

LEGAL NOTICE

GYPSY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Gypsy Stewardship Project is located in T46N-R38W, Sections 32 & 33, Ontonagon County; and, T45N-R38W, Sections 4, 5, & 9, Gogebic County, Michigan. The Forest Service will receive bids at the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts office in Watersmeet, MI, at 1:00 PM local time (CT) on January 12, 2016, for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship project. Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 20 CCF Mixed Conifer sawtimber, 2 CCF Mixed Hardwood sawtimber; 701 CCF Red & White Pine sawtimber; 824 CCF Aspen pulpwood; 3,225 CCF Jack Pine pulpwood; 172 CCF Mixed Conifer pulpwood; 199 CCF Mixed Hardwood pulpwood; and, 398 CCF Pine pulpwood that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. **Mandatory service work includes:** Site Preparation for Jack Pine Regeneration (Anchor Chaining) of 3 payment units totaling 60 acres; and, Aspen Regeneration Site Preparation of 1 payment unit totaling 9 acres. Bids will be evaluated on a Best Value Basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed, as well as a per unit rate value bid for the timber and per unit rate for each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance form, SAMPLE CONTRACT, and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public from the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts office, E23979 US 2 East, at Watersmeet, MI 49969, (906) 358-4551, or at www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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