21 days of the contract award. (For ter's Compensation Bureau at 517-322-1195). I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within twenty-			
3.	If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), than yourself, including family members	e the number of both full-time and part-time employees, other rs (if none, you must enter "0").				
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	ereby certify that the above information is actors affecting my coverage during any c		I agree to notify the Michigan DNR of any changes that occur future operations.			

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

Date

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