



WIREGRASS ECOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATES

TIMBER SALE INVITATION TO BID
Ottawa National Forest – NDA Camp James II

November 14, 2025

Prospective Bidders:

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (USFS) and the National Deer Association (NDA), and as described below and depicted on the included Timber Sale Map (Attachment A), Wiregrass Ecological Associates (WEA) is offering for sale:

DUE DATE: Monday, December 15th, 2025, 10:00 A.M. Central Time

DESCRIPTION: This timber sale includes twelve (12) cutting units for a total of 380 Acres. All cutting units are individual tree selection and established as Cut Tree Mark (CTM) and marked with blue marking paint. All trees to be cut are marked with a single slash mark that can be seen from all sides of the tree and have one or two stump marks depending on product. Cutting Area Boundary lines are virtual (single orange slash as confidence marker), discernable or trees are marked with orange paint at eye level with three diagonal slash marks and one stump mark. Virtual boundaries are adjacent to forest service property or another payment unit within this sale, discernable boundaries are identified by roads or significant timber type changes. Attachment “A” Timber Sale Map depicts the sale boundaries and Attachment B explains where the cutting boundary is marked, discernible and virtual. This sale is located in T44N R37 W Sec. 14 and 15 Iron County, MI.

Harvesting is restricted on this sale due to soils during the period of March 16-July 31 and October 1-December 14.

BID BASIS: **Lump sum.** All bids must be submitted using the enclosed bid form. We will not accept phone-in bids or hand-delivered bids, but will accept mailed and emailed bids, if they are **received by 10 A.M. Central Time, Friday, December 15th, 2025.** Emailed bids must be sent to klehmann@soforest.com or cpefley@soforest.com. Mailed bids must be sent to 305 W. Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia 39819

Additional volume may be added to the sale and will be based upon per-product rates. NDA and WEA reserve the right to request additional information from bidders to complete evaluations. NDA and WEA reserve the right to reject all bids. NDA and WEA reserve the right to negotiate all bids.

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d’Alene, ID | Marquette, MI



Bids will be evaluated to provide best value to the Forest Service. In addition to price, best value will be determined by projected start date, contract term, operational plan, equipment to be used, and utilization of local workforce.

CONTRACT: A sample agreement for the conveyance of this timber is available upon request. Sample appendices describing timber designations, utilization, road reconstruction, road maintenance, and operational requirements of this contract are included with this solicitation. These appendices will be incorporated into the final contract.

In addition to the lump sum total bid a \$343.83 roadway maintenance fee shall be assessed to the successful bidder by USFS for use and maintenance of shared USFS roads. A negotiable performance bond (\$10,000 preferred) will be required at closing. The advance payment amount is negotiable (generally the value of two cutting units) and will be required at contract award. The cutting period (contract length) is negotiable but will minimally extend until 18 months after closing.

USFS PROPERTY: This property is currently under USFS ownership. All parties involved with this sale must follow all state and federal regulations and guidelines that apply to forestry activities that occur during this sale and until its completion. A harvest plan will be reviewed and discussed during the pre-cutting conference and will be expected to be followed. This plan will include guidelines from Michigan's Best Management Practices (BMP) handbook and harvest expectations relative to the protection of Endangered Species and tract aesthetics. Adherence to these regulations and guidelines will be documented during regular inspections.

SHOWINGS: You are invited to inspect the tract at your convenience, but if you prefer a personal showing, please call Kurt Lehmann to schedule an appointment. All questions and inquiries should be directed to Wiregrass Ecological Associates.

Sincerely,

Kurt Lehmann, RF
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LUMP SUM TIMBER SALE

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**DUE: Monday, December 15th, 2025
10:00 A.M. Central Time**

We, _____, submit the following lump sum bid for the timber you are offering for sale on behalf of USFS.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Price/CCF</u>	<u>Estimated Volume (CCF)</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Sugar Maple Sawtimber</u>	_____	<u>605</u>	_____
<u>Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber</u>	_____	<u>283</u>	_____
<u>Hardwood Pulpwood</u>	_____	<u>1668</u>	_____
<u>Aspen Pulpwood</u>	_____	<u>4</u>	_____
<u>Softwood Pulpwood</u>	_____	<u>1</u>	_____
<u>Total CCF</u>		<u>2561</u>	
Lump Sum Bid Total:			\$ _____

Preferred Contractual Agreements

USFS Road Maintenance Fee: \$343.83

Performance Bond: _____ (\$10,000 preferred)

Advance Payment Provided at Closing to Secure Sale: _____

Preferred Contract Termination Date: _____

- The successful bidder will be expected to sign a mutually agreeable timber-cutting agreement.
- NDA and WEA reserves the right to negotiate and/or reject all bids.

Company Representative Signature: _____

Buyer Name: _____

County/State of Main

Office: _____



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Plan of Operations (Please provide as much information as you feel will be required to properly evaluate your operations. Attach additional information as needed.)

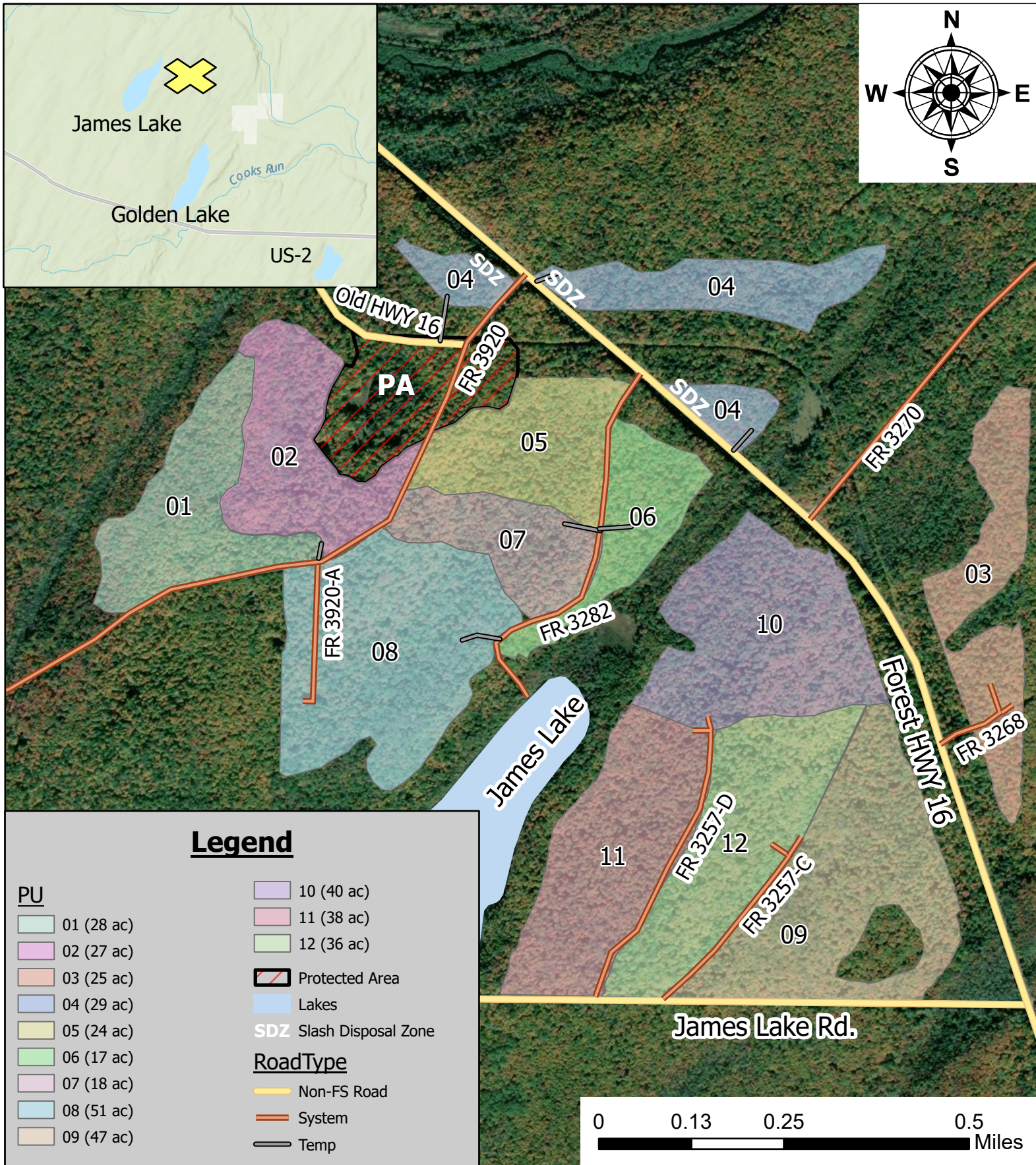
Describe your timeline for harvest:

Describe your timeline for Specified Roadwork:

Describe your quality control plan for harvesting operations:

Describe your harvest equipment and production capabilities (for example - loads/week, MBF/week):

Describe your roadwork equipment and capabilities:



Timber Sale Map

+/- 380 Acres

State: MI

County: Iron

Legal Description: T44N R37W
Sec. 14 and NE 1/4 NE 1/4
Sec. 15

NDA Camp James II

Attachment A

Date: 8/1/2025

By: KEL



SOUTHERN FORESTRY
CONSULTANTS

Attachment B

Product	Total Volume (CCF)	Species	CCF
Sugar Maple Sawtimber	605	Sugar Maple	605
Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber	283	Red Maple	63
		White Ash	136
		Basswood	65
		Yellow Birch	19
Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood	1668	Red Maple	103
		Sugar Maple	1345
		White Ash	178
		Basswood	16
		Yellow Birch	26
Aspen Pulpwood	4	Quaking Aspen	4
Mixed Conifer Pulpwood	1	Balsam Fir	<1
		White Spruce	<1
		Hemlock	<1
		White Pine	<1

ROADWORK MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Road Number	Item Description & Milepost	Season of Use	Unit	Quantity
FR 3257-C		W		
	Remove brush, debris and reshape road to a crown or out slope.		Mile	0.32
	Re-establish turnaround. Clear and grub the surface and reshape to drain.		LS	1
FR 3257-D		W		
	Remove brush, debris and reshape road to a crown or out slope.		Mile	0.42
	Re-establish turnaround. Clear and grub the surface and reshape to drain.		LS	1
FR 3268		W		
	Re-establish roadway segment. Clear and grub and shape to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		Mile	0.1
	Load, haul, and place 20 CY of crushed aggregate for culvert backfill and entrance surface (26 CY loose material)		CY DQ	20
	Re-establish T-Turnaround. Clear and grub and shape to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS	1
FR 3920-A		W		
	Re-establish roadway entrance as a back in landing. Remove brush, debris and reshape road to a crown or out slope to allow for drainage.		LS	1
Road Number	Item Description & Milepost		Unit	Quantity
ANY MAINTENANCE ROAD WITHIN THE SALE AREA				
	Appraisal allowance for during haul maintenance. Load, haul and place 200 CY (260 CY loose material) of pit-run or crushed gravel to be spot placed as needed.		CY	200

S=Summer

D=Dry Summer

W=Winter

ROADWORK MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

ROAD MAINTENANCE APPRAISAL NOTES

- There may be underground utility lines in unknown locations on this project. **Call MISS DIG THREE** full working days before any work begins. Phone 1-800-482-7171.
- During gravel hauling operations, “safety” signs shall be placed at a location approved by sellers agent.
- **20 CY of crushed aggregate and 200 CY of pit-run or crushed gravel** is planned for road entrances. Material may be taken from **U.S.-2 Pit**, located at **T44N, R38W, Section 24** or from a **sellers agent approved** outside source. Some pit development may be required and is considered incidental to associated items.

TEMPORARY ROAD/ DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

PU/ Road Number	Item Description & Milepost	Season of Use	Unit	Quantity
Temp ACCESS into PU 1/2		D		
	Re-establish roadway entrance for back in landing. Clear, grub, and outslope grade to drain		LS	1
Temp ACCESS into PU 4 South		D		
	Clear, grub and construct a back in landing off of FH-16 into PU 4 South. Grade to drain.		LS	1
	Furnish and install a temporary 40' by 18" approach culvert		FT DQ	40
	Load, haul, and place 30 CY of crushed aggregate for culvert backfill and entrance surface (39 CY loose material)		CY DQ	30
Temp ACCESS into PU 4 West		D		
	Clear, grub and construct a back in landing off of Old FH-16 into PU 4 West. Grade to drain.		LS	1
	Load, haul, and place 20 CY of crushed aggregate for culvert backfill and entrance surface (26 CY loose material)		CY DQ	20
Back in landing for PU 6		D		
	Re-establish temp back in landing. Clear, grub and outslope grade to drain		LS	1
Back in landing for PU 5/7		D		
	Re-establish temp back in landing. Clear, grub and outslope grade to drain		LS	1
Back in landing for PU 8				
	Re-establish temp back in landing. Clear, grub and outslope grade to drain	W	LS	1

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CAMP JAMES II TIMBER SALE
TEMPORARY ROAD/ DEVELOPMENT APPRAISAL NOTES

- There may be underground utilities within this project. **Call MISS DIG THREE** full working days before any work begins. Phone 1-800-482-7171.
- **50 CY of crushed aggregate** is planned for road entrances. Material may be taken from **U.S.-2 Pit**, located at **T44N, R38W, Section 24** or from a **sellers agent approved** outside source. Some pit development may be required and is considered incidental to associated items.
- During clear and grub operations all slash resulting from purchasers' operation shall be removed from the roadway.