



**Date:** November 27, 2017

Dear Prospective Bidder,

On 12/27/2017, at 11:00 AM, sealed bids will be opened at the Laurentian Ranger District Office located in Aurora, MN for the You Betcha Stewardship Contract located in Township 57 North, Range 13 West, Section 18 and Township 57 North, Range 14 W Sections 11,12,13,14 and 24 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 4,401CCF.

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

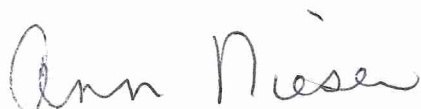
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Advertised Rates	Road Maintenance Deposit
Paper Birch	Saw	CCF	53.10	\$8.19	NIA
White Spruce	Saw	CCF	195.30	\$30.45	NIA
Aspen	Pulp	CCF	2,061.90	\$30.38	NIA
Mixed Conifer	Pulp	CCF	411.60	\$23.15	NIA
Mixed Hardwood	Pulp	CCF	755.10	\$11.96	NIA
Balsam Fir	Pulp	CCF	924.60	\$2.63	NIA
	TOTAL	CCF	4401.60		NIA



In addition, within the sale area an un-estimated volume of Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Biomass, Mixed Conifer and Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood as well as Conifer Sawtimber will be offered as timber subject to agreement that the bidder may agree to remove at a fixed rate. Pulpwood and Sawtimber being offered as timber subject to agreement consists primarily of White Spruce. The timber subject to agreement unit locations have been designated on Contract Area Map. The You Betcha 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Niesen".

Ann Niesen

District Ranger