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Date: February 26, 2015

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 03/30/2015, at 02:00 PM, sealed bids will be opened in the Deer River, MN District Office for the Stag Stewardship sale. This sale is located in Sections. 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 29 of T145N, R27W, Cass County, MN. Timber sale Contract 2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 3/31/2019.

This sale is an integrated resource Stewardship Timber Sale Contract which will utilize the exchange of a commercial product or "good" for service work. Use of goods for service will necessitate use of contractual term of "Stewardship Credits" to apply to service work in the contract. Service work that is completed will be identified as credits toward the purchase of forest products. Bidding occurs on both the products offered ("goods") and service work performed.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 6,626 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure (the "goods")

							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Total Est. # of Trees	Advertised Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Red Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	4,939.00	15,352	$84.97	$32.26	$0.00	$0.00
Aspen	Pulpwood	CCF	363.00	2,366	$45.58	$17.60	$0.00	$0.00
Balsam Fir	Pulpwood	CCF	157.00	2,872	$29.63	$11.66	$0.00	$0.00
Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	CCF	660.00	6,992	$16.93	$6.93	$0.00	$0.00
Pine	Pulpwood	CCF	507.00	7,275	$47.01	$18.13	$0.00	$0.00
	Total	CCF	6,626.00				$0.00	$0.00

Stewardship Service Work Items (the "services")

1. Lake Riparian Restoration (Decker Lake Tree Planting)
2. Woodcock Habitat Improvement (Third River and Alvwood II Sites Mechanical Mowing)
3. Reforestation Timber Stand Improvement (Planted Conifer Budcapping & Competing Veg Release)

No bid deposit is required. All bids must attach a technical proposal. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed.

For additional information concerning items such as; Estimated Quantities of Species within Bid Item Species Groups, Prescribed Harvest Types, Seasonal Operating Requirements, Boundary/Cut/Reserve Tree Designations and Slash Disposal Requirements refer to the last "20. General" section of the Prospectus and/or request a copy of the Sample Contract.

A Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Deer River Ranger District Office. This meeting will provide prospective bidders an opportunity to ask questions concerning the timber harvest (goods) and contract service work (services) portions of this Stewardship Contract.

If you would like further information on this sale including, the prospectus and bid form, and/or the technical proposal form, please write, email (hleclair@fs.fed.us), or call the Deer River Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Chad Kirschbaum
District Ranger

Enclosure

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