



**WIREFRASS ECOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATES**

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
Ottawa National Forest – NDA Fishhawk Pre-Road Contract

January 23, 2026

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 Road Work Map (Attachment A), Wiregrass Ecological Associates (WEA) is requesting contracted services under the following ITB:

DUE DATE: **Monday, February 26th, 2026, 10:00 A.M. Central Time**

DESCRIPTION: This Pre-Roading contract includes one (1) cutting unit, which is the Right of Way (ROW) on the Fishhawk Timber Sale. Additionally, all specified road work and road maintenance will be completed as part of this contract. The cutting unit is an individual tree selection that is established as Cut Tree Mark (CTM) marked with yellow 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 the product. Exhibit “A” Timber Sale Map depicts the sale boundaries, and Attachment “A” explains the volume of timber distributed by species and product in the ROW. Attachment “B” shows the roadwork to be accomplished as part of this contract. This sale is located in T45N R42W Sec. 21, 27-29 and 32-33 Gogebic County, MI.

Harvesting is not restricted on this sale, but it is preferred and recommended that the harvest be complete in the winter of 2026. This will require the roadwork to be completed in the summer of 2026.

NDA will be responsible for the payment to release the timber for this sale. The winning contractor will be expected to cut and remove all timber associated with the road project.

BID BASIS: 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, Monday, February 26th, 2026. Emailed bids must be sent to klehmann@wiregrasseco.com or cpefley@wiregrasseco.com. Mailed bids must be sent to 305 W. Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia 39819**

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d’Alene, ID | Marquette, MI



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.

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 and road work 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.

A negotiable performance bond (\$2,000 preferred) will be required at closing. The advance payment amount is and will be required at contract award. The contract length is negotiable but will minimally extend until October 1, 2026.

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,

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NDA Fishhawk Pre-Road Bid Form (Page 1 of 2)

**DUE: Monday, February 26th, 2026
10:00 A.M. Central Time**

We, _____, submit the following lump sum bid for the Pre-Road Contract you are offering for sale on behalf of USFS.

Pre-Road Reconstruction Bid: \$ _____

Estimated value of timber that will be removed from ROW Unit: \$4,976.07

Total Pre-Road Contract Bid (Bid Price - Timber Value): \$ _____

Preferred Contractual Agreements

Performance Bond: _____ (\$2,000 preferred)

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: _____



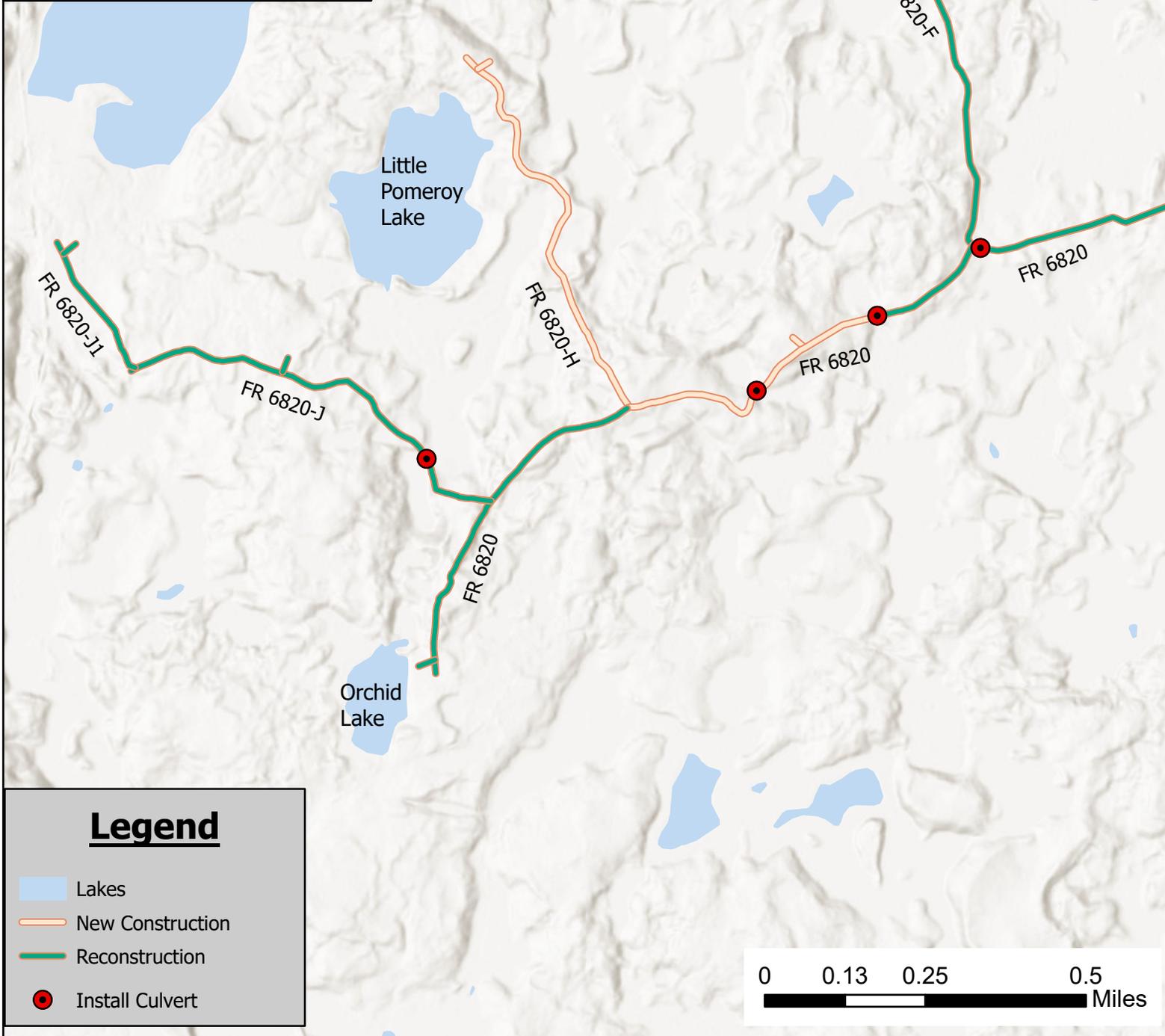
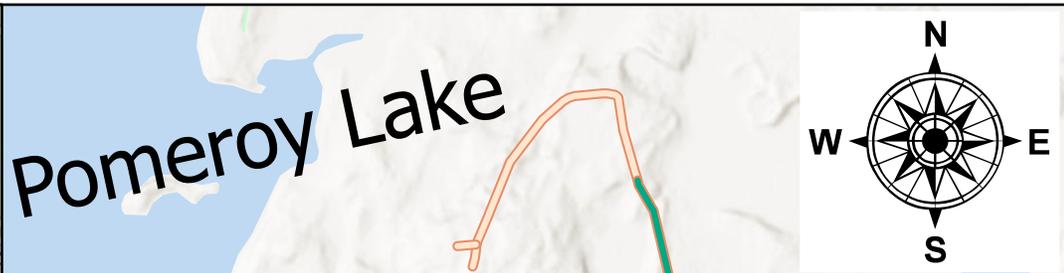
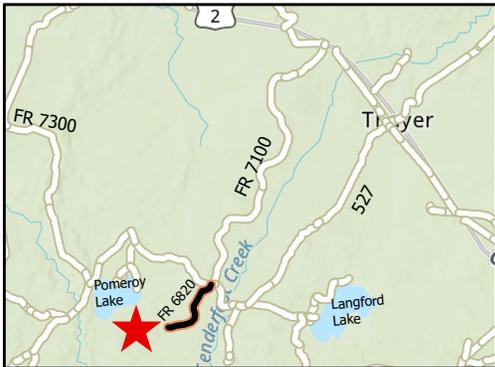
Plan of Operations (Please provide as much information as you feel will be required to properly evaluate your operations. Attach additional information as needed.)

Describe your timeline for harvest:

Describe your timeline for Specified Roadwork:

Describe your quality control plan for harvesting and roadwork operations:

Describe your roadwork equipment and capabilities:



Legend

- Lakes
- New Construction
- Reconstruction
- Install Culvert



Pre-Road work map	State: MI	NDA Fishhawk Pre-Road Contract	Date: 1/20/2026
	County: Gogebic		By: KEL
	Legal Description: T45N R42W Sec. 21, 27-29, & 32-33		 WIREGRASS ECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES
Exhibit A			

Attachment A

Product	Total Volume (CCF)	Species	CCF
Mixed Conifer Sawtimber	1	White Spruce	<1
Red & White Pine Sawtimber	57	White Pine	<1
		Red Pine	57
Sugar Maple Sawtimber	1	Sugar Maple	1
Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber	2	Red Maple	1
		Basswood	<1
		Paper Birch	<1
Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood	79	Red Maple	28
		Sugar Maple	43
		Black Ash	<1
		Basswood	<1
		Paper Birch	5
		Yellow Birch	<1
Aspen Pulpwood	222	Bigtooth Aspen	82
		Quaking Aspen	140
Pine Pulpwood	12	Red Pine	12
Mixed Conifer Pulpwood	9	Balsam Fir	8
		White Spruce	1
		White Pine	<1

NDA FISHHAWK PRE-ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN

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DATE: 3/17/2025

Road Number	Mile Post	Item Description	Season of Use	Unit	Quantity
FR 6820			D		
	0.00-1.11	Shape and crown existing travel surface, 14' wide, as directed by the Forest Service. Shape road to crown to promote drainage.		Mile	1.11
		FR 6820 Total Maintenance			
		Appraisal allowance for during haul pit run gravel, 100 CY (130 CY loose). Pit run gravel, from Bobcat Pit, is to be installed on any maintenance road, as directed by the Forest Service in accordance with specT 8130.		CY DQ	100

NDA FISHHAWK PRE-ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN

MAINTENANCE ROAD NOTES

- NOTE: In the narrative compacted and loose volumes are noted with loose volumes in parenthesis.
- NOTE: 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.
- NOTE: There is 100 CY of during haul pitrun borrow/surfacing material required for spot surfacing of maintenance roadbeds. This volume plus the normal compaction factor of 130% for pitrun surfacing computes to a loose volume of 130 CY. This material may be taken from the Bobcat Pit which is located at T46N, R43W, Section 27. Some pit development may be required and is considered incidental to associated items.
- NOTE: During gravel hauling operations, "Trucks Hauling" signs shall be placed on the haul route. Refer to the Sale Area Map for Cautionary Sign placement. See Sale Area Map for approximate sign locations and Traffic Control Plan for sign size and type. Hauling shall not commence until all signs have been put in place as directed by the Forest Service.

NDA FISHHAWK PRE-ROAD SPECIFIED ROAD PLAN

Item Number	Item Description & Milepost	C or R ¹	Unit & M of M ²	Quantity	Road Std. (S,W,D) ³
	FR 6820				
	MP 1.11 - 2.75				W
	MP 1.11 - 1.51	R			
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to reconstruct road to crown or outslope to allow drainage.		DQ Mile	0.4	
	MP 1.11 - 1.12				
204 (03)	Excavate 80 CY local borrow right at MP 1.11 and spread onto travel way to raise road grade		CY DQ	80	
	MP 1.11 - 1.28				
249 (02)	Realign roadway north of template to straighten curve and avoid beaver dam		DQ Mile	0.17	
	MP 1.20 - 1.27				
204 (03)	Excavate 80 CY local borrow right at MP 1.20 and spread onto travel way to raise road grade and for backfill for culvert at MP 1.21		CY DQ	80	
602 (01)	Furnish and install 24" x 30' High Density Polyethylene drainage pipe at MP 1.21		LF AQ	30	

	MP 1.51 - 1.97	C			W
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to construct road to crown or outslope to allow drainage.			DQ Mile	0.46
	MP 1.70 - 1.72				
602 (01)	Furnish and install 18" x 24' High Density Polyethylene drainage pipe at MP 1.71			LF AQ	24
Item Number	Item Description & Milepost	C or R ¹	Unit & M of M ²	Quantity	Road Std. (S,W,D) ³
204 (03)	Excavate 15 CY local borrow right at MP 1.70 and spread onto travel way to raise road grade and for backfill for culvert at MP 1.71			CY DQ	15
	MP 1.83				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to construct turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.			LS LSQ	1
	MP 1.92 - 1.94				
602 (01)	Furnish and install 24" x 28' High Density Polyethylene drainage pipe at MP 1.93			LF AQ	28
204 (03)	Excavate 30 CY local borrow and spread onto travel way to raise road grade and for backfill for culvert at MP 1.93			CY DQ	30

	MP 1.97 - 2.75	R			
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to construct road to crown or outslope to allow drainage.		DQ Mile	0.78	
	MP 2.72	R			
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to improve existing turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	
Item Number	Item Description & Milepost	C or R ¹	Unit & M of M ²	Quantity	Road Std. (S,W,D) ³
	FR 6820-F				
	MP 0.00 - 1.09				W
	MP 0.00 - 0.68	R			
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to shape road to crown or outslope to promote drainage.		DQ Mile	0.68	
	MP 0.24				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to improve existing turn around left. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	

	MP 0.68 - 1.09	C			
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to construct road to crown or outslope to allow drainage.		DQ Mile	0.41	
	MP 1.06				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to construct turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	
	FR 6820-H				
	MP 0.00 - 0.70	C			W
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to construct road to crown or outslope to promote drainage.		DQ Mile	0.7	
Item Number	Item Description & Milepost	C or R ¹	Unit & M of M ²	Quantity	Road Std. (S,W,D) ³
	MP 0.64				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to construct turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	
	FR 6820-J				
	MP 0.00 - 0.70	R			W
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to reconstruct road to crown or outslope to promote drainage.		DQ Mile	0.7	
	MP 0.13 - 0.15				
602 (01)	Furnish and install 18" x 24' High Density Polyethylene drainage pipe at MP 0.14		LF AQ	24	

204 (03)	Excavate 15 CY local borrow and spread onto travel way to raise road grade and for backfill for culvert at MP 0.14		CY DQ	15	
	MP 0.43				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to construct turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	
Item Number	Item Description & Milepost	C or R ¹	Unit & M of M ²	Quantity	Road Std. (S,W,D) ³
	FR 6820 - J1				
	MP 0.00 - 0.24	R			W
249 (02)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing and to reconstruct road to crown or outslope to promote drainage. Realign entrance radius.		DQ Mile	0.24	
	MP 0.21				
249 (03)	Composite Road Construction Work includes clearing and grubbing to construct turn around right. Shape turn around leg to crown or outslope to allow for drainage.		LS LSQ	1	

NDA FISHHAWK PRE-ROAD SPECIFIED ROAD PLAN

SPECIFIED ROAD NOTES

- NOTE: All finished roadbeds shall be 12' as shown in the typical details for crowned roads with ditches. Reconstruction roads have areas that need shaping and shall be built to minimize soil disturbance. When working in locations with suitable existing vegetation or stability, shaping may have to be reduced to retain soil/surface conditions.
- NOTE: In the narrative compacted and loose volumes are noted with loose volumes in parenthesis
- NOTE: 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
- NOTE: During clear and grub operations all slash resulting from Contractor's operation shall be treated as per CT-G 6.7#.