



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF MICHIGAN

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Unit Manager, GAYLORD MANAGEMENT UNIT, for certain timber on the following described lands:

CHECKERBOARD ASH / T37N, R06W, SEC. 29, NW1/4.
EMMET COUNTY (Appr. \$13,256.10)

SALE DATE AND TIME: 3:00 p.m. on January 5, 2010.

INDIAN RIVER

BID INSTRUCTIONS (Ver. 06/23/2008):

1. Bid Location, Date, and Time: Bids must be received by the Unit Manager, Gaylord Management Unit, Indian River Field Office, 6984 Wilson Road, Indian River, 49749, no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 5, 2010. For further information concerning this sale, contact the Unit Manager at 231-238-9314.
2. Bidder's Qualifications: Purchaser shall obtain workers compensation insurance to cover claims under Michigan's Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 or similar employee benefit act of any other state applicable to an employee. If all or part of a timber sale was prepared by a private contractor, that contractor and that contractor's company are not permitted to bid on the timber sale contract. Bids will not be accepted from individuals or companies appearing on the DNR/FMFM No-Bid List. This list contains the names of purchasers who previously failed to execute a contract within 21-days or who have a history of poor performance.
3. Preparation of Sealed Bids: Bids shall be manually signed in ink; bid prices must be entered for each species and product in the Bid Price column for all material subject to bidding; and all fill-in blanks must be completed. If erasures or other changes appear on the forms, each erasure or change must be initialed by the person signing the bid.
4. Submission of Sealed Bids: Bid forms may be obtained from the Unit Manager. All bids must be submitted on the bid form and in an envelope clearly identified as described in this section. NOTE: Only one bid form per bid envelope. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Unit office designated in the prospectus and must be submitted at or prior to the time established in the prospectus. The envelope should show on the outside (a) that it is a "Bid for Timber," and (b) the sale name or number, and (c) the date and time of bid opening as shown in the prospectus. Bids received after the time specified in the sale prospectus are late bids and will be rejected.
5. Public Opening of Sealed Bids: If conditions permit, the sealed bids will be publicly opened and posted at the time and place set in the prospectus.
6. Award of Contract: Award of the contract will be made to the Bidder whose bid, conforming to the prospectus, is most advantageous to the State of Michigan on the basis of total value at rates bid for the estimated quantities. The State reserves the right to reject any bid or waive any minor irregularity in bids received. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful Bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
7. Down Payment: The Bidder to whom award is made must make a down payment within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the down payment will be calculated as shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. Only cash may be used to meet this requirement.
8. Performance Security: As guarantee of faithful performance, a cash bond, certificate of deposit, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit (LOC) is required within 21 days of the sale award. The amount of the performance security is shown in the Bond and Payment Schedule of this prospectus. If an LOC or surety is used, the coverage must extend for at least 6 months beyond the contract expiration.
9. Timber Sale Contract: Additional conditions and requirements common to all timber sales are listed on the timber sale contract (R4031) and are available on line at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Contact the Unit Manager for additional information or a sample contract. Within 21 days of the date of the award letter, the bidder must sign the contract and provide the required down payment, performance security, and verification of worker's disability compensation. The down payment and performance security shall be in accordance with the provisions of the timber sale contract, in the sums stated in this prospectus. If these actions are not taken, then the Bidder, the Bidder's corporation, and the corporation's principals may not be permitted to bid on State timber sales for a period of 1 year. In addition, the Bidder certifies that if awarded this contract, the Bidder will complete the timber sale contract in accordance with its terms and any modifications thereof including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove the included timber by the termination date.

10. Disclaimer of Estimates and Bidder's Warranty of Inspection: Before submitting this bid, the Bidder is advised and cautioned to inspect the sale area, review the requirements of the sale contract, and take other steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the location, estimated volumes, construction estimates, and operating costs of the proposed sale. Failure to do so will not relieve the Bidder from responsibility for completing the contract.

The Bidder warrants that this bid is submitted solely on the basis of the Bidder's examination and inspection of the quality and quantity of the timber offered for sale and the Bidder's opinion of the value thereof and the costs of recovery. No reliance should be placed on the State of Michigan's estimates of timber quality, quantity or costs of recovery. Bidder further acknowledges that the State of Michigan: (i) expressly disclaims any warranty of fitness of timber for any purpose; (ii) offers this timber as is without any warranty of quality (merchantability) or quantity and (iii) expressly disclaims any warranty as to the quantity or quality of timber sold.

11. Certification and Chain-of-Custody: Unless otherwise indicated in the contract under section 7 - Other Conditions of the Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements, the area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) - Certificate #SCS-FM/COC-090N and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) - Certificate # NSF-SFIS-5Y031-S1. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mill as "FSC and / or SFI certified" as long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES
Director

CHECKERBOARD ASH (146-09-01)

A timber sale contract for this LUMP SUM SEALED timber sale will be awarded the responsible bidder offering the highest sealed bid price. Bids must be at or above the following appraised price for each species:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME*</u>	<u>APPRAISED PRICE</u>
SAWLOGS		
SUG. MAPLE	38.10 MBF	\$ 247.00/MBF
WHITE ASH	37.40 MBF	\$ 70.00/MBF

In addition, the successful bidder agrees to purchase the following species at the indicated appraised price:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VOLUME*</u>	<u>APPRAISED PRICE</u>
SAWLOGS		
BASSWOOD	2.10 MBF	\$ 47.00/MBF
BEECH	4.90 MBF	\$ 24.00/MBF
RED OAK	.40 MBF	\$ 144.00/MBF
P. BIRCH	.60 MBF	\$ 69.00/MBF
B.T. ASPEN	.20 MBF	\$ 71.00/MBF
BLK CHERRY	.30 MBF	\$ 63.00/MBF
PULPWOOD		
SUG. MAPLE	78.00 CORDS	\$ 6.95/CORD
BASSWOOD	4.00 CORDS	\$ 3.90/CORD
WHITE ASH	29.00 CORDS	\$ 6.30/CORD
BEECH	22.00 CORDS	\$ 6.30/CORD

*These estimated volumes 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 \$800.00 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 may 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.
4. If no cutting takes place, the 10% down payment will not be refunded.
5. Operations on the contract issued will terminate on April 15, 2010.



Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Forest, Mineral & Fire Management
TIMBER SALE MAP

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

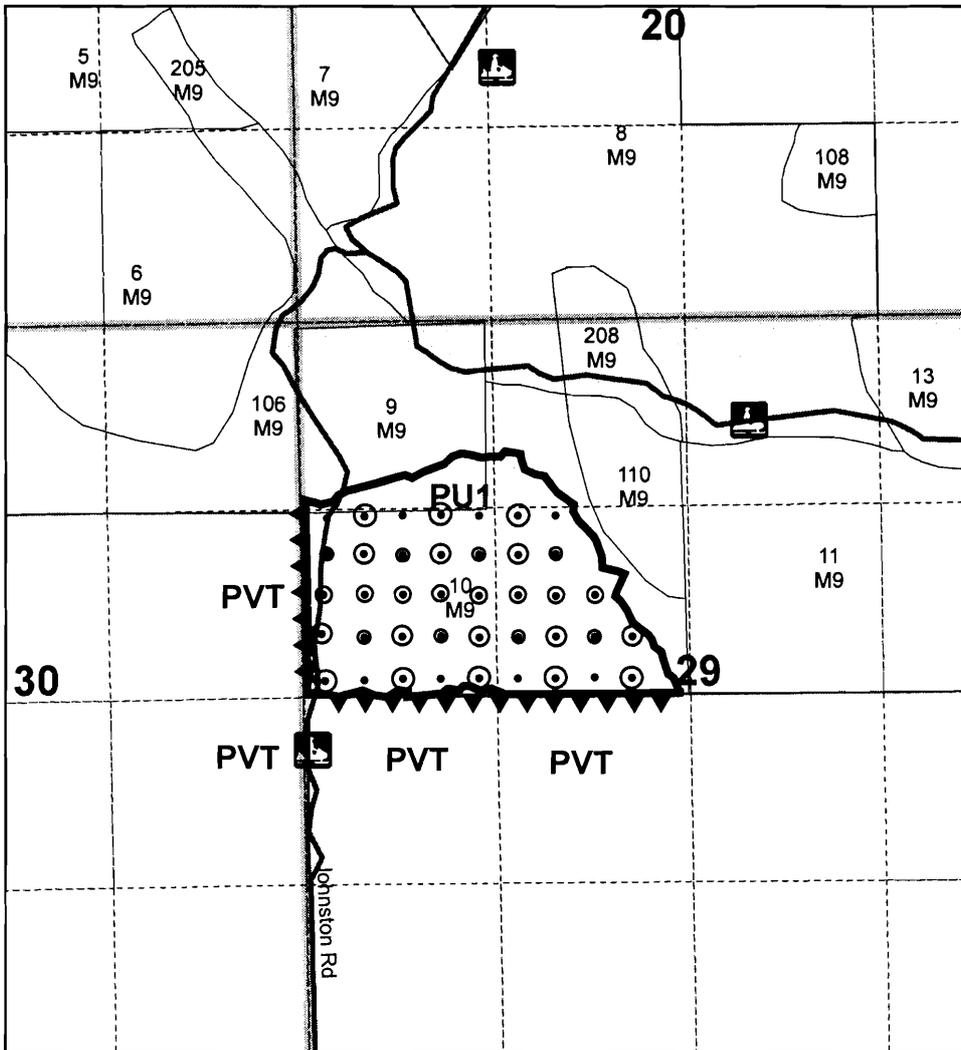
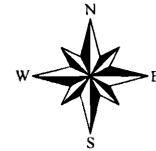
SALE NUMBER	YEAR
52-146-09-01	09

FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT Gaylord Management Unit		COUNTY Emmet	MAPPED BY Coy	DATE 09/08/09	PAGE 1	OF 1
TOWNSHIP 37N	RANGE 6W	SECTION(S) AND SUBDIVISION(S) 29- NW1/4		SCALE 1:15,840		

Cover Type				Density	
A = Aspen	H = Hemlock	P = Lowland Poplar	V = Bog or Marsh	0 = Non Stocked	5 = Pole Timber Medium
B = Paper Birch	J = Jack Pine	Q = Mixed Swamp Cnfr	W = White Pine	1 = Seedling Sapling Poor	6 = Pole Timber Well
C = Cedar	L = Lowland Brush	R = Red Pine	X = Non Stocked	2 = Seedling Sapling Medium	7 = Saw Timber Poor
E = Swamp Hdwoods	M = Mpl, Bch, Brch	S = Black Spruce	Z = Water	3 = Seedling Sapling Well	8 = Saw Timber Medium
F = Spruce Fir	N = Marsh	T = Tamarack		4 = Pole Timber Poor	9 = Saw Timber Well
G = Grass	O = Oak	U = Upland Brush			

Checkerboard Ash
 Emmet County
 Compartment 101
 7 Acres

PU# ACRES
 1 7 (fixed radius plots only)



Legend

- Sale Boundary- Old Red Paint
- Private Boundary- Old Blue Paint
- Fixed Radius Plots- Orange Paint
- Sections
- Quarter Quarter Sections
- Forested

Trail Designation

- Snowmobile Trail

- Single Tree
- 1/16th ac
 - 1/8th ac
 - 1/4th ac
 - 1/2 ac



Sale Specific Conditions & Requirements

Sale Name: Checkerboard Ash Sale Number: 52-146-09-01

1 - Sale Area

1.2 - Boundaries

1.2.1 - Painted boundaries (12/08)

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

2.1.3 - Cut tree marked unit(s) (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, all trees are designated for cutting when marked with orange paint above and below stump height, regardless of merchantability. Designated cut trees are contained within the single tree, 1/16th, 1/8th, 1/4th, and 1/2 acre "regen plot" locations (see Timber Sale Map). Trees that are adjacent to these plots are NOT to be damaged or cut.

2.2 - Utilization

2.2.6 - Roundwood operation required (5/07)

The skidding of whole trees or tree segments with limbs attached is prohibited within Payment Unit 1. All products must be produced as roundwood and forwarded to existing roads or landing areas in final product length.

2.2.8 - Utilization and removal (7/05)

All products specified in 2.1.3 - Cut Tree Marked Unit(s) must be removed from the sale area.

3 - Payments

3.3 - Pre-measured Sales

3.3.4 - Dividing payment units (12/08)

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 Supplement.

3.4 - Damaged Timber

3.4.1 - Damaged timber (6/05)

General Condition and Requirement 3.4 Damaged Timber, defines liquidated damages for undesignated live merchantable trees which are cut or injured. Damage to residual trees (defined as breaking of the cambium layer, broken tops or bending of trees from their natural position) is not acceptable.

No damage is acceptable to merchantable trees. Within the sale area, if more than 5% 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.

Skid trail creation and adjacent undesignated plot tree damage is to be minimized as much as possible to maintain plot research integrity. ONLY with Sale Administrator approval, trees blocking pre-determined or pre-established skid trails may be removed and utilized. Trees of larger size or value MUST NOT be favored to gain skid trail access to plot locations. Rather, skid trail access/cutting undesignated timber is to be based on plot proximity and minimization of damage to undesignated timber.

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

4.4.1 - Private property access (12/08)

Permission for access across private land is the responsibility of the purchaser. Should the purchaser desire to cross private land, a copy of the written permission from the private land-owner may be required by the DNR. Permission to cross private land must include access for DNR representatives to inspect the sale at any time.

4.4.2 - Alternate route on private property (2/04)

It is the purchaser's responsibility to obtain access across private land for any routes other than the route shown on the sale map.

5 - Operations

5.1 - Notification

5.1.1 - Pre-sale conference (12/08)

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. The Unit Manager or his/her representative must be contacted at least 7 days in advance to schedule the conference.

5.2 - Conduct of Operations

5.2.1 - Slash

5.2.1.2 - Slash Removal

5.2.1.2.6 - Slash removal, general (7/05)

All slash must be removed from created openings from the "regen gap" cut-units. A "clean" regen gap/forest floor is needed for putting up seed traps, plant seedlings, etc.

5.2.2 - Hazard Trees/Snags

5.2.2.1 - Den trees (2/04)

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 (12/08)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting and skidding are only permitted during the months of November-March with at least 6" of snow on the ground. This restriction is to minimize site disruption.

5.2.3.3 - Bark slippage restriction (3/09)

Within Payment Unit(s) 1, unless changed by written agreement, cutting and skidding are not permitted during the period of April 15th to July 15th. This restriction is because of bark slippage.

5.2.3.9 - Beech hauling restriction (8/09)

American beech wood products with bark still attached, other than chips, are not to be transported from stands infested with beech bark disease to or through uninfested beech areas from July 15 to November 15. Beech scale is mobile at this time of year and can move from infested wood to live beech. (See Map of current beech scale distribution on the DNR Forest Health Website, www.michigan.gov/dnr.)

5.2.20 - Equipment width (2/04)

Equipment used to remove designated plot timber must be capable of moving through undesignated timber without damaging residual trees.

5.2.32 - Decking/landing restoration (2/04)

All decking and landing areas must have the surface area restored to a condition equal to or better than before. This is to insure the proper regeneration of the stand.

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

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

5.2.41 - Snowmobile trail protection (8/09)

The snowmobile trail 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. 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 1st. 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. All stumps within 20 feet of the snowmobile trail must be cut at ground level. In addition, any trees cut within 5 feet of the trail must have the stumps removed and be disposed of according to the direction of the Unit Manager or his/her representative.

5.4 - Soil Protection

5.4.1 - Rutting restriction, general (1/09)

Operations are to cease immediately if equipment and weather conditions result in rutting of roads and 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.

5.4.2 - Skid trails (2/04)

Skid trails up and down slopes should be avoided. If however this is unavoidable, these trails will be left in a non-erodible condition using water bars, logs, and slash. Placing of slash on these skid trails while logging is ongoing may alleviate need for any further action. At the direction of the sale administrator, seed, fertilizer, and mulch may also be required.

5.8 - Protection of Endangered Species

5.8.5 - Protection of raptor nests (4/09)

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

Sale Name: Checkerboard Ash Sale Number: 52-146-09-01

6.2.1 - Road posting (1/09)

The purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on Johnston Rd 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 (8/09)

The Purchaser is responsible for posting and maintaining caution signs on the snowmobile trail (shown on the Timber Sale Map) 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.

7 - Other Conditions

7.2 - Extensions

7.2.2 - No extensions (3/09)

All designated timber must be cut by April 15th, 2010. There will be no extensions granted on this contract.



FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

**TIMBER SALE
VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY
COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE**

*As required by Act 317, P.A. 1969 (Worker's Compensation) and Part 525
of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.*

Sale or Permit No

Year:

Type:

Forest Area:

VERIFICATION OF WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT COMPLIANCE

- This verification must be completed and submitted within 21 days of contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.
- In addition, if boxes 2B or 2C are checked, then Notice of Exclusion or Certificate of Insurance must be submitted within 21 days of the contract award and prior to the issuance of the timber sale contract.
- All Information must be typed or printed except for written signatures.

Please Check Appropriate Categories:

1. My business is organized as (you must check one of the boxes below):

- A. Sole Proprietorship (individual)
- B. Partnership
- C. Corporation

2. You must check one of the boxes below:

- A. I certify that my business is a sole proprietorship and it has no employees but the sole proprietor. I am not subject to the Worker's Compensation Laws.
- B. I certify that my business has satisfied its obligation to the Worker's Compensation Act through the use of an approved Notice of Exclusion (BWC-337, Rev. 5/96). I will provide a copy of the Notice of Exclusion within 21 days of the contract award. (For questions or a copy of the BWC-337, please call the Worker's Compensation Bureau at 517-322-1195).
- C. I certify that my business has a Worker's Compensation Policy. I will provide an original Certificate of Insurance within 21 days of the contract award.

3. If you have checked item 2(A) or 2(B), you must indicate the number of both full and part time employees other than yourself including family members and active partners (if none, you must enter "0").

_____ Full Time Employees

_____ Part Time Employees

Name of Business		Federal ID (or) Social Security No.	
Address		Telephone No. ()	
City	State	Zip + 4	

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I agree to notify the DNR of any changes that occur in factors affecting my coverage during any of my present and future operations.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

Title

Date