

## TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

<b>Sale Name :</b>	<b>Fox Farm</b>	<b>Type of Sale :</b>	<b>Premeasured</b>
<b>National Forest :</b>	<b>Chippewa</b>	<b>Ranger District :</b>	<b>Deer River</b>
<b>Bidding Method :</b>	<b>Sealed Bid</b>	<b>Bid Guarantee :</b>	<b>\$31,600.00</b>

**Location of Bid Opening :** Deer River, MN

**Date :** 04/09/2018

**Time :** 02:00 PM

**1. INTRODUCTION.** This prospectus furnishes prospective bidders with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable bidders to decide whether or not to further investigate the sale. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a sale. The contract does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data in this prospectus, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale and make their own estimates. Timber sale Contract 2400-6T will be used. Inspect the sale area and the sample contract before submitting a bid. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the timber, and conditions of sale and bidding at Forest Service offices listed above and in the named attached advertisement.

**2. BIDDING.** This is a Sealed Bid sale. Bidders must submit sealed bids on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the attached advertisement. The forms include instructions for bidding and submission of the required certifications. A bid guarantee must be included with the bid in the form of cash, a bid bond on form FS-6500-13 (4/82) or later, certification of annual bid bond allocation on form FS-6500-13a (4/82) or later, an irrevocable letter of credit, a certified check, bank draft, cashiers check, official bank check, or bank or postal money order payable to the Forest Service, USDA in the amount specified above and in the bid form. The bid guarantee shall be returned to each bidder whose bid is not accepted.

**3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER.** Refer to the sample contract and sale area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of sale area, location of payment units, location of cutting units, the acreage of sale area, and the cutting unit acreage.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE SALE AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

This sale is approximately 489 acres of primarily aspen pulpwood with various amounts of balsam fir, spruce, pine, and mixed hardwood pulpwood as well as pine and mixed hardwood sawtimber. This sale is located approximately 36 miles northeast of Deer River Ranger District office, Deer River, MN.

**4. TIMBER QUANTITIES AND RATES.** The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, bidders are urged to examine the timber sale area and make their own estimates.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED BID FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

### Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Advertised Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mixed Hardwood	Sawtimber	CCF	204.00	13.2	\$20.26	\$19.64	\$0.00	\$0.00
Red Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	1,101.00	14	\$68.51	\$66.41	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aspen	Pulpwood	CCF	3,487.00	11.4	\$47.44	\$45.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	CCF	1,043.00	8	\$31.74	\$30.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	CCF	858.00	7.8	\$20.13	\$19.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine	Pulpwood	CCF	145.00	7.4	\$35.68	\$34.59	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spruce	Pulpwood	CCF	484.00	8.8	\$31.88	\$30.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		CCF	7,322.00				\$0.00	\$0.00

### Timber Subject to Agreement

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Fixed Rates	Slash Disposal Deposits	Road Maintenance Deposits
Mixed Conifer	Gm Bio Cv	CCF	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mixed Hardwood	Gm Bio Cv	CCF	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Estimated Knutson-Vandenberg deposit for sale area improvement work in a total amount of \$304,433.00 is included in total timber value.

**5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT.** The normal operating season covers the period between 05/15 and 03/15. Contract termination date is 04/30/2022. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the purchaser has met specified conditions.

If an appeal or lawsuit is filed challenging the decision to award this contract or upon determination by the Regional Forester that conditions existing on this timber sale are the same as, or nearly the same as, conditions existing on other timber sale(s) in appeal or litigation, Contracting Officer may delay award or reject all bids. If delay in award is for 30 days or more during Normal Operating Season after bid opening, Contracting Officer shall, upon award, adjust the contract term to include additional calendar days in one or more Normal Operating Seasons equal to the time award is delayed during Normal Operating Season.

The purchaser must submit a Plan of Operations to the Contracting Officer for approval before operations begin or within 60 days of sale award, whichever is earlier. The plan must show how the purchaser plans to complete the contract by the termination date. In addition to the Plan of Operations, the purchaser must submit an annual Operating Schedule before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual Operating Schedule does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

**6. PAYMENT.** Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. The Purchaser may transfer purchaser credit into the contract, or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. Payment for required deposits must be a cash payment. The purchaser shall make advance deposits in accordance with provision B(T)4.212 - Advance Deposits.

The high bidder whose bid is accepted shall, at the time the contract is signed and returned by the bidder, make a downpayment pursuant to Title 36, Section 223.49, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Contracting Officer will notify the high bidder of the

amount necessary to make this payment. In no case shall the downpayment be less than 10 percent of the total advertised value plus 20 percent of the bid premium. After receipt of the downpayment and a satisfactory performance bond and upon execution of the timber sale contract, the Forest Service will return the bid guarantee. A cash bid guarantee may be applied to the downpayment at the request of the purchaser. The purchaser cannot apply the amount deposited as a downpayment to cover other obligations due on the sale until conditions stated in the contract for release of downpayment have been met. Refer to the sample contract for the specific conditions.

By the midpoint between award date and the termination date, the purchaser shall have paid for, or in lieu thereof, deposited cash in the greater amount of: (1) 50 percent of the total estimated bid premium, or (2) 35 percent of the total estimated sale value at bid date, exclusive of required deposits, rounded up to the next \$100.

By the midpoint of the last normal operating season, or 12 months from the initial periodic payment, whichever date is first, the purchaser shall have paid for, or in lieu thereof, deposited cash in the amount of 75 percent of the total estimated sale value at bid date, exclusive of required deposits, rounded up to the next \$100.

**7. PERFORMANCE BOND.** A performance bond is required. The penal sum of the bond will be 10 percent of the total bid value of the sale, rounded up to the nearest \$100 when the total bid value is \$10,000 or less; and rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 when the total bid value exceeds \$10,000 or \$32,000.00 whichever is greater. If an irrevocable letter of credit is used to secure the performance bond, the termination of the letter of credit must be at least 6 months past the contract termination date.

**8. SPECIFIED ROADS.** Not Applicable.

**9. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Purchaser shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with purchaser's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by purchaser in connection with this sale. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the purchaser's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in Section 4 and in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

**10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** See sample contract.

**12. SET-ASIDE SALES.** Not Applicable.

**13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS.** Not Applicable.

**14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW.** If the total bid value plus required deposits for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the high bidder to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

**15. AWARD.** The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of bidder responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

To determine a purchaser to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The purchaser has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The purchaser is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The purchaser has a satisfactory performance record on timber sale contracts. A prospective purchaser that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the purchaser's control and were not created through improper actions by the purchaser or affiliate, or that the purchaser has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity

and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a purchaser is not a responsible contractor. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation:

- d. The purchaser has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- e. The purchaser has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for logging the timber and for meeting the resource protection provisions of the contract;
- f. The purchaser is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that, to the best of bidder's knowledge the bidder will meet the requirements in 36 CFR 223.101, determination of purchaser responsibility, and, if awarded this contract, that bidder will complete the timber sale contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber.

**16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT.** Bidders, by signing the bid form, certify that they are aware that bidder is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

**17. DAMAGES.** This contract shall be terminated for breach pursuant to paragraph 16, 19, and/or 21 of the bid form and the terms of the sample contract if: 1) bidder fails to execute a timber sale contract, furnish a downpayment, or furnish a satisfactory performance bond within 30 days of the award letter's date; or 2) bidder is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the bid form including not meeting purchaser responsibility requirements, and bidder has made a false statement. The bid guarantee shall be retained, in whole or in part, by the Forest Service to satisfy any damages that may be assessed.

**18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION.** Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017).

These rules require each timber sale purchaser, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when bidding on sales. The bidder must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the bid form. The bidder, by signing the bid form, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the bidding. Also, as a timber sale purchaser enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with bid forms. Purchaser must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested.

The certification forms and instructions for subcontractor transactions are provided as an addendum to the bid form.

**19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) LOGGING REGULATIONS.** Conduct of operations on this timber sale is subject to inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266 by OSHA. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist purchasers to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this timber sale from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, 443 Lafayette RD, N St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-282-5772.

**20. GENERAL.** Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at:  
<http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms>.

Within the Estimated Quantities of Species listed in AT2: Aspen pulpwood species includes 3352 Ccf of quaking aspen, 37 Ccf of bigtooth aspen, and 98 Ccf of balsam poplar; Mixed Hardwood pulpwood species includes 496 Ccf of white birch, 116 Ccf of maple, 42 Ccf of basswood and 204 Ccf of ash; Mixed Hardwood sawtimber species includes 112 Ccf of white birch, 22 Ccf of basswood, and 70

Ccf of ash; Balsam Fir pulpwood species includes 1043 Ccf of balsam fir; Spruce pulpwood species includes 274 Ccf of white spruce and 210 Ccf of black spruce; Pine pulpwood species includes 86 Ccf of red pine, 45 Ccf of jack pine, and 14 Ccf of white pine; and Red Pine sawtimber species includes 850 Ccf of red pine, 192 Ccf of jack pine, and 59 Ccf of white pine.

The Prescribed Harvest Types of this sale are comprised of approximately 135 acres of commercial thinning in payment units 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 19, and 23; 303 acres stand clearcutting/coppice cuts in payment units 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22; 29 acres of seed tree cuts in payment units 4 and 16; and 22 acres of group selection cutting in payment unit 24.

Payment units 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 have payment unit numbers painted on boundary trees that do not correspond with the actual payment unit number. Refer to the sale area map for accurate information.

Operating Requirements: Payment units 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 14 operations are permitted during the period of frozen ground conditions only (soils). Payment unit 10 operations are permitted during the period of frozen ground conditions to February 14th only (eagle nest and soils). Payment unit 16 and 17 operations are permitted during the period of frozen ground conditions only (access and soils). Payment unit 18 operations are permitted during the period of frozen ground conditions to March 1st only (goshawk and soils). Payment units 1, 2, 4, 10, and 11 hauling operations are restricted on identified trails during the period of December 1st through March 31st on Friday's p.m., weekends and federal holidays (snowmobile trail). Within all payment units during the period of March 1st thru August 31st only, all pine sawtimber and pulpwood products felled from the stump shall be skidded/forwarded, decked and hauled within a two (2) week time period (pine bark beetle).

Slash Disposal: SDZ - All slash generated by Purchasers operations in ALL Payment Units as indicated on the Sale Area map as "SDZ", shall be lopped and scattered so as to lie within 30" (inches) of the ground. SDZ(1) - All slash generated by Purchasers operations within 33' (feet) along roads, trails, boundaries and other ownerships as indicated on the Sale Area Map as "SDZ(1)", shall be completely removed.

Biomass Statement: The harvest of a percentage of slash generated by Purchasers operations (as green biomass cubic volume) is available by option prior to contract award in payment units 4, 5, 6, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 24. The Forest Service must be made aware of the Purchaser's desire to add this material to the timber contract as "Timber Subject to Agreement" prior to contract award.

The Market-Related Contract Term Addition Producer Price Index listed in AT17 of the sample contract can be changed by mutual agreement prior to contract award. Contact the Contracting Officer or the District Office if you wish to do so.

Additional information concerning this sale may be obtained from the District Ranger's Office, Deer River Ranger District, Deer River, Minnesota or the Forest Supervisor's Office, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

The policy of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, disability, family status, and/or political affiliation. Persons believing they have been discriminated against in any Forest related activity should write to: Chief, Forest Service, USDA, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

TC24: STAND TABLE FOR SALE 31702 -- ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TREES  
 FOR PRIMARY PRODUCT ONLY - BY 2" DIAMETER CLASS  
 (12-inch class = 11.0 - 12.9 inches; 14-inch class = 13.0 - 14.9 inches, and so on.)  
 CRUISE#: 31702 SALE#: 31702  
 SALENAME: Fox Farm  
 RUN DATE & TIME: 02-26-2018 16:07:10

VERSION: 07.21.2015  
 VOLUME LIBRARY VERSION: 03.27.2015

SPEC PROD U OF M	012 ALL ALL	094 ALL ALL	095 ALL ALL	105 ALL ALL	125 ALL ALL	129 ALL ALL	316 ALL ALL	318 ALL ALL	375 ALL ALL	543 ALL ALL
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6	4587	173	603	20	230	25	585	0	1536	1023
8	5201	635	1114	184	389	123	629	141	2922	1040
10	2610	750	568	239	24	48	95	94	971	370
12	877	265	49	545	537	24	183	0	371	245
14	249	149	0	186	409	48	0	0	342	163
16	0	30	0	0	517	24	0	0	48	21
18	0	0	0	0	312	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	0	0
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SPEC PROD U OF M	544 ALL ALL	741 ALL ALL	743 ALL ALL	746 ALL ALL	951 ALL ALL	TOTALS
1-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	91	0	0	843	0	9716
8	0	311	0	3075	296	16060
10	0	128	0	3039	149	9085
12	0	170	127	3580	53	7024
14	0	160	28	2235	74	4041
16	0	0	0	1258	0	1897
18	0	0	0	607	0	919
20	0	0	0	283	0	396
22	0	0	0	0	0	49
24	0	0	0	0	0	5
26	0	0	0	0	0	5
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