



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7680**

**SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on July 8, 2025.**

**LOCATION: GAYLORD MGMT UNIT, 1732 WEST M 32, GAYLORD, MI 49735.**

**CONTACT NAME: Lucas Merrick**

**PHONE NUMBER: (989) 732-3541**

**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, GAYLORD MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

Ice-capades From The Swamp (52-025-25) / T30N, R02W, SEC. 34, NENW,S1/2NW,S1/2NE,SE.  
T30N, R02W, SEC. 35, E1/2NW,E1/2SW,NWSE.

Otsego County, Advertised Price \$8,170.00, 234.3 Acres, Red Pine.

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A timber sale contract for this scaled, 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 &amp; SPECIES</u> | <u>ESTIMATED UNITS*</u> | <u>ADVERTISED PRICE</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pulpwood                      |                         |                         |
| Red Pine                      | 1,634 Cords             | \$ 5.00 / 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 \$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 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:

| <u>PAYMENT UNIT NUMBER</u> | <u>PERCENT OF TOTAL SALE VALUE</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01                         | 9.1%                               |
| 02                         | 53.4%                              |
| 03                         | 25.8%                              |
| 04                         | 11.7%                              |
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.

| <u>VOLUME</u>           |                    |                      | <u>STATISTICAL RANGE IN CORDS</u> |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>TOTAL CUBIC FEET</u> | <u>TOTAL CORDS</u> | <u>PERCENT ERROR</u> | <u>MINIMUM</u>                    | <u>MAXIMUM</u> |
| 129,128                 | 1,635              | 0.00%                | 1,635                             | 1,635          |

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 |
| 36     | 16,244           | 206         | 0.00%         | 206            | 206     |
| 39     | 15,119           | 191         | 0.00%         | 191            | 191     |
| 43     | 17,076           | 216         | 0.00%         | 216            | 216     |
| 61     | 43,478           | 550         | 0.00%         | 550            | 550     |
| 62     | 11,772           | 149         | 0.00%         | 149            | 149     |
| 64     | 25,440           | 322         | 0.00%         | 322            | 322     |
| TOTAL: | 129,128          | 1,635       |               | 1,635          | 1,635   |

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 |
|--------|-----------|----|----------|
|        |           |    |          |
| TOTAL: |           |    |          |

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER BY PU (PU)

| PU     | MARKET GROUP | PRODUCT  | QUANTITY | UNIT  | ACRES | ADVERTISE PRICE |
|--------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| 1      | Red Pine     | Pulpwood | 149      | Cords | 21.4  | \$745.00        |
| 2      | Red Pine     | Pulpwood | 872      | Cords | 125.0 | \$4,360.00      |
| 3      | Red Pine     | Pulpwood | 422      | Cords | 60.5  | \$2,110.00      |
| 4      | Red Pine     | Pulpwood | 191      | Cords | 27.4  | \$955.00        |
| TOTAL: |              |          | 1,634    | Cords |       |                 |

## **Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements**

**Sale Name: Ice-capades From The Swamp**

**Sale Number: 52-025-25 Seq#: 3**

### **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 red and blue paint, timber cover type changes, powerline ROW and roads. Exterior sale boundary lines against private property are marked with blue paint. Exterior sale boundary lines against state are marked with red paint or defined by timber cover type change. The southern boundary of Payment Unit 2 is unmarked and designated by a powerline ROW. Interior Payment Unit boundaries between Payment Units 3 and 4 are unmarked and designated by a county road. The painted boundary line trees are Included Timber if they are a pine species and are to be harvested along state boundaries. The painted boundary line trees along private property are Not Included Timber and are not to be cut.

### **2 - Timber Specifications**

#### **2.1 - Included Timber**

##### **2.1.4 - Designated Timber Unit(s) (6/17)**

Within Payment Unit(s) 1-4, harvest all damaged red pine with 50% or more crown damage as compared to nearby undamaged red pine. Also harvest all red pine which are leaning at an angle greater than 30 degrees. Whole red pine and portions of red pine which are down are also designated for cutting.

##### **2.1.11 - Description of Timber Note (2/04)**

Note that this is an ice storm salvage sale. All Payment Units will be scaled by the Sale Administrator. Chipping of the Sale Area will not be required but is encouraged. If chipped, the Purchaser must provide electronic confirmation of scale tickets at a minimum of once per week. To convert red pine chip weight to cords, we will use a conversion of 1 cord = 1.9 tons or 1 cord = 3,800 pounds. This is from the USDA's Timber Management Field Book, 2008 Edition Table 2.10 Weight Table for Various Woods.

Species other than red pine will be scaled as follows:

Mixed Aspen: \$16.50/cd

White Pine: \$19.00/cd

Jack Pine: \$13.50/cd

Mixed Hdwd: \$14.00/cd

Mixed Oak: \$7.50/cd

### **3 - Payments**

#### **3.2 - Scaled Sales**

##### **3.2.1 - Scale Location (2/04)**

Forest products will be placed for measurement in an area identified by the Sale Administrator. In addition, negotiate with the Sale Administrator to determine the frequency of the scaling.

### **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 (3/23)**

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

contract prices or average prices, if not on the contract.

#### 4.1.6 - Road Construction (4/24)

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, 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. Stumps and brush must be placed along the remainder of the trail. These roads must be rendered impassable to cars and trucks. 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.

## 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.

#### 5.1.3 - Well Heads and Natural Gas Pipelines (11/15)

The Purchaser is responsible for contacting the gas/pipeline company and MISSDIG prior to operating equipment in the vicinity of well heads or natural gas pipelines.

#### 5.1.4 - Post-Sale Conference (10/16)

A post-sale conference on site between the Purchaser and sale administrator is required five (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

#### 5.2.1 - Slash

##### 5.2.1.8 - Slash Height (12/08)

No slash or tree tops may exceed 24 inches in height.

#### 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.

#### 5.2.39 - ORV Trail/Route Protection (4/18)

The North Branch Route is an ORV trail or route and is shown on the Timber Sale Map. Do not cut trees or damage posts with yellow ORV markers. All stumps within five (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. Do not run equipment down the ORV trail or route. Skidding across the trail or route may only occur in locations approved by the Sale Administrator.

#### 5.2.41 - Snowmobile Trail Protection (9/11)

LP 4 is a snowmobile trail 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. If the trail is used for hauling, it must be graded to the satisfaction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative prior to December 1. 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. All stumps within 20 feet of the snowmobile trail must be cut at ground level.

## 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 onsite 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 county 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.

#### 6.2.2 - Snowmobile Trail Posting (10/20)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on LP 4 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 North Branch Route ORV 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.

## 7 - Other Conditions

### 7.2 - Extensions

#### 7.2.2 - No Extensions (3/09)

There will be no extensions granted on this contract.

### 7.5 - Loss

#### 7.5.1 - Deteriorating Timber (7/09)

The Sale Area has received damage from an ice storm in late March 2025. 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.



**TIMBER SALE MAP**

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

|                        |              |  |                        |                   |           |         |
|------------------------|--------------|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Forest Management Unit |              | County   | Mapped By: Behrmann    | Scale<br>1:15,840 | Page<br>1 | Of<br>1 |
| Gaylord Mgt Unit       |              | Otsego   | Cruised By: Scale Sale |                   |           |         |
| Township<br>30N        | Range<br>02W | Section(s) and Subdivision(s) Sec. 34 NENW,S1/2NW,S1/2NE,SE; Sec. 35 E1/2NW,E1/2SW,NWSE; |                        |                   |           |         |

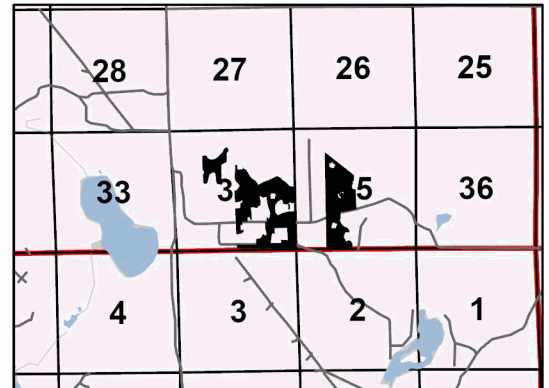
**Cover Type**

|                     |                         |                         |                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| A = Aspen           | J = Jack Pine           | O = Oak                 | U = Upland Brush       |
| B = Paper Birch     | K = Rock                | P = Lowland Poplar      | UM = Upland Mix Forest |
| C = Cedar           | L = Lowland Brush       | Q = Mixed Swamp Conifer | V = Bog or Marsh       |
| D = Treed Bog       | LM = Lowland Mix Forest | R = Red Pine            | W = White Pine         |
| E = Swamp Hardwoods | M = Maple, Beech, Birch | S = Black Spruce        | X = Non Stocked        |
| F = Spruce/Fir      | MC = Mixed Conifer      | T = Tamarack            | Y = Sand               |
| G = Grass           | MD = Mixed Deciduous    |                         | Z = Water              |
| H = Hemlock         | N = Marsh               |                         |                        |

**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    |

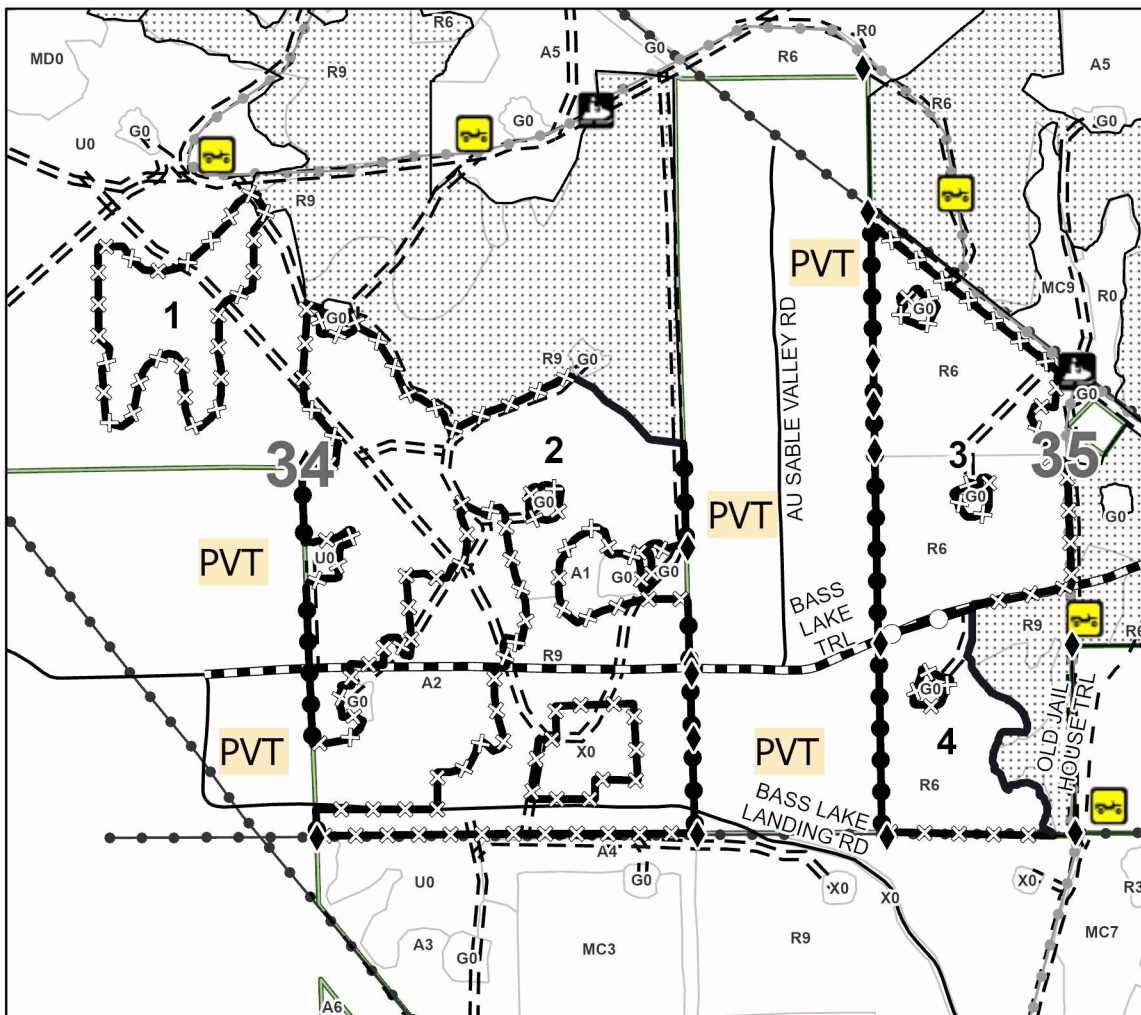
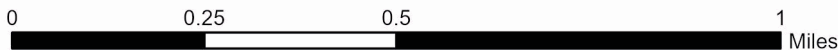
**Locator Map 1:100,000**



| Payment Unit Number | Acres |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1                   | 21.4  |
| 2                   | 125   |
| 3                   | 60.4  |
| 4                   | 27.4  |

**Ice-capades From The Swamp**

**234.3 Acres**



**Legend**

- Against State (Red)
- X- Against State (Unpainted)
- X- Against State (Cover Type Change)
- Private Line (Blue)
- Payment Unit (Road)
- == Forest Access Route
- Paved Road
- - - Government Gravel/Dirt
- - - Private Gravel/Dirt
- Powerline
- Recreational Trails
- ORV Route
- Snowmobile
- ◆ Survey Corner

Use QR Code to open Map in App

