

LEGAL NOTICE
COWBELL STEWARDSHIP ReAd CONTRACT

The Cowbell Stewardship ReAd Contract is located in T45N-R40W, Sections 8, 17 and 20 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 December 19, 2013, for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship contract. **A Pre-Bid SHOW-ME trip is scheduled for December 3, 2013 at 9:30 AM (CT) at the intersection of FR 6170 on old US-2.** Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 187 CCF Mixed Conifer sawtimber, 60 CCF Mixed Hardwood sawtimber; 41 CCF Sugar Maple sawtimber; 279 CCF Aspen pulpwood; 479 CCF Mixed Conifer pulpwood; and 1322 CCF Mixed Hardwood pulpwood; that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. **Mandatory service work includes:** Brushpile Construction of 3 brushpiles and Wildlife Opening Maintenance of 1.3 acres. **Optional service work includes:** Wildlife Opening Maintenance of 0.1 acres and Aspen Site Preparation of two payment units totaling 23 acres. 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.