

COWBELL STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT Highlights (Page 1 of 2)
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 is along Old US Hwy 2 and to the north on FR 6170, 8 miles west of Watersmeet, MI.
- Only one harvest unit is dry summer operable (excluding ROW timber), with winter and frozen ground limitations of operations on the remaining units due to soils and winter standard roads.
- Specified Road Reconstruction of 1.39 miles of road is required, along with 0.32 miles of Pre-haul Maintenance of roads, as part of this contract.
- Stewardship Projects are described on Page 2 of this Highlights Sheet
- **SAMPLE CONTRACT will be posted to the Ottawa National Forest internet website (address shown below)**
- Attachments (Technical Proposal and Reference forms) to the Bid Form have been revised.

- **A Pre-Bid on-site SHOW-ME trip is scheduled on July 9, 2013 @ 0930 (am) (CT) for the Cowbell Stewardship at the intersection of FR 6170 on old US-2. Stewardship Project specifications will be reviewed and copies of the specifications and SAMPLE CONTRACT will be available. Attendees may also ask questions about completing the BID PACKAGE (including Technical Proposals).**

Timber Cutting Summary

<u>SPECIES & PRODUCTS</u>		<u>ADVERTISED RATES</u>	
187 CCF	Mixed Conifer	Sawtimber	\$23.21
60 CCF	Mixed Hardwood	Sawtimber	\$70.11
41 CCF	Sugar Maple	Sawtimber	\$153.91
279 CCF	Aspen	Pulpwood	\$17.19
479 CCF	Mixed Conifer	Pulpwood	\$12.82
1322 CCF	Mixed Hardwood	Pulpwood	\$19.63

Total Advertised Value of Stumpage = \$51,744.83

Normal Operating Season: 12/15 – 3/15

Location: T45N-R40W, Sections 8, 17 and 20; Gogebic County, Michigan.

Termination Date: 9/15/2016

Required Bid Guarantee: \$0.00

Performance Bond: \$0.00

Downpayment: \$0.00

Pre-haul Maintenance: \$1,200.00 (appraisal allowance)

Specified Road Work: \$8,639.00

Temporary Developments: \$3,823.50 (appraisal allowance)

Bid Opening Date/Time: July 25, 2013, 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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Cowbell Stewardship Projects

Per AT.4.4 Stewardship Credits of Sample Contract

(Refer to Contract Area for location of Stewardship Projects)

Stewardship Projects

Brief Project Description of Projects
Wildlife Denning Brushpile Construction of 3 brushpiles in 2 clearcut payment units following harvest.
Opening Maintenance (Hand Tools Only) of 3 openings (1.3 acres total) using only chainsaws and other hand tools
Opening Maintenance (Equipment Allowed) of 1 opening (0.1 acres total) using either motorized equipment (subject to soil limitations) or hand tools.
Aspen Site Preparation of 27 acres of clearcut payment units 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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