

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF MICHIGAN TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7170

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 6, 2023.

LOCATION: GWINN MGMT UNIT, 410 WEST M 35, GWINN, MI 49841.

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<u>PROSPECTUS NOTE:</u> 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, GWINN MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Swamp Donkey Spruce (32-023-22) / T46N, R28W, SEC. 19, NESW, NWSE.

T46N, R28W, SEC. 30, S1/2NW,N1/2SW.

Marquette County, Advertised Price \$31,366.40, 54.1 Acres, Jack Pine, Spruce/Fir/Tamarack.

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## TIMBER SALE INFORMATION

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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:

PRODUCTS & SPECIES	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	ESTIMATED UNITS*		ADVERTISED PRICE	
Pulpwood					
Black Spruce	1,138	Cords	\$	19.40 / Cord	
Jack Pine	76	Cords	\$	39.90 / Cord	
Paper Birch	6	Cords	\$	18.60 / Cord	
Quaking Aspen	6	Cords	\$	24.20 / Cord	
Tamarack	240	Cords	\$	25.00 / Cord	

<sup>\*</sup> The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 15.62 percent. There are an estimated 1,420 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 222 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 \$1,568.32 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 30.5% 02 69.5%

- 4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
- 5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on 08/31/2026.

#### 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	
112,142	1,420	15.62%	1,198	1,641	

# **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
1	37,759	478	32.34%	323	633
2	74,383	942	17.98%	772	1,111
TOTAL:	112,142	1,420		1,096	1,743

## **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
1	15.9	1	15.9
2	38.2	2	38.2
TOTAL:	54.1		54.1

# **DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)**

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	Black Spruce	Pulpwood	422	Cords	15.9	\$9,561.80
	Tamarack		55	Cords		
2	Black Spruce	Pulpwood	716	Cords	38.2	\$21,804.60
	Jack Pine		76	Cords		
	Paper Birch		6	Cords		
	Quaking Aspen		6	Cords		
	Tamarack		185	Cords		
		TOTAL:	1,466	Cords		

# **Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements**

Sale Name: Swamp Donkey Spruce Sale Number: 32-023-22 Seq#: 1

#### 1 - Sale Area

#### 1.2 - Boundaries

#### 1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (9/19)

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.

# 2 - Timber Specifications

#### 2.1 - Included Timber

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 2, cut all trees that are two (2) inches or more at DBH. Except, do not cut cedar, hemlock, red pine, & white pine.

## 3 - Payments

#### 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.

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.

#### 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.

#### 4.1.4 - Timber removed for construction (12/09)

Trees cut or damaged in the process of pre-approved road, landing or skid trail construction will be decked in an area separate from other Designated Timber and not removed until measured by the sale administrator. Payment will be made at the specified Purchase Unit Price.

#### 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 scattered, and not left in windrows and kept 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. All new roads built into the sale must be blocked to vehicle traffic within 30 days of completion of hauling. Overgrown roads that are reopened shall be considered new roads. In general, this will require utilizing tops, stumps, rocks, and berms at specified locations. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

# 4.2 - Maintenance

#### 4.2.1 - Hauling restriction (12/08)

Hauling may be restricted on forest roads by the sale administrator. The restriction may occur during spring breakup or wet weather conditions.

## 4.2.4 - Grading (10/16)

For completion of the sale, state forest roads must be graded. In general, this will require a road grader or bull dozer to shape up the roads after forest products have been hauled off site. This includes cleaning of drainage areas, grading, crowning and filling with gravel, if necessary. The grading equipment to be used must be approved by the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

#### 4.4 - Access

# 4.4.1 - Private property access (3/11)

Permission for access across private land is the responsibility of the Purchaser. Contact DNR forester Jason Caron for landowner contact information. 906-235-4361

## 5 - Operations

#### 5.1 - Notification

# 5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (10/16)

A pre-sale conference between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required prior to beginning any operations. The sale administrator must be contacted at least 3 business days in advance to schedule the conference.

#### 5.2 - Conduct of Operations

#### 5.2.1 - Slash

## 5.2.1.11 - Slash for reforestation (3/21)

To facilitate reforestation, the Sale Area shall be left with slash evenly distributed. Bunched tops within the cutting area shall be broken up and scattered. Stumps shall be cut low to the ground. Processing sites shall not be left with a compacted layer of slash; tops from these sites shall be hauled back into the cut area and scattered.

## 5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

#### 5.2.2.1 - Den trees (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

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Within Payment Unit(s) 1 & 2, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to the period of January 1 to March 31. This restriction is due to wet soils within the sale area.

## 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.

# 5.8 - 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 (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on all haul roads 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.

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