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Watersmeet Ranger District
OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST

- ***Stewardship End Result Contracting* includes Service Projects that earn Stewardship Credits upon completion of the Project that are used to pay for Included Timber (goods) within the Contract Area.**
- The contract area lies 12 miles east of Marenisco on US Hwy 2, then north on Gogebic County Road 527 approximately 6 miles to the Ontonagon County line. Payment units are adjacent, to the northwest of Ontonagon County Road 527 (Two Mile Road), or are accessed by FR 6923.
- Other than the right-of-way timber, 5 of the 10 remaining Payment Units will support dry summer operation and are accessed by woods roads designed to allow hauling during summer dry weather conditions.
- Of the hardwood pulpwood, an estimated 2,797 CCF is sugar maple and 581 CCF is red maple.
- Specified Road Reconstruction of 0.02 miles and new Construction of 1.13 miles are required, along with 1.68 miles of Pre-haul Maintenance of roads, as part of this contract. Pre-haul maintenance appraisal includes $600.00 for during haul spot replacement of 50 CY (65 CY loose) pitrun gravel to support dry summer haul on FR 6923.
- There are no required deposits for deferred maintenance associated with this contract.
- The technical proposal and reference forms provided with the bid package will assist bidders in providing the information necessary for a stewardship proposal. The bidders may use other technical proposal and reference forms if they choose, provided that all of the required information is included with their bid.
- **SAMPLE CONTRACT will be posted to the Ottawa National Forest internet website (address shown below)**

- **Potential Contractors are encouraged to contact Andrew Hart at (906) 358-4039 or Roger Powell at (906) 358-4043 for confidential tours of the contract area or assistance in developing stewardship proposals.**

Timber Cutting Summary

SPECIES & PRODUCTS			ADVERTISED RATES
10 CCF	Mixed Conifer	Sawtimber	$23.50
148 CCF	Mixed Hardwood	Sawtimber	$87.75
258 CCF	Sugar Maple	Sawtimber	$222.82
247 CCF	Aspen	Pulpwood	$21.43
3 CCF	Mixed Conifer	Pulpwood	$4.82
3,559 CCF	Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	$18.34

Total Advertised Value of Stumpage = $141,289.29
Normal Operating Season: 12/15 – 3/15
Location: T46N-R40W, Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18; Ontonagon County, Michigan.
Termination Date: 10/31/2018
Required Bid Guarantee: $0.00
Performance Bond: 10% of Bid Offer for Included Timber rounded up to next $1,000.00
Downpayment: $0.00

Pre-haul Maintenance: $7,787.00 (appraisal allowance)
Specified Road Work: $13,690.00
Temporary Developments: $7,767.50 (appraisal allowance)
Road Maintenance Deposits: N/A

Bid Opening Date/Time: December 2, 2014, 1:00 p.m. (local time)

Place of Bid Opening – Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger District office facilities on U.S. Hwy 2, across from the Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center.

Successful Bidder will be announced following award of contract. Bid results for stewardship projects are not published.

Prospective purchasers are cautioned that cutting or otherwise damaging any timber, tree, or other forest product except as authorized is prohibited (36CFR). This regulation applies to the cutting, chipping, or chopping of trees to determine tree suitability for specialty products within the proposed sale area.

For more information, please contact the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger District for a prospectus: E23979 US 2 East, Watersmeet, MI 49969, (906) 358-4551 or TTY (906) 884-6577 or visit the Ottawa NF website @ *www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa*.

See reverse side for summary of Stewardship Service Work Items & estimated quantities

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Weasel Stewardship Projects

Per AT.4.4 Stewardship Credits of Sample Contract

(Refer to Contract Area Map for location of Stewardship Projects)

Stewardship Projects

Brief Project Description of Projects
Aspen Regeneration Site Preparation of 5 acres of one clearcut payment unit (Payment Unit 3), either concurrent or following harvest. **Uneven-aged Upland Hardwood Gap Cleaning** of understory vegetation in scattered canopy gaps within 8 Payment Units (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10, with all totaling 193 acres). There will be an estimated 2 to 6 canopy gaps per acre in these payment units following the felling of included timber, and cleaning may be done either concurrent or following harvest.

Bidders MUST bid on ALL stewardship work or bid will be considered non-responsive (see the Bid Form for Mandatory and Optional Bid Items). There is no minimum bid for stewardship project work. Specific Bid Items are shown in the Prospectus, Bid Form, and in the Sample Contract. Optional items may be authorized at Contract award, or thereafter. Such authorization may be for a portion or all of the Optional items. **Specifications for each stewardship item are included in the SAMPLE CONTRACT. Prospective bidders are encouraged to review these specifications prior to bidding.**

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