

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #6519

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2019. LOCATION: SW REGION-WILD, 621 NORTH 10TH STREET, 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, FLAT RIVER SGA, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Torch Sale (24-001-19) / T11N, R08W, SEC. 15, N1/2NW, SENW.

T11N, R08W, SEC. 16, S1/2SW.

T11N, R08W, SEC. 17, SESE.

T11N, R08W, SEC. 20, NENE.

T11N, R08W, SEC. 21, NW,W1/2NE,NESW,W1/2SE.

T11N, R08W, SEC. 22, SW,S1/2SE.

Montcalm County, Advertised Price \$138,184.90, 118.0 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

SALE NOTE: Access may be through other public land.

BID INSTRUCTIONS (VER. 07/02/2018):

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

Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, PLAINWELL OFFICE, 621 North 10th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, no later than 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2019. For further information concerning this sale, contact Cynthia McQueer at 269-685-9074.

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 (7/18)

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 3 months after the first offense, 6 months after the second offense, and 1 year after the third offense. An offense will only be counted against the Bidder for 5 years. 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.

DAN EICHINGER
Director

TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

Torch Sale (24-001-19)

T11N, R08W, SEC. 15; T11N, R08W, SEC. 16; T11N, R08W, SEC. 17; T11N, R08W, SEC. 20; T11N, R08W, SEC. 21; T11N, R08W, SEC. 22.

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	ESTIMATE	ED UNITS*	ADV	ERTISED PRICE
Sawtimber				
B. T. Aspen	292.80	MBF	\$	114.00 / MBF
Black Cherry	1.80	MBF	\$	133.00 / MBF
Red Maple	19.90	MBF	\$	118.00 / MBF
Red Oak	59.20	MBF	\$	150.00 / MBF
Red Pine	62.00	MBF	\$	119.00 / MBF
White Oak	46.80	MBF	\$	70.00 / MBF
Pulpwood				
B. T. Aspen	2,378.00	Cords	\$	19.30 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	389.00	Cords	\$	16.25 / Cord
Mixed Oak	467.00	Cords	\$	20.50 / Cord
Red Pine	567.00	Cords	\$	36.85 / Cord

^{*} The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 10.28 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 \$6,909.00 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:

PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE
01	23.5%
02	35.4%
03	41.1%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 04/01/2021.

Description of Timber by Payment Unit (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	98.7	MBF	28.1	\$32,490.35
	Black Cherry		1.8	MBF		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Red Maple		12.3	MBF		
	Red Oak		15.3	MBF		
	White Oak		10.7	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	595.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		179.0	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		103.0	Cords		
2	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	55.0	MBF	30.5	\$48,869.45
	Red Oak		16.2	MBF		
	Red Pine		62.0	MBF		
	White Oak		8.4	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	450.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		24.0	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		109.0	Cords		
	Red Pine		567.0	Cords		
3	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	139.1	MBF	59.4	\$56,825.10
	Red Maple		7.6	MBF		
	Red Oak		27.7	MBF		
	White Oak		27.7	MBF		
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	1,333.0	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		186.0	Cords		
	Mixed Oak		255.0	Cords		
		TOTAL:	482.5	MBF		
		TOTAL:	3,801.0	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Torch Sale Sale Number: 24-001-19 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (1/14)

The sale boundary is marked and identified by red paint.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, and 3, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH, except do not cut any hemlock, white pine, cedar, and beech.

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.

2.2.3 - 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.

2.2.8 - Utilization and removal (5/14)

All products meeting standards set forth in General Condition and Requirement 2.2 - Utilization must be removed from the sale area. Retain on site more than 1/3 of the slash from harvested trees (tree tops and limbs less than four inches in diameter). This is because of regeneration purposes.

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.

3 - Payments

3.6 - Payment Unit Cutting Schedule

3.6.1 - Order of cutting (1/09)

Payment Units shall be cut in numerical order, unless approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

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.

4.1.11 - Permits (2/12)

The Purchaser will secure any necessary highway permits that may be required.

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. Skid trails need to be approved by the sale administrator.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted on forest roads by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. The restriction may occur during wet weather conditions.

4.2.3 - Road maintenance (8/13)

The following road maintenance is required: Within 60 days of completion of hauling, or if no hauling occurs for 60 days, the road must be maintained and graded. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with gravel, if necessary. Damages will be assessed if grading/repair does not occur.

4.3 - Public Right-of-Way

4.3.1 - MDOT R-O-W (11/14)

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) must be contacted prior to harvesting timber within the MDOT right-of-way.

4.3.2 - County R-O-W (12/06)

The county must be contacted prior to crossing or harvesting in the county road R-O-W.

4.4 - Access

4.4.3 - Access gate (12/08)

Access gates 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 road locations. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 10 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

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.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.1 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, and 3, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of December 1 to April 1. This restriction is because of soft and wet soils.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.4 - Dead and down creation, grouse (6/18)

To encourage grouse and other wildlife, in Payment Unit(s) 1, 2, and 3, leave at least one, 12" diameter or larger log length (8 foot minimum) piece on the ground per acre. In addition, leave two brush piles (20' x 20' x 5') of tops per acre. These will be evenly scattered throughout the unit.

5.2.29 - Shrub protection (9/07)

Do not cut or damage hawthorn, witch-hazel, dogwood or juneberry. These woody-shrub plants are highly beneficial to various wildlife species.

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.

5.2.38 - No decking against live trees (2/04)

Cut products may not be decked against unmarked or designated leave trees.

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.

5.4.2 - 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.

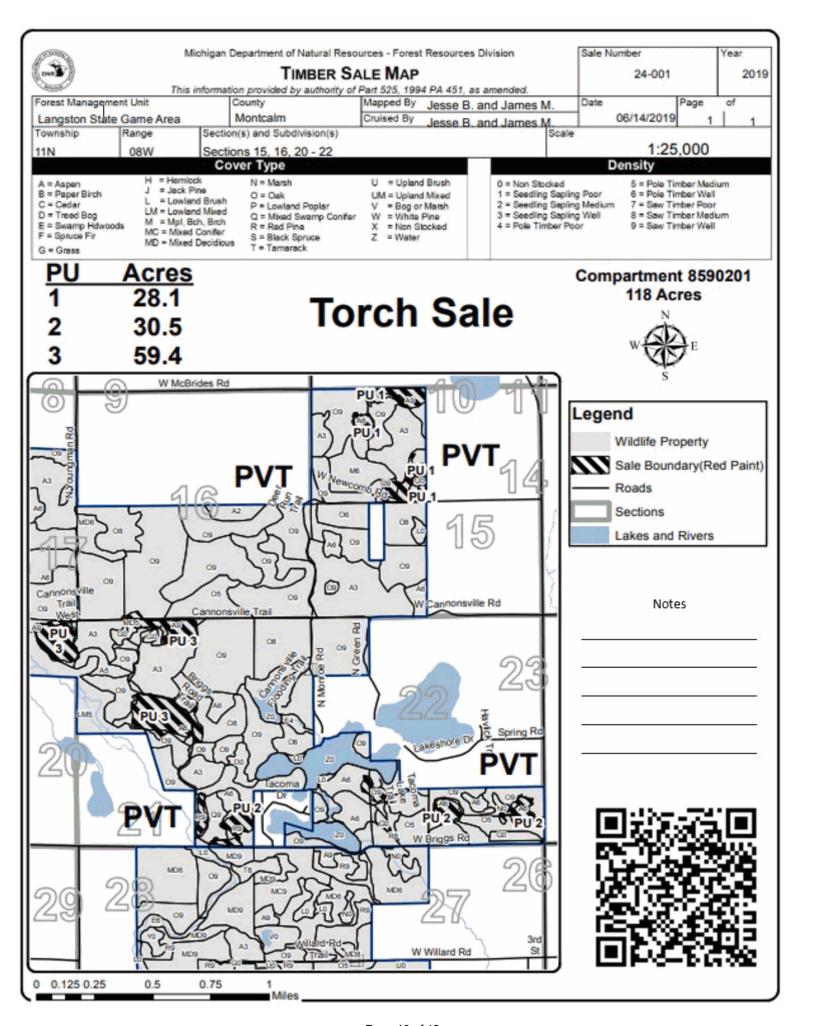
7 - Other Conditions

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.

Section Name: Sale Specific Current as of 8/29/2019 2:12:28PM



BID FORM

FLAT RIVER SGA PLAINWELL OFFICE

Torch Sale (24-001-19)

T11N, R08W, SEC. 15; T11N, R08W, SEC. 16; T11N, R08W, SEC. 17; T11N,

In response to the notice of sale to be held 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2019, 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 VOLU	ME* A	DVERTISED PRICE	BID PRICE/UNIT
Sawtimber				
B. T. Aspen	292.80 MBF	\$	114.00/MBF	\$
Black Cherry	1.80 MBF	\$	133.00/MBF	\$
Red Maple	19.90 MBF	\$	118.00/MBF	\$
Red Oak	59.20 MBF	\$	150.00/MBF	\$
Red Pine	62.00 MBF	\$	119.00/MBF	\$
White Oak	46.80 MBF	\$	70.00/MBF	\$
Pulpwood				
B. T. Aspen	2,378.00 Cord	\$	19.30/Cord	\$
Mixed Hardwood	389.00 Cord	s \$	16.25/Cord	\$
Mixed Oak	467.00 Cord	s \$	20.50/Cord	\$
Red Pine	567.00 Cord	\$ \$	36.85/Cord	\$
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^{*}The volumes are statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 10.28 percent. 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.

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 SECU	JRITY 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.					
ndividual 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



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 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.				
Ple	Please Check Appropriate Categories:				
1.	 My business is organized as (you must check <u>one</u> of the boxes below): A. □ Sole Proprietorship (individual) B. □ Partnership C. □ Corporation 				
3.	 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 o bligation 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. 				
Nam	lame of Business	Federal ID (or) Social Security No.			
Add	Address Te	elephone)			
City	City State ZI	P			
in fa	hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I am factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and fut. Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative				
	THE	Dale			

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

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