



MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 1:00pm

Meeting Location: Conference Room #5, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Rick Seefeldt (Chairman), Tom Rosenberg (Vice-Chairman), Jean Maszk

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement: *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2489 750 9263. Please Note: If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number" enter the # sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 30, 2022 Committee Meeting**
4. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. Consider Approving the Fall 2022 Timber Sale Package
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration
 1. Consider Approving County Forest Ordinance Revisions – Chapter 16
5. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None**
6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. 2023 Budget Update
 - B. DNR/County Forest Partnership Meeting Minutes
 - C. 2022 Ragnar Trail Wisconsin Update
 - D. Update From the Fall Wisconsin County Forests Association Meeting
7. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex**
 - A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Forest Advisory Subcommittee Appointment

8. Adjournment

**SIGNED /s/ Thomas Lovlien
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

ANY PERSON PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO NEEDS SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 261-1500 OR E-MAIL COUNTYCLERK@CO.MARATHON.WI.US ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

EMAILED/FAXED TO: Daily Herald and other News Media Groups
EMAILED/FAXED BY: Jodi Luebbe
EMAIL/FAX DATE/TIME: September 27, 2022 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:
By: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair), Jean Maszk
Staff present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director
Others present: Stacey Morache-County Board Member, Jeff Sorenson-DNR Liaison Forester

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seefeldt at 1:30pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with State statutes.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward.

3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Timber Sale Closeout – Tigerton Lumber Company. Contract #660-17 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 2018 and 4041.17 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$140,381.85. Lovlien’s recommendation is to close out Contract #660-17 and return their cash bond and remaining balance in their account. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to close out Contract #660-17 and return their cash bond and remaining balance in their account. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

2. County Forests Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointment – withdrawn

3. Discuss Fee Increase for Undesignated Camping on County Forests – Lovlien explained there is an application for applying for an undesignated camping permit which is currently fifteen dollars for one day up to fourteen days. A permit is needed for safety and to follow-up if an individual leaves a mess. He surveyed other counties and their permit fees vary in price. Staff believes an increase of ten dollars is warranted to cover administrative and law enforcement costs for the permit. Discussion followed. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to increase the fee for undesignated camping on county forests to \$25.00 for one night up to fourteen nights beginning January 1, 2023. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Consider Approving 2023 County Conservation Aids Project – Lovlien explained that this grant matches fifty percent of State funds with fifty percent of County levy for fish and game projects County wide. He described different projects that have been done in past years. He explained that the boat planks at Big Eau Pleine Park only go out a certain distance and sometimes in the summer there is not enough water because the reservoir is drawn down. His recommendation is to spend the 2023 funds for three boat landing plank extensions at Big Eau Pleine Park. If there are not enough funds to cover all three, he may request the 2024 grant funding go towards finishing the project. **Motion** / second Seefeldt / Rosenberg to approve the 2023 County Conservation Aids Project to extend three boat launches at Big Eau Pleine Park. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration

1. Marathon County Strategic Plan Objective 5.2 Outcome Measure 3 – Polley explained that the objectives in the County’s Strategic Plan are being reviewed. Staff will be discussing Objective 5.2 which is to promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth-Outcome Measure 3 which is that by December 31, 2022, an average of 320 acres of land per year will be acquired for the Marathon County Parks and Forests System. Staff recommends this objective remain in the Strategic Plan. It is highlighted in both the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the 15-Year County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Polley discussed the guidelines and reasons used when purchasing park lands. She noted the County considers purchasing forest land if it is within the established blocking boundaries. Lands have been purchased using the State Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant which funds up to fifty percent on purchases of land. The Objective says “will acquire 320 acres” but that amount of land is more of a goal as staff only purchases from willing landowners and doesn’t actively pursue land to buy. Questions were answered and discussion followed. Lovlien discussed how over the last ten years the average has been \$355,000 a year in timber sale revenue to the

County. The forest industry supports jobs, has important nature, recreation, and economic impacts as well. The DNR pays townships with forested acres sixty-three cents an acre and the County pays those townships ten percent of the gross timber revenue based on their acreage. Lovlien mentioned that only 3.1 percent of the total land base in Marathon County is in county forests and only eight percent of the million acres in the County are in public parks and forest areas. A video was shown that the Wisconsin County Forests Association put together on the benefits and value of county forests are to the citizens of Wisconsin.

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. County Forest Tour Draft Agenda – Lovlien said the forest tour will take place on September 15th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Kronenwetter and Nine Mile Forest Units will be visited. He encouraged everyone to attend as there will be a lot of information given and interesting things to see.

B. Status on Voluntary Carbon Markets – Lovlien said through direction from the County Administrator a feasibility study was done for a carbon project on Marathon County forest. They are trying to determine the best approach to engage the Committees and County Board on whether to move forward with this project. The four Chairs of the Committee’s that are involved will be reviewing the feasibility study and staff will work with them to determine what the next step is and to get direction. If the decision is to move towards an engagement plan with Committees and County Board then information and education will be provided over the next several months. Lovlien noted that this doesn’t have to be rushed, the County Board will need to study and consider the positives and negatives of moving forward or not.

C. Preliminary Results of the 2022 Forest Certification Audit – Lovlien explained that Marathon County is certified under the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) and a subset of counties are audited every year. No Corrective Action Requests (CARs) were found in the counties that are certified SFI. There was one Opportunity for Improvement (OFI) found statewide to improve understanding of “Special Sites” designation. There are twenty-seven county forests that are certified and will be working together on this Opportunity for Improvement.

D. State Capital Update Regarding County Forest Budget Issues – Lovlien discussed the Wisconsin County Forest Association’s 2023-2025 biennial budget priorities which include: increasing the county forest administrator grant to address inflation and ever-increasing costs of salary and fringe benefits; allocating \$250,000 solely for the sustainable forestry grant, above and beyond what is made available for the administrator grant; allocating the full \$0.10/acre, as allowed in statute, for the wildlife habitat grant. It is currently being prorated to less than half of that amount; increasing the time standard hours to keep pace with the growing complexity and size of the county forest program; and continuing financial and technical support of the Wisconsin Forestry Inventory Reporting System (WisFIRS) program. Additionally, asking for increased funding for the ATV/UTV budgets to help counties pay for law enforcement and maintenance on county trail systems. Lovlien also mentioned that Governor Evers had announced an investment, funded by the state’s allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), in supporting several stewardship projects, including a major project in Bayfield County. Questions were answered.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: October 4, 2022, 1:30pm, Rm. 5 and WebEx, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Seefeldt requested the starting time of the meetings be changed to 1:00 pm. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to change the meeting start time from 1:30 pm to 1:00 pm keeping the meeting dates the same. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Forest Ordinance Revisions, Consider Approving the Fall 2022 Timber Sale Package, DNR/County Partnership Meeting, 2023 Budget Update

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Seefeldt to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.



FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE INVITATION FOR BID

Here is our fall timber sale prospectus.

Please submit bids after reviewing the prospectus, sale areas, and timber sale contract including:

- Purchasers are allowed to submit a personal or business check as a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid.
- All pulpwood will be bid by the ton to a top diameter of 4". There is also an option to bid on tops/biomass.
- Stick scaled cord volume will be converted to tons using published WDNR handbook weights. The Marathon County mixed hardwood pulp weight is 4800 pounds per cord. (See table on back of this sheet)
- **NEW - A secondary bid opening for any tracts not sold in the first bid opening shall be held at 1:30 pm Wednesday, November 23, 2022, Conference Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403.**
- **CONTRACT EXTENSIONS:**
Please read and understand contract extensions as we will be following our policy.

To submit a bid:

1. Use the enclosed bid form or a photocopy.
2. Bid a price per **ton** or **MBF** for each species, including tracts designated as lump sum.
3. Complete the Logger's Statement of Qualifications.
4. Sign your bid.
5. Enclose a bid bond, cashier's, personal or business check, letter of credit, or money order for 10% of the total bid.
6. Seal each signed bid in a separate envelope marked: "Timber Sale Bid - Tract No. _____".
7. **Submit your signed bid(s) by 1:30pm, Monday October 31, 2022,** to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 212 River Drive, Ste. 2, Wausau, WI 54403-5476. Actual receipt is required. Deposit in the mail, facsimile, or e-mail is not sufficient.

I invite you to attend the bid opening at 1:30pm, **Monday, October 31, 2022,** Conference Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin, 54403.

Thomas G. Lovlien
Forest Administrator

c: Forestry/Recreation Committee
County Administrator
Corporation Counsel
Jeff Sorenson, DNR Forest Liaison

All pulpwood will now be bid and sold by the ton. State of Wisconsin weight conversion pounds per cord will be used (see chart below). Mixed hardwood will include all hardwood species unless listed separately on the sale map. The Marathon County mixed hardwood pulp weight is established at 4,800 pounds per cord.

**CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS
POUNDS PER CORD**

| Species | Weight |
|----------------|--------|
| Hemlock | 4800 |
| Tamarack | 4650 |
| Red Pine | 4500 |
| Jack Pine | 4250 |
| Balsam | 4250 |
| White Pine | 4200 |
| Spruce | 4000 |
| Cedar | 3150 |
| White Oak | 5850 |
| Red Oak | 5500 |
| Hickory | 5400 |
| Yellow Birch | 5350 |
| Hard Maple | 5100 |
| Beech | 5050 |
| Elm | 5000 |
| Balsam Poplar | 4900 |
| White Birch | 4800 |
| Cottonwood | 4650 |
| Ash | 4600 |
| Soft Maple | 4550 |
| Aspen | 4500 |
| Basswood | 3850 |
| Mixed Hardwood | 4800 |

Marathon County reserves the right to scale any wood products piled in the woods for longer than 30 days.

FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE SUMMARY – MARATHON COUNTY FOREST

| TRACT NO. | SPECIES | 4" VOLUME | FOREST UNIT AND TRACT DESCRIPTION |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| 06-22 | Aspen | 5450 Tons | <u>Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit</u> – LAZY HUNTER (99 Acres) Dry Mid-Summer/Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to Rocky Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025. |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 900 Tons | |
| | Red Oak | 170 Tons | |
| | Basswood | 35 Tons | |
| | Red Oak Logs | 15.0 MBF | |
| | Red Maple Logs | 5.0 MBF | |
| | Ash Logs | 4.0 MBF | |
| | Basswood Logs | 3.0 MBF | |
| | Tops/Biomass | 1950 Tons | |
| 07-22 | Aspen | 2350 Tons | <u>Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit</u> – VOYAGER (77 Acres) Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to Hansen Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025. |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 1150 Tons | |
| | Red Oak | 170 Tons | |
| | Red Maple Logs | 26.0 MBF | |
| | Ash Logs | 1.0 MBF | |
| | Tops/Biomass | 1050 Tons | |
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| 08-22 | Mixed Hardwood | 1250 Tons | <u>Leather Camp Forest Unit</u> – SHIVERING WOODCOCK (72 Acres) Winter Logging Access to Leather Camp Drive. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025. |
| | Aspen | 600 Tons | |
| | Basswood | 130 Tons | |
| | Red Oak | 130 Tons | |
| | White Spruce | 40 Tons | |
| | Red Maple Logs | 35.0 MBF | |
| | Basswood Logs | 15.0 MBF | |
| | Red Oak Logs | 5.0 MBF | |
| | Ash Logs | 4.0 MBF | |
| | Hard Maple Logs | 2.0 MBF | |
| | Tops/Biomass | 725 Tons | |
| 09-22 | Mixed Hardwood | 2350 Tons | <u>Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit</u> – RED ELEPHANT (78 Acres) Winter logging. Access to Sawmill Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025. |
| | Aspen | 1900 Tons | |
| | Red Maple Logs | 160.0 MBF | |
| | Mixed Hdwd Logs | 3.0 MBF | |
| | Tops/Biomass | 1250 Tons | |
| 10-22 | Mixed Hardwood | 1200 Tons | <u>Big Eau Pleine County Park</u> – BEP #2 (69 Acres) Late Fall/Winter logging. Access to Big Eau Pleine Park Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 31, 2024. |
| | Basswood | 400 Tons | |
| | Aspen | 85 Tons | |
| | Ash Logs | 24.0 MBF | |
| | Basswood Logs | 23.0 MBF | |
| | Hard Maple Logs | 17.0 MBF | |
| | Red Maple Logs | 5.0 MBF | |

INVITATION FOR BIDS MARATHON COUNTY FOREST TIMBER STUMPAGE

Marathon County is offering 395 acres of timber on Tracts 06-22, 07-22, 08-22, 09-22, and 10-22. These tracts have an estimated 23,370 tons and 347.0 thousand board feet of:

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| Aspen Pulp | 10385 Tons | Red Maple Logs | 231.0 MBF |
| Mixed Hdwd. Pulp | 6850 Tons | Basswood Logs | 41.0 MBF |
| Basswood Pulp | 565 Tons | Ash Logs | 33.0 MBF |
| Red Oak Pulp | 470 Tons | Red Oak Logs | 20.0 MBF |
| Hickory Pulp | 85 Tons | Hard Maple Logs | 19.0 MBF |
| White Spruce Pulp | 40 Tons | Mixed Hdwd. Logs | 3.0 MBF |
| Biomass | 4975 Tons | | |

Specific information is available from the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 715/261-1550.

Submit bids by 1:30 PM, Monday, October 31, 2022, to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 212 River Drive, Suite 2, Wausau, WI, 54403-5476. Bids will be publicly read at that time in Conference Room 3. Actual receipt is required. Deposit in the mail, facsimile, or e-mail is not sufficient.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days.

Evaluation criteria will be price and documented ability to satisfactorily complete the contract including: proposed equipment and operation; references; proof of financial stability; past performance; FISTA training; and BMP training. Award of the contract to the successful bidder shall be based upon the bid determined most advantageous to the County or made to the highest responsible and responsive bidder.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids, to waive technical deficiencies in the bids, and to award a contract deemed in the best interests of the County. This solicitation may also be canceled if determined to be in the best interests of the County.

A secondary bid opening for any tracts not sold in the first bid opening shall be held at 1:30 PM, Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Conference Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403.

The General Code of the County of Marathon contains various procurement policies which are applicable to this proposed procurement. These include prohibitions against gratuities and kickbacks.

County of Marathon
By: Jamie Polley, Director
Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department



Wausau & Marathon County
Parks, Recreation
& Forestry

TIMBER SALE BID

I submit the following bid on Tract No. _____

All bids, including Lump Sum, must be itemized by species on a per ton or per Thousand Board Foot (MBF) basis.

| SPECIES | ESTIMATED VOLUME | PRICE BID PER TON OR MBF | TOTAL |
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| GRAND TOTAL | | | \$ |

Logger's Statement of Qualifications:

1. Logging firm's name, address, and phone:

2. How many years have you been engaged in the logging business under the present firm name?

3. List the major equipment that will be used to complete the work on this tract and describe your operation:

(Please fill out and sign reverse side)

4. List at least three references for past performance on logging contracts with the name and phone number of a contact person:

5. FISTA trained Yes No Date _____

Other safety training (please describe)

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

6. BMP training Yes No Date _____

The undersigned, having familiarized himself with the conditions affecting the cost of the work, having read completely the specifications, hereby proposes to perform everything required and to provide and furnish labor, materials, equipment, tools, and all other services and supplies necessary to complete in a workmanlike manner all of the work described in the specifications relating to this timber tract.

A bid security equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total bid, in the form of a bond, money order, Letter of Credit, cashier's, personal or business check, has been submitted as part of this bid.

I have carefully examined the specifications, contract documents, and site where the work is to be done and have no agreements to prevent the completion of said work.

If this bid is the successful bid, I will finalize and execute a contract as set forth in the contract documents under all the terms, conditions, and requirements as set forth in the contract documents, and, unless this contract is executed within 15 days after the date of being notified that this bid is the successful bid, I will forfeit the 10% bid security in its entirety. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in being considered ineligible to bid on any County timbersales for a two-year duration. This bid proposal will become part of the contract upon the awarding of the contract.

Date

Name (Please Print)

Signature

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

Contract No. _____ Scaled or Ticket System

Tract No. _____ Tree Measurement (Lump Sum)

AGREEMENT entered into between Marathon County, Wisconsin, a municipal body corporate, hereinafter referred to as "County" and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser". The term "Purchaser" shall include all workers, employees, agents, subcontractors, and independent contractors that may be employed by the "Purchaser". For purposes of implementing this contract, the "County Representative" shall be the County Forest Administrator or his designee. The term "County" shall include Marathon County, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and any committee thereof, and all Marathon County officers, officials, employees, agents, and assigns. Further, this contract constitutes the entire agreement by and between the undersigned parties. No other terms or conditions may be implied or inferred. The County and Purchaser, in consideration of the covenants hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

Purchaser shall cut and remove all timber marked or designated by County agents on the following described lands hereinafter referred to as the "sale area": _____

Operating Specifications and a map outlining the boundaries of the sale area are attached and made a part of this contract as if fully stated herein.

Both parties agree that the estimates regarding the amount of timber included in any contract are estimates only and are offered as a guide to the proposed Purchaser for the purpose of bidding.

Purchaser shall be responsible for keeping within the boundaries of the sale area and shall be liable for all trespasses committed by Purchaser outside of such boundaries.

TIMBER TO BE REMOVED

| Species/ Product | Estimated Volume | Bid Per Unit | Total Bid | Species/ Product | Estimated Volume | Bid Per Unit | Total Bid |
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TOTALS: _____

All volumes based on unpeeled measure. Unless otherwise specified, a cord is 4' x 4' x 100".

GENERAL TERMS

1. **CONTRACT PERIOD.** Purchaser will completely perform his obligations under this contract by the _____
2. **CONTRACT EXTENSIONS.** If extensions of this contract are deemed reasonable by the County, the stumpage price agreed upon herein shall be adjusted as follows:
 - A. First one-year extension
 1. 2 or 2.5 year contract..... 10%
 2. 3 year contract..... 15%
 - B. Additional one-year extensions..... 10%
 - C. Other applicable charges or fees: NONE

The maximum time duration of a timber sale contract, including extensions, will be four years. Extension beyond this period of time will be considered by the County only in the event of special justification. Special stumpage rate adjustments may be made.

3. **CHANGE ORDERS.** The scope of the services to be performed under this contract may be amended or supplemented by mutual written agreement between the parties to the contract.
4. **PERFORMANCE; PERFORMANCE BOND; LIQUIDATED OR ACTUAL DAMAGES; FUTURE CONTRACTS.**
 - A. Notice to Begin. Purchaser shall contact the County representative in writing both prior to commencing logging operations from contract site and upon final completion of the Timber Sale Contract. The Purchaser must also contact the County representative in writing if work is to cease at the contract site for more than one month. At the end of this period of time, the Purchaser must then inform the County representative in writing that work is to begin again.
 - B. Contract Oversight. Cutting and removal of timber purchased under this contract shall be conducted in conformance with this contract and in a good and workmanlike manner with reasonable diligence to assure completion of all performance within the contract period specified in par. 1.
 - C. Performance Bond. A performance bond in Marathon County's favor in the amount of \$ _____ in cash, by surety bond, or in other form accepted by the County, shall be submitted by the Purchaser no later than _____ to be retained by the County to assure full and complete performance of the contract by the Purchaser to the County's satisfaction. Failure to submit the bond will be considered a breach of this contract and subject the Purchaser to liability for damages. The Purchaser agrees that the bond shall be forfeited to the County as liquidated damages upon the County's determination a condition or term of this contract has been breached by the Purchaser, unless the County chooses and can reasonably determine the actual damages suffered as a result of the breach of the contract. Damages assessed under this contract are the responsibility of the Purchaser and may be deducted from this performance bond and otherwise collected by the County.
 - D. The Purchaser agrees that the performance bond may be retained by the County until all performance under this contract has been completed to the County's satisfaction and the County determines the performance has been so completed. In the event the Purchaser provided written notice of sale completion to the County, the County shall have sixty (60) days to determine that performance has been completed as required under this contract.
 - E. If timber or other forest products not specifically described in this contract or designated by the County for cutting are cut, damaged or removed by the Purchaser, the County may pursue any and all remedies for the unlawful use of the County's property and the cutting, damage or removal of property without consent, including the seeking of criminal or civil charges for theft, timber theft or criminal damage to property in addition to its contract remedies for breach.

F. The County may, when it deems it reasonable and in the best interest of the County, allow the Purchaser to continue performance under the contract and the Purchaser shall pay as liquidated damages double the mill value as determined by the County for the timber or other forest products cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this contract. The County's permission to continue cutting shall not be considered a waiver of breach nor prevent it from considering such breach for purposes of asserting any other remedies available to it. It is agreed that the double mill scale sum is a reasonable estimate of the probable damages suffered by the County and shall not be construed as or held to be in the nature of a penalty.

G. The Purchaser agrees that if the timber identified in this contract for cutting is to be resold due to a breach of this contract, as determined by the County, the County is not obligated to give oral or written notice to the Purchaser of the resale.

H. The County's damages upon the Purchaser's failure to perform this contract include, but are not limited to:

- (1) The Purchaser's bid value of timber not cut and removed under this contract.
- (2) Double the mill value, as determined by the County, for timber cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this contract.
- (3) All costs of sale area cleanup, restoration or completion of performance not completed by the Purchaser.
- (4) All costs of resale of timber not cut and removed as required under this contract.
- (5) If the County seeks damages for breach of this contract through court proceedings, and if the County prevails in such proceedings, in whole or in part, then the Purchaser agrees to pay all of the County's actual and reasonable expenses, including attorney's and expert witness fees.

The County may agree to mitigate the damages for breach by offering the timber for resale on no more than two (2) occasions if it determines the timber is salable based upon its volume or quality.

- (6) A minimum of 10% of the original sale price to the County (same amount as the original bid bond) as an administrative fee for the costs of readvertising and reestablishing the sale or pay the difference between the new sale price and the original price, but not less than 10% if the new sale price is less than the original price.
- (7) If the sale is not resold after two separate bid openings, the Purchaser is liable for liquidated damages including the total performance bond.

I. A Purchaser deemed by the County to be in breach of this contract may also be considered an irresponsible bidder and be refused the opportunity to bid upon or obtain future timber sales of the County for a period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of determination of the breach.

5. **NON-COMPLIANCE-WRITTEN NOTICE.** A. Upon written notice by a County representative that Purchaser is not in compliance with one or more conditions of the contract, occupancy of and operations on the Contract Site shall be suspended. Any continued occupancy or use of the contract site shall be deemed a trespass. Said written notice shall be sent by Certified Mail to the mailing address listed on the first page of this document or may be personally served by a representative of the County.

B. If subsequent to receiving a written authorization from the County representative to recommence work, Purchaser fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract, a County representative shall again give written notice that work and occupancy at the site are to cease.

C. Occupancy and operations may be resumed only with written authorization of the County representative. Said authorization may contain special conditions to insure continued compliance with the terms of this contract.

6. **FORESTRY COMMITTEE.** The Forestry/Recreation Committee (hereinafter called FR Committee) shall then make a determination of whether the Timber Sale Contract and/or Performance Bond described in Paragraph 4 shall be forfeited. Purchaser shall have notice of the FR Committee meeting and an opportunity to be heard. Notification of the FR Committee's decision shall be sent to the Purchaser by certified mail at the address specified on the first page of this contract. The decision of the FR Committee, acting on the advice of its agents as to whether Purchaser is in compliance with the terms of this contract, shall be final subject to Purchaser's rights to appeal pursuant to Chapter 24 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County.
7. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTRACT - FORFEITURE.** Should the Purchaser enter into more than one timber sale contract, all of the timber sale contracts entered into by and between the Purchaser and the County shall be considered as one general contract consisting of subunits relating to different sites. A notice of non-compliance with respect to any one site shall constitute notice as to all sites, and the Purchaser shall forthwith cease operations at all sites until Purchaser receives written authorization to resume operations in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
8. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** In connection with performance of work under this contract, the Purchaser agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, or disabilities.
9. **TITLE TO PRODUCTS AND STUMPAGE.** Title to all cut forest products shall remain with the County until paid for by Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all damage or loss of all forest products resulting from fire, flood, theft caused by his own fault during the contractual term. Forest products and stumps remaining on the sale area at the expiration of the contract or upon breach, revert to the ownership of the County without any refund of monies paid.
10. **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION.** Purchaser authorizes any individual, business, or mill receiving wood from this contract to release mill scale slips and any other information to the County regarding amount, date received, and other relevant information.
11. **RESIDENCE.** No residence shall be established on the contract area.
12. **TRAINING REQUIREMENT.** The Purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website http://www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to initiating sale.
13. **ASSIGNMENT.** The Purchaser is precluded from assigning payment and contract oversight, duties or other performance requirements of this contract to another. The Purchaser's direction to or contracting with another to complete performance required under this contract does not relieve the Purchaser from the responsibility for performance required under this contract or for liability for breach. **(Purchaser shall not subcontract any portion of this contract without prior written approval from the County, said approval will not be unreasonably withheld.)**
14. **INSPECTION.** The County retains for itself the right of ingress and egress to and on the sale area and may inspect the sale area and trucks hauling forest products from or traveling on the sale area at any time. If the inspection reveals any violations of this contract, the Purchaser shall promptly take measures to remedy the violation. The County may terminate the Purchaser's operations upon oral notice to the Purchaser. Upon receipt of the notice, the Purchaser shall cease operations until the County approves resumption of them.

15. **PAYMENT.** A. All payments will be in cash, cashiers check, personal or business check, or money order unless other arrangements are made in writing with the County.
- B. Scaled or ticket-system stumpage payments shall be made prior to wood being hauled. Purchasers in good standing with Marathon County will be allowed up to three business days to submit payment. Marathon County reserves the right to determine which purchasers are in good standing. Payments due and owing to the County will be based upon actual scaling.
- C. Lump sum sale contracts must be paid in full prior to beginning any operations. If cutting units are designated, the Purchaser must pay for and satisfactorily complete a unit as determined by a County representative prior to beginning operations in another unit.
16. **REMOVAL WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Timber or other forest products may not be removed from the sale area until paid for as provided in this contract or other guarantees for payment have been made with and to the satisfaction of the County. Upon removal of timber or other forest products in violation of this paragraph, the Purchaser agrees to pay as liquidated damages double the mill value of the timber removed, and in addition to pursuing its remedies for breach of contract, the County may seek charges against the Purchaser for Timber Theft under s. 26.05, Wis. Stats., or a violation of ch. NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code, consider it a breach of contract and pursue all remedies provided in this contract.
17. **ROADS, LANDINGS, MILL SITES, CAMPSITES, EROSION CONTROL, BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs).** A. When not otherwise designated by the County, the location of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites on County's property is subject to advance approval and under the conditions established by the County. All restoration, cleanup or repair of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites, or the cost of the cleanup, if not completed by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County, is the responsibility of the Purchaser.
- B. All logging debris accumulated at landing areas, including bark, tops and slash, shall be scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the County.
- C. Berms constructed on the County's property shall be leveled to restore the area to the County's satisfaction unless they are constructed at the direction of the County under par. d.
- D. Roads and landings shall be graded or closed upon the request of and to the County's satisfaction upon completion or termination of this contract.
- E. Other restoration requirements (e.g., seeding, gravel, rutting, culvert removal, etc.): NONE
- F. Erosion control and Best Management Practices (BMPs) requirements:
- (1) The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMP guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-093, unless specifically provided otherwise below. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. Purchaser's certification in Wisconsin BMP training through a FISTA coordinated BMP workshop is also required.
- (2) The Purchaser shall make every attempt to comply with Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species as described in "Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-444-09 unless specifically provided otherwise below. In particular, the purchaser agrees to work cooperatively with the administering forester and any subcontractors to address the considerations in BMPs 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 and 9.1. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the Seller if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/forestry>.

(3) The Purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in “Wisconsin’s Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines” published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/biomass/>

(4) Other: None.

18. **SOIL DISTURBANCE AND RUTTING** A. The Purchaser agrees to take all steps and precautions to avoid and minimize soil disturbances, such as soil compaction and rutting. If soil disturbances occur, the Purchaser agrees to work cooperatively to mitigate and repair any and all instances of soil disturbance.

B. Excessive soil disturbance (as defined in Table 1) shall not be permitted. Purchaser agrees to contact Seller in the event of an excessive soil disturbance.

Table 1. Thresholds for soil disturbances.

| <u>Timber Sale Infrastructure</u> | <u>Soil disturbances are excessive if:</u> |
|---|--|
| <u>Roads, Landings, Skid Trails, and General Harvest Area</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream, or lake.</u> |
| <u>Roads, Landings, and Primary Skid Trails</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u> ▪ <u>In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more.</u> |
| <u>Secondary Skid Trails and General Harvest Area</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u> |

Note: The depth is to be measured from the original soil surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (the “top” of the lug). The length is measured from the start of the “too deep” section to the end of the “too deep” section. Measurements are not cumulative.

Note: In high use forest recreation areas such as the Nine Mile Unit and County park lands we will require the purchaser to follow a lower threshold for soil disturbance (than defined in Table 1). The lower threshold will be communicated to the Purchaser during the pre-logging meeting and documented on the pre-logging form.

C. The County may temporarily suspend operations under this contract due to excessive soil disturbances (as defined in Table 1).

D. Prior to sale completion the Purchaser shall mitigate and repair soil disturbances to the Seller’s satisfaction.

E. Other restoration requirements (e.g. repair of soil disturbance or rutting on recreational trails used for skidding):

(1) NONE

(2)

19. **DIGGERS HOTLINE.** The Purchaser is responsible to contact the Diggers Hotline, or other informational sources performing similar services, prior to digging or conducting other activities on the property which may result in contact with utility or service lines or facilities.
20. **OTHER APPROVALS.** Logging roads that intersect town, county or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction. The Purchaser agrees to apply for and obtain all approvals. The Purchaser also agrees to fully comply with all terms and conditions of intersection approvals.
21. **UNCUT TREES AND WASTED TIMBER.** Should marked or designated trees be left uncut or unremoved, the Purchaser shall be liable to the County for damages in the amount said wood would have been valued for payment at the mill site as of the date all work to be performed pursuant to this contract was to have been completed. Young growth trees bent or held down by felled trees must be properly released or Purchaser shall be liable for damages in the amount of replacement costs. The Purchaser shall be liable for damages at double the stumpage rate specified for timber wasted in tops and stumps.
22. **STUMP HEIGHT, TOPS.** The maximum stump height may not exceed the stump diameter; except for stumps of a diameter of less than 10 inches, the height of the stump may not exceed 10 inches. Additionally, clumps of stumps shall be treated as individual stumps and maximum height may not exceed each individual stump diameter. Title to tops shall remain in the owner and may not be utilized by the Purchaser, or at the Purchaser's direction, unless otherwise specified in this contract.
23. **ZONE COMPLETION.** The Purchaser agrees to complete all operations on each portion of the sale area or each zone as designated on the sale area map, or other attachments or in the cutting requirements before beginning cutting in the next portion or zone, unless agreed to otherwise by the County.
24. **SLASH.** Slash as defined in s. 26.12, Wis. Stats., shall be disposed of as follows:
 - A. Slash falling in any lake or stream, in a right-of-way or on land of an adjoining landowner shall be immediately removed from the waters, right-of-way or adjoining land. Tops from felled trees may not be left hanging in standing trees. All trees shall be completely felled and not left leaning or hanging in other trees.
 - B. Other: None.
25. **FOREST FIRE PREVENTION.** The Purchaser agrees to take reasonable precautions to prevent the starting and spreading of fires. Those precautions include, but are not limited to:
 - A. A minimum of one fully charged 5 pound or larger ABC fire extinguisher with a flexible spout shall be carried on each off-road logging vehicle.
 - B. All chainsaws and all non-turbocharged off-road logging equipment used in the operation shall be equipped with spark arrestors which have been approved by the U.S. Forest Service. Such arrestors may not be altered in any manner or removed and shall be properly maintained. (Information on approved arrestors may be obtained from the Seller.)
 - C. If a fire occurs, the Purchaser agrees to promptly cooperate in the control and suppression of the fire.
 - D. The Purchaser shall comply with requests regarding forest fire prevention and suppression made by the Seller and take all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report forest fires. Those requests may include ceasing or modifying operations.
 - E. The Purchaser shall be responsible for damage and forest fire suppression costs, including that provided in ss.26.14 and 26.21, Wis. Stats., caused by their operation under this Contract.
 - F. Other: NONE

26. **SURVEY MONUMENTS.** The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any land survey monuments or accessories which are removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. In the event that the performance bond is insufficient to cover such cost, the provisions of Statute 59.74, Perpetuation of Landmarks, shall be enforced.
27. **CLEANUP AND USE OF SALE AREA.** A. The Purchaser shall remove, to the satisfaction of the seller, all equipment, tools, solid waste, oil filters, grease cartridges, trash and debris remaining on the sale area or Seller's property upon completion of performance under this Contract, termination of this Contract due to breach by the Purchaser or when requested by the County.
- B. No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement may be established or constructed on the sale area or other property of the County.
- C. The Purchaser agrees to properly use and dispose of all petroleum products, including but not limited to oil, hydraulic fuel and diesel fuel. Any on-site spillage must be properly removed and cleaned up by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County.
28. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Purchaser is an independent contractor for all purposes, including worker's compensation, and not an employee or agent of the County. The County agrees that the undersigned Purchaser shall have the sole control of the method, hours worked, time and manner of any timber cutting to be performed hereunder and takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of any of the harvesting to be performed by the undersigned Purchaser or of its employees. The County further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Purchaser's employees.
29. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Purchaser hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Marathon County, their officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all judgments, damages, penalties, losses, costs, claims, expenses, suits, demands, debts, actions and/or causes of action of any type or nature whatsoever, including actual and reasonable attorney's fees, which may be sustained or to which they may be exposed, directly or indirectly, by reason of personal injury, death, property damage, or other liability, alleged or proven, resulting from or arising out of the performance of contractor, its officers, officials, employees, agent or assigns. Marathon County does not waive, and specifically reserves, its right to assert any and all affirmative defenses and limitations of liability as specifically set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 893 and related statutes.
30. **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE.** Purchaser agrees to comply with all applicable OSHA or other federal, state, and local laws or regulations in connection with the performance of this contract.
- OSHA Compliance, Danger trees. The Purchaser is responsible to comply with, and assure compliance by all employees or subcontractors with, all Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) requirements for the health and safety of Purchaser's employees, including provisions relating to danger trees. In addition, the Purchaser agrees to notify, and obtain agreement from, the County if the Purchaser intends to modify performance required under this contract for the purpose of compliance with OSHA requirements.
31. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE.** In connection with the performance of work under this contract, Purchaser agrees that no qualified individual with a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation and the benefits of services, programs, or activities, including employment, or be subjected to discrimination. The Purchaser is specifically notified that it is subject to all employment requirements listed under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act by virtue of its contract with Marathon County, a public entity. The Purchaser is specifically notified that it is subject to federal requirements to assure participation and access to public facilities, programs, and activities under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act by virtue of its contract with Marathon County, a public entity. These requirements mandate separate or special programs or reasonable modification of existing programs, services, and activities without surcharge to disabled individuals as long as safety is not compromised. The Purchaser shall provide a similar notice to all its subcontractors.

32. **FOREST CERTIFICATION.** The area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® NSF-SFI-FM-1Y943 SFI 100%. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mills “SFI 100%” so long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

REQUIRED INSURANCE

The Purchaser shall not commence work under this contract until all insurance required under this paragraph is obtained, and such insurance has been approved by the County, nor shall the Purchaser allow any subcontractor to commence work on their subcontract until all similar insurance requirements have been obtained and approved.

33. **WORKERS COMPENSATION.** The Purchaser shall obtain and maintain throughout the duration of this contract statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees employed at the site or while working on this project. In case any work is sublet, the Purchaser shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Purchaser. Purchaser's (Owners and Sole proprietors) electing exemption from coverage pursuant to WIS STAT 102.075 SHALL provide a signed copy of the endorsement showing non-election of coverage.
34. **GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.** Purchaser shall secure and maintain in force throughout the duration of this contract such General Liability and Property Damage Insurance as shall protect him/her and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for personal injuries including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by Purchaser, or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them; and the amount of such insurance shall be as follows:
- Comprehensive General Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
 - Automobile Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
35. **PROOF OF INSURANCE.** The Purchaser shall furnish the County with a Certificate of Insurance countersigned by a Wisconsin Resident Agent or Authorized Representative of the insurer indicating that the Purchaser meets the insurance requirements identified above. The Certificates of Insurance shall include a provision prohibiting cancellation of said policies except upon 30 days prior written notice to the County and specify the name of the contract or project covered. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance shall be delivered to the Risk Management Division for approval prior to the execution of this contract. Upon renewal of the required insurance and annually thereafter, the County shall receive a new Certificate of Insurance for three years after completion of the project. The Certificates shall describe the contract by name and or identification number in the "Description of Operations" section of the form and list Marathon County as “additional insured in respect to this agreement”.
36. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** If a dispute related to this agreement arises, all parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through direct discussions and negotiations. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties, and if all parties agree, it may be submitted to either mediation or arbitration. If the matter is arbitrated, the procedures of Chapter 788 of the Wisconsin Statutes or any successor statute shall be followed. If the parties cannot agree to either mediation or arbitration, any party may commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction. If a lawsuit is commenced, the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to alternate dispute resolution pursuant to §802.12, Wis. Stats., or any successor statute.

Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the parties shall continue to perform according to the terms and conditions of the contract during the pendency of any litigation or other dispute resolution proceeding.

The parties further agree that all parties necessary to the resolution of a dispute (as the concept of necessary parties is contained in Chapter 803, Wisconsin Statutes, or its successor chapter) shall be joined in the same litigation or other dispute resolution proceeding. This language relating to dispute resolution shall be included in all contracts pertaining to this project so as to provide for expedient dispute resolution.

37. **NON-DEBARMENT CLAUSE.** Purchaser hereby certifies that neither it nor any of its principal officers or officials have ever been suspended or debarred, for any reason whatsoever, from doing business or entering into contractual relationships with any governmental entity. Purchaser further agrees and certifies that this clause shall be included in any subcontract of this contract.
38. **GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS.** It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any elected official, employee or former employee, or for any elected official, employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer for employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the contents of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceedings or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor or a higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, an inducement for the award of a subcontract, or order.

SCALING REQUIREMENTS AND CONVERSION FACTORS

39. **PRODUCT REMOVAL.** No forest products shall be removed until scaled or marked by a County representative unless prior arrangements have been made with the County.
40. **SAWLOGS.** A. All sawlogs must be separated from pulpwood when piled.
- B. Purchaser will mark the length of all logs on the small end with a lumber crayon to facilitate scaling.
- C. Purchaser will pile all logs with the small end facing the road to facilitate scaling.
- D. All logs must be scaled with the Scribner Decimal C Log Rule.
41. **PULPWOOD.** All pulpwood must be piled for scaling. Piles must be level and square with at least five cords or 20 tons per pile.
42. **CONVERSION FACTORS.** Conversion of MBF (thousand board feet) to cords or cords to MBF will be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
43. **PEELED CORDWOOD.** When peeled cordwood is measured, it is stipulated that 12.5% will be added to hand-peeled or stroke delimeter processor peeled volume and 16% to ring debarked volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.
44. **WEIGHT CONVERSIONS.** County will accept mill weight conversion (Mill Scale) unless that conversion results in less volume than those conversions set forth in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Handbook 2461.

PULPWOOD TICKET SYSTEM

45. **TICKET BOOKS.** A. Ticket books shall be purchased periodically as needed.
- B. Ticket books are issued for the contract specified on the cover of the ticket book and shall not be used for any other contract.

C. Purchaser must account for all tickets. Unused tickets shall be returned to the County representative upon completion or termination of the contract.

D. All lost or damaged tickets will have the value of \$1.00 per ticket number assessed against the performance bond.

46. **TICKET USE.** A. Tickets shall be used in sequence.

B. Copy one, the top (white) part of the ticket, shall be completely filled out and deposited in the lock box. Tickets must be completely inserted in the box. Hung tickets will be considered the same as failure to deposit tickets.

C. Copy two, the middle (yellow) part of the ticket, shall be in the possession of the person transporting timber from the sale area. County representatives may check scale and inspect haul permit tickets at any time.

D. Copy three, the bottom (hard) part of the ticket will remain in the ticket book for the Purchaser's records.

47. **FAILURE TO DEPOSIT TICKETS.** Failure by either the Purchaser or Purchaser's employee, officer, official, agent, or designee to deposit a ticket in the lock box each time a load of wood products leaves the sale area will be considered a violation of the State Statutes 26.05 on unauthorized timber removal.

48. **LOCK BOXES.** Lock boxes will be placed on the premises at points convenient to the Purchaser and County.

49. **WOOD DESTINATIONS.** The Purchaser shall provide the County representative with a list of all destinations of wood to be removed from the premises. Changes in wood destination shall be reported before hauling to the new destination.

50. **FIREWOOD.** When wood products such as firewood are delivered to buyers not providing a mill scale slip, the wood must be handscaled by a County representative and payment shall be made prior to wood being hauled.

TREE MEASUREMENT (LUMP SUM)

51. **CONSIDERATION.** Volume to be cut is estimated, not guaranteed. All timber designated for cutting must be cut and removed by the Purchaser even if volume of timber exceeds the estimate. If there is less timber than estimated, the County has no obligation to make-up the deficiency nor refund any or all monies paid.

52. **CONFLICTING SALES.** The Purchaser may not haul forest products on the same day from both this sale and a scaled or ticket system timber sale located on land owned by the County without authorization from the County.

53. **ATTACHMENTS:** Any and all attachments to this contract shall be made a part of this contract and be fully complied with, including: A. prospectus maps(s) or diagram(s) of sale area;

B. Other: NONE

54. **OTHER CONDITIONS:** The Purchaser shall enter this harvest with equipment clean of soil from the previous harvest. If previous job(s) included entering a stand that was confirmed with Heterobasidion Root Disease, make sure to clean logging equipment (tires, cutting head, etc.) with pressured water prior to entering this harvest.

Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) – Prevention Treatment

The Purchaser shall purchase and apply an approved fungicide (Rotstop C or Cellu-Treat) to all cut pine stumps and horizontal wound surfaces as follows:

1. Pesticide applicators must be certified/licensed by DATCP for this treatment.
2. All stumps shall be treated by the end of each day of cutting from April 1 – November 30. Treatment may be required from December 1 – March 31 if abnormally warm for an extended period of time to be determined by County Forest Representative.
3. All stumps shall be left clear of logging slash to allow for the application and inspection of the approved fungicide.

4. A marker dye shall be added to the solution to monitor application coverage.
5. Extra care must be done to minimize damage to residual trees.
6. If Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) is discovered prior to the completion of this harvest, a harvest protocol of infected area(s) shall be established and all harvesting equipment must be cleaned of soil prior to leaving this harvest.

Table 2. Approved Heterobasidion Root Disease Fungicides

| Label Name | Active Ingredient | Distributor |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Rotstop® C | Phlebiopsis gigantea (P.gigantea) | BioForest Technologies Inc. 59 Industrial Park Crescent Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 5P3 Phone: 1-888-236-7378 Order Desk: order@bioforest.ca Technical Support: support@bioforest.ca |
| Cellu-Treat | disodium octaborate tetrahydrate | Crop Production Services N5853 5 th Ave Plainfield, WI 54966 715-335-4900 Website: www.uap.com OR Nisus Corp. at 800-264-0870 Website: www.nisuscorp.com |

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022

I acknowledge that I am not an employee of Marathon County, as to this contract or any action arising out of it.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of this document.

PURCHASER'S FEDERAL TAX I.D. NO.:

PURCHASER:

(Signature)

(Date)

WAUSAU AND MARATHON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

By: _____
(Forest Administrator)

(Date)

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit – October 2022

Tract # 06-22 LAZY HUNTER SALE

| Ticket Sale | Estimated Volumes | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | Species | 4" Top | | |
| | Aspen | 5450 Tons | | |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 900 Tons | (approx. 65% Red Maple, 21% Ash, 8% Black Cherry, 3% Birch, 3% all other hardwood) | |
| | Red Oak | 170 Tons | | |
| | Basswood | 35 Tons | Ash Logs | 4.0 MBF |
| | Red Oak Logs | 15.0 MBF | Basswood Logs | 3.0 MBF (incl. < 1.0 MBF all other hardwood) |
| | Red Maple Logs | 5.0 MBF | | |
| Option to Bid | Tops/Biomass | 1950 Tons | | |

Location: Section 25, T.30N.-R.9E. (Town of Hewitt) Size: 99 Acres
Section 30, T.30N.-R.10E. (Town of Harrison)

Seasonal Time Frame: Frozen Ground. Potential for mid-summer/fall harvesting (starting July 16) for: the west 3 blocks of Area 1, Area 2, and Area 3 if ground is very dry/firm and approved by Forestry Division.

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Aspen Clear-Cut (87 acres in 7 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except oak and conifer unless marked with orange paint.

Area 2 – Hardwood Thinning w/ Gaps (11 acres in 1 Block) – Cut all orange marked trees AND cut all merchantable trees within green paint lines. **Minimize damage to regeneration.** Do not cut green marked trees.

Area 3 – Red Maple Designated Cut (1 acre in 1 Block) – Cut all merchantable trees. **Minimize damage to regeneration with minimal paths of travel. Trees shall be fallen, processed, and skidded within the path of travel.**

Purple paint lines separate cutting areas (do not cut purple marked trees).

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas.

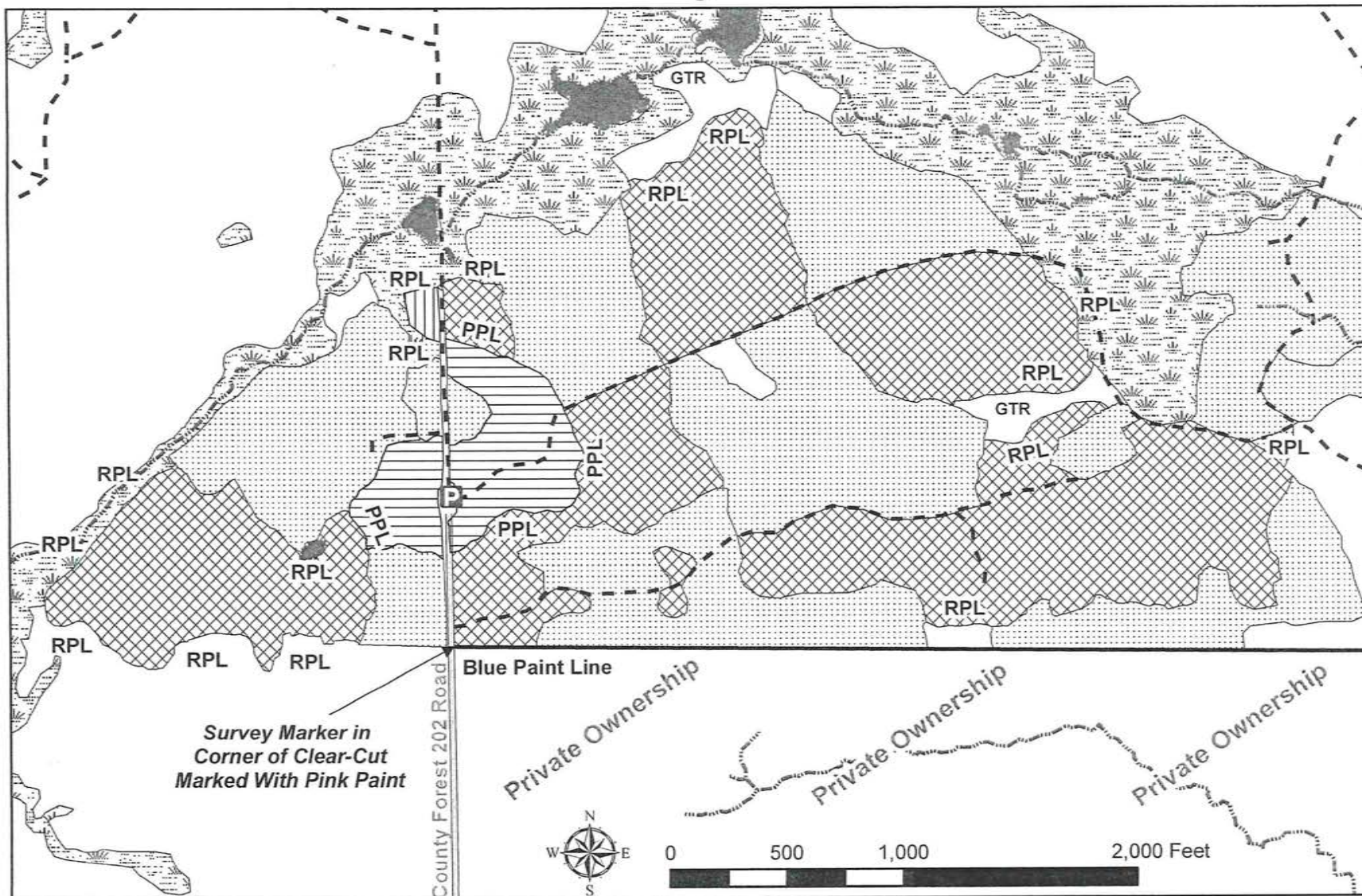
Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10," which shall not exceed 10." Do not cut snags, unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations or are within 100' of trail. **Do not cut trees marked with orange "W's"**. Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable Ironwood out of ground or cause root damage. No biomass harvesting within 50' of red paint line running along stream in west block of Area A.

Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

The bidder must sign and return our contract and a performance bond of at least 25% of the contract value within 15 days of being awarded the bid or the bidder will forfeit the bid bond in its entirety.

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025.

Tract 6-22 "Lazy Hunter Sale"

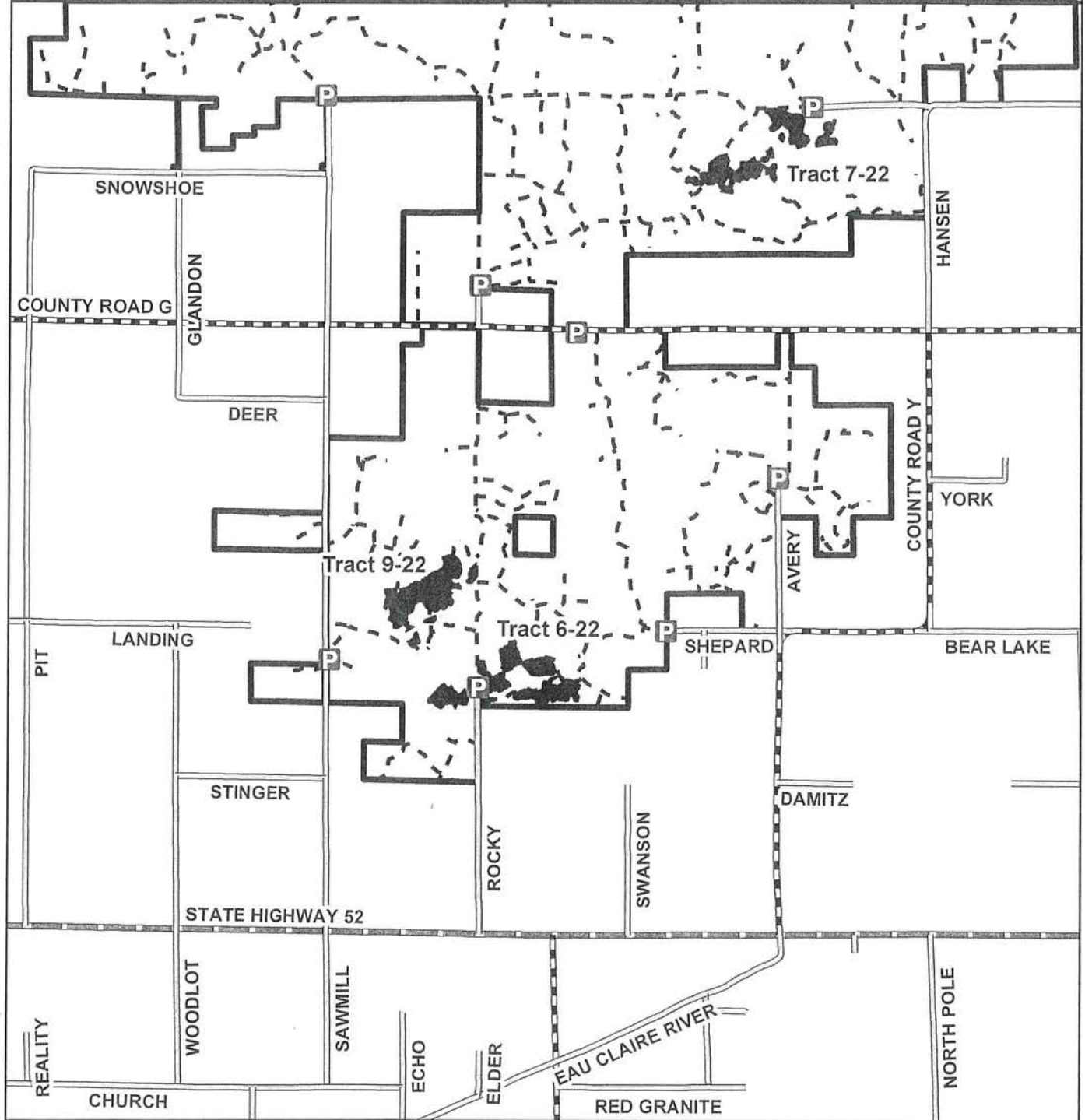


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|  | Area 1: Aspen Clear-Cut |  | Young Aspen |  | Streams |  | PPL Purple Paint Line |
|  | Area 2: Hardwood Thinning W/ Gaps |  | Alder Wetland |  | Parking Lots |  | RPL Red Paint Line |
|  | Area 3: Red Maple Designated Cut |  | Trails | | | | |

Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit

Langlade County



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit – October 2022

Tract # 07-22 VOYAGER SALE

| | <u>Estimated Volumes</u> | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <u>Ticket Sale</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>4" Top</u> |
| | Aspen | 2350 Tons |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 1150 Tons (approx. 92% Red Maple, 6% Ash, & 2% all other hardwood) |
| | Red Oak | 170 Tons |
| | Red Maple Logs | 26.0 MBF |
| | Ash Logs | 1.0 MBF (incl. all other hardwood) |
| Option to Bid | Tops/Biomass | 1050 Tons |

Location: Sections 4, 5, & 8, T.30N.-R.10E. (Town of Harrison)

Size: 77 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Frozen Ground (Very dry conditions needed for summer/fall harvesting of blocks immediately south and west of County Forest 112 Road)

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Aspen Clear-Cut (70 acres in 5 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except oak, conifer, and trees marked with green paint.

Area 2 – Red Maple Thinning (4 acres in 4 Blocks) – Cut all orange marked trees.

Area 3 – Red Maple Clear-Cut (3 acres in 1 Block) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater.

Purple paint lines separate cutting areas. Do not cut purple marked trees.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10," which shall not exceed 10." Do not cut snags unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations. No biomass harvesting within 50' of the red paint line in the east block of Area 1 and in Area 3. **Do not cut trees marked with an orange "W."**

Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound

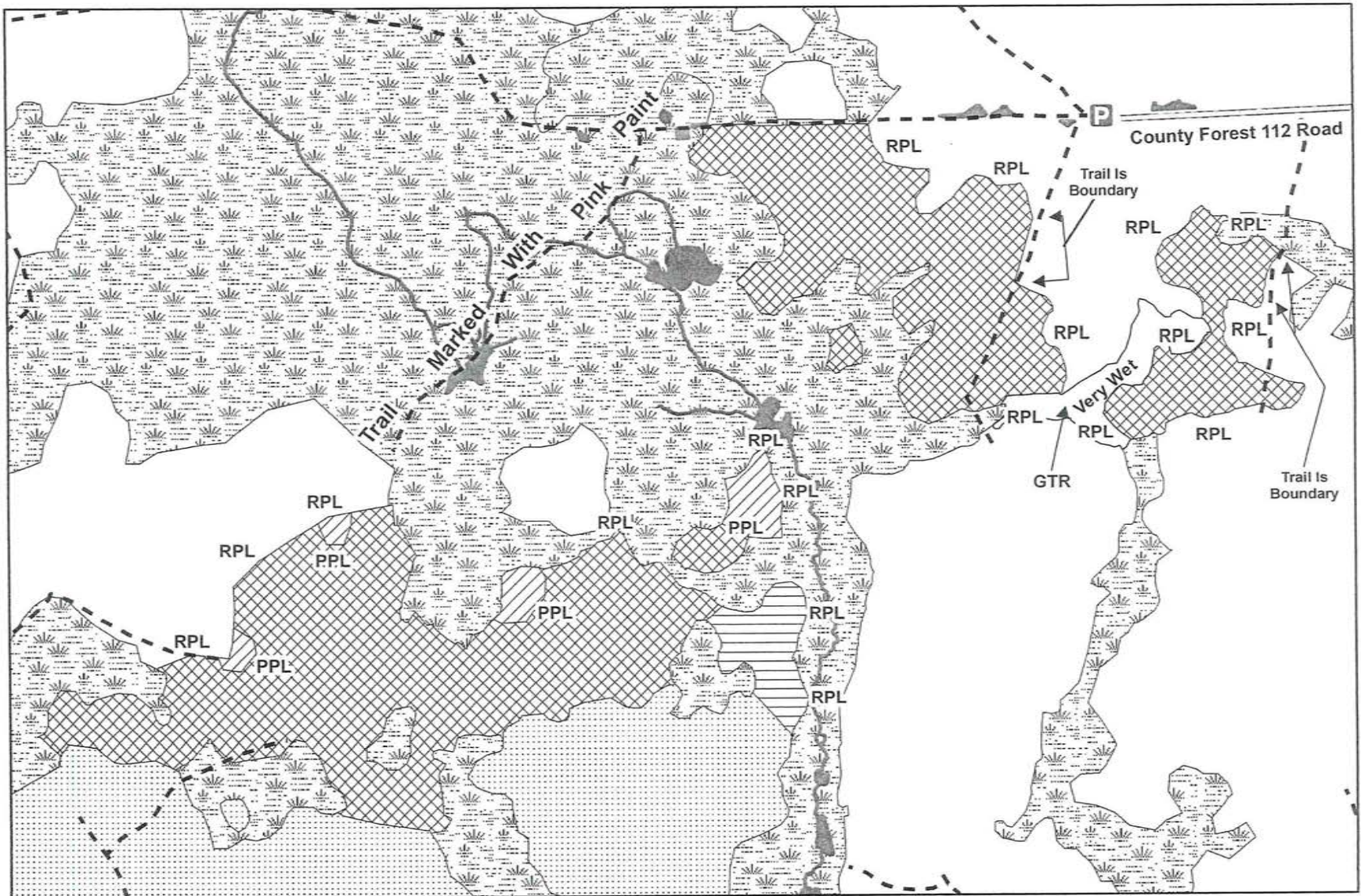
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end








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Contract Length: Contract must be completed by December 31, 2025.

Tract 07-22 "Voyager Sale"



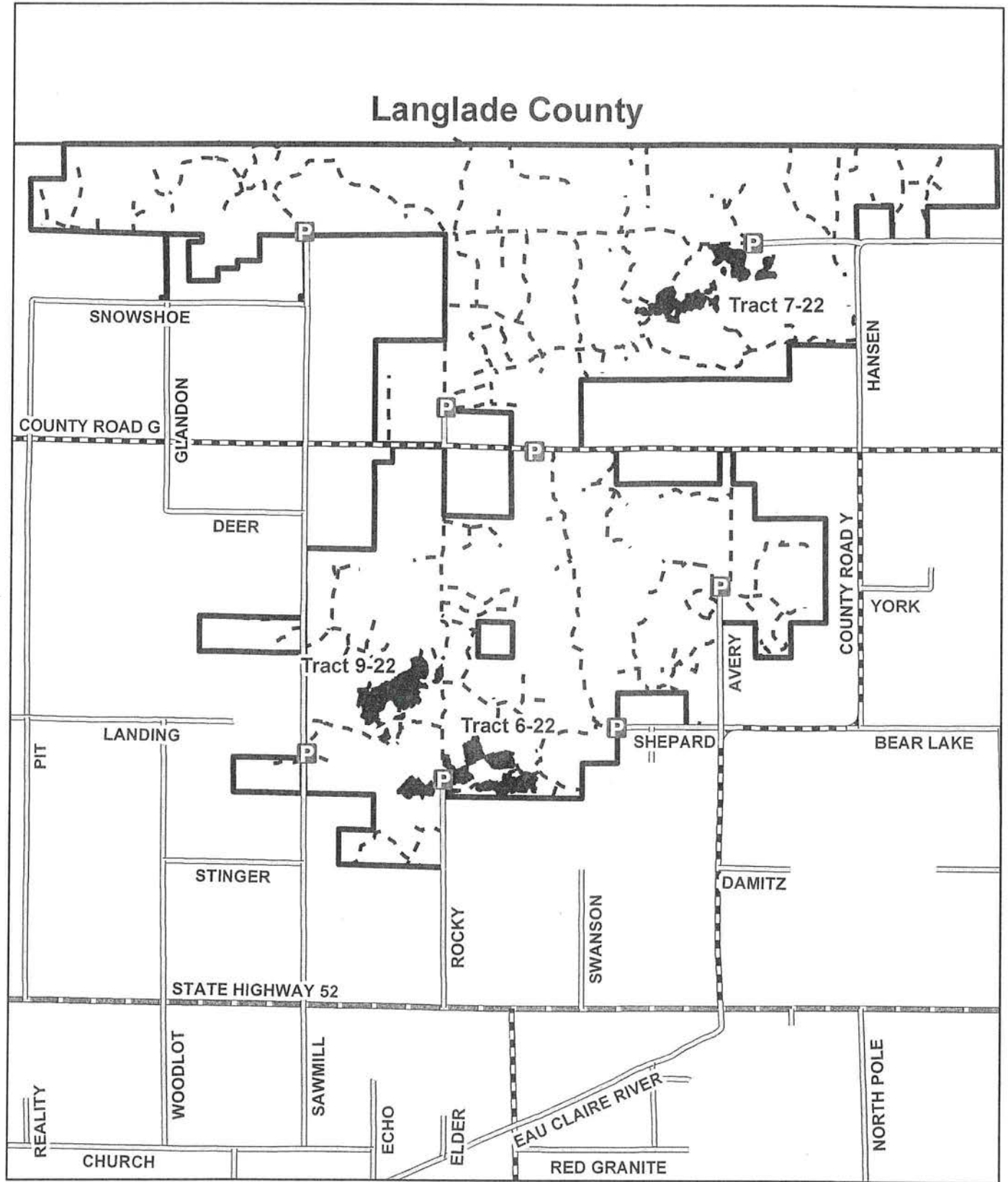
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|  Area 1: Aspen Clear-Cut |  Alder Wetland |  Parking Lots |
|  Area 2: Red Maple Thinning |  Young Aspen | RPL Red Paint Line |
|  Area 3: Red Maple Clear-Cut |  Trails | PPL Purple Paint Line |

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet



Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Leather Camp Forest Unit – October 2022

Tract # 08-22 SHIVERING WOODCOCK SALE

| Ticket Sale | Estimated Volumes | |
|---------------|-------------------|---|
| | Species | 4" Top |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 1250 Tons (approx. 76% Red Maple, 7% Hard Maple, 7% Ash, 7% Birch 3% all other hardwood) |
| | Aspen | 600 Tons |
| | Basswood | 130 Tons |
| | Red Oak | 130 Tons |
| | White Spruce | 40 Tons |
| | Red Maple Logs | 35.0 MBF |
| | Basswood Logs | 15.0 MBF (Incl. < 1.0 MBF all other hardwood) |
| | Red Oak Logs | 5.0 MBF |
| | Ash Logs | 4.0 MBF |
| | Hard Maple Logs | 2.0 MBF |
| Option to Bid | Tops/Biomass | 725 Tons |

Location: Section 12, T.26N.-R.8E. (Town of Guenther)

Size: 72 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Frozen Ground

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Hardwood Thinning w/ Gaps (52 acres in 2 Blocks) – Cut all orange marked trees AND cut all trees 1 inch and greater within green paint lines. Do not cut green marked trees.

Area 2 – Aspen Clear-Cut (11 acres in 2 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except green marked trees, White Oak and conifer.

Area 3 – Red Maple Clear-Cut (6 acres in 2 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except green marked trees, White Oak and conifer.

Area 4 – White Spruce Thinning (3 acres in 2 Blocks) – Cut all orange marked trees in both blocks and all rows marked with 2 orange dots in the east block.

A purple paint line separates clear-cut from thinning (do not cut purple marked trees)

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas.

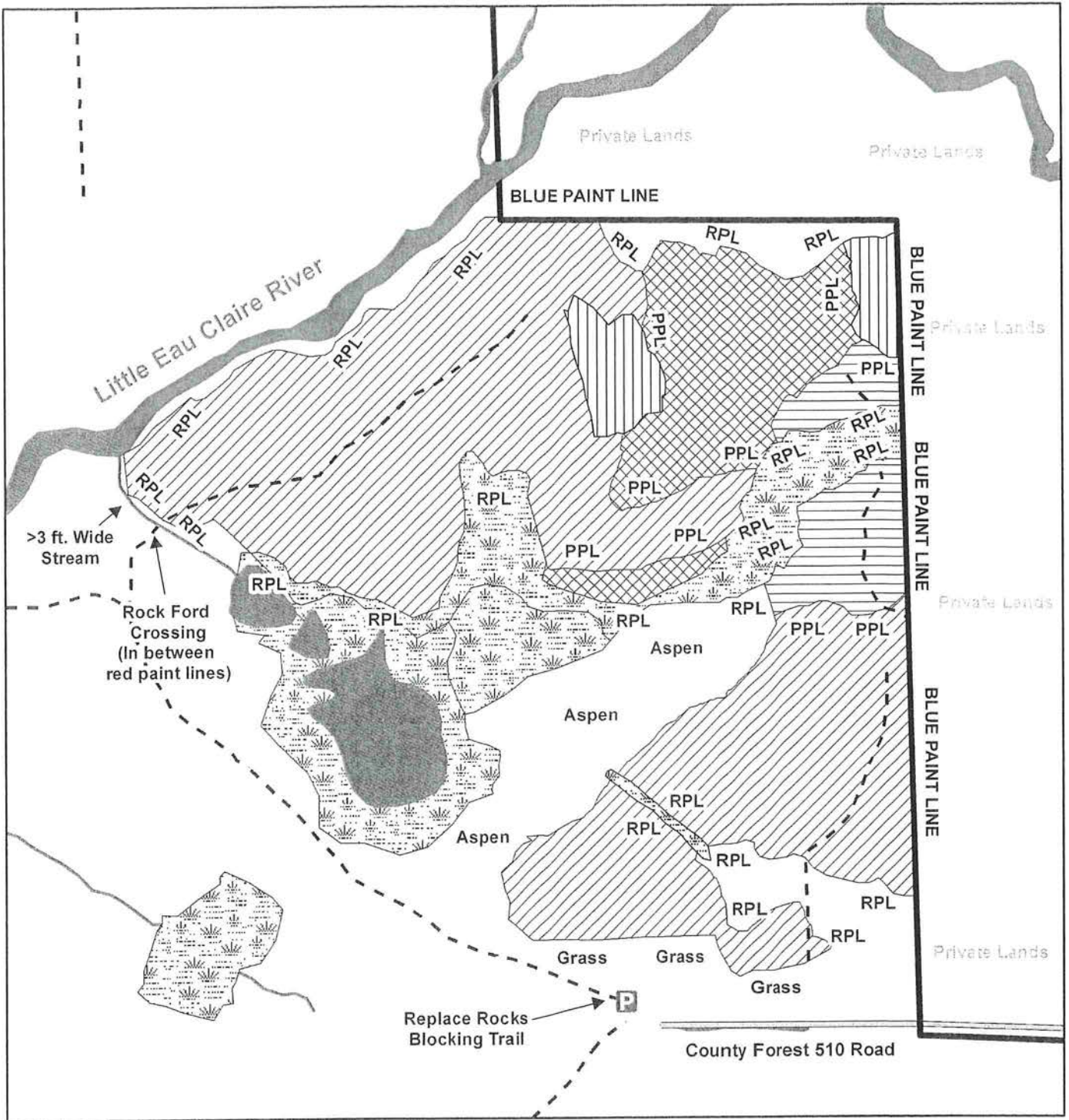
Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Contractor shall fill area within each green paint line with un-crushed tops. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10," which shall not exceed 10." Do not cut snags, unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations or are within 100' of trail. **Do not cut trees marked with orange "W's."** Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable Ironwood out of ground or cause root damage. No biomass harvesting within 50 feet of the red paint lines that run along the Little Eau Claire River and small stream. Leather Camp Drive is not plowed during the winter.

Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

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




Tract 08-22 "SHIVERING WOODCOCK SALE"



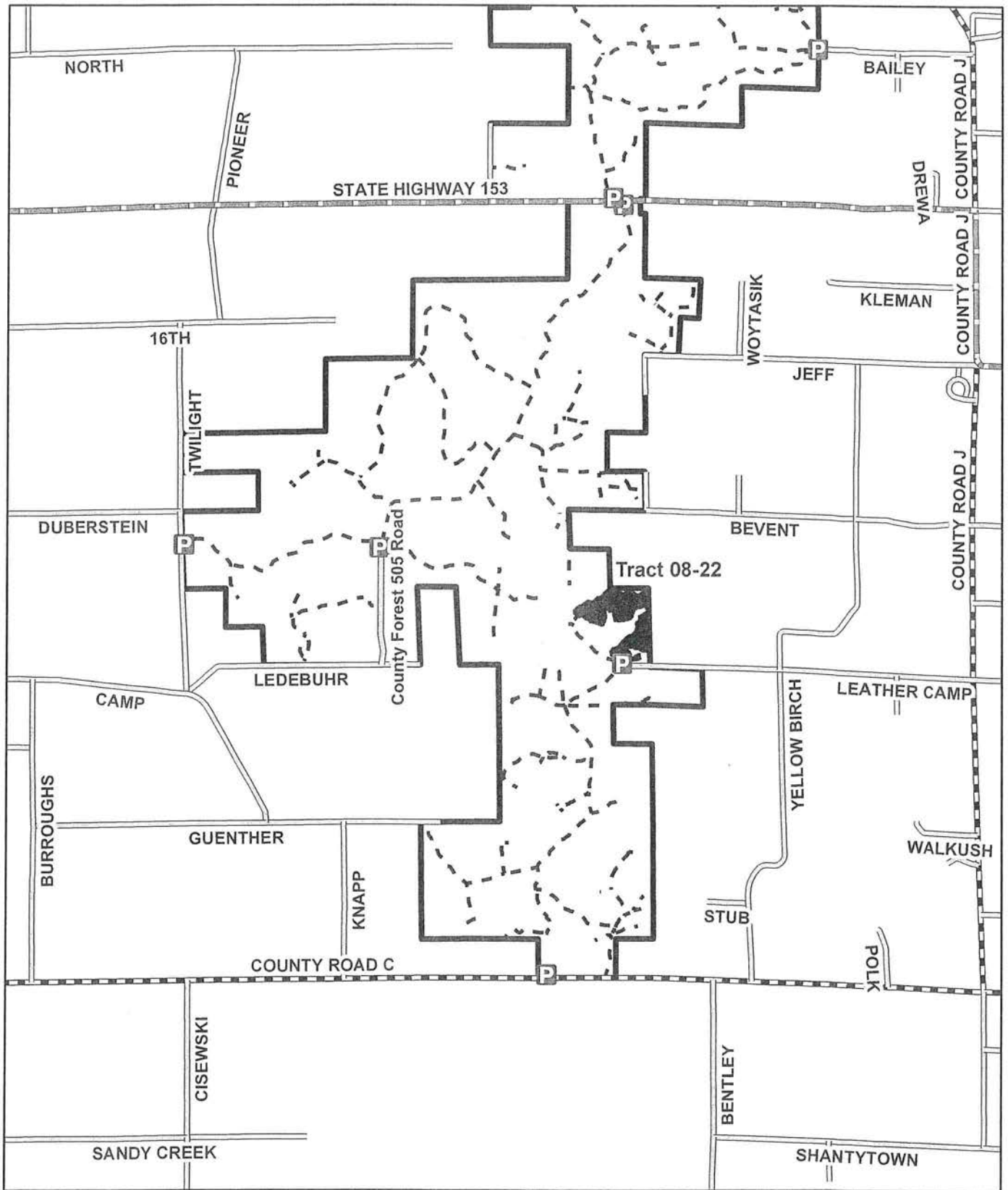
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|  Area 1: Hardwood Thinning W/ Gaps |  Wetland | PPL Purple Paint Line |
|  Area 2: Aspen Clear-Cut |  Streams | |
|  Area 3: Red Maple Clear-Cut |  Trails | |
|  Area 4: White Spruce Thinning |  Parking Lots | |
|  Lakes | RPL Red Paint Line | |

Leather Camp Forest Unit



Legend

- Parking Lots
- Trails



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit – October 2022

Tract # 09-22 RED ELEPHANT SALE

| | <u>Estimated Volumes</u> | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <u>Ticket Sale</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>4" Top</u> |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 2350 Tons (approx. 95% Red Maple, 3% Black Cherry, & 2% all other hardwood) |
| | Aspen | 1900 Tons |
| | Red Maple Logs | 160.0 MBF |
| | Mixed Hardwood Logs | 3.0 MBF (incl. all other hardwood) |
| <u>Option to Bid</u> | Tops/Biomass | 1250 Tons |

Location: Sections 24 & 25, T.30N.-R.19E. (Town of Hewitt)

Size: 78 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Frozen Ground

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Red Maple Clear-Cut (46 acres in 4 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except oak, conifer, and trees marked with green paint. Do not cut trees inside of purple paint lines.

Area 2 – Aspen Clear-Cut (32 acres in 4 Blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater, except oak, conifer, and trees marked with green paint.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas.

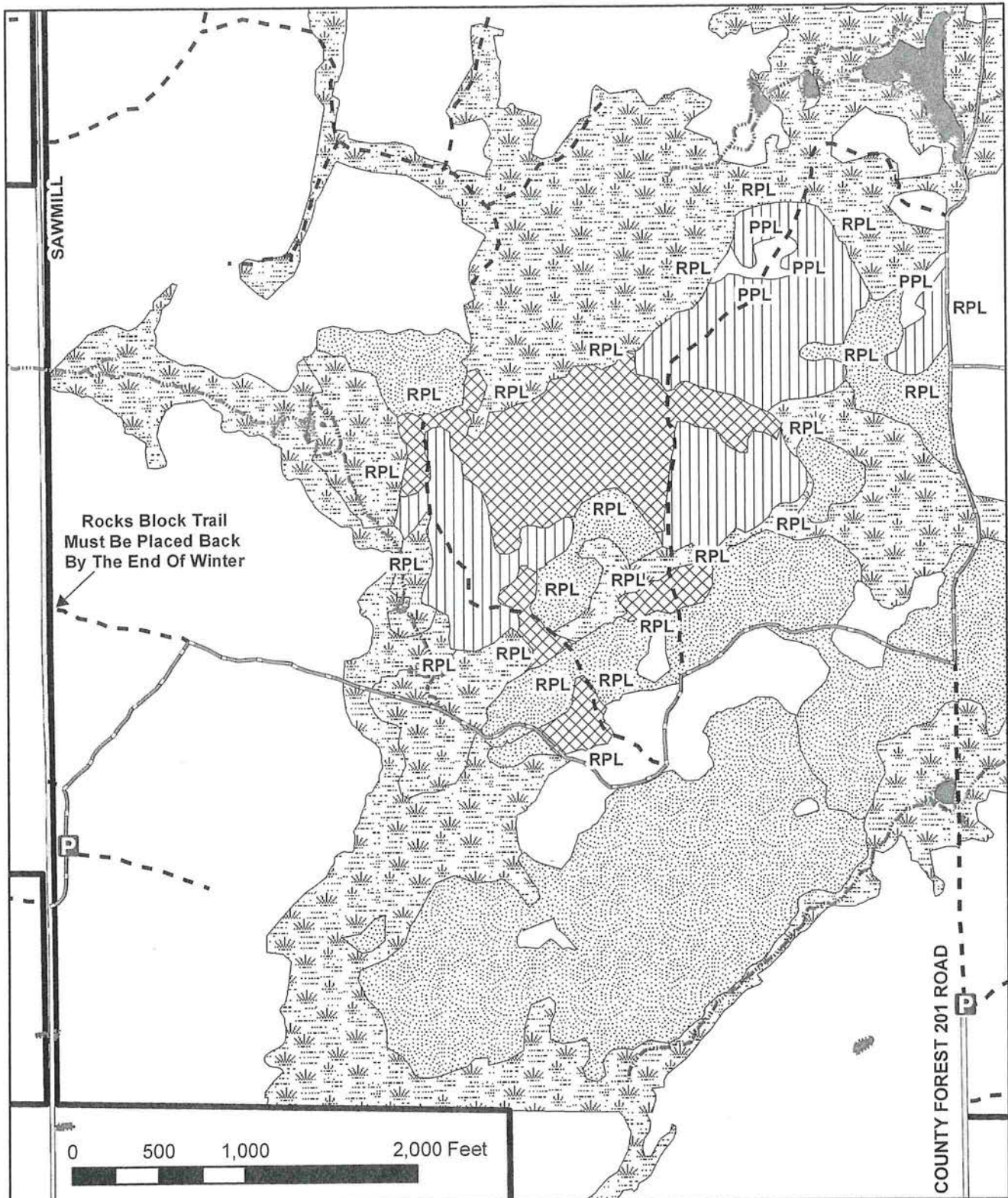
Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10," which shall not exceed 10." Do not cut snags, unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations. No biomass harvesting within 50' of red paint line along the western boundary of the west block of Area 1. If the snowmobile trail is "open," the department will work with the contractor to try and leave snow on the trail.

Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end









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Tract 9-22 "Red Elephant Sale"



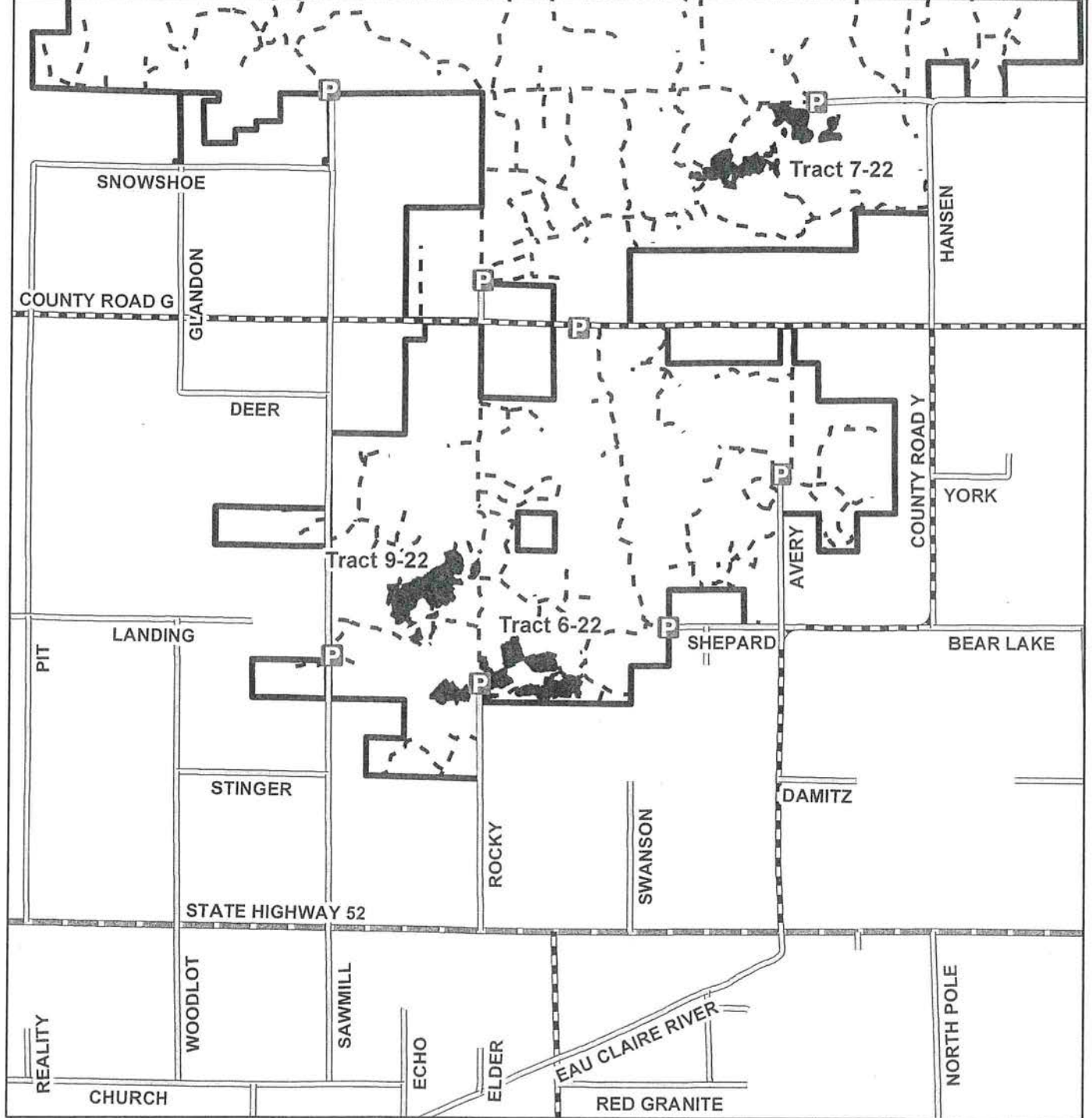
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|  | Area 1: Red Maple Clear-Cut |  | Streams | RPL | Red Paint Line |
|  | Area 2: Aspen Clear-Cut |  | Trails | PPL | Purple Paint Line |
|  | Young Aspen |  | Snowmobile Trail | | |
|  | Wetland |  | Parking Lots | | |



Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit

Langlade County



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Big Eau Pleine County Park – October 2022

Tract # 10-22 BEP #2 SALE

| Ticket Sale | Estimated Volumes | |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| | Species | 4" Top |
| | Mixed Hardwood | 1200 Tons (Approx. 55% Hard Maple, 26% Ash, 13% Red Maple, 3% Yellow Birch, & 3% all other hardwood.) |
| | Basswood | 400 Tons |
| | Aspen | 85 Tons |
| | Hickory | 85 Tons (Incl. approx. 10 tons of oak pulp) |
| | Ash Logs | 24.0 MBF |
| | Basswood Logs | 23.0 MBF |
| | Hard Maple Logs | 17.0 MBF (Incl. less than 1.0 MBF Red Oak) |
| | Red Maple Logs | 5.0 MBF (Incl. all other hardwood logs) |

Location: Sections 12 & 13, T.26N.-R.5E. (Town of Green Valley) Size: 69 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: November 1 to March 15

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Hardwood Thinning – Cut all orange marked trees.

Area 2 – Hardwood Thinning (With Tops/Slash Removal) – Cut all orange marked trees. All tops shall be forwarded and scattered north of the campground (see map).

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas.

Slash/Wildlife/Other:

- 16'8" maximum forest product length.
- All merchantable wood shall be removed from the park by March 15 of each year.
- All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Tops shall not be placed within 10 feet of either side of mountain bike trails (County Forester will flag trails).
- Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches, except for stumps less than 10 inches, which shall not exceed 10 inches."
- Do not cut snags unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations or are within 100' of trail.
- Decking wood along main park roads is prohibited.
- **Park is not certified lands.**

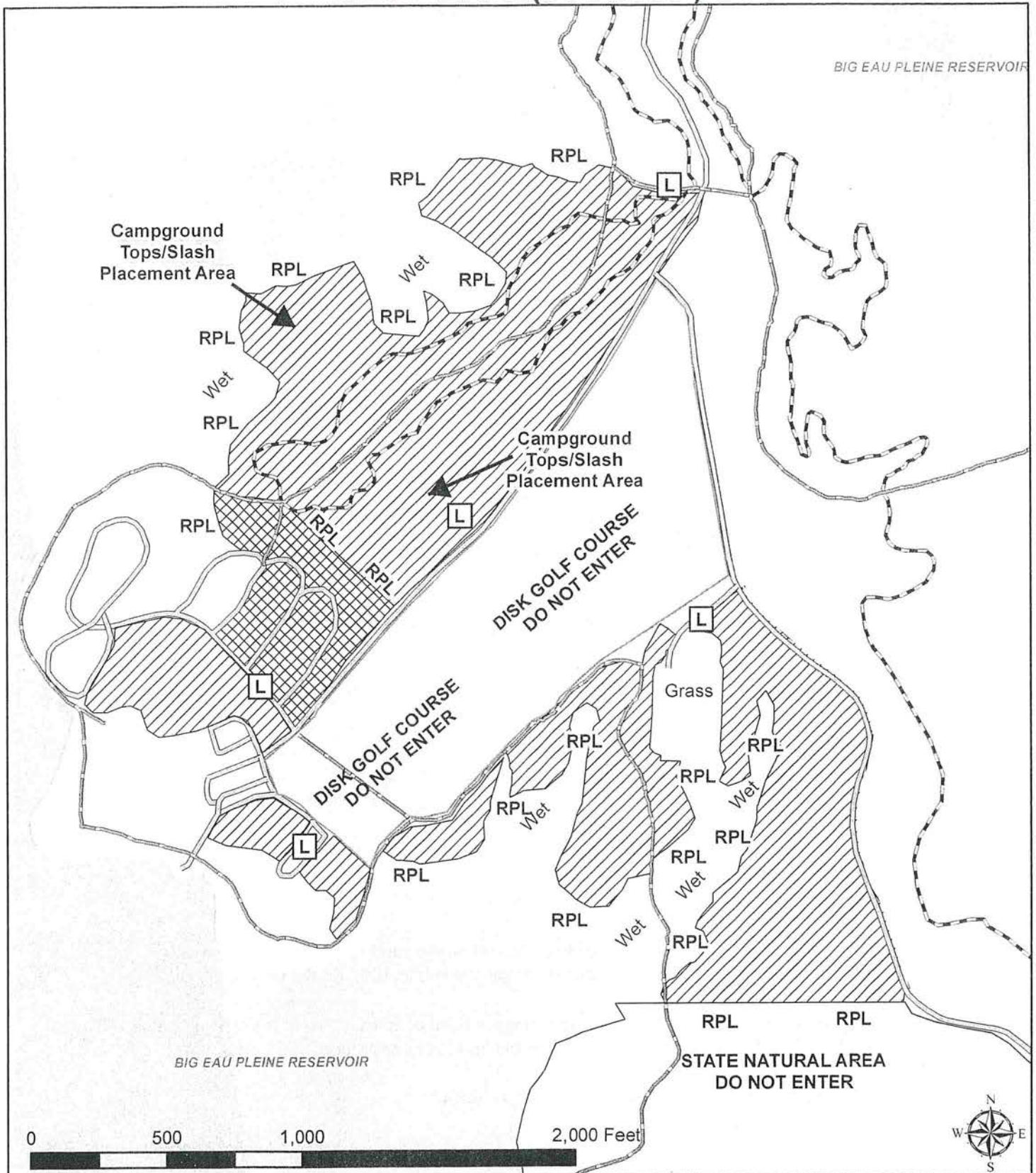
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Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end





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Contract Length: Contract must be completed by December 31, 2024.

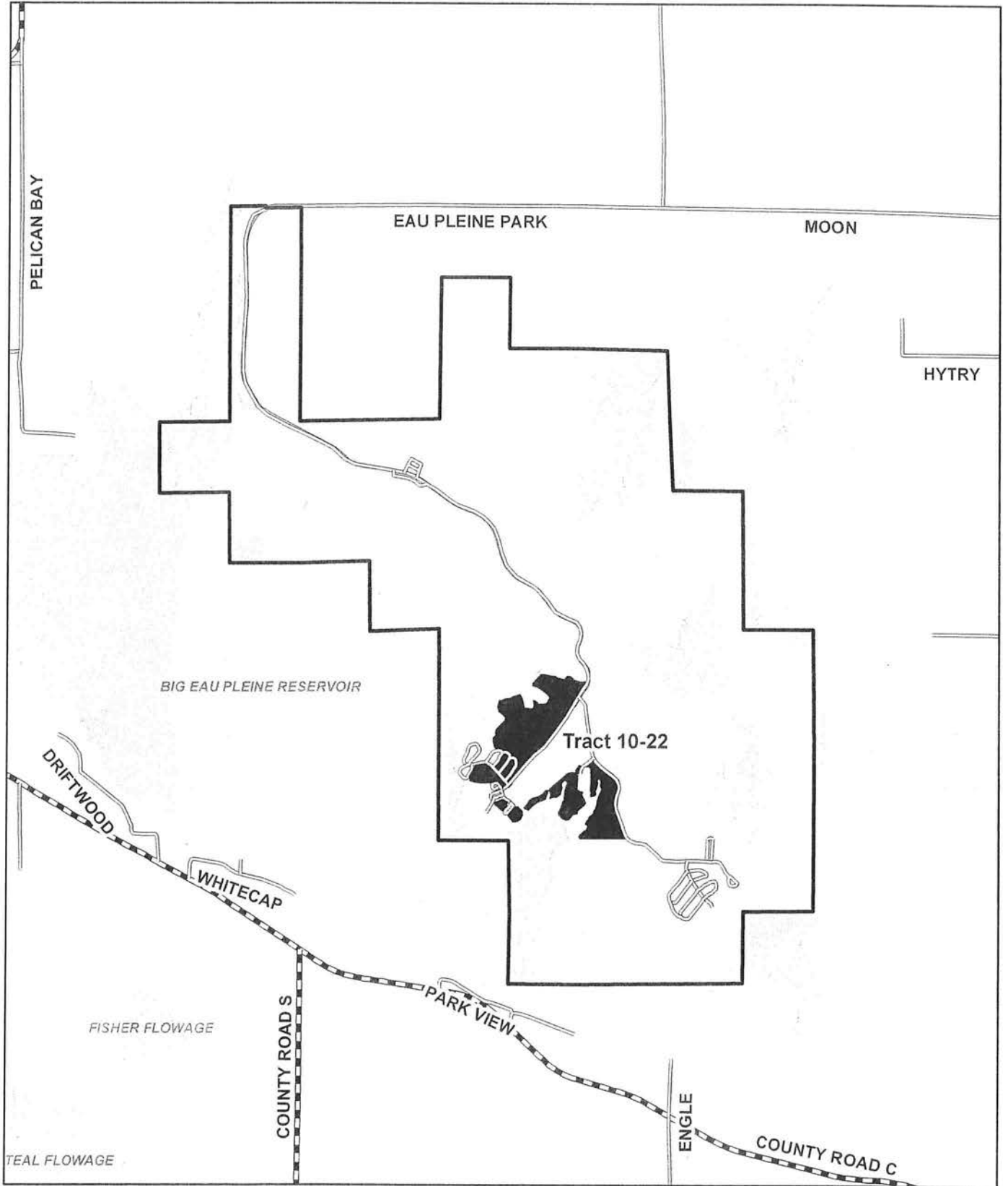
Big Eau Pleine County Park Tract 10-22 (69 Acres)



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|  Area 1: Hardwood Thinning | RPL Red Paint Line |
|  Area 2: Campground Hardwood Thinning With Tops/Slash Removal |  Potential Landing |
|  Horse/Hiking Trails | |
|  Mt. Bike Trails | |

Big Eau Pleine County Park



Legend

 Park Boundary

Marathon County, WI Code of Ordinances

Sec. 16.06. – County forest use regulations.

(1) *Recreation use.*

(b) “Camp” or “camping” shall be defined as the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes. No person shall camp in any County forest without a camping permit issued by the Committee or its designee. Camping may be permitted in some areas of the County forest ~~without charge~~ **by paying a fee** for a period not to exceed 14 consecutive days. **The camping unit shall be removed from the County forest for at least seven days before being eligible to apply for another permit within any forest unit. A camping party may be allowed up to a maximum of (3) one to fourteen day camping permits per calendar year.** In order to protect the public rights, the Committee may prohibit camping on designated areas of the County forest or special use lands where such activities would interfere with or be detrimental to wildlife, game management, other recreational activities, aesthetic management zones, nursery areas, areas of unique flora and fauna, stream banks or ground cover where erosion may result. The Committee or its designee shall have discretion in reasonably marking areas restricted to camping. The Committee or its designee may authorize by permit persons to camp in waysides and parking lots. Violation of any state law or any rules of the Committee by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and ejection from the County forest.



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Date: August 18th, 2022
To: Heather Berklund, Wisconsin State Forester, Doug Brown - County Forest Specialist
CC: Jill Nemec – Wausau Team Leader, Joseph Schwantes – Woodruff Area Leader, Ryan Severson
- NE District Forestry Leader
From: Jeff Sorenson - Marathon County Forest Liaison
Subject: Annual County Forest - DNR Partnership Meeting

The annual Marathon County Forest - DNR Partnership Meeting was held on August 18th, 2022. The meeting was attended by Marathon County Forest Administrator - Tom Lovlien, Marathon County Assistant Administrator – Joe Tucker, Wausau Forestry Team Leader - Jill Nemec, DNR Wildlife Biologist - Brandon Stefanski, DNR Liaison Forester – Jeff Sorenson, and DNR Staff Specialist - Hillary Keller (virtually). Below are the minutes from the meeting.

County Forest Time Standards

Fiscal Year 2022

During Fiscal Year 2022 total DNR hours contributed to Marathon County Forest (MCF) were 660 out of an agreed upon commitment of 644 hours. With the liaison forester position being vacant for most of the year, the liaison accounted for 208 of these hours. The remainder of the time contributed was accomplished by DNR Forestry Technician, John Hunt for 205 hours and the rest of the Wausau Team and Joe Schwantes, combined for the remaining 247 hours. The breakdown of the DNR hours were split up as follows.

| <u>Core Work Areas</u> | <u>DNR staff hours worked</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Timber Sale Est./Admin./Closeouts | 279 hours |
| Reconnaissance | 243 hours |
| Administer County Forest Law | 65 hours |
| TSI/scarification | <u>73 hours</u> |
| | 660 hours |

The majority of the time standard hours were on timber sale establishment in the field and associated office paperwork and planning, which remains fairly consistent each year. During this fiscal year, though, with the liaison vacancy, much more time was committed to recon work because of the need and ease of designating that workload to a number of different staff.

Fiscal Year 2023

The time standard commitment to the county forest will increase to 660 hours for the next fiscal year. The liaison forester will be responsible for the bulk of those hours, with the forest technician working on a 70 acre oak shelterwood scarification project to provide many of the remaining hours. A good working relationship exists between both parties so there are no anticipated issues in the upcoming fiscal year with

the current workload expectation.

2021 Wildlife Update

Wildlife biologist Brandon Stefanski gave an update of wildlife accomplishments the past year on the county forest and the tasks that will be accomplished by the end of the calendar year.

Trail seeding was accomplished on about a mile of County woods roads that were recently used for timber sale ingress/egress in Kronenwetter and Ringle. Woods roads on all other timber sales grew back on their own with no need for seeding.

Various dike repair projects were completed: Birch (flowage holes and beaver issues), Nine Mile East #2 (cleared for access), Harrison-Hewitt & Bitzke (patched, brush cut and invasive control).

Stefanski also updated the group on the flowages in Marathon County lands: Good rice population on Lower Nienow, Lower Neo and Swamp. Lower Neo is currently on draw down and other flowages are relatively low due to a lack of recent precipitation.

Whiskey and Steinke flowages are plugged by beavers but others have remained open. Damage and water levels are not at a point where APHIS is required but this remedy could be pursued. Bern is low and could be brought up before waterfowl season. The cattail mat on Bern is moving slowly to the weir but not at a point where it blocks water flow. This will continue to be monitored.

The Marathon CDAC left quotas/tags the same as last year with only an increase of public land bonus permits going from 0 to 200 this year.

Nickel-an-acre project allocation for fiscal 2022 was again at \$2,600 to try and meet the requirements to keep it below the three-year limit maximum for reserve funds as the current balance is ~\$4,400 and annual allotment is ~\$1,400. This money will again go towards dike/flowage maintenance, openings maintenance, trail seeding, wild rice and alder management. Lovlien stated that WCFA has requested an increase to 10 cents/acre for the program and are now waiting on that approval from the legislature.

The DMAP program is transitioning to DMAP specialists to do all DMAP work. So far this year Stefanski has done two DMAPs.

No prescribed burns are slated for the coming year. Burn priority ranking of the sites for the MCF has been lower so there are limited chances of getting those burned. Nemeck stated there was potential to have needed County burn sites moved higher in the rankings to help continue our commitment to this partnership. Hoffman Farm is one such site but it currently mostly in grasses. Mowing this site was discussed but because of its wet nature, it is limited to a narrow window of time annually. County Forest Specialist was consulted and the County can not share crop this area even if bids were taken per county forest law.

County Conservation Aids Project Updates

2019 – DC Everest County Park at Lake Wausau: This project is on Lake Wausau at DC Everest County Park in the City of Wausau. The project funded new boat landing planks and asphalt repair.

2020 – Archery Range Improvement at Nine Mile: This grant was closed out with new shooting platforms installed.

2021 – Archery Range Improvement at Nine Mile: This grant has about half the funds spent and is focused on installing 3D targets.

CCA project proposals for 2023 include extending boat ramps at Big Eau Pleine County Park due to excessively low water levels that limit boat owner access to the water.

Forest Certification

Hillary Keller presented the findings from the recently completed Forest Certification County audit. Lovlien commented that only 5 special sites have been documented in Marathon County. Keller is also visiting Marathon in two weeks to conduct the next programmatic and financial audit.

Below are the draft audit findings:

***Findings are based on the preliminary (verbal at closing meeting) SFI and FSC draft audit reports – as of 8/11/22.*

SFI – 2022 **NO CARS**

Opportunities for Improvements (OFI)- OFI 2022-01: There is an opportunity to improve understanding of SFI's "Special Sites" designation. Please review in new 2022 SFI standard. Objective 6

FSC – 2022

2 MINOR CARS- Specific to only Oconto County for addressing, but good opportunity for all FSC Counties to review clear language in the 15 year plan regarding clearly stating/description of HCVEs on the property

Observations (OBS)- None

Miscellaneous Items

The liaison, county forest administrator and assistant administrator will have weekly contact and stay on top of all issues concerning the county forest. Mainly for documentation purposes and for others that do not have the daily involvement of the liaison forester, miscellaneous items were discussed such as land use issues, forest health, forest road projects, and invasive species.

Land Use Issues

Acquisitions

Lovlien stated that the county has been very active in the acquisition of land since 1996. During that span, the county has purchased over 2,000 acres. In 2018-2020, over 550 acres were purchased. In the past year, a land swap for a 40 acre parcel was completed along with additional money designated to the segregated land acquisition fund which now has over \$300,000 in holdings.

A forty in the center of the Hewitt/Harrison block is being targeted for acquisition in the next several years.

Forest Road Projects

The county has a very extensive network of interior county roads and money is annually spent to maintain these roads. With such an extensive network of four-season roads, the county is able to reap the benefit of higher stumpage prices. Resurfacing and adding material to existing roads is on a cycle. Last year, County Roads #112 and #201 were overlaid with granite. Bids to overlay with granite on a section of woods haul road from Hollywood Rd into the Nine Mile Recreation Area will be opened August 29th.

ATV Trails

Eleven miles in the Burma unit are currently covered with granite. Some groups have mentioned they would like to have UTV/ATV trails in different parts of the MCF lands but no official proposals have been presented.

Forest Health

Invasives

Joe Tucker updated the group on invasives on the MCF. Buckthorn is prevalent on the Kronenwetter trail system and also near the chalet at Nine Mile. Control methods so far are spot spraying and making sure logging equipment are free of any seeds before and after entering county sites. Honeysuckle is present in the Wisconsin River unit but is not a huge concern as no management is planned there for the foreseeable future. Garlic mustard is present on the Burma trail system – most likely spread through the ATV/UTV user group. Tucker has mapped this area and is treating it on an annual basis to keep the Garlic Mustard under control.

Oak Wilt

The county has an extensive history of treating pockets of oak wilt via the girdle and herbicide method. In the last several years, small pockets of oak wilt were confirmed by DNR Forest Health Staff. These trees were girdled and treated with herbicide as soon as they were found. These sites are mapped and the Nine Mile Unit is continually monitored for new outbreaks.

Emerald Ash Borer

With EAB confirmed in the county and a fairly significant outbreak in the Rib Mountain area, EAB has still not been found on the county forest. A brief discussion occurred about what that means for the county forest in regard to marking hardwood stands. A previous proactive strategy that has been in place since 2013 has helped in reducing the percentage of ash in northern hardwood stands. Since the county has very few pure ash sites, vigorous poletimber ash will continue to be left to maintain stocking in hardwood stands when needed and sawtimber sized trees are generally being targeted for removal.

HRD

No HRD has been found on MCF lands. Requirement of all contractors to treat stumps with Cellutreat or other approved fungicides during critical non-frozen periods will hopefully prevent any new establishment. Some scattered pockets of pocket decline are present and have been addressed.

Forest Management

Lovlien and Tucker updated the group on various forest management topics.

In 2021 and 2022, 631 and 633 acres, respectively, have been established in each year. Timber sale preparation for the 2023 spring sales is about half completed.

Annual harvest acreage has been targeted for between 625 and 650 acres. With an abundance of aspen cover type on the MCF, scheduling sometimes proves difficult. There is also a fairly big future rise in red maple and oak acreage that is in the 70-80 year range that is approaching rotation.

In terms of reforestation, plans to re-plant a sixty acre red pine stand that was harvested in 2019 have been slowed by the inability to get a contractor to disk trench and spray with herbicide prior to planting. This site will hopefully be site prepared next summer and planted with containerized stock in 2024.

Scarification work has just been started on a 70 acre oak shelterwood site in the Kronenwetter unit.

Last year, 18 of 35 timber sales on the books were closed out. This year with 21 sales on the books, the hope is to close out another 8-9 sales. Currently, income for sales from this year is at a record pace of over \$670,000 dollars and will set a record if an expected 2-3 sales are completed by the end of the year.

Other County Projects and News

A special area for folks to gather and relax around a campfire, called Perry's Fireside, at Nine Mile in honor of Perry Dau, an active skiing, mountain biker and coach, is being dedicated this fall and paid for with all privately donated money.

Winter fat tire biking at Nine Mile was approved on a one year trial basis for this winter. Trails will occupy mostly on existing single track bike paths but also share some snowshoeing trails.

The project for making snow at Nine Mile by the Wausau Nordic Ski Club continues to develop and go forward. The 3 ½ - 4 million dollar project will make snow over an approximately 3.6 kilometer trail.

A county forest tour for county board members is being planned for September 15, 2022.

Lovlien updated the group on a proposal by a carbon credit company formerly called Blue Source, now known as ANEW, to enter into a 40 year contract with MCF. Plans are being made to present information to the county board sometime in 2023.

Nemec proposed to the MCF staff to allow DNR wildlife staff to review timber sales at some point in the sale establishment process. MCF staff would gladly have wildlife staff review the sales and get their input but were concerned about the timeline and possible delays.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sorenson

Jeff Sorenson
DNR Liaison for Marathon County Forest