



Date: August 29, 2017

Dear Prospective Bidder,

On 09/27/2017, at 11:00 AM, sealed bids will be opened at the Laurentian Ranger District Office located in Aurora, MN for the North Branch Stewardship Contract located at T56N R13W, Sec 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 17 and T57N R13W, Sec 33, 34 & 35 of St. Louis County, Minnesota. An Integrated Resource Contract 2400-13T will be used.

The termination date for this contract will be 09/30/2022.

The estimated timber quantities for this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 9,684 CCF.

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

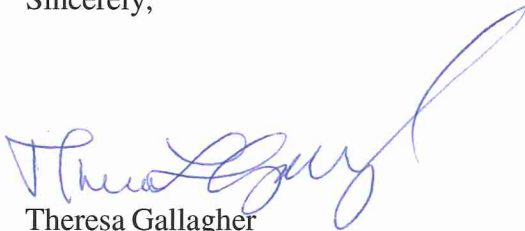
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Advertised Rates	Road Maintenance Deposit
Red Pine	Saw	CCF	39	\$43.64	N/A
Jack Pine	Saw	CCF	299	\$18.81	N/A
Paper Birch	Saw	CCF	383	\$18.94	N/A
White Spruce	Saw	CCF	355	\$27.73	N/A
Aspen	Pulp	CCF	4,232	\$27.90	N/A
Mixed Conifer	Pulp	CCF	1,569	\$18.71	N/A
Mixed Hardwood	Pulp	CCF	1,261	\$9.12	N/A
Balsam Fir	Pulp	CCF	1,373	\$8.81	N/A
Pine	Pulp	CCF	173	\$9.50	N/A
	TOTAL	CCF	9,684		N/A



In addition, within the sale area an un-estimated volume of Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Biomass as well as Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood will be offered as timber subject to agreement that the bidder may agree to remove at a fixed rate. Pulpwood being offered as timber subject to agreement consists primarily of White Spruce pulpwood. The timber subject to agreement unit locations have been designated on Contract Area Map. The North Branch Stewardship Project also includes 1 mandatory stewardship service item of general road maintenance. Detailed work requirements are located within KT- GT.9#; which is included within the sale package for review. Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis to the government. The successful bidder will be evaluated based on their technical proposal describing how mandatory stewardship service work will be completed as well as a Rate per Unit bid on each stewardship service work item and an Offer Rate bid for included timber within mandatory cutting units.

The Laurentian Ranger District timber staff will be available to prospective bidders that would like more information and guidance on filling out the technical proposal for this Stewardship Contract. If you would like further information on this project, please write or call the Laurentian Ranger District, 318 Forestry Rd, Aurora, MN 55705. (218)-229-8800.

Sincerely,



Theresa Gallagher
District Ranger