Subject: Notification of Change in the acceptance of bids for Iron Rim Timber Sale

Dear Prospective Bidders,

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic safety protocols Forest Service offices throughout the Hiawatha National Forest are now or may become closed to public access. Therefore, effective as of the date of this letter bids received for the Iron Rim Timber Sale will ONLY be received by mail and must be postmarked by the Bid Opening Date.

Iron Rim’s bid openings will be closed to public participation, and prospective bidders will be notified via letter of bid results as well as posted on the Hiawatha National Forest webpage at


As this is a change in typical acceptance of bid practices there will be some adjustments needed which will include but not limited to the timing of notification of apparent high bidder. We will allow additional time to ensure all bids postmarked no later than the bid opening date have been received and considered.

This notification was mailed to all bidders on our WZ bidder’s list that were sent the initial bid letter. This notice will also be posted to the Hiawatha National Forest website and social media pages.

If you have any additional questions regarding this letter, email or posting please contact Jonathan Bosma, Timber Contracting Officer on the Hiawatha National Forest at (906) 280-6611 or jonathan.bosma@usda.gov

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