



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7377**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on February 15, 2024.

LOCATION: PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MGMT UNIT, PO BOX 456, 9966 TWIN LAKES ROAD, VANDERBILT, MI

CONTACT NAME: Mark Monroe

PHONE NUMBER: (989) 983-4101

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, PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

The Silence of the Limbs (53-024-23) / T32N, R01W, SEC. 14, SWNW,NWSW.

Otsego County, Advertised Price \$10,485.20, 27.6 Acres, Aspen, Jack Pine.

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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:

<u>PRODUCTS & SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u>	<u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u>
Sawtimber		
B. T. Aspen	29.5 MBF	\$ 49.00 / MBF
Pulpwood		
B. T. Aspen	246 Cords	\$ 23.55 / Cord
Black Cherry	1 Cords	\$ 15.45 / Cord
Jack Pine	85 Cords	\$ 12.70 / Cord
Red Maple	63 Cords	\$ 15.45 / Cord
Red Pine	13 Cords	\$ 52.80 / Cord
White Pine	22 Cords	\$ 22.35 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 22.87 percent. There are an estimated 484 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 111 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 \$1,048.52 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 06/30/2027.

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
38,240	484	22.87%	373	595

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
42	20,360	258	28.82%	183	332
43	11,166	141	52.11%	68	215
53	6,714	85	116.55%	0	184
TOTAL:	38,240	484		251	731

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
42	17.7	1	17.7
43	6.1	1	6.1
53	3.8	1	3.8
TOTAL:	27.6		27.6

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

PU	MARKET GROUP	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ACRES	ADVERTISE PRICE
1	B. T. Aspen	Sawtimber	29.5	MBF	27.6	\$10,538.00
	B. T. Aspen	Pulpwood	246	Cords		
	Black Cherry		1	Cords		
	Jack Pine		85	Cords		
	Red Maple		63	Cords		
	Red Maple	Sawtimber	0.8	MBF		
	Red Maple	Pulpwood	61	Cords		
	Red Pine		14	Cords		
	Red Pine	Sawtimber	2.9	MBF		
	Red Pine	Pulpwood	8	Cords		
	White Pine		22	Cords		
	White Pine	Sawtimber	1.7	MBF		
	White Pine	Pulpwood	19	Cords		
TOTAL:			29.5	MBF		
TOTAL:			431	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: The Silence of the Limbs

Sale Number: 53-024-23 Seq#: 1

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (9/19)

The sale boundary is marked and identified by red paint. The eastern part of the sale boundary that borders the field (G0) does not have a painted boundary, and as such the field edge is to be treated as the sale boundary. Retention patches are marked with red painted X's; no harvesting activities may occur within these areas. 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 for all oak or birch species, regardless of merchantability; as well as any trees marked with green paint above and below stump height. Special protection trees identified in accordance with condition 3.4.2, within clearcutting unit boundaries, are not Included Timber and are to be protected.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.2 - Chipping required (2/18)

The sale area must be chip harvested to facilitate silvicultural regeneration requirements. The Purchaser has the option to produce sawlogs or pulpwood bolts, but the remaining portion of the trees must be chipped and hauled. Products may be produced as roundwood and forwarded to decking areas in final product length, but the tops must be left intact and skidded to the landing for chipping in order to minimize the amount of residual slash. If the deadline is not met, damages will be collected determined by the cost to complete this work. 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).

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. In addition, extreme care should be taken to avoid damage to oak tree seedlings and saplings. 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

4.1.6 - 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. 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. Temporary berms may be required if no sale activity occurs for 30 or more consecutive days. Contact the sale administrator for specific details of design and placement.

4.2 - Maintenance

4.2.5 - Two wheel drive condition (2/04)

All existing trail roads on and adjacent to the sale area must be passable by two-wheel drive traffic for the duration of the sale.

5 - Operations

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

5.2.3.2 - Operating restrictions (9/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting, skidding, and hauling are limited to snow free conditions. This restriction is to only allow harvest operations in snow free conditions to allow for ground scarification for regeneration purposes. If snow free conditions persist outside of these time constraints, exceptions can be agreed upon to allow operations.

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

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, cutting, skidding, hauling within the sale 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.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.3 - Dead and down creation, dead trees (6/07)

Except as provided for in General Condition and Requirement 5.2.2, no dead trees, standing or down, are to be cut, skidded, or processed.

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.

5.2.40 - Pathway protection (10/10)

Road 84 also acts as the Shore to Shore Trail, which is a horse trail and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut trees or damage posts with blue pathway markers.

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 25 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 Road 84 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.

6.2.3 - Recreational trail posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Shore to Shore Trail 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.

8 - Performance and Settlement

8.3 - Uncompleted or Terminated Contracts

8.3.1 - Completion of contract, chipping (1/16)

In addition to cutting, all chipping must be completed by the contract expiration date. If chipping has not been completed, an extension fee or damages may be charged per General Condition & Requirement 7.2 and 8.3.

**TIMBER SALE MAP**

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

Sale Number	Year
53-024	23

Forest Management Unit Pigeon River Country	County Otsego	Mapped By Halabut	Date 09/06/2023	Page 1	of 1
Township 32N	Range 01W	Section(s) and Subdivision(s) 14: SWNW, NWSW	Scale 1:15,840		

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 = Treed 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			

PU Acres
1 27.6

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Compartment 37
27.6 Acres

