

LEGAL NOTICE
OLD GRADE STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Old Grade Stewardship Project is located in T45N-R44W, Sections 4, 5 and 14 and T46N-R44W, Sections 32, 33 and 34 in Gogebic County, Michigan. The Forest Service will receive bids at the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts offices in Watersmeet, MI, at 1:00 PM local time (CT) on April 30, 2015, for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship project. Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 38 CCF Mixed Conifer sawtimber, 110 CCF Mixed Hardwood sawtimber; 166 CCF Sugar Maple sawtimber; 302 CCF Aspen pulpwood; 72 CCF Mixed Conifer pulpwood; and 4,747 CCF Mixed Hardwood pulpwood; that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. **Mandatory service work includes:** Aspen Regeneration Site Preparation of 3 payment units totaling 24 acres, Road Decommissioning on 1 road through slash closure, and Construction of 3 wildlife denning brushpiles within 2 payment units. **Optional service work includes:** Hardwood Regeneration Gap Cleaning of 4 payment units totaling 172 acres, Aspen Regeneration Site Preparation of 1.3 acres using chainsaws or hand tools, and Erosion Control Road Maintenance of 3 road segments totaling 0.57 miles which consists excavation of road grade and slopes, ditch construction, culvert installation, gravel placement and road sloping and grading. Bids will be evaluated on a Best Value Basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed, as well as a per unit rate value bid for the timber and per unit rate for each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance form, SAMPLE CONTRACT, and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public from the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts offices, E23979 US 2 East, at Watersmeet, MI 49969, (906) 358-4551, or at www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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