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Prospective Timber Purchasers and Other Interested Parties:

Attached is the Ottawa National Forest Timber Sale Program for the next twelve months. It includes proposed sales to be offered during the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

This announcement reflects the Forest's preferred offering schedule to meet the FY 2021 annual sale program of approximately 73 MMBF. This program includes approximately 31 percent sawtimber and 69 percent pulpwood for the period of October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 and 23 percent sawtimber and 77 percent pulpwood for the period of April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.

This announcement lists the estimated volumes in cubic measurement. The cubic unit of most common usage will be CCF which is one hundred cubic feet. The report does show the approximate MBF volume to the far right of each sale.

For purposes of conversion in this report use the following:

*Pulpwood CCF divided by 0.79 = Pulpwood Cords

Sales with a date listed in the DATE OF DECISION column are firm, have an approved Environmental Assessment and the decision to make the sale is final. Sales with no date in the DATE OF DECISION column are tentative and offering will depend on the findings and approval of an Environmental Assessment yet to be completed.

Timber sales listed as "Stewardship Contracts" will be identified in the sale name of this sale announcement. Stewardship contracts are a tool available to the Forest Service to enhance and restore landscapes by using the value of traded goods (timber) for important work on the ground (services). The stewardship contract prospectus will describe both the timber sale information and the service contract specifications. Potential purchasers are encouraged to seek additional information and consider this non-traditional method of procuring Forest Service timber. These types of contracts will be awarded on a best-value basis.

If you would like additional information on any of the sales, please contact the respective Ranger District Office or visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa.

In addition, through the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Agreement signed between the Ottawa National Forest and the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Forest Resources Division plans to offer approximately 20 MMBF, or 40,000 cords National Forest timber volume. These sales will occur throughout the Forest. The overall



geographic distribution of this planned timber volume is approximately North Zone – 50%, South Zone – 50%. Additional information regarding these Michigan DNR offerings of National Forest Timber can be obtained by contacting the MDNR office in Crystal Falls for South Zone sales, or the MDNR office in Baraga for North Zone sales. These sales are not listed or included in the volume on the attached Periodic Timber Sale Announcement.

An analysis of past timber sales on the Ottawa National Forest shows no need for Small Business Set-Aside Sales for the coming six month period.

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