



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS #7819**

SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME: 9:00 a.m. (local time) on March 24, 2026.

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:

Ice Sinkhole Aspen (53-002-26) / T33N, R01W, SEC. 32, NESE,S1/2SE.
T33N, R01W, SEC. 33, SWSW.

Cheboygan County, Advertised Price \$6,703.65, 39.3 Acres, Aspen, Hardwood.

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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>
Pulpwood		
Ironwood	30 Cords	\$ 5.65 / Cord
Mixed Aspen	1,029 Cords	\$ 6.35 / Cord

* The total volume is statistically estimated within plus (+) or minus (-) 35.03 percent. There are an estimated 1,060 cords on this timber sale, plus or minus 371 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 \$670.37 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 06/30/2029.

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		PERCENT ERROR	STATISTICAL RANGE IN CORDS	
TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
83,732	1,060	35.03%	689	1,431

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.

VDU	VOLUME		PERCENT ERROR	RANGE IN CORDS	
	TOTAL CUBIC FEET	TOTAL CORDS		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
76	83,732	1,060	35.04%	689	1,431
TOTAL:	83,732	1,060		689	1,431

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	Ironwood	Pulpwood	30	Cords	39.3	\$6,703.65
	Mixed Aspen		1,029	Cords		
	<i>B. T. Aspen</i>		394	<i>Cords</i>		
	<i>Quaking Aspen</i>		635	<i>Cords</i>		
TOTAL:			1,059	Cords		

Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Ice Sinkhole Aspen

Sale Number: 53-002-26 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. Retention patches are marked with red paint; 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

2.1.2 - Clearcut Unit(s) w/o Unmerchantable Trees (8/11)

Within Payment Unit(s) #1, cut all aspen, beech, and ironwood trees which meet minimum piece specifications in 2.2 Utilization except do not cut any trees marked with blue paint. Do not cut birch or oak.

2.1.9 - Harvest Exception (12/24)

Do not cut basswood, ash, or sugar maple trees other than those that are necessary to remove in order to operate within the Sale Area. Every effort must be made to preserve the existing hardwoods trees and to leave an intact stand upon sale completion. All cut hardwoods shall be piled separately by product and scaled in the woods, unless other scaling arrangements are agreed to by the Unit Manager or his/her representative. Stumpage price for Mixed Hardwood pulpwood shall be \$15.75 per cord.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.6 - Roundwood Operation Required (3/21)

The skidding of whole trees or tree segments with limbs attached is prohibited. All products must be produced as roundwood and forwarded to existing roads or landing areas in final product length.

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. There will be only one division per Payment Unit.

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.1 - Damaged Timber (12/24)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. Extreme care should be taken to avoid damage to hardwood saplings and poletimber, specifically sugar maple, oak, basswood, elm, cherry, and birch trees. Within the Sale Area, if more than 50% of the 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.

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.

4.1.12 - No New Roads (1/12)

No new roads will be permitted in any Payment Unit. All operations are limited to existing roads.

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.

4.4 - Access

4.4.3 - Access gate (12/08)

The access gate 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 (10/25)

A pre-sale conference 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 5 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.

5.2.4 - Dead and Down Creation

5.2.4.7 - Dead and Down Creation: Hare, Grouse, Deer and Other Species (5/15)

To improve horizontal cover habitat for snowshoe hare, grouse, deer, and other species, the Purchaser is to push over trees marked with a blue X. These trees should be tipped over with the root ball still attached so the base of the tree is suspended off the ground. The crown of the fallen tree should be at or near ground level after it is pushed over.

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 are 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 onsite evaluation and recommendation can be made, if necessary.

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 from the ice storm of 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.

Sale Number
53-002-26

Date
01/23/2026

Forest Management Unit	County	Mapped By: Rekowski
Pigeon River Country Mgt Unit	Cheboygan	Cruised By: Rekowski

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Township	Range	Section(s) and Subdivision(s)
33N	01W	Sec. 32 NESE,S1/2SE; Sec. 33 SWSW;

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

Payment Unit Number	Acres
1	39.3

Ice Sinkhole Aspen

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