

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Chair)	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Absent	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all Supervisors were present except Supervisor Bergeron, who had notified the Chair.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchinson (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, L. Schweikert, T. Shutter, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

County Board Chairman D. Gullickson joined the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Members of the public present were P. Krumenauer and S. Jasper.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

P. Krumenauer, President of the Chippewa Valley ATV Council, thanked the Committee for supporting the ATV clubs and allowing them use of the trails.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 19, 2022 4:30 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - December 21, 2022

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5. REPORTS

1. Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee Update - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by an application titled: Application Form for Committees, Commissions, and Boards (Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). Applicants will submit the application to serve on the Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee.

There was limited discussion.

2. Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Audit Update - T. Shutter

T. Shutter presented an oral report. The report was supported by a handout titled: 2022 WI DNR Nonmetallic Mine Audit Non-Compliance Results, (Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The handout outlines the 2022 WI DNR nonmetallic mine audit of Chippewa County (non-compliant category, corrective action required, and the date to complete the corrective action).

There was general discussion.

3. Review of 2022 Stormwater Audit - K. Clow

K. Clow presented an oral report. The report was supported by a PowerPoint titled: Stormwater Program Audit, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The PowerPoint provides an update on the results of the 2022 DNR stormwater audit in regards to the Chippewa County Stormwater Ordinance and plan revisions.

There was general discussion.

4. Update on Fall 2022 Timber Sale - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. He reported that the LCFM would like to hold a second Fall 2022 timber sale due to additional sales that will be available and the current timber market.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discount for Veterans on State Bike Trail - M. Hansen

M. Hansen provided an oral report. He reported that the State of Wisconsin currently does not have a discount program for veterans for state trail passes. Chippewa County LCFM would like to use donations, that have been received over the years for the Old Abe Trail, to provide a 50% discount for a state trail pass to all veterans. The pass is good for all trails in Wisconsin. The LCFM will work with the Chippewa County Veterans Office to get the word out on this discount.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the discount for veterans on state trail passes: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

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2. Review Summary of Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award Contracts - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Table titled: Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management Weighted Average of High Bids - 11/14/22, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the wood types marketed through the Fall, 2022 timber sale process, the weighted average by wood product type, and the % change from the accepted May, 2022, timber sale process.
2. Summary table titled: Chippewa County Forest Listing of High Bids Submitted at November 14, 2022, Bid Opening, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the volume of highest bid and the value of the accepted bid from the Fall, 2022 timber sale.
3. Summary tables from the Fall, 2022 Timber Sale bids for Tracts #11-22, #12-22, #13-22, #14-22, #15-22, #16-22, and #18-22 (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached), which outlines the specific timber sale information for each tract, as submitted by each bidder.
4. Maps and prospectuses for Tracts #11-22, #12-22, #13-22, #14-22, #15-22, #16-22, #17-22, and #18-22, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to award timber sales to highest bidders (as presented): Flater/Peterson. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

3. Overview of County Forest Timber Sales Contracted with Kafka Forestry, LLC - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table that outlined four (4) timber sales Kafka Forestry, LLC currently has under contract with Chippewa County. The logger would like to subcontract all four (4) sales but only Propkop Logging has agreed to subcontract one (1) sale, following the contract requirements.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Reasoning for the County to take back the three (3) sales.
2. Terminating the three (3) outstanding contracts with Kafka Forestry, LLC before their contract expiration date and assessing a possible penalty to the contractor.

Motion to assess a 10% penalty (to Kafka Forestry, LLC) with a deadline of 11/23/22 (for the contractor) to opt out (of the three (3) timber sale contracts): Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

4. Resolution to Approve 2023 Forest Work Plan and Application for Grant - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by an annual work plan titled: 2023 Annual Workplan for the Forest and Trails Division of the Chippewa county Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached).

Chair Schmitt noted an error in Section 3. General Administration, Statement #3. which incorrectly states "Monitor 2022 budget and prepare 2023 budget...". The sentence should read "Monitor 2023 budget and prepare 2024 budget...".

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the work plan with the correction of the clerical error under Section 3. General Administration, Statement #3: Bischel/Flater. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/13/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4	
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1	
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel	
ABSENT:	Bergeron	

5. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R7W and Sec. 31 and 32) - M. Hansen

Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R7W and Sec. 31 and 32) with the LCFM Committee, any other County Board members (D. Gullickson), S. Jasper, R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, and J. Schemenauer in closed session attendance: Bomar/Flater. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:04 p.m.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

6. The Committee will Convene to Open Session

Motion to go into open session: Flater/Bischel. Roll call vote: Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into open session at 5:50 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

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Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W), with the LCFM Committee, any other County Board members (D. Gullickson), R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, and J. Schemenauer in closed session attendance: Bomar/Peterson. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:52 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

8. The Committee will Reconvene to Open Session to Continue with the Agenda

Motion to go into open session: Flater/Bomar. Roll call vote: Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

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The Committee went into open session at 6:38 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no future agenda items discussed.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Peterson/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote at 6:38 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

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James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Absent	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that Supervisors Bischel, Bomar, and Peterson were absent but notified the Chair, as required.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison (DNR), M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, J. Larson, L. Richardson, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present was P. Popple.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Flater, District 1
SECONDER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES: Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT: Bomar, Bischel, Peterson

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - November 16, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Program Update - L. Schweikert

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L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following documents:

1. Document titled: Update from LCFM on ARPA Project - Well Testing & Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The document provides an update on the ARPA project being administered through the LCFM, to date.
2. Spreadsheet titled: 2022 ARPA Cover Crop Cost Sharing Program, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The spreadsheet outlines applicants to the program and ranking based on the 9/14/22 Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Policy.

There was general discussion.

2. Overview & Announcement of Proposed Fall 2022 Timber Sale & Bids Opening - M. Hansen
M. Hansen and J. Larson introduced the proposed Fall 2022 Timber Sales. M. Hansen reported that:
 1. There are eight (8) numbered tracts in the County Forest that are scheduled for public notice and bidding under the 2022 Fall Timber Sale.
 2. Bids will be opened on 11/14/22 with a bid summary to be presented to the LCFM at their 11/16/22 meeting for Committee action.

J. Larson presented the proposed sales. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Fall 2022, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
2. Prospectus and map titled: Moon Ridge Hardwood Sale - Tract #11-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
3. Prospectus and map titled: Back Woods Hardwood Sale - Tract #12-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
4. Prospectus and map titled: Lowland Oak Shelter Wood Harvest - Tract #13-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
5. Prospectus and map titled: Bear Aspen - Tract #14-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
6. Prospectus and map titled: Foundation Pine - Tract #15-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
7. Prospectus and map titled: Presidential Oak Clearcut - Tract #16-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
8. Prospectus and map titled: Rock of Ages - Tract #17-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).
9. Prospectus and map titled: Wis. Conservation Cut - Tract #18-22, (LCFM Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

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There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Timber Sale Contract Extensions Approval - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table titled: Comprehensive Listing of Contracted Timber Sales Fall 2022, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

The County Forest Administrator is requesting extension of six (6) timber sale contracts, as presented, per the original contract language.

Motion to approve the six (6) extensions, as presented: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson

2. Scattered & Type B Deed Recommended Actions - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Table titled: Summary of Type B Land Sales and Timber Revenue, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the Tax Deed Type B land sales and timber revenue from 2012 to the present.
2. Table titled: Scattered & Type B Tax Deed Recommended Actions, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The table shows 20 different Tax Deed Type B parcels in the County and the County Forest Administrator's recommended action (Leave as Tax Deed Type B, transfer to Parks, enter into County Forest, enter into County Forest-Special Unit, or sell) for these parcels.
3. Maps, plat book locations, and public access availability for each of the 20 Tax Deed Type B parcels.

There was discussion that focused on each Tax Deed Type B parcel and the recommended action. Changes to the recommended actions were as follows:

1. #8 - T29N, R8W, Sec. 33 (County Farm). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.
2. #13 - T32N, R8W, Sec. 3 (Sampson). Enter into County Forest after timber harvest completed.
3. #14 - T32N, R10W, Sec. 10 & 15 (Ski Hill). Sell portion of land with encroachment to building owner and keep the rest of parcels as Tax Deed Type B.
4. #19 - T32N, R6W, Sec. 2 (Holcombe Islands). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.
5. #20 - T32N, R6W, Sec. 9 (1440' Frontage). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.

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Motion to make changes (to the County Forest Administrator's recommended actions), as recommended by the Committee: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson

3. Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in County Forest - M. Hansen
M. Hansen presented a resolution to the Committee titled: Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in the County Forest, (Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The resolution authorizes the development of a carbon offset program using the County Forest as carbon credits.

There was discussion regarding contributions to towns, % of buffer pool to create, amount of monitoring endowment fund, and developing a process on how the funds will be utilized.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in the County Forest and forward to the Executive Committee: Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson

4. Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Well Drilling - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented a resolution titled: Resolution to Create the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee, (Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The resolution authorizes the creation of an ad hoc committee of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee, known as the "Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee".

There was general discussion.

Motion to amend the resolution to change the language under Financial Impact to read: "The fiscal impact by passage of this resolution would be limited to per diem and/or mileage payments to the members of the committee.": Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the resolution, as amended, and forward to County Board: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

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MOVER:	James Flater, District 1	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel	
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Possible update on Nawakwa Girl Scout Camp by M. Hansen.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried at 6:33 p.m. by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COMMUNITY WELL DRILLING AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

5.1

Update on the process of selecting an Ad Hoc Committee to identify areas to locate community water refill stations in high nitrate areas.

APPLICATION FORM

For Committees, Commissions and Boards

5.1.a



Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work)
Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Do you currently reside within Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate which committee, commission or board you are applying for: _____

Have you served on this committee in the past? ☐ New Member ☐ Current Member (Reappointment)

If current member, indicate how many consecutive terms you have served on this committee: _____

Please indicate your availability/preference for committee meeting times: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening ☐ Anytime

Are you a current employee of Chippewa County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Chippewa County?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe your qualifications and be as specific as possible. Include information that is targeted towards the Committee, Commission or Board you are applying for. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets of paper. You may attach a personal resume to this page if needed.

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name, department and relationship. _____

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

Submit completed form to: Traci Bremness, Assistant to the County Administrator
Department of Administration
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 106
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Fax: (715) 726-4599
Email: tbremness@co.chippewa.wi.us

For County Use Only

- ☐ Not Appointed
☐ Appointment Confirmed
by CB on: _____
☐ CC to HR

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Attachment: Committee Commission Board Application (7376 : Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee Update)



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION NON-METALLIC MINING RECLAMATION AUDIT UPDATE

5.2

Update on review of Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance, application process, permit issuance, fees, financial assurance and reclamation success parameters.

2022 WI DNR Nonmetallic Mine Audit Non-Compliant Results

The intent of the audit was to assess the administration of the reclamation program for compliance in accordance with WI Statute 295 Subchapter I and WI Adm Code NR 135. The audit reviewed 24 categories within our reclamation program. The non-compliant categories are shown in the table below:

Category	Corrective Action Required	Date to Complete Corrective Action
Ordinance	Chippewa County will need to amend the Non- Metallic Mining Ordinance to be consistent with and neither more nor less restrictive than WI Adm Code NR 135	4/30/2023
Reclamation plan review and approval	Develop a process to review and approve reclamation plans consistent with NR135 requirements. Ensure any guidance used distinguishes items that are required to be in the plan and those that are optional.	12/30/2022
Reclamation plan content	Ensure all reclamation plans contain all items required by NR135 and allow for optional removal of items not required	6/30/2023
Permit issuance	Ensure all permits are issued for the life of the mine (or length of lease) and contain conditions that pertain only to reclamation activities.	6/30/2023
Fee collection	Adjust fee structure to accurately assess DNR portion, contain consistent rate categories, and assess fees based only on the cost to administer the reclamation program consistent with NR 135.	12/30/2022
Determination of financial assurance	Establish a process to evaluate the cost to the county to reclaim NMM sites consistent with NR135 and the approved reclamation plan. Request updated amounts from operators as needed. Determination of financial assurance should be consistent for all types of nonmetallic mine sites.	12/30/2022
Maintenance of records (Financial assurance)	Ensure all financial assurance certificates are present and valid. Ensure proper notification before cancellation is on the certificate and is non-expiring (or automatically renews). Ensure riders to bonds are kept with original certificates. <i>This was a finding in the 2010 audit</i>	2/28/2023
Reclamation success and release	Ensure county determination for certificate of completion is conducted within the timeframe specified in NR135.40(7)(b). Ensure criteria for success pertains to reclamation. <i>This was a finding in the 2010 full audit and 2017 partial audit.</i>	12/30/2022
Reasonableness of fees	Ensure the county administers a balanced program based on nonmetallic reclamation related administration costs. Provide justification for the surplus and planned corrective actions to balance the revenue to expenses.	12/30/2022



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION REVIEW OF 2022 STORMWATER AUDIT

5.3

Update on results of 2022 Stormwater Audit in regards to Stormwater Ordinance and Plan revisions.

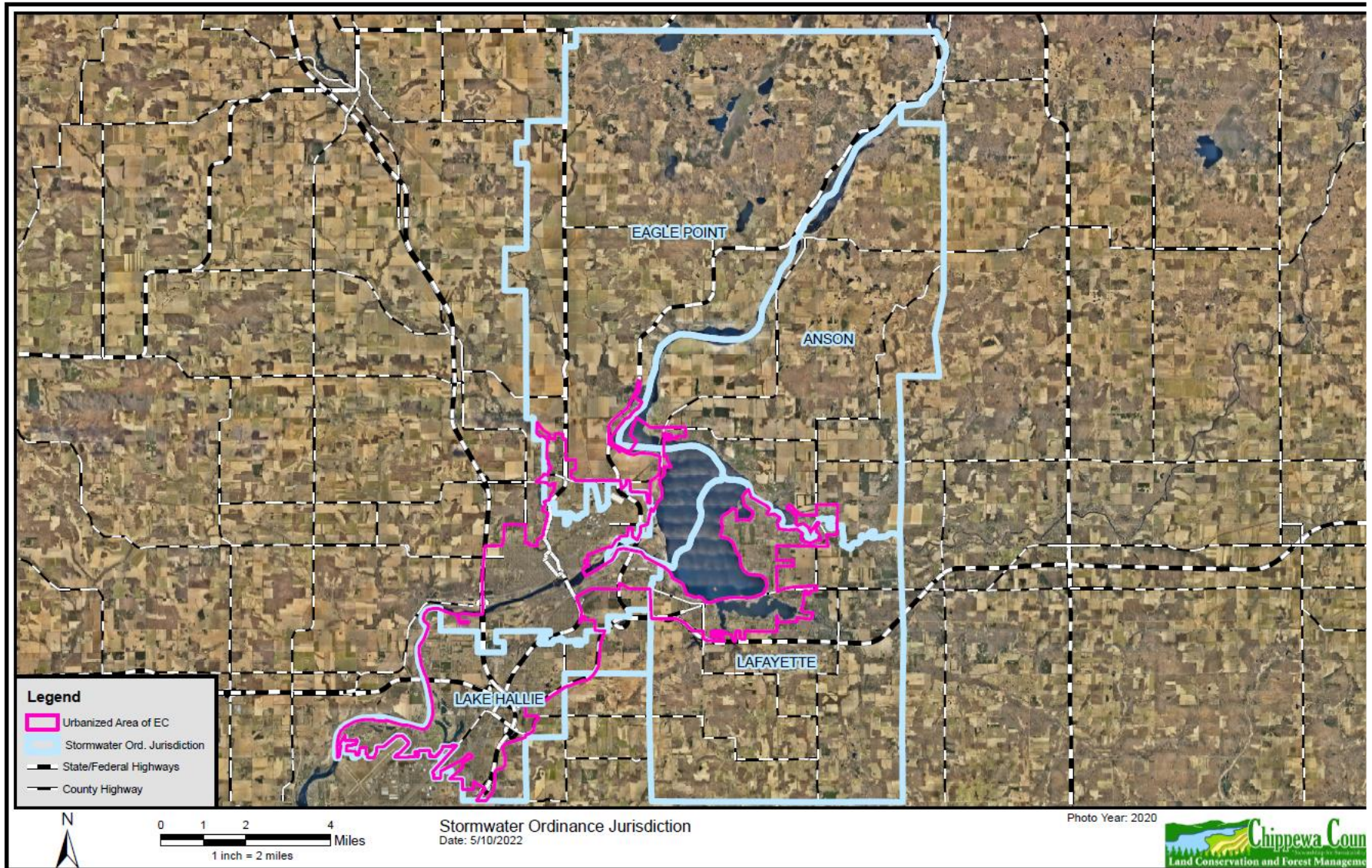
Stormwater Program Audit

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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

5.3.a



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Attachment: 11-16-22 Stormwater Audit (7378 : Review of 2022 Stormwater Audit)

WI Stat. 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement

Joint Stormwater Program

- Village of Lake Hallie
- Town of Lafayette
- Town of Anson
- Town of Eagle Point

LCFM 7/27/21

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT A JOINT STORM WATER PROGRAM FOR THE CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA

This Cooperative Agreement to Implement a Joint Storm Water Program for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area (the "Agreement") is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 to specify those certain responsibilities of the parties hereto in the implementation of a joint intergovernmental storm water program during the term of this Agreement.

I. PARTIES

This Agreement is between Chippewa County, Wisconsin, a quasi-municipal corporation (the "County"), located at 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 and the Village of Lake Hallie, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation located at 13033 30th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; the Town of Anson, a municipal corporation located at 13836 County Hwy S, South, Jim Falls, WI 54748; the Town of Eagle Point, a municipal corporation located at 14802 State Hwy 124, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; and the Town of Lafayette, a municipal corporation located at 5765 197th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 (each a "Municipality" and collectively the "Municipalities"). Each of the County and the Municipalities may also be referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence upon the signature of all Parties and shall extend through the term of WPDES Permit #S050075-3, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment I, which expires on 4/30/24. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the Parties on thirty (30) days written notice to all other Parties, subject only to the payment of any obligations due to the other Parties under this Agreement up to the point of said termination.

This Agreement shall automatically renew to coincide with and extend through the term of any subsequent municipal storm water WPDES permit(s) issued to the Parties, unless cancelled or modified by the Parties under Section XV.

III. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish and implement a single joint storm water management program which meets the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code Section § NR 216.07. This Agreement will enable the parties to:

- A. Manage storm water runoff and to meet requirements of WPDES Permit #WI- S050075-3.
- B. Implement the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Plan.

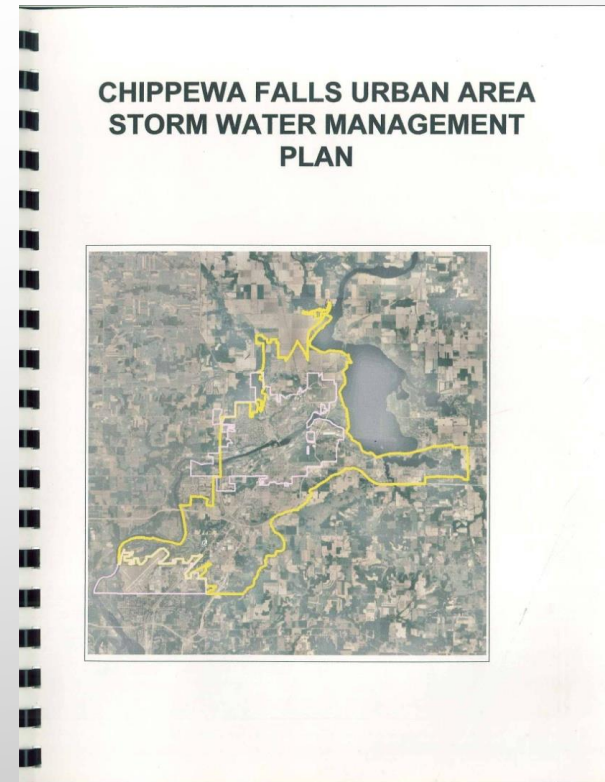
This Agreement establishes the administrative framework necessary to establish a joint storm water program and defines the roles and responsibilities of the cooperating parties. This Agreement will allow the Parties to share resources and work together to avoid redundancy, limit duplication of effort, and achieve public cost savings.

- Evaluate compliance of the program areas
- Program areas include:
 - Public education and outreach
 - Public involvement and participation
 - Illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE)
 - Construction site pollutant control
 - Post-construction storm water management
 - Pollution prevention

Preliminary Audit Results

- Stormwater Ordinance Revisions
- Stormwater Plan Revisions

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ANY QUESTIONS?



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON PROPOSED FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE**

5.4

This agenda item will provide an update on the Fall 2022 Timber Sale.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS ON STATE BIKE TRAIL

6.1

Chippewa County manages the Old Abe State Trail under a cooperative agreement with the State. Revenue for the maintenance of the trail is generated from a Trail Pass Sales Agreement with the State. Under that agreement, Chippewa County may retain 70% of trail pass receipts sold through approved vendors and self-registration kiosks in Chippewa County.

Individuals occasionally donate funds for trail maintenance not associated with the daily or annual pass. The County Forest Administrator will discuss the potential for using donated funds to pay for 50% of a trail pass sold in Chippewa County to active duty or retired military service personnel.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
REVIEW SUMMARY OF FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE BIDS AND AWARD
CONTRACTS**

6.2

The LCFM, acting through the Forest and Trails Division (FT), manages the Chippewa County Forest for multiple public objectives in accordance with the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and WI. Stats. Chapter 28. These objectives include management of the Co. Forest system for sustainable timber production, public recreation and environmental conservation.

Chippewa Co. manages the Co. Forest to optimize forest health by applying standard silvicultural treatments, that are applied to designated timber stands.

As a primary silvicultural treatment, scheduled timber harvests are routinely conducted at the timber stand level as needed to meet overall forest management objectives.

Under the process, timber stands that are scheduled for harvest are evaluated by WI DNR and FT foresters. These foresters identify the trees to be harvested and estimate the volume of the different timber types that are available for harvest within each timber stand sale tract.

Bid packages are then prepared for each timber stand sale tract and competitive bids are sought from private sector logging contractors seeking to harvest the wood products within each sale tract.

In preparing for and conducting the harvest, prescribed "best management practices" are used by the County and by logging contractors.

The County routinely plans and administers two (2) bid openings on a seasonal basis, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Following this process, the FT Division has now solicited and received competitive bids for the current seasonal sale, involving eight (8) County Forest Timber Sales totaling approximately 370 acres.

To complete the competitive bid process the FT Division has compiled bids, evaluated them to assure that they are complete, and has identified the highest bidder for each timber sale tract. The LCFM Committee will review the outcome of this competitive bid process and will take action to award the timber sale contract for each sale tract.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
DEPT. OF LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF HIGH BIDS
11/14/2022

WOOD TYPE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	UNIT	Change From May 2022	SPRING WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mixed Hardwood Logs	\$293.60	MBF	-\$70.6	\$363.66
Red Oak Logs	\$313.57	MBF	-\$77.43	\$391.00
White Oak Logs	\$280.83	MBF	-\$119.17	\$400.00
Oak Logs	\$400.00	MBF	-\$43.68	\$443.68
Red Maple Logs	\$300.00	MBF	-\$85.00	\$385.00
Sugar Maple		MBF		\$385.00
Ash Logs		MBF		\$385.00
Basswood Logs		MBF		\$200.00

Aspen Cordwood	\$20.05	TON	-\$5.78	\$25.83
Red Maple Cordwood	\$13.00	TON	-\$2.00	\$11.00
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	\$9.58	TON	-\$2.54	\$12.12
Oak Cordwood	\$8.94	TON	-\$9.93	\$18.87
White Pine Cordwood	\$18.00	TON		
White Spruce Cordwood	\$30.00	TON	+\$20	\$10.00
Red Pine cordwood	\$46.69	TON	+\$29.70	\$16.99

	<u>5/16/2022</u>	<u>11/14/2022</u>
Total number of bids =	44	19
Number of sales advertised =	10	8
Number of sales sold =	10	7
Total acres sold =	341	298
Total Volume of Cordwood (Tons) Sold =	15,670	17,375
Total Volume of Sawlogs (MBF) Sold =	621	618
Total value of advertised minimum bids =	\$337,258.00	\$ 360,347.00
Total value of winning bids =	\$569,771.50	\$ 462,725.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Burmeister		Prokop							
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Tract 11-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	600			\$ 9.50	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 11.15	\$ 6,690.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak cordwood	480			\$ 6.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 9.10	\$ 4,368.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Aspen cordwood	500			\$ 17.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 8,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak logs		67		\$ 355.00	\$ 23,785.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		37		\$ 175.00	\$ 6,475.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 47,322.00		\$ 47,340.00		\$ 57,858.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Hetke		Prokop							
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Tract 12-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	390			\$ 11.00	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 8.70	\$ 3,393.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak cordwood	400			\$ 12.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 7.30	\$ 2,920.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak logs		86		\$ 400.00	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 34,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		18		\$ 325.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 39,370.00		\$ 49,340.00		\$ 46,113.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

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Tract 13-22	Oak cordwood	940			\$ 7.30	\$ 6,862.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	470			\$ 8.70	\$ 4,089.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Aspen cordwood	400			\$ 17.80	\$ 7,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Red Oak logs		72		\$ 350.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	White Oak logs		7		\$ 300.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		20		\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 47,900.00		\$ 50,371.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Burmeister		Lake States		Futurewood		Prokop		Kron	
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Tract 14-22	Aspen cordwood	1500			\$ 19.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 33.07	\$ 49,605.00	\$ 18.70	\$ 28,050.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45,000.00
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	400			\$ 10.50	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 18.70	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		11		\$ 175.00	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 34,200.00		\$ 34,625.00		\$ 54,650.00		\$ 57,705.00		\$ 41,030.00		\$ 51,200.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Stella Jones		Biewer		Kron					
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Tract 15-22	Red Pine cordwood	1400			\$ 46.69	\$ 65,366.00	\$ 45.53	\$ 63,742.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 58,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Aspen cordwood	200			\$ 23.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 19.40	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	White Pine cordwood	125			\$ 18.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 26,875.00		\$ 72,216.00		\$ 70,122.00		\$ 65,925.00		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Northwest Hardwoods									
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Tract 16-22	Oak cordwood	720			\$ 13.00	\$ 9,360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Red Maple cordwood	1000			\$ 13.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Red Maple logs		4		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Red Oak logs		68		\$ 275.00	\$ 18,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	White Oak logs		23		\$ 275.00	\$ 6,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 41,460.00		\$ 48,585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price										
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Tract 17-22	Oak Cordwood	1800				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	1100				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Red Oak Logs		165			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood Logs		40			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 83,470.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Kron		Flannel Fleet		Biewer		Potlatch		Futurewood	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 18-22	White Spruce cordwood	3500			\$ 21.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 21.17	\$ 74,095.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 18.22	\$ 63,770.00	\$ 10.25	\$ 35,875.00
	Aspen cordwood	1000			\$ 10.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13.11	\$ 13,110.00	\$ 19.40	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 10.99	\$ 10,990.00	\$ 10.80	\$ 10,800.00
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	450			\$ 4.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1.01	\$ 454.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,500.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 39,750.00		\$ 85,300.00		\$ 90,805.00		\$ 126,650.00		\$ 75,214.50		\$ 51,175.00

Chippewa County Forest
Listing of High Bids Submitted at November 14, 2022 Bid Opening

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Prokop Logging	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 11-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	600			\$ 11.15	\$ 6,690.00
	Oak cordwood	480			\$ 9.10	\$ 4,368.00
	Aspen cordwood	500			\$ 17.80	\$ 8,900.00
	Oak logs		67		\$ 400.00	\$ 26,800.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		37		\$ 300.00	\$ 11,100.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 47,322.00		\$ 57,858.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Hetke	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 12-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	390			\$ 11.00	\$ 4,290.00
	Oak cordwood	400			\$ 12.00	\$ 4,800.00
	Oak logs		86		\$ 400.00	\$ 34,400.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		18		\$ 325.00	\$ 5,850.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 39,370.00		\$ 49,340.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Prokop Logging	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 13-22	Oak cordwood	940			\$ 7.30	\$ 6,862.00
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	470			\$ 8.70	\$ 4,089.00
	Aspen cordwood	400			\$ 17.80	\$ 7,120.00
	Red Oak logs		72		\$ 350.00	\$ 25,200.00
	White Oak logs		7		\$ 300.00	\$ 2,100.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		20		\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 47,900.00		\$ 50,371.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Futurewood	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 14-22	Aspen cordwood	1500			\$ 33.07	\$ 49,605.00
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	400			\$ 12.00	\$ 4,800.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		11		\$ 300.00	\$ 3,300.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 34,200.00		\$ 57,705.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Stella Jones	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 15-22	Red Pine cordwood	1400			\$ 46.69	\$ 65,366.00
	Aspen cordwood	200			\$ 23.00	\$ 4,600.00
	White Pine cordwood	125			\$ 18.00	\$ 2,250.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 26,875.00		\$ 72,216.00

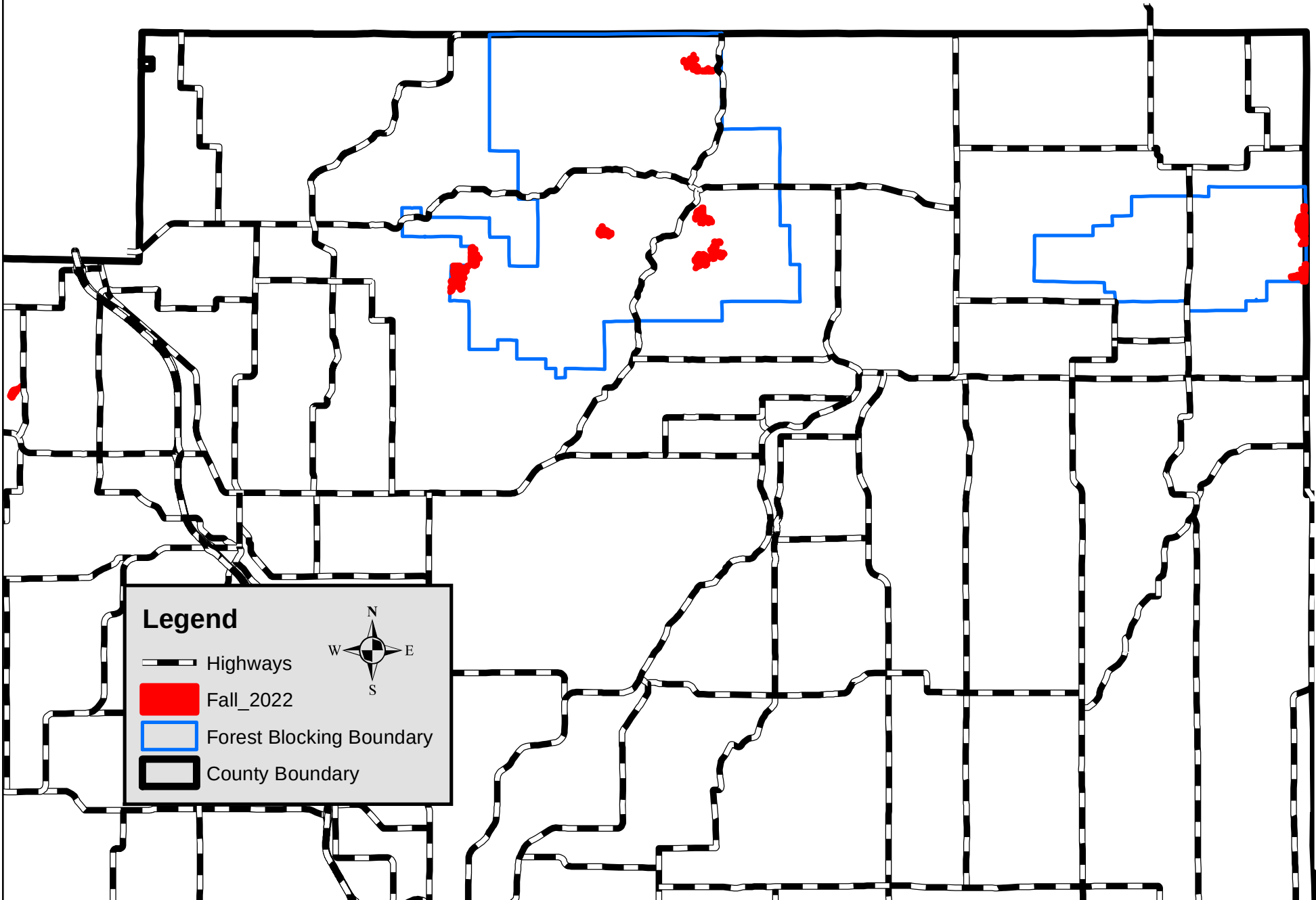
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Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Northwest Hardwoods	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 16-22	Oak cordwood	720			\$ 13.00	\$ 9,360.00
	Red Maple cordwood	1000			\$ 13.00	\$ 13,000.00
	Red Maple logs		4		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Red Oak logs		68		\$ 275.00	\$ 18,700.00
	White Oak logs		23		\$ 275.00	\$ 6,325.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 41,460.00		\$ 48,585.00

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	No Bids	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 17-22	Oak Cordwood	1800				\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	1100				\$ -
	Red Oak logs		165			\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		40			\$ -
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	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 83,470.00		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Biewer	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 18-22	White Spruce cordwood	3500			\$ 30.00	\$ 105,000.00
	Aspen cordwood	1000			\$ 19.40	\$ 19,400.00
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	450			\$ 5.00	\$ 2,250.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 39,750.00		\$ 126,650.00

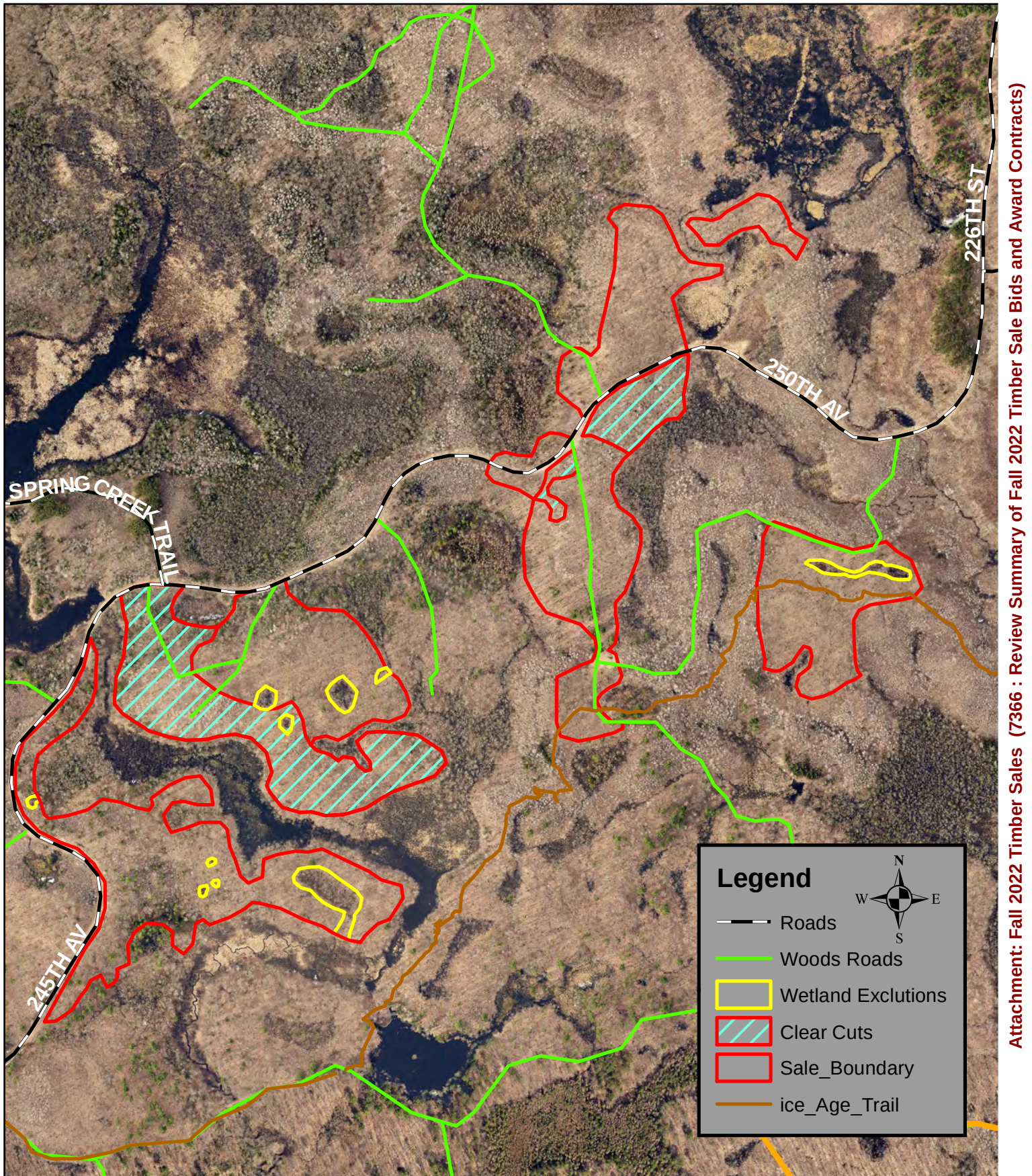
Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Fall 2022



Attachment: Fall 2022 Timber Sales (7366 : Review Summary of Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award

Moon Ridge Hardwood

Approx 15 Acres Clearcut and 53 Acres Single Tree Selection



Attachment: Fall 2022 Timber Sales (7366 : Review Summary of Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award Contracts)

Map Not to Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 11-22**Moon Ridge Hardwood Sale**

Located in Sec. 33,34 T32N R7W, Birch Creek and Sec 4 T31N R7W, Cleveland

Total Sale Area: (approximately 68 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 11-22 is \$ 47,322.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	600	
Oak cordwood	480	
Aspen Cordwood	500	
Oak logs		67
Mixed Hardwood logs		37

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. These Northern Hardwood stands of approximately 68 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management silviculture, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps. 15 acres of the sale will be clear-cut to release existing oak regeneration and coppice the aspen in areas.

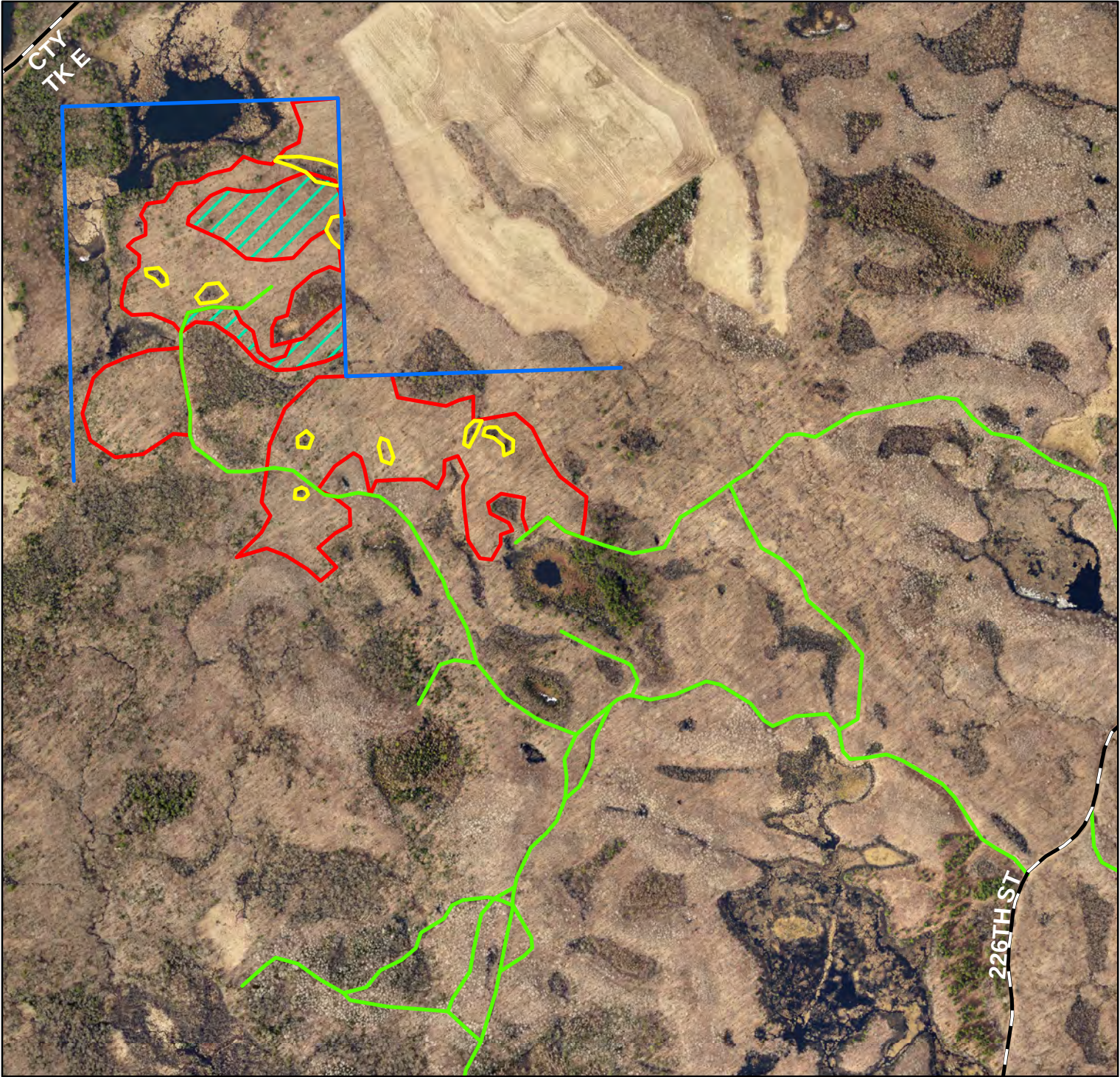
Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest Area: (53 Acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red or equipment limitation areas marked in yellow.

Clear Cut Area: (15 Acres) Marked with red paint and delineated on map. Cut all trees 1" and larger. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint)

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and July 15th.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is 2 years.



Back Woods HW

Approximatly 40 acres

Legend

- Property Boundary
- Woods Roads
- Wetland Exclusions
- Sale_Boundary
- Shelterwood Area

Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 12-22**Back Woods Hardwood Sale**

Located in Sec. 28 T32N R7W, Birch Creek

Total Sale Area: (approximately 40 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 12-22 is \$ 39,370.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	390	
Oak cordwood	400	
Oak logs		86
Mixed Hardwood logs		18

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. These Northern Hardwood and Oak stands of approximately 40 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management silviculture, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps. 2 acres of the sale will be clear-cut to release existing oak regeneration and 4.5 acres of the sale will be cut a shelterwood first cut.

Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest Area: (33.5 Acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red property Boundary trees marked in Blue or equipment limitation areas marked in yellow.

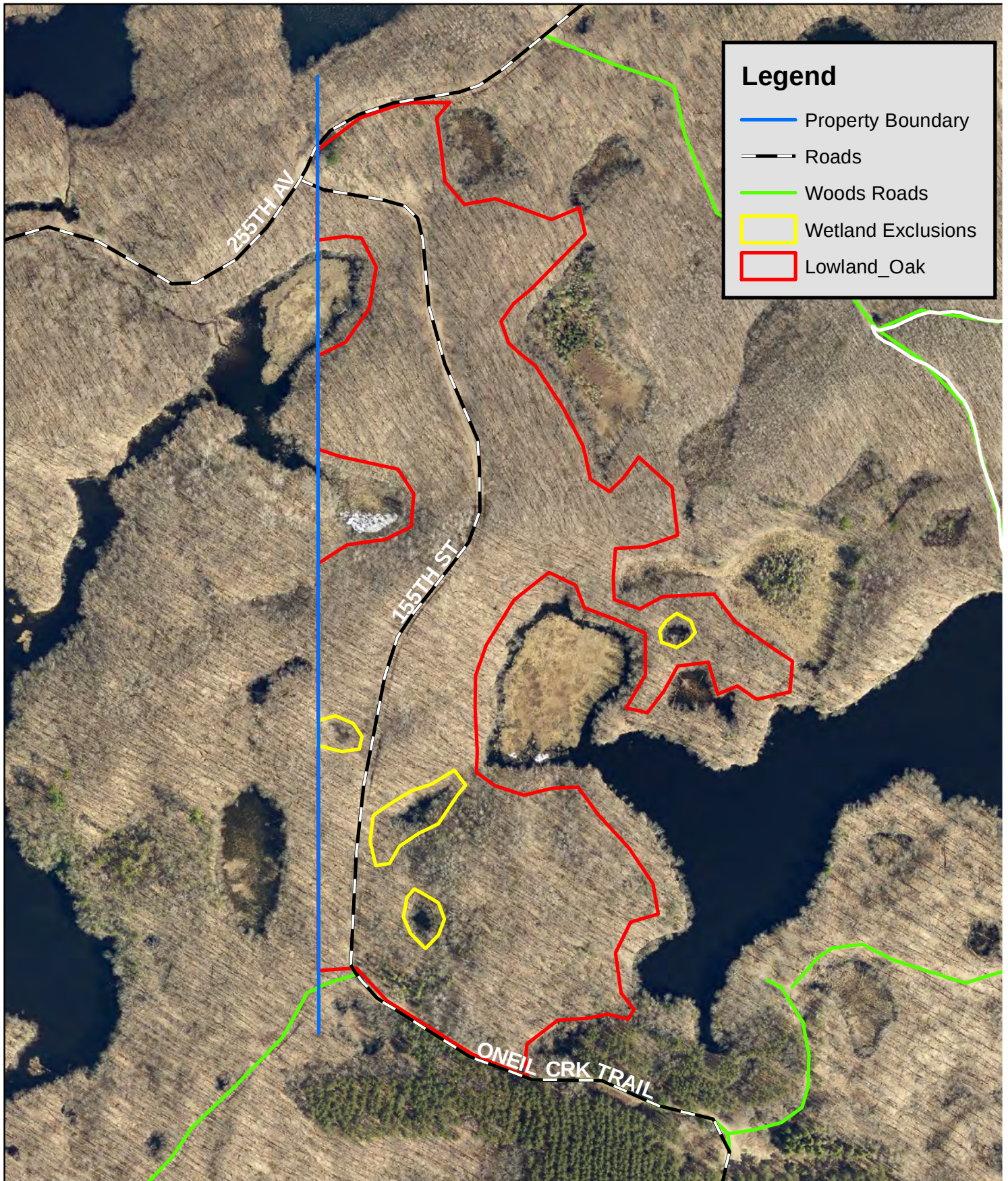
Clear Cut / Shelterwood Area: (6.5 Acres) Marked with red paint and delineated on map. Cut all trees 1" and larger. Do not cut Leave Trees Marked with Green or sale boundary trees (red paint)

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and July 15th.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is 2 years.

Lowland Oak

Approximately 37 acre Oak Shelterwood.



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Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 13-22**Lowland Oak Shelter Wood Harvest**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 37 acres)

Located in T32N R8W Section 33, Town of Sampson

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 13-22 is \$ 47,900.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	940	
MX HW cordwood	470	
Aspen Cordwood	400	
Red Oak Logs		72
White Oak Logs		7
MX HW logs		20

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along State property. This sale is 37 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area. Sale is located along the north end of O'Neil creek trail and 155th St.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (37 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Special Conditions:

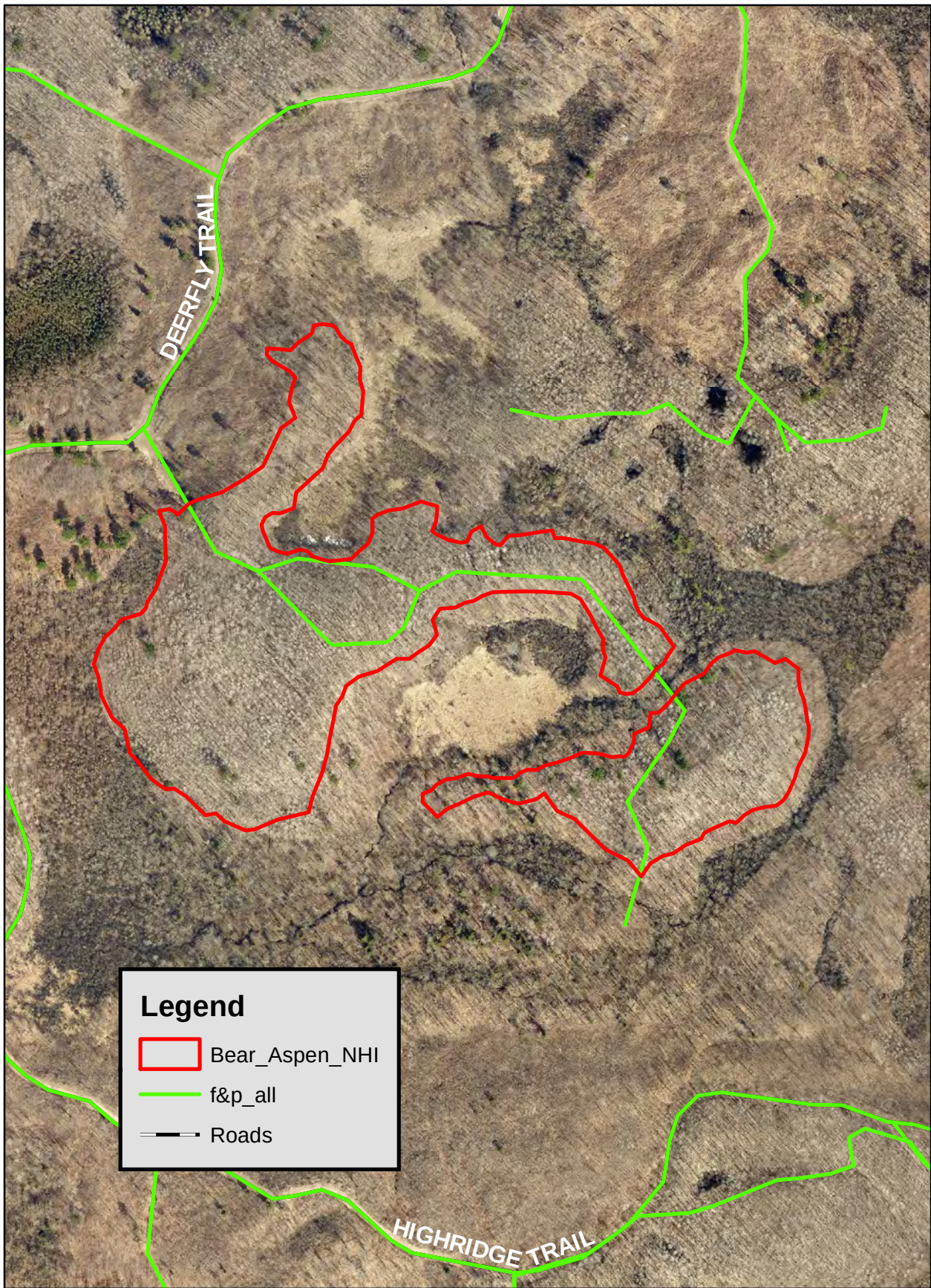
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt and NHI Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and August 10th.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is two years.

Map is Located on Back

Tract 14-22 Bear Aspen
Approximatly 21 acres aspen coppice



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Legend

- Bear_Aspen_NHI
- f&p_all
- Roads

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 14-22**Bear Aspen**

(approximately 21 acres)

Located in T32N R7W, Sec 26,36 T32N R7W, Sec 31 , Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 14-22 is \$ 34,200.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	1500	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	400	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		11

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line and red to delineate wetland boundaries. The sale is accessed off of the Deer Fly Trail. This sale has a good road running through the center of the sale. A small drainage crossing will need to be crossed using mats to minimize rutting.

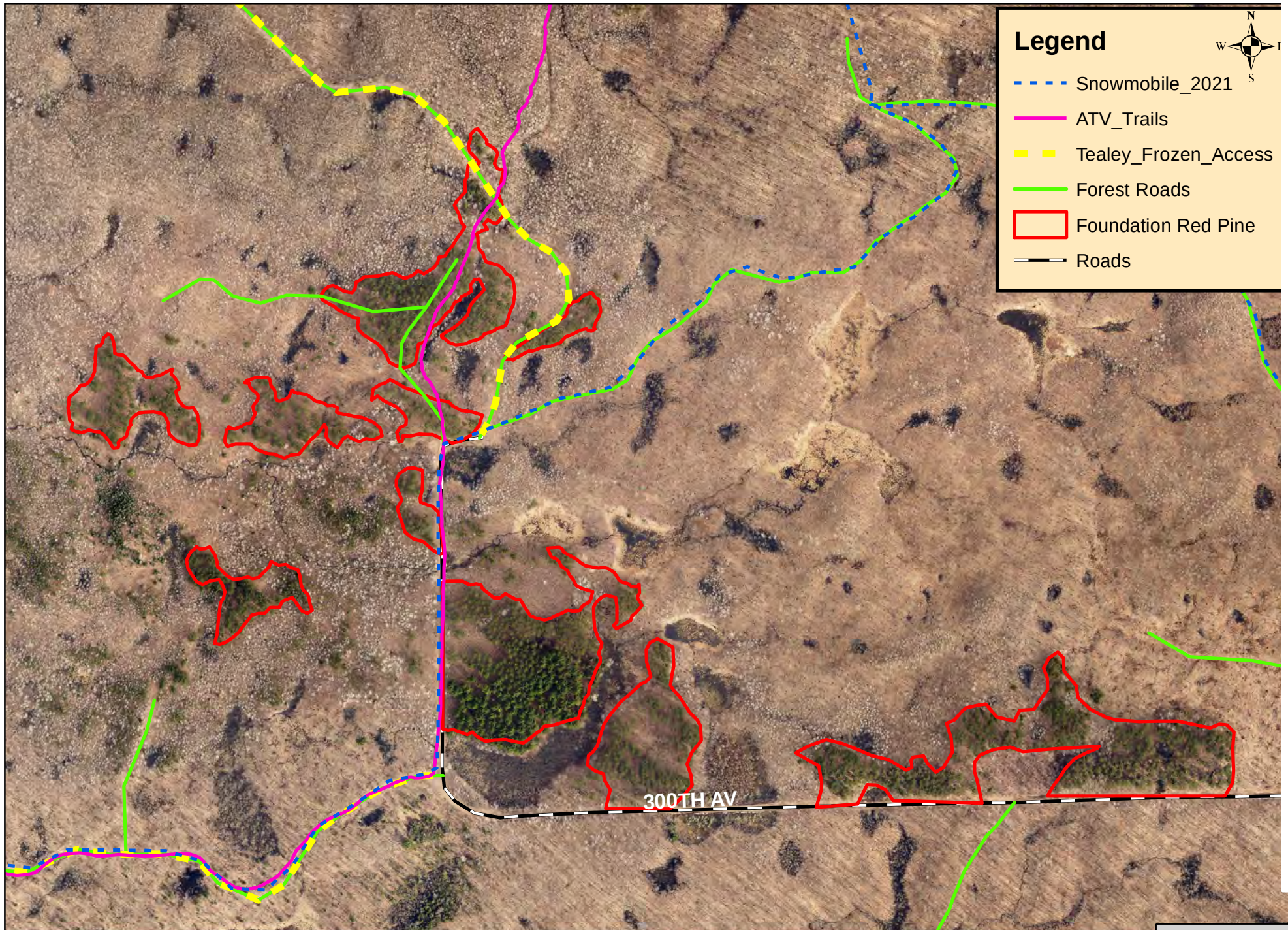
Cutting Requirements:

Aspen Harvest Areas: (21 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees or pine. (red paint)

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All landing locations must be approved.

Tract 15-22 Foundation Red Pine +/- 26 Acres



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 15-22**Foundation Pine**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 26 acres)

Located in T32N R7W Section 4, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 15-22 is \$ 26,875.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Red Pine cordwood	1400	
Aspen cordwood*	200	
White Pine cordwood	125	

*Aspen cordwood includes +/- 2% Mixed Hardwood

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint. This sale is 26 acres of Red Pine thinning by single tree selection with canopy gaps. This harvest system will release natural regeneration and transition to the stand Northern Hardwoods. Access is from 300th Ave.

Cutting Requirements:

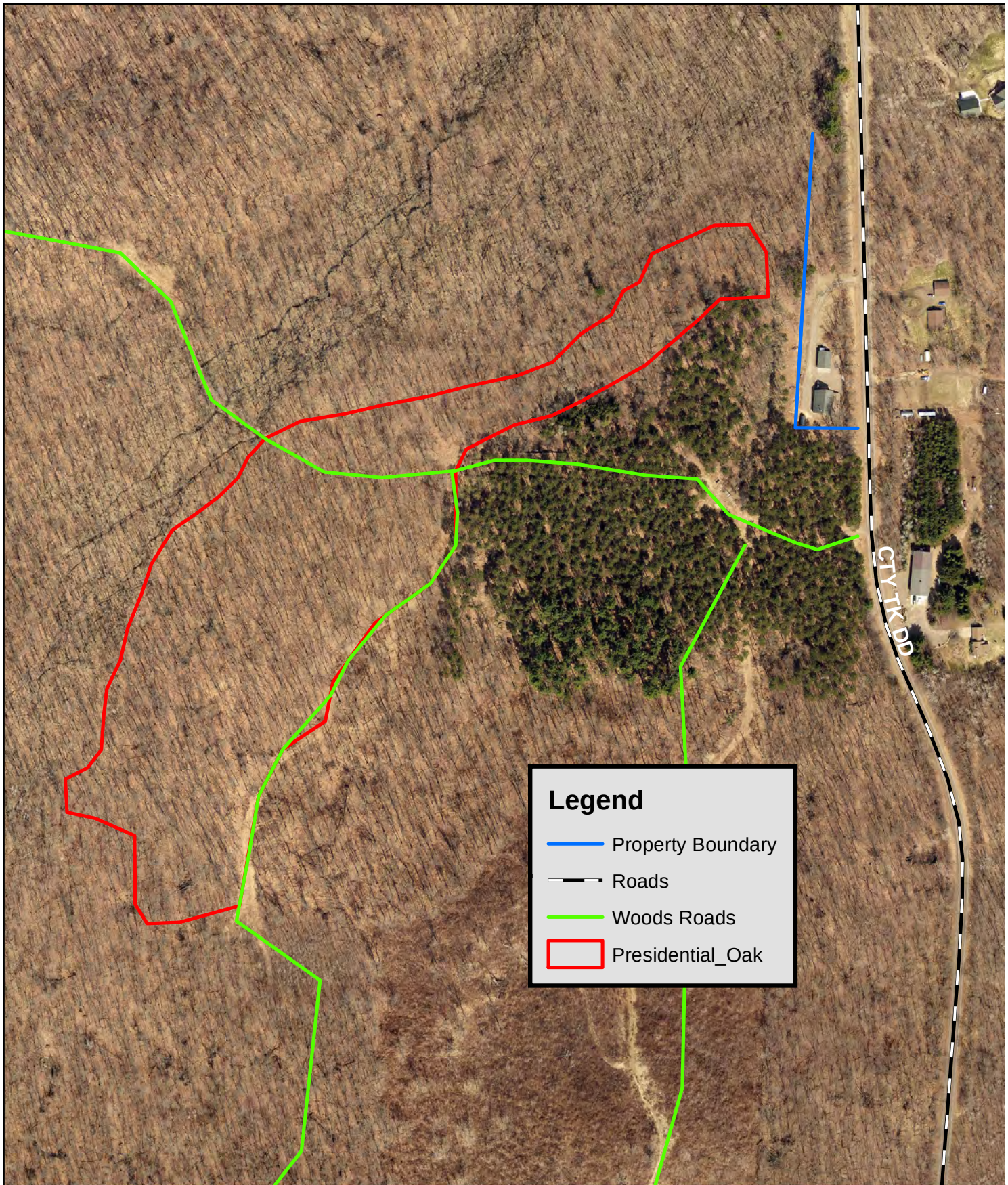
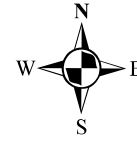
Red Pine Thinning: (5 acres) Cut all trees, including not commercial trees, marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify RMZs and wetlands.

Special Conditions:

- **Restricted to FROZEN ground conditions.** The County may waive the restriction if conditions in the sale area become dry enough to support harvesting equipment.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- The site is not within 25-miles of a known stand of HRD. If a HRD confirmation occurs within 25 miles of this site, the County will stump treat for HRD.
- If the logging contractor comes from a site with HRD they will be required to clean all equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All road and landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is two years.

Presidential Oak

Approximatly 16 acres oak clearcut



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 16-22**Presidential Oak Clearcut**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 16 acres)

Located in T31N R10W Section 21, Town of Auburn

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 16-22 is \$ 41,460.00.**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	720	
Red Maple Cordwood	1000	
Red Maple logs		4
Red Oak logs		68
White Oak logs		23

Oak cordwood includes red and white oak.

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines. This oak stand totaling 16 acres will be clear-cut to promote an even aged stand of oak. Existing oak regeneration and some stump sprouting will result in a new stand of oak on this site.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear-Cut: Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint). ***Do not cut or damage any conifers.***

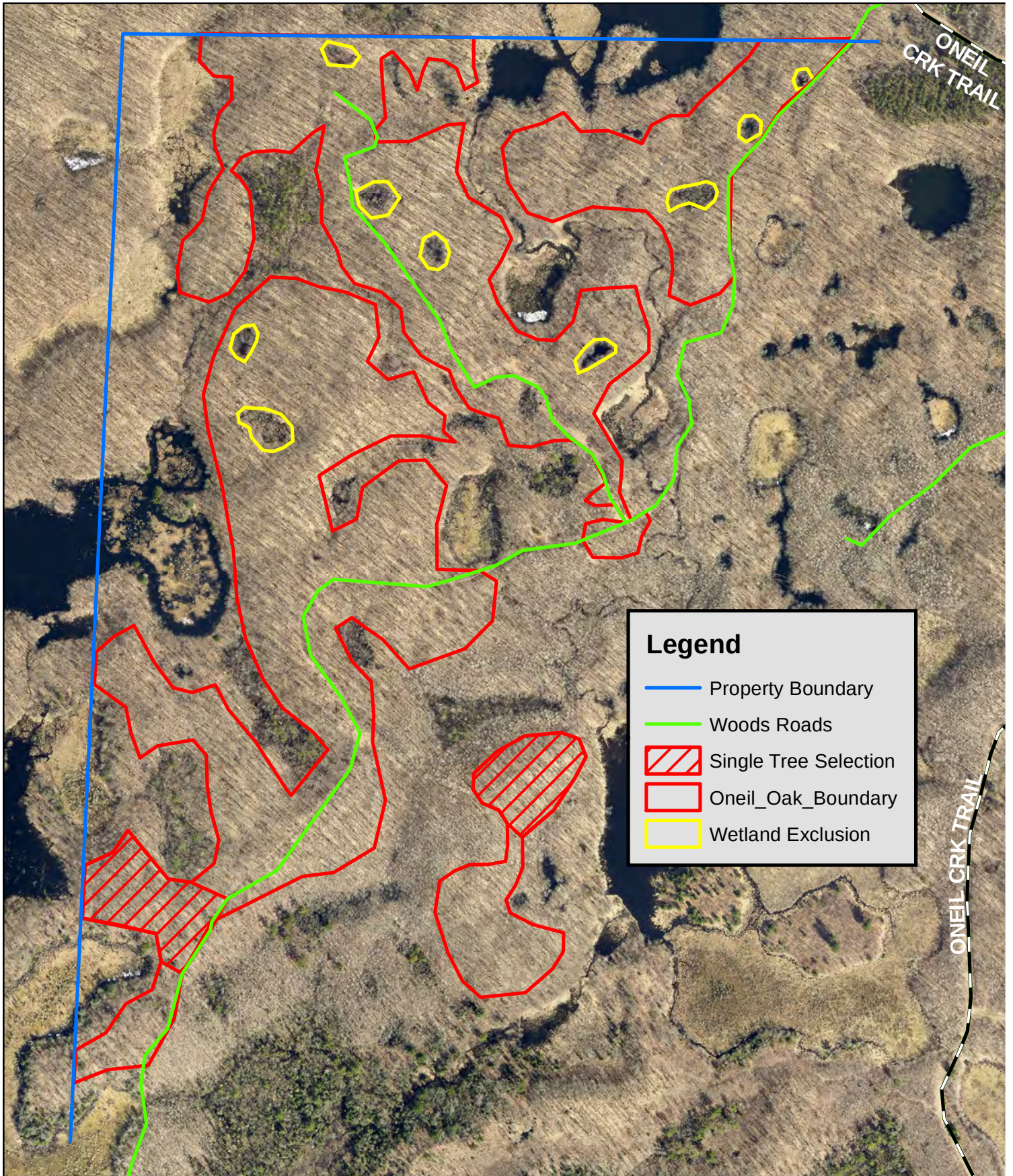
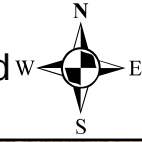
Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1st and July 15.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is 2 years.

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Rock Of Ages

Approximatly 65 acres Oak Shelterwood
5 acres Single Tree Selection



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 17-22**Rock of Ages**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 70 acres)

Located in T31N R8W Section 4, Town of Cleveland

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 17-22 is \$ 83,470.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	1800	
MX HW cordwood	1100	
Red Oak Logs		165
MX HW logs		40

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along State property. This sale is 65 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest and 5 acres Single tree selection. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area. Sale is located along the wood's road the leads to the north side of Rock Lake.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (65 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Single Tree Selection area: (5 acres) Cut all trees including not commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

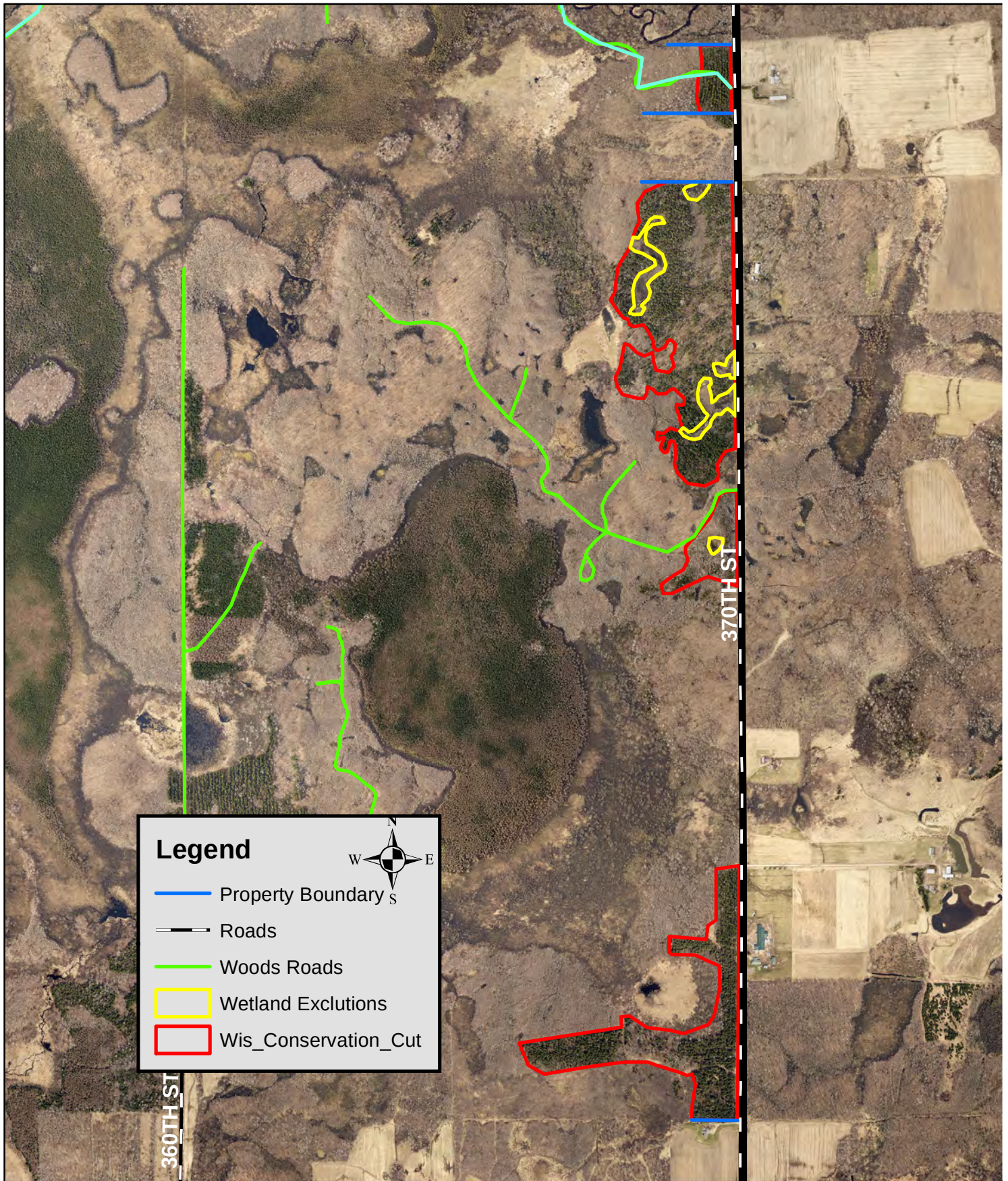
Special Conditions:

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- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
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- The contract length is two years.

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Tract 18-22 Wis Conservation Cut

Approximatly 90 acres Spruce Clearcut



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 18-22**Wis Conservation Cut**

Located in T32N R5W Section 25,36, Town of Ruby

Total Sale Area: (approximately 90 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 18-22 is \$ 39,750.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
White Spruce cordwood	3500	
Aspen cordwood	1000	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	450	

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along property lines. This sale is 90 acres of white spruce plantation clear-cut. The goal of this harvest is to transition these stands to hardwood by cutting all spruce and mature hardwood. There are existing landings in the sale area but many will need ditch work to access the landings. This is also heavy low ground. Summer harvesting will be allowed but caution will need to be taken to minimize ground disturbance.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear Cut area: (90 acres) Cut all trees 4" or greater. Do not cut Oak, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands. Minimize damage to small diameter trees.

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW OF COUNTY FOREST TIMBER SALES CONTRACTED WITH
KAFKA FORESTRY, LLC

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Kafka Forestry LLC was the winning bidder on four (4) timber sales offered in the Spring 2021 bid opening. All four (4) sales were readvertised after the county allowed contractors to give back sales deemed unprofitable, without penalty, when the Covid pandemic caused pulp markets to rapidly decline.

Mr. Kafka asked if he could subcontract his sales to other operators. The County Forest Administrator advised that he could if they met contract requirements. The County also assisted in searching for qualified and willing operators. Only one (1) of the four (4) sales had stumpage rates that other contractors were willing to pay. Mr. Kafka has agreed to subcontract that sale to the willing contractor.

This Business Item will be used to discuss the situation and possibly take action to terminate these contracts before their expiration.

Producer	Sale #	Sale Name	Value	25% Cash Bond	April	May	June	July
Kafka	1323-21	Mallard Hardwood	\$19,400.00		Expires 1st 0% 6 mo			
				\$4,850.00	Frozen Ground			
Kafka	1328-21	O'Neil HW	\$36,360.00		Oak Wilt Restriction			Expires 1st 0
				\$9,090.00				
Kafka	1331-21	Maxfield Clearcut	\$36,950.00					Expires 1st 0
				\$9,237.50	Frozen Ground			
Kafka *	1327-21	New ATV Hardwood	\$21,135.00		Oak Wilt Restrictions			
Michael Prokop Logging will subcontract				\$5,284.00				

Total cash in performance bonds for the first 3 sales is \$23,177.50
a 10% penalty taken from the performance bond is \$2,317.75
a 25% penalty taken from the performance bond is \$4,581.88
a 50% penalty taken from the performance bond is \$11,805.75



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 59 - 22

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 ANNUAL WORK PLAN OF THE FOREST AND TRAILS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - MATT HANSON

1 Approval of this resolution will adopt an annual work plan for the Forest and Trails
2 Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management in 2023, in
3 accordance with § 28.11(5)(b), Wis. Stats., and will authorize the County Forest Administrator
4 to apply for a grant in the amount of \$55,528.49 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural
5 Resources. The grant is needed to accomplish the work specified in the plan.

6 The County Forest Administration Grant will be used in accordance with § 28.11(5m),
7 Wis. Stats., to fund 50% of the County Forest Administrator's salary and fringe benefits, as well
8 as 50% of the County's annual dues to the Wisconsin Forest Association. Chippewa County has
9 used this funding source, on an annual basis, to offset forest management operational
10 expenses for over 30 years.

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RESOURCES - MATT HANSON**

WHEREAS, counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of § 28.11(4), Wisconsin Statutes, may annually receive from the state:

1. A grant of up to 50% of the actual salary and up to 50% of the fringe benefit costs of a County-employed professional forester in the position of County Forest Administrator.
2. A grant of up to 50% of the County's annual dues to the nonprofit Wisconsin County Forest Association which provides leadership and counsel to County Forest Administrators and functions as a liaison to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the aforementioned grant, an annual work plan is required to be approved by the County Board and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with § 28.11 (5)(b), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the County Board approved 2023 Budget includes anticipated revenue from a County Forest Administration Grant in the amount of \$55,528.49 to be used to offset expenses relating to the County Forest Administrator Position and for dues to the Wisconsin County Forest Association;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the attached 2023 Annual Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to §28.11, Wis. Stats., the County Forest Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit required application materials for the aforementioned County Forest Administration Grant in the amount of approximately \$55,528.49 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no unbudgeted costs associated with this resolution.

11/16/2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee
RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 12/13/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER: David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER: James Flater, District 1
AYES: Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT: Jason Bergeron

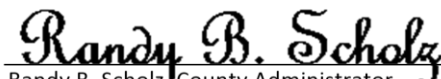
Approved as to Form:


 Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

11/9/2022


 Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

11/9/2022


 Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

11/9/2022

2023 ANNUAL WORKPLAN FOR THE FOREST AND TRAILS DIVISION OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management is responsible for management of the County Forest and various recreational trails distributed throughout the county. LCFM will work in collaboration with:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on timber management.
- Chippewa County Highway Department to complete required county forest road and equipment maintenance.
- Private contractors to complete necessary projects that are beyond staff capacity.
- User groups and volunteers to complete required maintenance and development goals on recreational trails.

This work plan supplements the 2021-2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and will advance the County's Strategic Plan. Tasks included in this work plan, and unforeseen demands that materialize throughout 2023, will be prioritized as follows:

1. Respond to public requests and inquiries.
2. Meet timber sale establishment and sales goals.
3. Maintain productive working relationships with volunteers and organized user groups.
4. Assist WCWRPC with updating the Chippewa County Outdoor Recreation Plan.
5. Improve Aspen forest reconnaissance to optimize forest management.

Staffing and Labor Resources available in 2023 include (listed hours account for Holiday and PTO):

Forest and Trails

County Forest Administrator – 1800 hours
 Assistant County Forest Administrator – 1820 hours
 Annual Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 Seasonal Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 DNR Forestry Staff – 1048 hours
 Contracted Services – TBD based on need and available finances
 Volunteer services – TBD based on implementation of volunteer policy & projects assigned

General Administration

Office Administrator - ~200
 FTE Department Director~330
 FTE Accountant ~ 500

This work plan presents tasks under the following sections:

Section A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Section B. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Section C. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

I. Timber Sale Establishment

Summary of 2022:

For the spring bid opening the County and WDNR established 9 sales totaling 328 acres and readvertised one additional 13 acre sale that had no bidders at the fall 2021 bid opening. All advertised sales received bids and were awarded to the highest bidder. In order to facilitate the planned parking lot expansion at the Hickory Ridge Trailhead one additional 3 acre sale was established and sold directly to a contractor.

For the fall bid opening 8 sales were established containing 370 acres. All advertised sales received bids and were awarded to the highest bidder.

Planned Activities:

In 2023 LCFM will again set a goal of establishing approximately 800 acres of new timber sales. Reconnaissance data from the Wisconsin Forest Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) will assist in identifying stands suitable for management. Actual acreage will vary depending on site inspections of individual stands and determination of silvicultural needs. The following chart lists anticipated acreages to be established within each compartment:

2023 acres of scheduled harvests by Compartment as prioritized by WisFIRS																
Compartment	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	15	21	22	23	24	25
Acres	40	17	37	24	68	43	111	80	36	21	42	12	95	40	1	6
Compartment	26	27	29	30	31	32	34	35	36	38	40	41	43	44	46	Total
Acres	38	41	144	91	58	37	85	93	17	26	4	26	119	27	65	1544

Anticipated timber sales in 2023 will include two public bid openings to be held in May and November of approximately 8-10 sales, managing 400+/- acres in both sale offerings.

At least one Swamp Hardwood timber sale will be established in an effort to mitigate losses due to mortality from the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. The merchantability of remaining swamp hardwood stands is fair to poor. Stands with the best access and sawlog volumes have already been sold.

Non-Commercial Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) activities will include:

1. Testing the effectiveness of TSI techniques and assessing the feasibility of herbicide or mechanical treatment to release oaks from competition in recently regenerated stands. Once treatment recommendations and cost estimates are created the financial implications of contracting TSI treatments will be presented to the Committee.
2. Release of small pockets of oak, hemlock and white pine regeneration through mechanical or herbicide TSI treatment occurs across the forest as sales are established and time allows.

II. Timber Sale Administration

Year-round timber sale administration is an essential part of County Forest management. Administration includes: sale inspections, scaling wood, correspondence with contractors, stumpage record entries and deposits, road layout, calculation and payment of town and state severance allotments, reporting harvest volumes, preparing contracts and extensions.

Weather, market conditions, and harvest restrictions influence contractor's ability to complete contracted timber sales. Staff will assist logging contractors attempting to complete contracts in a timely manner.

Including bids awarded at the November 16th Committee meeting there are 51* timber sales under contract valued at \$2,480,791*. Fifteen of the contracted sales are currently active or are in the process of being closed out. The budgeted timber sale revenue for 2023 is \$469,800.00.

* Numbers are valid pre-bid opening and will be updated before the plan is advanced to County Board.

III. Forest Inventory and Reconnaissance

Field reconnaissance is used to assess geographical, structural and compositional attributes of forest resources. Field measurements are stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Forest inventory data is collected, stored and updated systematically and continuously. The database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives and assist in the development and implementation of short and long-term management plans.

Efforts over the last several years have improved the quality of the information WisFIRS uses to schedule forest management activity. The County will continue to improve management planning by improving the aspen reconnaissance information. Continuing in 2023 LCFM and WDNR staff will conduct reconnaissance to determine the species composition of aspen stands across the forest. This will allow for improved management scheduling as the prevalence of Quaking or Big Tooth aspen will be a key factor in deciding rotational ages. Increasing the spatial and temporal diversity of age classes produces a more regular schedule of management while also improving wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

IV. County Forest Roads and Access Trails

County Forest infrastructure will be managed in accordance with the document titled "Overview of Current Policy and Maintenance Protocol for Primary Infrastructure in the County Forest" presented to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee on October 17, 2018.

Permanent Primary Roads

1. Assume lead responsibility to conduct county forest road certification and administer County Forest Road Aids from the State Department of Transportation.
2. Contract County Highway Department to complete grading, and corrective maintenance of certified county forest roads. LCFM will assist with maintenance efforts by mowing ROWs and utilizing a disc-reclaimer or back blade to improve ditching before grading occurs.
3. Replace culverts as necessary within budget limits.

Permanent Secondary and Temporary Roads

1. Regularly provide custodial maintenance of the County Forest to control litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and vandalism in the County Forest. Conduct routine inspections to identify unauthorized motor vehicle use, areas of excessive erosion, failing culverts and other maintenance needs. Conduct limited grading to repair damage and install best management practices where needed.
2. Mow the following areas: Hwy M Access to former Charter Bank and Hanson Property (~ 2.0 miles), Hickory Ridge Ski/Horse Trail Systems (~16 miles), Harold Walters Memorial Forest/River Road Ski Trail (~3.4 miles), Kempers Woods (~2 miles), Pine Harbor Woods (~1 mile), and Yellow River Woods (~1 mile).
3. Mow secondary access roads subject to motor vehicle use under frozen ground conditions: Town of Ruby (~4.6 miles), Tealey Creek Game Loop (~3.2 miles),
4. Work in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept., DNR Conservation Wardens, and Corporation Counsel to enforce motor vehicle use laws, illegal dumping, and other property damage violations.

V. County Forest Special Use Units

State Statutes (Chapter 28.11(4)) allow for the designation of certain properties as "County Forest Special Use". The Forest & Trails Division manages seven (7) properties totaling 1,614 acres with such designation. These properties are not suited primarily for timber production and do not lie within the Blocking Boundary. Special Use lands are suitable for scenic value, outdoor recreation, public hunting and fishing, water conservation, and other multi-use activities.

Chippewa County Forest Special Use Units include:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Pine Harbor (Campground) | 2. Kemper's Woods |
| 3. Gilberts | 4. Harold E. Walters Memorial Forest |
| 5. Round Lake (Day Use Park) | 6. Otter Lake (Campground & Day Use Park) |
| 7. Yellow River | |

Planned Activities:

1. Continue to update maps, website information and signs for non-Parks properties.
2. Facilitate local volunteers performing trail maintenance and improvement projects.
3. Enter Peterlik Wildlife Area and Riverview Conservancy as Special Use County Forest.

VI. Fish and Wildlife Management

1. Work cooperatively with Chippewa Rod & Gun Club Volunteers, trappers and other conservation organizations on the inspection, operation, and maintenance of wildlife flowages, including impoundment mowing, repair, and beaver detritus removal.

2. Assist LCFM Engineering staff in recertification inspections of Low Hazard Large Dams as they have reached the 10 year interval required by the DNR.
3. Seed steep areas of landings and roads to provide wildlife habitat and resist invasive plant species.
4. Inventory aspen species composition and modify rotation ages to maximize habitat management (i.e. early entry and extended rotations where appropriate).

VII. Surveying and Boundary Line Establishment

1. Locate and mark private property lines as requested by private landowners or for timber sales.
2. Request assistance from County Surveyor to identify boundaries and resolve encroachments.

VIII. Land Acquisition

1. Facilitate State Natural Areas program staff in expanding the Ohmart Wetlands and Tealey Creek Cedars SNAs to recently entered County Forest properties.
2. Consider land acquisitions within and adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary on an ongoing basis. Pursue funding from DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and other sources when purchases are proposed.

IX. Invasive Species and Forest Pests

1. Use control measures on garlic mustard and buckthorn in select sites within forest stands in Sections 29-32, T32N R8W and in Sections 2,3, 4, 10, and 11, T31N R8W.
2. Spray wild chervil along the Old Abe Trail from Hwy S to the Wissota Bridge and inspect the entire trail for invasive species.
3. Work to raise awareness and facilitate user groups' capacity to identify, monitor, and control invasive species in the County.

SECTION 2. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Recreational trails benefit the community in many ways. Among other benefits, trails contribute to quality of life, public health and tourism. The Forest & Trails Division is responsible for the planning, development and coordination trail maintenance efforts. Activities are accomplished through organized user group's cooperative agreements, individual volunteer agreements, third party service contracts and staff maintenance of several public recreational trail systems.

Planned Activities

1. Old Abe State Trail:
 - A. Coordinate and oversee the maintenance of 19 miles of trail, including tree removal, mowing, surface repair, sweeping, bridge maintenance, signing and trail pass sales.

- B. Mow and maintain approximately 6 miles of horseback trail adjacent to the paved trail.
- C. Install a trail information kiosk, railroad historic marker, seating and tables at the Lake Wissota Trailhead.
- D. Coordinate maintenance of the Anson Trailhead pit toilets with Lake Wissota State Park.
- E. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

2. Bike Trails & Riverview Reserve:

- A. Conduct maintenance of 1.7 miles of bike and pedestrian trails at Riverview Reserve.
- B. Update the maintenance agreement with the Chippewa Off Road Bike Association (CORBA).
- C. Permit the annual FOHRT mountain bike race at the Hickory Ridge Bike Trail system.
- D. Facilitate the planning process, grant applications and construction of maintenance facilities and enlarging the Hickory Ridge trailhead parking.
- E. Facilitate bridge permit application for the expanding Hickory Ridge Bike Trail system.
- F. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

3. Snowmobile Trails:

- A. Support the efforts of the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization (CVSO), to maintain approximately 400 miles of state-funded snowmobile trails.
- B. Apply for DNR grant funding: snowmobile trail maintenance, supplemental funding, and bridge projects. Administer associated grant contracts in cooperation with CVSO.
- C. Cooperate with the CVSO to complete requests for additional funded trails.
- D. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

4. ATV Trails:

- A. Assist Chippewa Valley ATV Council (CVATVC) with the operation and maintenance of approximately 23.1 miles of state funded ATV trail and 8.2 miles of TROUTE.
- B. Assist CVATVC with maintenance of trailheads and toilet facilities.
- C. Administer DNR grant funding for ATV/UTV Trail and TROUTE Maintenance.
- D. Renew and implement the maintenance agreement maintenance of County Forest ATV Trails.

E. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

5. Ice Age National Scenic Trail:

- A. Support the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) efforts to maintain 19 miles of county forest trail.
- B. Facilitate efforts to reduce road use and relocate onto sections that highlight glacial features.
- C. Permit the annual Chippewa Moraine Ultra Marathon on the Ice Age Trail.

6. Horse Trails:

- A. Support the efforts of the Chippewa Valley Trail Riders to maintain and improve approximately 28 miles of horseback riding trail.
- B. Enroll members under the County Volunteer Policy.
- C. Empty manure collection bins and land spread per management plan.
- D. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

7. Cross Country Ski Trails:

- A. Support the Friends of the Hickory Ridge Trail in maintaining the quality of trail grooming.
- B. Mow Hickory Ridge Ski Trail in early fall.
- C. Clear downed trees from the River Road Ski Trail, and mow if necessary.
- D. Enroll and coordinate users under the County Volunteer Policy.

8. Canoe Trails:

- A. Continue construction and signing of the Townline-Plummer Lakes Canoe Trail.

9. Boat Landings:

- A. Inspect and maintain landings on Bass Lakes #2 and #3, Hay Meadow Flowage #1, Horseshoe Lake, Townline Lake and Knickerbocker Lake.
- B. Apply for a permit from WDNR to construct a vehicular access boat launch at Worden Lake

SECTION 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Implement the 2021-2035 Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
2. Manage workload and assure adequate support/supervision to implement the Division work plan.
3. Monitor 2022 budget and prepare 2023 budget, including Capital Improvement Project requests.
4. Pursue private contracts for technical and construction services to increase efficiency and complete important projects that cannot be completed with existing resources and staff.
5. Provide support to the Committee and County Board with development and implementation of policy relating to the county forest, recreational trails, and Type-B tax deed parcels.
6. Respond to public inquiries regarding the County Forest and recreational trails.
7. Plan workload, recruit, hire, train, and manage a new Seasonal Limited-Term Employee.
8. Improve website design to improve user experience and facilitate dissemination of information.
9. Work in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept. to provide law enforcement in the County Forest.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
THE LCFM COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

6.5

The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R7W and Sec. 31 and 32).



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
THE COMMITTEE WILL CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

6.6

The Committee will convene into open session.

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

THE LCFM COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF "DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION" (CONSIDER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION FOR PARCEL IN T30N, R6W AND T31N, R6W).

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
THE COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONTINUE
WITH THE AGENDA

6.8

The Committee will Reconvene to Open Session to Continue with the Agenda.