



**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
TIMBER STUMPAGE  
POLK COUNTY FOREST**

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Polk County Environmental Services Committee for timber stumpage on the Polk County Forest. This bid offering includes five (5) tracts with a combined acreage of 317 acres and the following combined estimated volumes:

320 MBF RED OAK SAW  
137 MBF MIXED HARDWOODS SAW  
100 MBF BASSWOOD SAW

3,742 tons OAK PULP (EST. 180 MBF Scrub Oak Saw)  
1,229 tons MIXED HARDWOOD PULP  
1,600 tons JACK PINE PULP  
205 tons ASPEN PULP  
195 tons BASSWOOD PULP

Specific information and bid documents may be obtained by writing to the Polk County Forest Administrator at: 100 Polk County Plaza Suite 40, Balsam Lake, WI 54810, calling (715) 485-9265, visiting: <https://www.polkcountywi.gov/forestry>, or emailing: [brent.sisko@polkcountywi.gov](mailto:brent.sisko@polkcountywi.gov)

Sealed bids shall be received in person or by mail prior to 1:00 P.M., April 30th, 2024. Bids will be opened by the Polk County Forest Administrator and WI DNR Liaison Forester on the second floor North Conference Room of the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI starting at 1:30 P.M. This will be a public bid opening.

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## POLK COUNTY FOREST TIMBER SALES

Spring 2024

*Sale maps, descriptions and bid sheets are available online at:*  
<https://www.polkcountywi.gov/forestry>

Sealed “Timber Sale Bid” (so marked on the envelope) will be received by the Polk County Forest Administrator on behalf of the Polk County Environmental Services Committee (ESC) for timber stumpage on designated areas of the Polk County Forest. Bids will be accepted up to **1pm on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Polk County Forest Administrator’s office, ground floor Room G11 of the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI. Mailed bids must be received on or before Tuesday, April 30th, 2024. Furthermore, bids will be opened publicly by the Polk County Forest Administrator and the WI DNR Liaison Forester. The results of the bids will be shared as soon as possible.

Mailing Address:

**Polk County Forest Administrator  
100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 40  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**

Bids will be opened at 1:30 pm, Tuesday, April, 2024, on the second floor North Conference Room of the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI. *Sales will be awarded by the Environmental Services Committee (ESC) at the 9:00am regular meeting on May 1st, 2024.* Polk County ESC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids determined to be in the best interest of Polk County.

### BIDS

- Bids must be made separately for each tract by species and product on the standard form provided and must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope “SEALED TIMBER BID, TRACT # \_\_\_\_”.
  - **\*\*Please note the following\*\***  
**Tracts 2-23 and 5-23 are being sold as Lump Sum. All other tracts are being sold as mill scale.**
- **\*\*\*\*\*Bids Bonds are no longer required\*\*\*\*\***
  - The winning bidder must sign a sale contract and produce a performance bond within 45 days of the bid being awarded by the ESC or the bidder will be ineligible for bidding on sales for two years. Polk County will require a performance bond (15% of the total bid value or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater) as a performance security.  
Letters of Credit, a Certified, Personal, or Cashier’s Check, Bank or Postal Money order payable to Polk County Forestry Department are acceptable.
    - Letters of Credit must have an **expiration date of June 30, 2027.**

### CONTRACT PERIOD and EXTENSIONS

- All contracts will expire on **JUNE 30, 2026. Contract extensions are not guaranteed.**
- If the Seller deems extensions of this Contract reasonable, the stumpage price agreed upon herein shall be adjusted as follows:

- a. First extension: 1 year 5% increase
- b. Second extension: 1 year 15% increase

## INSURANCE

An original certificate of insurance covering liability insurance, workers' compensation and motor vehicle insurance is required to be filed with the County's sale prior to the beginning of any work on the contract area. Worker's compensation coverage shall not be waived if statutorily required and all worker's compensation insurance policies shall satisfy the Wisconsin statutory minimum limits. The contractor must add "County of Polk, its officers, employees, and agents" as a certificate holder under the commercial general, automobile and contractor's pollution liability and workers' compensation policies.

## TRAINING STANDARD

Polk County requires appropriate training of its logging contractors. Successful purchasers of Polk County Forest stumpage will need to ensure that the logging contractor complies with the **Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative®** Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at: <http://www.fistausa.org/become-sfi.html>. Documentation confirming completion of the training standard will be required prior to any work on the contract area.

**Polk County Forestry is third party certified.**

## SALES

The County reserves the right to either accept mill scale or to scale wood on the site. **Sale volumes are estimates and are not guaranteed.** Hardwood sawlogs are defined as being at least 8' long and taken to a 10" diameter inside bark (dib) on the small end. Logs will be scaled at the sale site using Scribner Decimal C log rule unless a Mill scale slip can be provided. 'Hand' or 'stick' scaled wood will be converted according to the WDNR Timber Sale Handbook table below (please note mixed hardwood is added by Polk County):

CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS  
(POUNDS PER CORD)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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
Locust	5300
Mixed Hardwood	4800

The lock box ticket system will be used for all scaled sales unless otherwise stated on the individual sale map. Copies of all mill scale slips shall be provided to the Polk County Forestry Department. Arrangements will be made to scale all saw timber and products for which mill scale slips cannot be obtained.

Polk County requires prepayment on all sales before cutting may begin. The purchaser will be subject to a 5% interest charge per month on payments not received within 30 calendar days of any invoice amount. Payment schedules are listed in the timber sale contract. A sample timber sale contract is available upon request.

**For all Polk County timber sales located in Sterling Township, only bark free Oak trees, Oak trees with loose bark, or downed Oak trees for a year or longer may be sold to private individuals. The purpose of this restriction is to avoid spreading Oak Wilt to surrounding areas.**

*Wisconsin Forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Water Quality, Wisconsin Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species AND Wisconsin Forestry BMPs for Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines will be followed. Rutting and other excessive soil damage will result in ceasing operations.*

No whole tree harvesting allowed unless otherwise stated on the individual sale map.

**NO TIMBER SALE MAY BEGIN WITHOUT A MEETING WITH THE POLK COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATOR OR DNR FORESTER AT THE SALE SITE.**

*\*Building of roads and/or landings must be approved by the Forest Administrator or the DNR Forester before construction.*

Bid documents can be obtained by visiting the Polk County Forestry office or by going to the website below:  
<https://www.polkcountywi.gov/forestry>

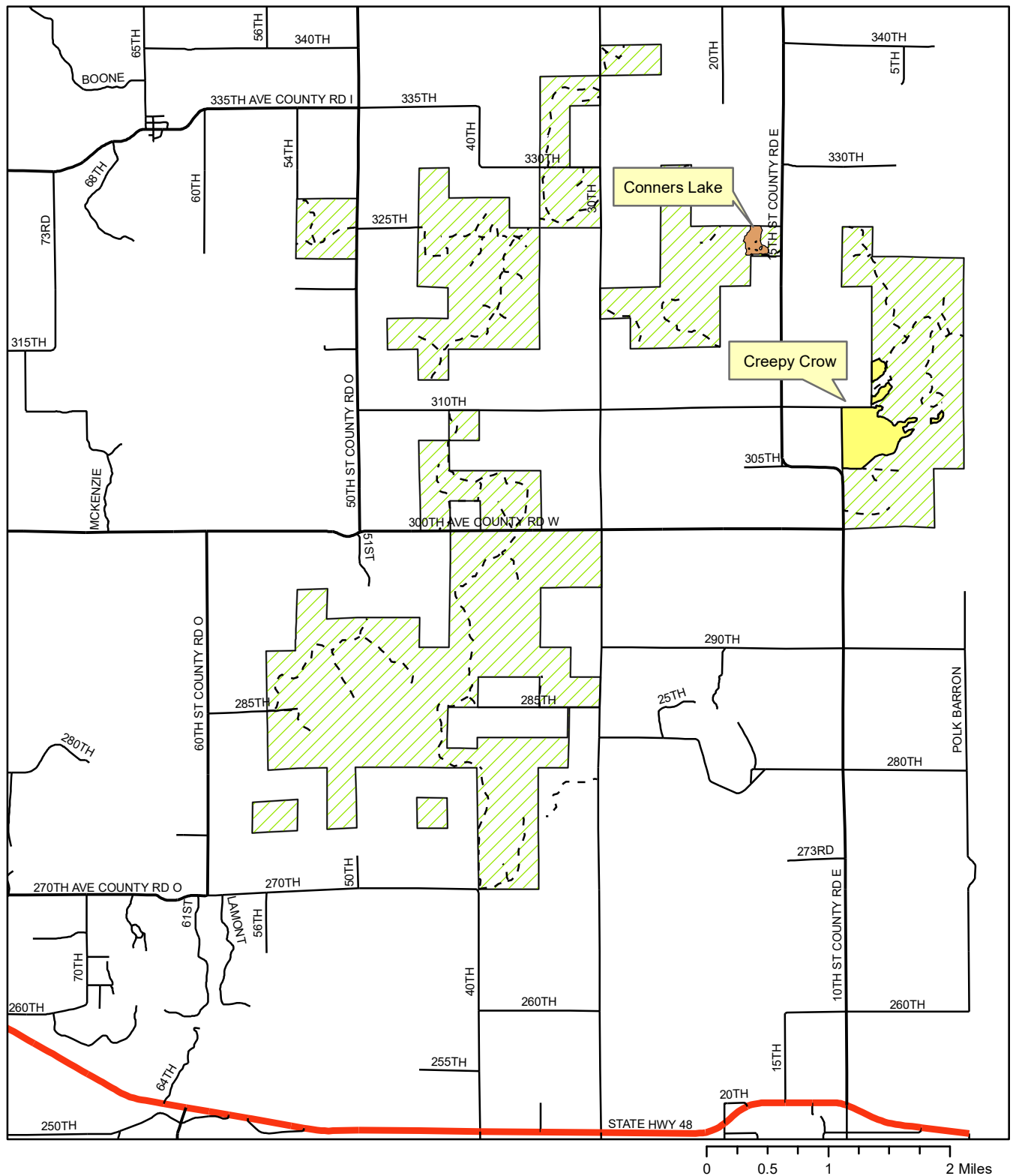
Scroll down to Resources and click on Timber Sales.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Polk County Forestry Department at 715-485-9265 or by email at [brent.sisko@polkcountywi.gov](mailto:brent.sisko@polkcountywi.gov). You can also contact Paul Heimstead, WI DNR Liaison Forester at 715-410-8316 or by email at [Paul.Heimstead@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Paul.Heimstead@wisconsin.gov).

Thank you,

Brent Sisko  
Polk County Forest Administrator

# 2024 Polk County Timber Sales - Town of Lorain

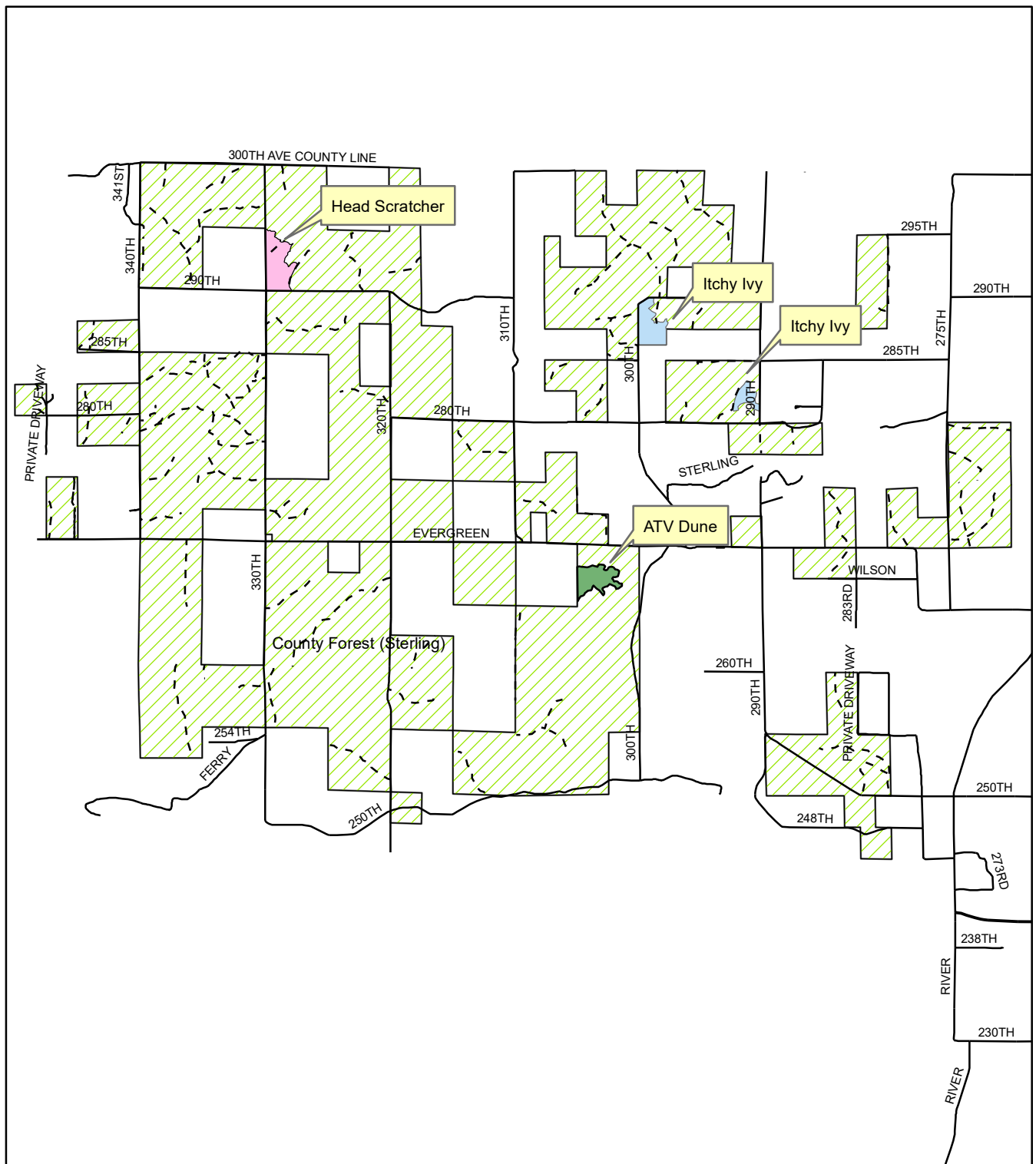


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| Polk County Forest | Itchy Ivy      | Sections |
| State Highway      | Head Scratcher |          |
| County Road        | Creepy Crow    |          |
| Other Roads        | Conners Lake   |          |
| Forest Roads       | ATV Dune       |          |









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# 2024 Polk County Timber Sales - Town of Sterling



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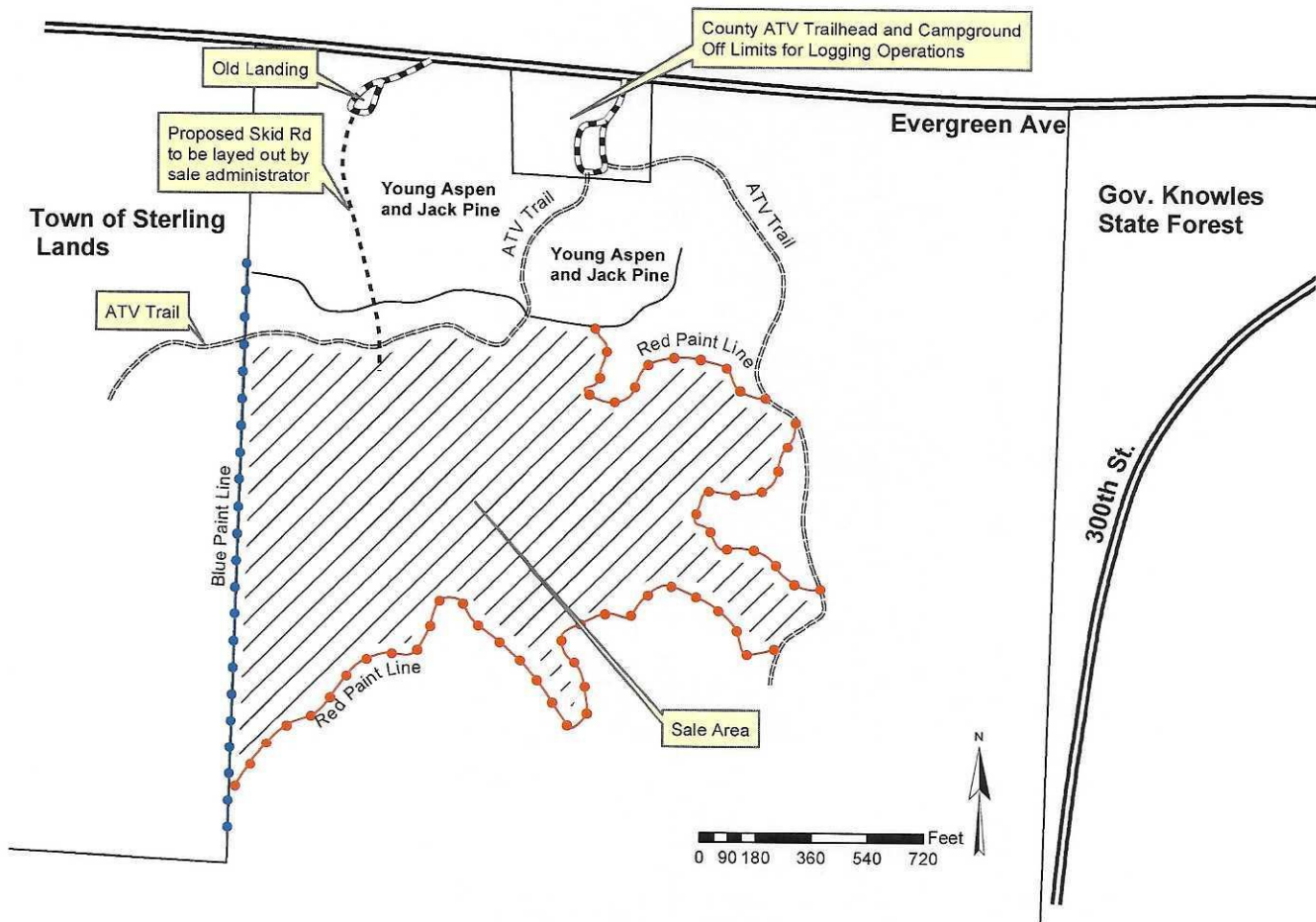
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# POLK COUNTY FOREST

<b>MAPPED BY:</b> PAUL HEIMSTEAD	<b>PROJECT TYPE:</b> TIMBER SALE	<b>TIMBER SALE NUMBER (ASSIGNED ONCE SOLD)</b>
<b>DATE DRAWN:</b> 6-14-23	<b>COMP:</b> 21 <b>STAND:</b> 2, 11	<b>CONTRACTOR:</b>
<b>TOWNSHIP:</b> STERLING	<b>DNR PROPERTY AND TRACT #:</b> 4900      1-23	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>
<b>TOWN/ RANGE/ SECTION</b> 36N R20W SEC. 24	<b>ACRES:</b> 38 ACRE JACK PINE SITE PREP HARVEST	<b>ATV DUNE SALE</b>

<b>Estimated Volume (4" top)</b>	<b>Pulpwood</b>
Jack Pine	1100 Tons
Aspen	75 Tons
Oak/Mx	100 Tons
<b>Advertised Min. Value</b>	<b>\$ 8830.00</b>



## Cutting Requirements / Information

1. Harvest all Stems greater than 2 inches in diameter except leave all small nonmerchantable jack pine. Leave any dead snags that are not a hazard.
2. Sale is bound by blue paint, red paint or ATV trail. ATV trail/trailhead may not be used for forestry operations.
3. Utilization: Utilize all harvested trees and limbs that will make at least 1, 100" pulp stick 4 inches on small end.
4. Slash must be lopped and scattered to within 3 feet of the ground. Do not pile or windrow.
5. Any landings, new access roads, or turn-arounds must be approved by County Forest Administrator.
6. This is a scaled sale for all products. Mill scale with haul ticket system will be used. County reserves right to scale on the landing. No guarantee that sale will cut out as estimated.

**Description of Stumpage:** Jack pine is of average to very good quality. Aspen is poor to average quality for Sterling. Oak is short and average to poor. Stand has been dozer scarified for jack pine regeneration. Access to sale will need to be cut or bladed out through young oak and jack pine from existing landing. Volume estimate by variable radius plot – sampling error 18%.

# Spring 2024 Polk County Forest Bid Sheet

*Tract 1-23 "ATV Dune Sale"*

I hereby submit the following bid:

Species	Product	Est. Volume	Unit	Bid per unit	Total Bid
Jack Pine	Pulp	1100	Tons		
Aspen	Pulp	75	Tons		
Oak/Mix Hwd	Pulp	100	Tons		
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

Minimum Value:

**\$8,830.00**

Sale method:

**Scaled**

Bidder Name:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

A performance bond of 15% or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater of the total bid will be due from the successful bidder within 45 days of the bid opening. No Bid bond required.

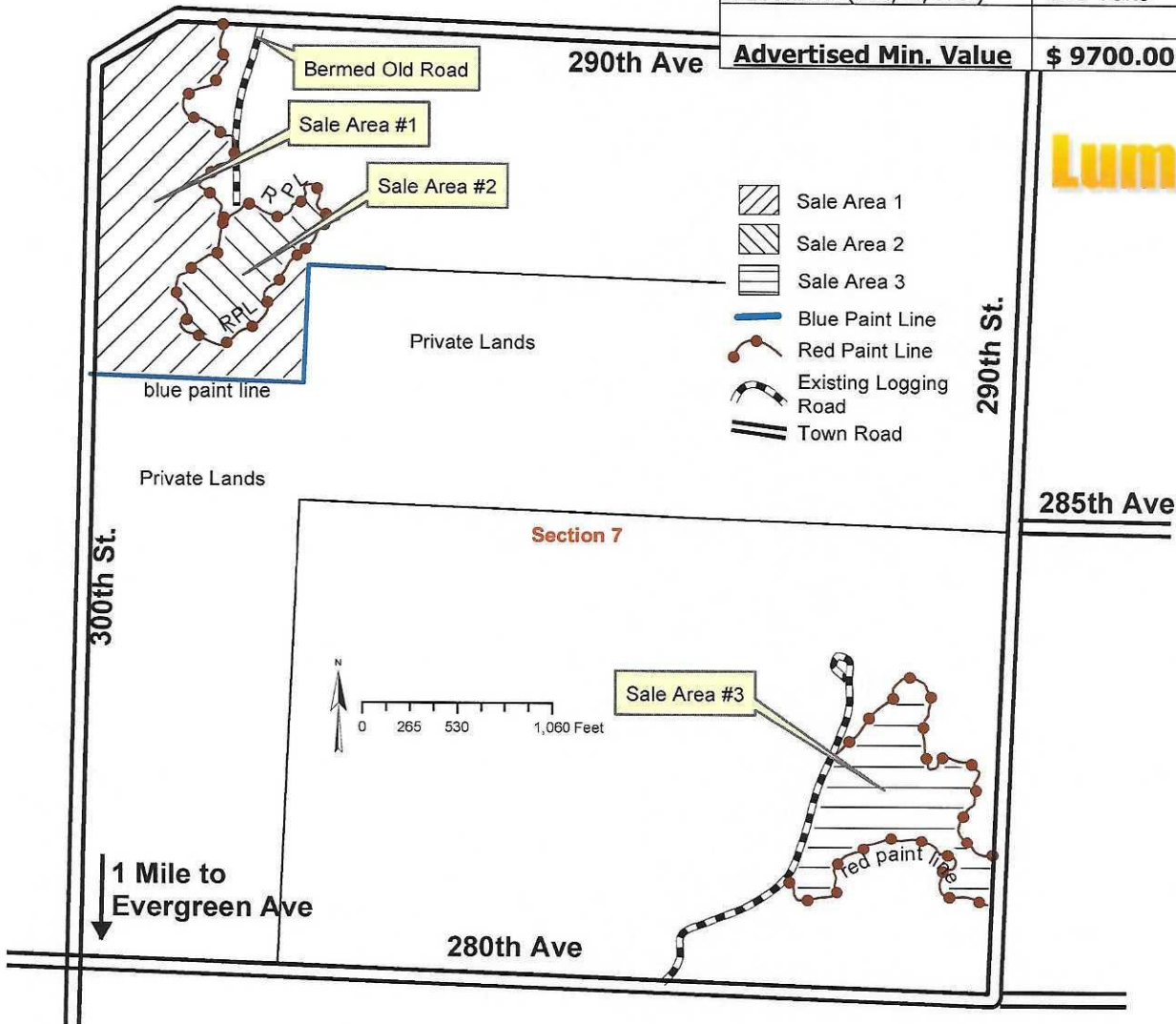
All Bids must meet or exceed the Minimum Value or the bid will be rejected. .



## ***POLK COUNTY FOREST***

<b>MAPPED BY:</b> PAUL HEIMSTEAD	<b>PROJECT TYPE:</b> TIMBER SALE	<b>TIMBER SALE NUMBER</b> (ASSIGNED ONCE SOLD)
<b>DATE DRAWN:</b> 7-12-23	<b>COMP:</b> 8 <b>STAND:</b> 5, 14	<b>CONTRACTOR:</b>
<b>TOWNSHIP:</b> STERLING	<b>DNR PROPERTY AND TRACT #:</b> 4900      2-23	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>
<b>TOWN/ RANGE/ SECTION</b> T36N R19W SECTION 7	<b>ACRES:</b> 57 ACRES TOTAL	<b>ITCHY IVY SALE</b>

<b>Est. volume (4" top)</b>	
Oak	1400 Tons (includes 180 MBF)
Mx Hdwd (MR, A, BW)	150 Tons
<b>Advertised Min. Value</b>	<b>\$ 9700.00</b>



### Cutting Requirements / Information

1. Area 1 – Harvest all stems greater than 2 inches in diameter except leave all pine.
2. Area 2 – Harvest all/only merchantable stems.
3. Area 3 – Harvest all stems greater than 2 inches in diameter except leave all pine.
4. No cutting with 100 feet of private blue line on area 1 between April 15 and July 15.
5. Harvest of dead oak is encouraged but optional. Dead oak is not included in volume estimate.
6. Utilization: Utilize all harvested trees and limbs that will make at least 1, 100" pulp stick 4 inches on small end.
7. Slash must be lopped and scattered to within 3 feet of the ground. Do not pile or windrow.
8. Any landings, new access roads, or turn-arounds must be approved by County Forest Administrator.
9. Due to active oak wilt, no sales to private parties unless bark is loose or wood is 1 year old.
10. This is a Lump Sum sale for all products. No guarantee that sale will cut out as estimated.

**Description of Stumpage:** Oak is mostly large diameter, quality mixed. Mixed hardwood quality is average for Sterling. Active oak wilt pockets. Access is good for both blocks but old roads will need to be opened up. Sampling error averages about 20% for all products.

# Spring 2024 Polk County Forest Bid Sheet

Tract 2-23 "Itchy Ivy Sale"

I hereby submit the following bid:

Species	Product	Est. Volume	Unit	Bid per unit	Total Bid
Oak	Pulp/Saw	1400 (includes 180 MBF)	Tons		
Mixed HWD*	Pulp	150	Tons		
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

\*Mixed HWD Volume contains mixture of MR, A, BW\*

Minimum Value:

**\$9,700.00**

Sale method:

**Lump Sum**

Bidder Name:

Address:

Email

Signature:

Date:

A performance bond of 15% or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater of the total bid will be due from the successful bidder within 45 days of the bid opening. No Bid bond required.

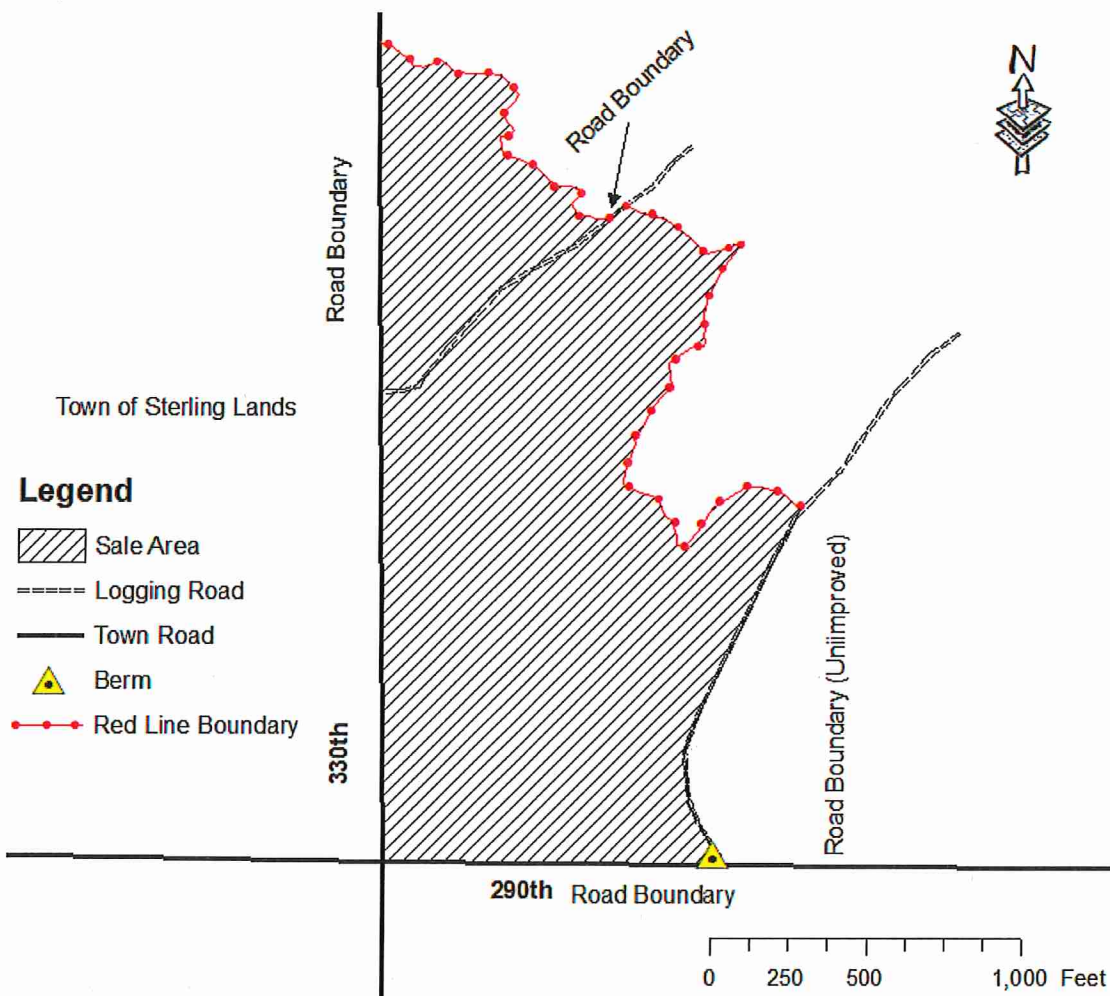
All Bids must meet or exceed the Minimum Value or the bid will be rejected

## POLK COUNTY FOREST

MAPPED BY: BRENT SISKI	PROJECT TYPE: TIMBER SALE	TIMBER SALE NUMBER (ASSIGNED ONCE SOLD)
DATE DRAWN: 8/3/2023	COMP: 2      STAND: 11	CONTRACTOR:
TOWNSHIP: STERLING	DNR PROPERTY AND TRACT #: 4900      3-23	EXPIRATION DATE:
TOWN/ RANGE/ SECTION T36N R20W SEC 3	ACRES: 53 ACRES JACK PINE CLEARCUT	<b>HEAD SCRATCHER</b>

Estimated Volume (4"Top)	Pulpwood (Tons)
Jack Pine	500
Oak	710
<b>Ad. Min. Value</b>	<b>\$ 6840.00</b>

\*Approximately 30 tons of MX HWD included in Oak tons\*



### Cutting Requirements / Information

- Harvest all stems greater than 2 inches in diameter except leave all jack pine less than 7" in diameter and oak greater than 20" in diameter. Leave all snags that do not pose a hazard to operations.
- Sale is bound by red paint, unimproved road boundary, 290<sup>th</sup> Ave and 330<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Utilization: Utilize all harvested trees and limbs that will make at least 1 100" pulp stick 4 inches on small end.
- Slash must be lopped and scattered to within 3 feet of the ground.
- No cutting, hauling, or forwarding during wet periods when rutting occurs.
- Due to the likely presence of oak wilt, no oak shall be sold to private individuals unless the bark is loose, off or is a year old.

\*This is a Scaled sale for all products. No guarantee that sale will cut out as estimated\*

# Spring 2024 Polk County Forest Bid Sheet

*Tract 3-23 "Head Scratcher "*

I hereby submit the following bid:

Species	Product	Est. Volume	Unit	Bid per unit	Total Bid
Jack Pine	Pulp	500	Tons		
Oak*	Pulp	710	Tons		
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

\*Approximately 30 tons of Mixed HWD included in Oak tons\*

Minimum Value: \$6,840.00

Sale method:

Scaled

Bidder Name:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

A performance bond of 15% or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater of the total bid will be due from the successful bidder within 45 days of the bid opening. No Bid bond required.

All Bids must meet or exceed the Minimum Value or the bid will be rejected



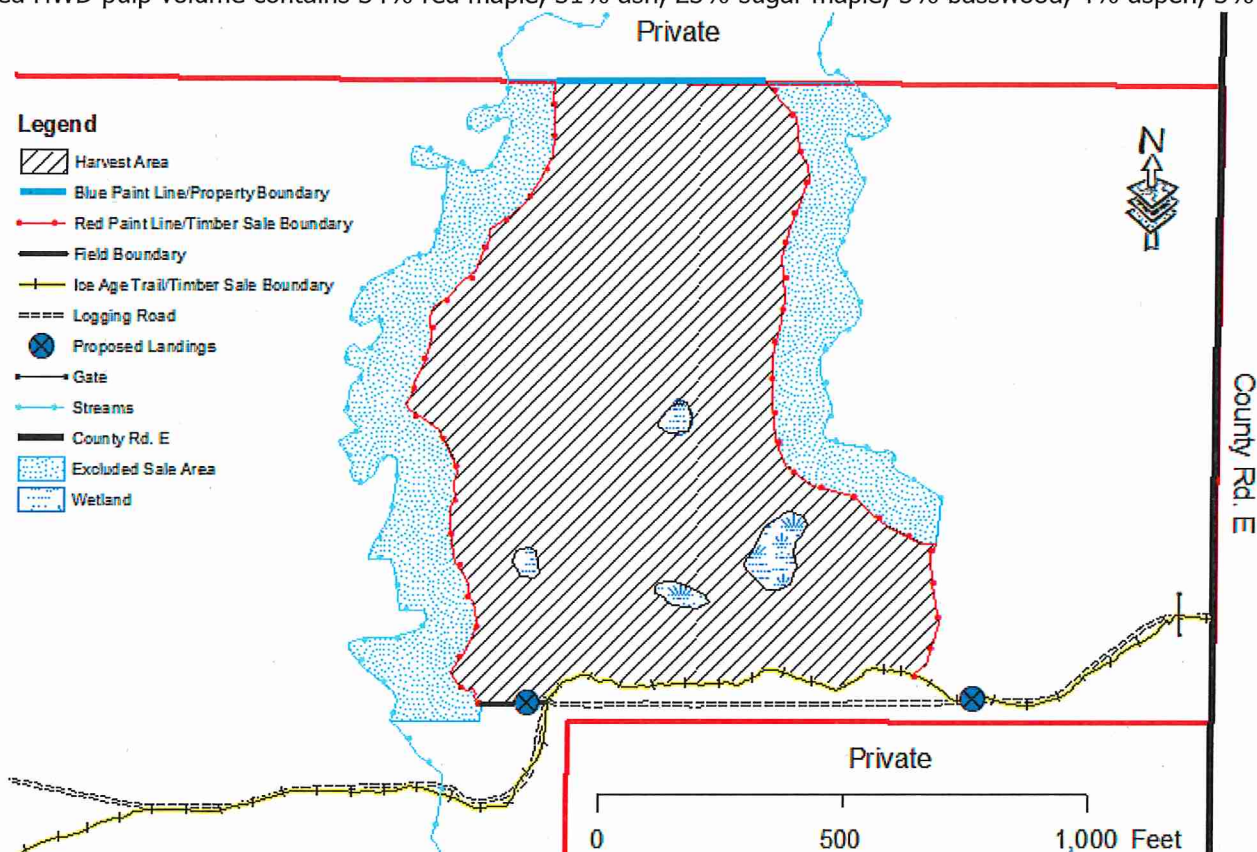
# POLK COUNTY FOREST

MAPPED BY: <b>BRENT SISCO</b>	PROJECT TYPE: <b>TIMBER SALE</b>	TIMBER SALE NUMBER (ASSIGNED ONCE SOLD)
DATE DRAWN: <b>10/25/23</b>	COMP: <b>33</b> STAND: <b>12</b>	CONTRACTOR:
TOWNSHIP: <b>LORAIN</b>	DNR PROPERTY AND TRACT #: <b>4900 4-23</b>	EXPIRATION DATE:
TOWN/ RANGE/ SECTION <b>T37N R15W SEC 23</b>	ACRES: <b>20 ACRES NORTHERN HWD/OAK CLEARCUT</b>	<b>CONNERS LAKE</b>

Estimated Volume	4" tons	MBF
Red Oak		53
Oak pulpwood	302	
*Mixed HWD	539	43
<b>Ad.Min. Value</b>		<b>\$ 18,800.00</b>

\*Mixed HWD sawlog volume contains 41% red maple, 27% white oak, 26% ash, 4% sugar maple and 2% basswood.

\*Mixed HWD pulp volume contains 34% red maple, 31% ash, 23% sugar maple, 5% basswood, 4% aspen, 3% elm.



## Cutting Requirements / Information

- Harvest all stems greater than 2 inches in diameter except leave all green marked trees, non-merchantable birch and yellow blazed trees associated with the Ice Age Trail. Leave all snags that do not pose a hazard to operations.
- Sale is bound by red paint, blue paint, field edge and the Ice Age Trail.
- No harvesting breakup through July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- No slash, felling or equipment allowed across blue paint line onto private property at any time.
- No equipment within 15' of wetland edges during non-frozen time of year.
- Utilization: Utilize all harvested trees and limbs that will make at least 1 100" pulp stick 4 inches on small end.
- Slash must be lopped and scattered to within 3 feet of the ground.
- No cutting, hauling, or forwarding during wet periods when rutting occurs.

### Ice Age Trail Requirements

- Slash to be removed daily from the trail.
- Do not damage or cut yellow markers or signage associated with the trail.
- Ice Age Trail shall not be used for forwarding/skidding within sale area unless approved by the Contract Administrator.

**\*This is a scaled sale for all products. No guarantee it will cut out as estimated\***

# Spring 2024 Polk County Forest Bid Sheet

Tract 4-23 "Conners Lake"

I hereby submit the following bid:

Species	Product	Est. Volume	Unit	Bid per unit	Total Bid
Red Oak	Saw	53	MBF		
Mixed Hardwood*	Saw	43	MBF		
Mixed Hardwood*	Pulp	539	Tons		
Oak	Pulp	302	Tons		
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

\*MX hardwood pulpwood contains 34% red maple, 31% ash, 23% sugar maple, 5% basswood, 4% aspen, 3% elm

\*MX hardwood sawlog contains 41% red maple, 27% white oak, 26% ash, 4% sugar maple, 2% basswood

Minimum Value: **\$18,800.00**

Sale method:

**Scaled**

Bidder Name:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

A performance bond of 15% or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater of the total bid will be due from the successful bidder within 45 days of the bid opening. No Bid bond required.

All Bids must meet or exceed the Minimum Value or the bid will be rejected



# POLK COUNTY FOREST


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DATE DRAWN: 2/21/24	COMP: 32 STAND: 1,20,32,36	CONTRACTOR:
TOWNSHIP: LORAIN	DNR PROPERTY AND TRACT #: 4900 5-23	EXPIRATION DATE:
TOWN/ RANGE/ SECTION T37N R15W SEC 25, SEC 36	ACRES: 136 ACRE OAK/HWD THIN, 10 ACRE OAK SHELTERWOOD, 3 ACRE HWD CLEARCUT	<b>CREEPY CROW</b>


Estimated Volume	4" tons	MBF
Red Oak		267
Oak pulpwood	1230	
Basswood	195	100
*Mixed HWD	540	94
Aspen	130	
<b>Ad.Min.Value (LUMP SUM)</b>		<b>\$ 83,250.00</b>

\*Mixed hardwood sawlog volume contains 51% ash, 24% white oak, 16% sugar maple and 9% red maple.

\*Mixed hardwood pulpwood contains 48% sugar maple, 36% ash, 16% red maple.

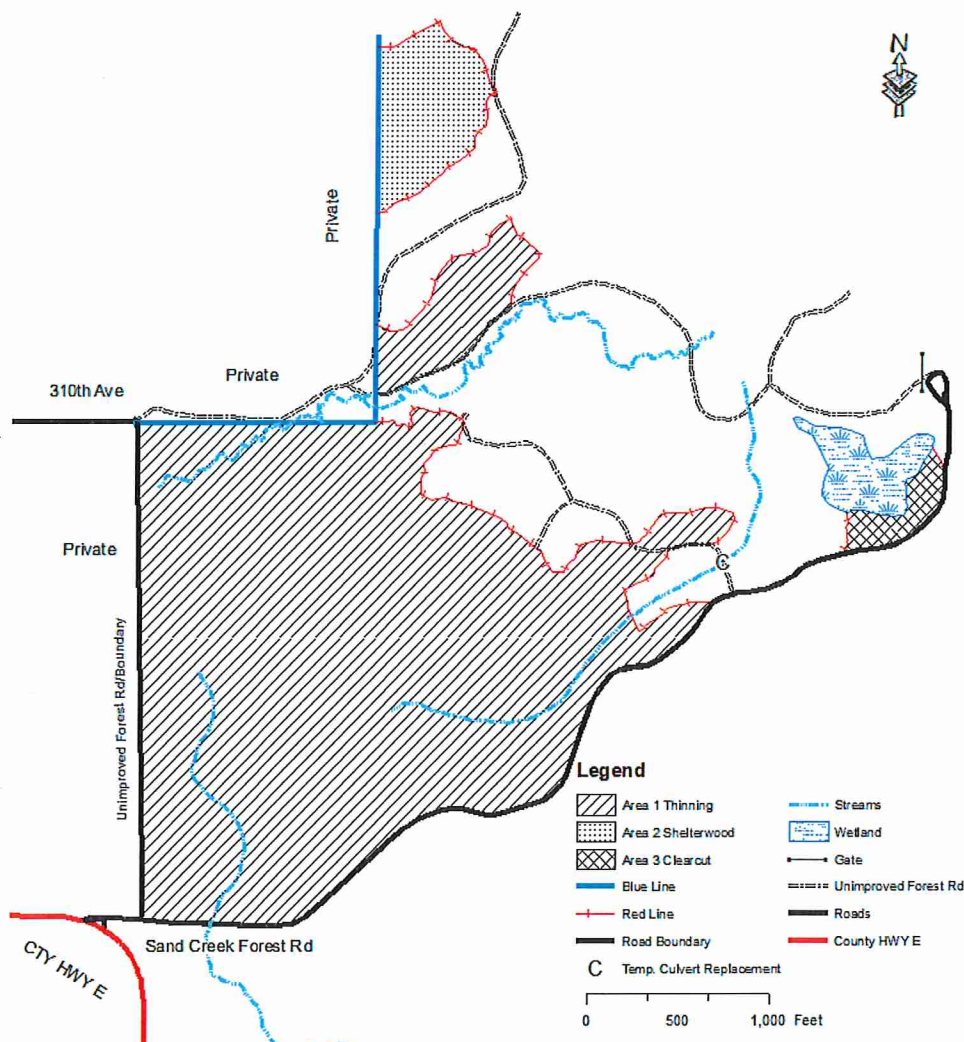
 Red Oak/ Northern Hardwood Thin. **136 Ac.** Cut all trees marked with orange paint and aspen 2 inches and larger.

 Oak Shelterwood. **10 Ac.** Cut all trees 2 inches and larger except **leave all trees marked in green paint and aspen.**

 Northern Hardwood Clearcut **3 Ac.** Cut all trees 2 inches and larger except **leave all White Pine.**

## Cutting Requirements

- Sale is bound by blue, red paint, wetland, or road.
- No harvesting breakup through July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Slash must be lopped and scattered to within 3 feet of the ground.
- No cutting, hauling, or forwarding during wet periods when rutting occurs.
- Unimproved forest roads may need improvement if utilized for hauling.
- One temporary culvert replacement required by purchaser.
- Permission through private land off of 310<sup>th</sup> Ave might be available.
- Permitted temporary stream crossings with equipment may be needed to access northern units, unless ground is frozen or access granted by private.
- Leave all snags that do not pose a safety threat to logging operations.
- No felling of trees on private lands.
- No equipment within 15' of wetland edges during non-frozen time of year.





# Spring 2024 Polk County Forest Bid Sheet

*Tract 5-23 "Creepy Crow"*

I hereby submit the following bid:

Species	Product	Est. Volume	Unit	Bid per unit	Total Bid
Red Oak	Saw	267	MBF		
Basswood	Saw	100	MBF		
Mixed Hardwood*	Saw	94	MBF		
Oak	Pulp	1230	Tons		
Mixed Hardwood*	Pulp	540	Tons		
Basswood	Pulp	195	Tons		
Aspen	Pulp	130	Tons		
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

\*MX hardwood sawlog volume contains 51% ash, 24% white oak

16% sugar maple, 9% red maple.

\*MX hardwood pulpwood contains 48% sugar maple, 36% ash, 16% red maple.

**Minimum Value: \$83,250.00**

**Sale method:**

**Lump sum**

Bidder Name:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

A performance bond of 15% or \$1,000.00 whichever is greater of the total bid will be due from the successful bidder within 45 days of the bid opening. No Bid bond required.

All Bids must meet or exceed the Minimum Value or the bid will be rejected