



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7314**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on November 13, 2023.

LOCATION: GRAYLING MGMT UNIT, 1955 HARTWICK PINES ROAD, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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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 Unit Manager, GRAYLING MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

W of AuSable Tr (72-629-21) / T26N, R04W, SEC. 11, NENW, W1/2NE.
T26N, R04W, SEC. 2, SWSE.

Crawford County, Advertised Price \$18,044.15, 44.0 Acres, Hardwood, White Pine.

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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. All units of volume listed below were estimated using the Inventory Manager computer program and the new Michigan taper model. Bids must be at or above the following advertised price for each product and species:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
Northern Pin Oak	42.9 MBF	\$ 143.00 / MBF
White Pine	21.2 MBF	\$ 77.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
Jack Pine	7 Cords	\$ 24.45 / Cord
Misc. Species 1	127 Cords	\$ 7.50 / Cord
Mixed Hardwood	67 Cords	\$ 31.25 / Cord
Northern Pin Oak	90 Cords	\$ 28.25 / Cord
Quaking Aspen	81 Cords	\$ 29.90 / Cord
White Pine	85 Cords	\$ 24.65 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 9.38 percent. There are an estimated 575 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 54 cords at the 95% confidence level. 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 \$1,000.00 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 remainder is due before cutting begins.
 - (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	100.0%
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 12/31/2025.

SALE STATISTICS

Volumes were calculated in cubic feet using the Michigan taper model. Cubic foot volume includes all wood inside bark for the product indicated. For display purposes, cubic feet were converted to cords and MBF using a simple conversion factor, e.g. 79 cubic feet per cord and 185 cubic feet per MBF. The cubic foot volumes are precise; the cords and MBF volumes are not. Cubic foot volume cannot be directly converted to cords or boards with precision.

SALE VOLUMES

The total estimated sale volume may not equal the sum of the species/products due to the nature of statistical calculations associated with double sampling methodology.

VOLUME			STATISTICAL RANGE IN CORDS	
TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
45,409	575	9.38%	521	629

VDU VOLUMES

A VDU is a Volume Determination Unit. Volumes and their associated statistics are calculated at the VDU level and summarized to the sale level. There is often a one to one relationship between a VDU and a Payment Unit, but not always, depending on the cruise design. Refer to the VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT table.

	VOLUME			RANGE IN CORDS	
VDU	TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS	PERCENT ERROR	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
16	36,394	461	11.18%	409	512
25	9,014	114	14.00%	98	130
TOTAL:	45,409	575		507	642

VDU TO PAYMENT UNIT

When a VDU is associated with more than one Payment Unit (PU), the VDU volumes are assigned to the PU based on acres of the VDU within the PU.

VDU	VDU ACRES	PU	PU ACRES
16	28.4	1	28.4
25	15.6	1	15.6
TOTAL:	44.0		44.0

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Northern Pin Oak	Sawtimber	42.9	MBF	44.0	\$18,044.15
	White Pine		21.2	MBF		
	Jack Pine	Pulpwood	7	Cords		
	Misc. Species 1		127	Cords		
	Mixed Hardwood		67	Cords		
	Red Maple	Sawtimber	4.0	MBF		
	Black Cherry	Pulpwood	38	Cords		
	Red Maple		21	Cords		
	Northern Pin Oak		90	Cords		
	Quaking Aspen		81	Cords		
	White Pine		85	Cords		
TOTAL:			64.1	MBF		
TOTAL:			457	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: W of AuSable Tr

Sale Number: 72-629-21 Seq#: 2

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (9/19)

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 blue and red painted boundary line trees are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2 - Timber Specifications

2.1 - Included Timber

2.1.2 - Clearcut unit(s) w/o unmerchantable trees (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, cut all trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization, except red pine and trees marked with green paint. In addition, standing dead oak trees that don't have their top broke out are designated for cutting.

2.1.11 - Description of timber note (2/04)

Note that Misc Species 1 = standing dead oak that hasn't root-tipped and that the top hasn't broke out.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.2 - Chipping required (2/18)

This area must be chip harvested to meet National Guard requirements. However, the chipping requirement could be waived with Military approval if chip markets are depressed. This exemption must be granted in writing. The Purchaser has the option to produce sawlogs or pulpwood bolts, but the remaining portion of the trees must be chipped and hauled. The requirement to retain approximately 1/6 to 1/3 of tree tops and limbs less than four inches in diameter does not apply (G. C. & R. 2.2) because the sale is on lands managed for Military training.

2.2.3 - Stump heights (4/07)

Stump heights within the Sale Area shall not exceed 6 inches for trees less than 18 inches at DBH and 18 inches for trees larger than 18 inches at DBH. This is to meet Military requirements while also taking into consideration the component of very large diameter oak.

3 - Payments

3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

3.3.4 - Dividing payment units (7/14)

Payment Unit(s) 1 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 Amendment.

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.1 - Damaged timber (7/16)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. In addition, reasonable care should be taken to avoid damage to tree seedlings and saplings. Within the Sale Area, if more than 25% of the tree seedlings or saplings (1/4" to 4.5" DBH) within a specified portion of the Sale Area are damaged, liquidated damages will be assessed at \$500 per acre for all acreage within that specified portion of the Sale Area that was damaged. Operational paths will need to be cut through patches of dense regeneration. If those paths are cut cleanly, not leaving bent/broken stems, they will not be assessed as damaged areas.

No damage is acceptable to undesignated live merchantable trees. Within the Sale Area, if more than 10% of trees (> 4.5" DBH) within a specified area of the sale are damaged, liquidated damages will be assessed for all trees damaged. Rates will be in accordance with General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, or at a rate of \$50 per sawtimber tree and \$20 per pole sized tree, whichever is greater.

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 dispersed into the sale.

4.1.6 - Road construction (1/09)

Construction of new roads or improvements of existing roads shall be done in such a way as to minimize the environmental and visual impacts. Merchantable trees shall be cut and utilized unless otherwise directed. Non-merchantable trees shall be severed and laid flat on the ground. Slash shall be chipped, utilized, or scattered a minimum of 10 feet back from the road edge. Stumps shall be set upright, not left on edge, and be moved at least 10 feet away from the road edge. Disturbed soil shall be feathered into the woods and not left in berms or windrows.

4.1.7 - Road closure (10/11)

All new roads built into the sale must be blocked to vehicle traffic upon completion of the sale. Overgrown roads that are reopened shall be considered new roads. In general, this will require constructing a four (4') foot high berm of stumps and logs covered with earth. Stumps and brush must also be placed along the first 50 feet of trail behind the berm. These roads must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.1.11 - Permits (2/12)

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

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 5 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 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.

5.1.5 - National Guard notification (2/15)

This sale is upon lands utilized for training by the Michigan National Guard - Camp Grayling. A minimum of five (5) business days prior to opening this sale, the producer must request that the sale administrator contact the military for information regarding training plans that may impact sale operations.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.1 - Slash within sale area (9/16)

No trees are to be felled outside the sale area and all slash is to be kept at least 20 feet back from the blue paint line. If sale boundary lines are along a public road or highway, then slash must be removed 50' from these lines per General Condition & Requirement 5.2.1.

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. This spec is intended to protect the standing dead oak that had their tops broke out.

5.2.3 - Operating Restrictions

5.2.3.4 - Oak wilt restriction, no exceptions (1/18)

Within Payment Unit 1, cutting, skidding, and brushing of access roads to the sale are not permitted during the period of April 15 to July 15. No exceptions will be granted. This is necessary to reduce the spread of oak wilt.

5.2.3.7 - National Guard training restriction (1/09)

Operations on this contract may not be allowed during National Guard training operations. Typically, the restricted period is from May 1 to October 31. Regardless of the time of year, the contractor must check with the Sale Administrator who will coordinate the cutting schedule with the Military. All harvest equipment and timber products may need to be removed from the Sale Area during the period of May 1 to October 31.

5.2.29 - Shrub protection (1/20)

Do not cut or damage hawthorn or junberry. These woody-shrub plants are highly beneficial to various wildlife species.

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

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

5.2.39 - ORV trail/route protection (4/18)

The Blue Bear is an ORV Route and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut trees or damage posts with yellow ORV markers. All stumps within 5 feet of the trail must be cut flush with the ground. Maintain a 20-foot-wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily using the ORV trail or route as the centerline.

5.2.41 - Snowmobile trail protection (9/11)

The Blue Bear #7 is a dual snowmobile trail and ORV route and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut or damage posts with orange trail markers or traffic control signs. If the trail is used, it must be maintained and restored to a condition equal to or better than before the sale. The road maintenance/restoration must be done prior to December 1. The snowmobile trail may not be used for any timber sale operations from December 1 to March 31 without written approval of Unit Manager. If the trail road is to be used for hauling during the snowmobile season, then a snow-covered base must be left on the trail. The snowmobile trail may only be crossed at right angles. Maintain a 20-foot-wide slash, debris, and rut free zone daily using the snowmobile trail as the centerline. No decking of forest products will be permitted along the snowmobile trail. In addition, any trees cut within 5 feet of the trail must be cut flush at ground level.

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 are 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 (3/13)

An eagle nest was discovered to the west of Payment Unit 1. If the nest is determined to be active, all harvest operations within a ten-chain radius (660') will be limited to the period of September 1 through December 31. This would impact approximately 5 acres in the west end of Payment Unit 1.

In the event that another active nest is found, the contract may be amended to protect the nest site until the nest is determined to be inactive. The value of the trees in this excluded area will be refunded or credited to the Purchaser. The nest will be buffered with a five-chain radius (330') protection area, centered on the nest tree, in which there will be no cutting or new roads constructed. Avoid human disturbance, including loading and skidding, in the protection area.

An additional zone of five chains (ten chains centered on the active nest tree) will be established in which there is no management activity from September 1 through December 31. Limit biomass harvesting and chipping operations within this ten-chain zone, retain the maximum one-third of residues per the Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines (Michigan DNR 2010). Nests determined to be inactive will be protected with a one-chain no-harvest buffer.

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

6.2.2 - Snowmobile trail posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on the Blue Bear #7 Snowmobile Trail, if it is going to be used for hauling, prior to beginning operations during the snowmobile season (approximately December 1 to March 31). The trail 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.

6.2.3 - Recreational trail posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on the Blue Bear ORV Route, if it is going to be used for hauling, prior to beginning operations. The trail must be posted at appropriate distances 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

7.5 - Loss

7.5.1 - Deteriorating timber (7/09)

The sale area has received damage from age-related decline and mortality in the northern pin oak. The Purchaser should harvest the wood as soon as possible. The Department of Natural Resources is held free of responsibility of any further damage or deterioration due to delay in harvesting.

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 for Military training.

**TIMBER SALE MAP**

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

Sale Number	Year
72 - 629	21

Forest Management Unit	County	Mapped By	Date	Page	of
Grayling	Crawford	Charlebois	09/26/2021	1	1
Township	Range	Section(s) and Subdivision(s)	Scale		
26N	04W	Section 2: SWSE; Section 11: W1/2NE, NENW	1:7,920		

Cover Type

A = Aspen	H = Hemlock	N = Marsh	U = Upland Brush
B = Paper Birch	J = Jack Pine	O = Oak	UM = Upland Mixed
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	P = Lowland Poplar	V = Bog or Marsh
D = Treed Bog	LM = Lowland Mixed	Q = Mixed Swamp Conifer	W = White Pine
E = Swamp Hdwoods	M = Mpl, Bch, Brch	R = Red Pine	X = Non Stocked
F = Spruce Fir	MC = Mixed Conifer	S = Black Spruce	Z = Water
	MD = Mixed Deciduous		

Density

0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well

W of AuSable Tr
Compartment 203
44 Acres

PU Acres
1 44



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map



0 0.25 0.5 Miles

PRIVATE
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AuSable River
AuSable Trail

Legend

- Utility Line
- Paved Road
- Forest Road
- Closed Road
- Snowmobile Trail
- ORV Route
- Section Corners
- Survey Corner
- River
- Cover Type Line
- Nearby Sales

Sale Boundary

- Against State - Red Paint
- Against Private - Blue Paint
- ① Payment Unit #

Blue Bear
Trailhead
Parking Lot

44.6624
-84.7669

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