

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE
AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed per unit bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (DCNRWFF) at the Autauga WMA headquarters office, 2119 County Road 57, Prattville, AL 36067 until 3:30 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST), on June 16, 2025.

The timber to be sold is located on the following described lands:

Timber to be harvested consists of approximately 395.9 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 26, 35, and 36, Township 19 North, Range 14 East; and approximately 179.7 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 27, 32, and 34, Township 19 North, Range 15 East, all in Autauga County, Alabama, on the Autauga Wildlife Management Area.

Estimated volumes are: 11,688 tons of pine pulpwood, 7,732 tons of blended pine chip-n-saw/sawtimber, and 150 tons of hardwood pulpwood. Estimated volumes are not guaranteed. Bidders must satisfy themselves about volumes.

Description of Timber: Timber to be sold consists of approximately 3.9 +/- acres of road edge to be clearcut outside sale units and extending 30 ft width parallel to and extending from the road edge. Approximately 282.4 +/- acres of pine plantation will be a first thin. Harvesting will require utilizing a 4th row plantation thinning, then the operator will select trees from the leave rows, leaving 70 sqft (+/- 10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant trees adequately spaced, at the specified basal area. All trees will be cut within 30 ft parallel to and extending from edge of roads inside the sale units and all trees within 15 ft parallel to and extending from the Autauga WMA boundary that adjoins sale units.

Also to be sold is approximately 289.3 +/- acres of pine plantation to be a second thin. Harvesting will require leaving 50 sqft (+/-10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant trees adequately spaced at the specified basal area. All hardwood trees inside the first and second pine thinning harvest area are to be cut, less and except any and all oak species.

Internal SMZ boundaries are not marked, so the purchaser must follow Alabama BMP Guidelines. Sale boundaries may be marked with pink or pink/black striped flagging and/or blue paint. Fire lanes, roads, and/or a perimeter of pine plantations may serve as sale boundaries when other markings are not noticeable. Any blue painted trees within the sale unit or on the perimeter of the unit shall not be cut. Any logging slash accumulated on the loading decks will be redistributed on the skid trails to minimize erosion. No skidding or logging activities will take place in or through unauthorized cutting areas or SMZ's within the harvest area.

Purchaser shall number the loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands with highly visible paint on both sides of the loaded trailer up front near the first bunk on the trailer. Also, Purchaser shall keep a record of all loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands on site. **Preservation of the residual trees is of essence to this timber sale and the Timber Sale Agreement will include a heavy penalty for damage to residual trees.** Game openings and fire lanes cannot be used for loading grounds and/or skid trails. Road development and maintenance serving the harvest area will be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Water barring and re-vegetation of major skid trails and the re-vegetation of loading decks will be completed by the successful bidder if deemed necessary by DCNRWFF. No logging, processing, on-site equipment maintenance or wood hauling activities will be permitted during any scheduled turkey season, youth deer and turkey hunt, or gun deer hunts. Leave trees are not to be damaged.

This is a "pay as you cut" sale. An advanced payment of \$15,000 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check is due with the bid. Payments due to the Department shall be credited against the advanced payment until the value of timber products cut and delivered exceeds the amount advanced. When volumes of timber cut and delivered exceed that paid in the advance payment, further payments will be made weekly for those products harvested that week.

SUBMIT BIDS TO: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, Wildlife Section, Attn: Mark Bales, 2119 County Road 57, Prattville, Alabama 36067. All bids must be clearly marked on the front of the envelope, "DCNR, WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES, WILDLIFE SECTION, TIMBER BID - AUTAUGA WMA, TO BE OPENED AT 11:00 A.M. CST ON June 17, 2025" to avoid being opened as ordinary mail. Sealed Bid Proposals will be read aloud publicly at: 11:00 A.M. CST, June 17, 2025, at 64 North Union St., Suite 584, Montgomery, AL 36130-1901.

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON AFTER 3:30 P.M. CST on June 16, 2025. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY DCNRWFF PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

Timber inspection may be made between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. CST weekdays. To inspect timber, request information, obtain a copy of the contract, a map, or if ADA accommodations are needed, contact Mark Bales at (256) 998-2351 or Logan McCord at (334) 850-5459 or (334) 726-4434. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of the bid opening.

TERMS OF SALE: Sealed bids must include: a letter with your company name, address, contact information, and your bid rates per ton for the "pay as cut" sale. **Submit per ton bids for the following products: 1) Pine Pulpwood, 2) Blended Pine Chip-N-Saw and Sawtimber, and 3) Hardwood Pulpwood. The bid must be accompanied with a \$15,000 ADVANCE PAYMENT in the form of a cashier's or a certified check. Make all checks payable to: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.** Purchaser shall have thirty-six (36) months to cut and remove timber and may be extended at DCNRWFF's sole discretion for up to one year. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with all Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry.

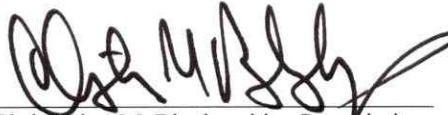
Successful bidder will be required to submit a performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit or certified check/cashier's check in the amount of \$15,000 within twenty days of the date of receipt of contract otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

DCNRWFF reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state-owned properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice.

DCNRWFF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring practices or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.

All responses received will be subject to the Alabama Open Records Act, Ala. Code §36-12-40, (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.


Christopher M. Blankenship, Commissioner
Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

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