

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARKS & FOREST SUMMER SALVAGE  
2022 TIMBER SALE BROCHURE**

Attached are maps of one (1) timber sale available in the Eau Claire County Forest. TRACT: 11-22. The map can be viewed in color at [Timber Sale Prospectus | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://Timber Sale Prospectus | Eau Claire County (eau-claire.wi.us)). Loggers are expected to preview sales before bidding. Also attached are timber bid sheets, information on the mill scale ticket system, and right-of-way contacts.

**Heterobasidion (Annosum) Root Rot Prevention**

Purchaser shall apply Cellu-Treat (or equivalent) fungicide to all pine stumps within 24 hours of tree cutting. Purchaser shall apply Cellu-Treat (or equivalent) according to product label directions. County will provide the Cellu-Treat (or equivalent) product and dye. County will also provide the purchaser with a backpack sprayer if needed. Application of Cellu-Treat (or equivalent) is not required for the period of December 1 through March 31 – unless there are unusual weather conditions.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED TIMBER VOLUMES**

Species	Pulp (ton)	Bolts (ton)	Saw (MBF)
Aspen	925	300	-
MX Hardwood	450	25	-
Oak	260	30	4
White Pine	50	-	-
Blowdown Aspen	280	95	-
Blowdown Mx Hardwood	140	8	1
Blowdown Oak	70	10	1
Blowdown White Pine	8	-	-
<b>Totals:</b>	2183	468	6

Bids will be received until **1:30 pm on Thursday, July 7th, 2022**, at the Eau Claire County Agriculture and Resource Center located at 227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720. *Administrative staff will open bids after 1:30 pm.* The Committee on Parks & Forest will be awarding the bids at their committee meeting following the bid opening, **Monday, July 11th, 2022**. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect all timber sales they bid on. Questions pertaining to sales should be directed to:

**Jake Tumm – (715) 839-7277**

**IN PERSON DROP-OFF** will be available in the Parks and Forest Office of the Agriculture & Resource Center. Hours are 8 am to 4 pm.

**BIDS CAN BE MAILED TO THE PARKS & FOREST DEPARTMENT.** It is advised that you mail them well in advance to avoid delays in mail delivery. Bids received by mail after **1:30 pm on Thursday, July 7, 2022, WILL NOT** be accepted.

**BIDS MAY BE COLLECTED UPON REQUEST.** Please contact Jake Tumm at (715) 839-7277.

If you need alternate arrangements besides the options listed above, you must contact the Parks & Forest Department at least 24 hours prior to the bid opening.

**Georeferenced Maps:** All County maps are now georeferenced and can be uploaded to your mobile device using Avenza Maps. You can place the timber sale map into the app and see your location within the timber sale. Contact Jake for the PDF version of the map or for more information.

**Forest Certification:** The area encompassed by these timber sales is certified to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C006090) FSC 100% and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® SFI-01617 SFI 100%. Forest products from these sales may be delivered to the mills "FSC-100% and SFI 100%" as long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

**Logger Training Requirements:** To promote maximum benefit to the environment, the health and welfare of our logging contractors, and to adhere to requirements of forest certification standards, effective 1/1/06 Eau Claire County requires training of its logging contractors. Successful purchasers of Eau Claire County stumpage will need to ensure that the actual logging contractor complies with the Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website [www.fistausa.org/sfi\\_standards](http://www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards) or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). A copy of the Certificate of Completion for meeting SFI Training Standards must be submitted with the signed contract prior to starting awarded sale.

**Bid Bond Requirement:** Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Department requires the **GREATER OF** either a bid bond of \$250.00 or 10% of the estimated sale value for each tract that you bid on, to be submitted with each bid, in the form of a check or money order, payable to Eau Claire County Parks and Forest.

**Bid Sheet:** The "minimum bid values" are listed on each tract sheet. You are offered the opportunity to purchase these sales at the "minimum bid" amount only during this bidding session. Please read the bid sheet carefully and be sure to include: 1) tract number; 2) name, address, and phone number, 3) your \$250.00/10% bid bond. Sign the bid sheet and enclose each bid sheet in a separate envelope clearly marked "**TIMBER BID**" (include tract number). Eau Claire County reserves the right to deny any bids from logging contractors who have a history of untimely or delinquent stumpage payments on scaling, previous performance problems or who have defaulted on previous contracts.

**Lump Sum Sale:** A lump sum sale is a sale of forest products whereby the minimum acceptable bid or negotiated sale value is based on pre-sale volume estimate and appraisal. No scale of the cut products is involved, and no refunds are made for volume adjustment claims. Forest products permits, lump sum and conventional scaled sales may be awarded to a contractor. However, a contractor may not haul from two types of sales on a forest or property at the same time without approval.

**Contract Requirement:** A contract between the contractor and Eau Claire County will be required for all timber tracts sold. Proof of workers compensation insurance will be required before timber contracts are signed. The contract must be signed within **thirty days (30)** after the contract is awarded. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the bid, loss of the bid bond, and the tract may be resold. Contract for this sale will expire **August 1, 2023**. **This sale is limited to a 1-year contract, with NO EXTENSIONS.**

**Performance Bond Requirements** will be equal to 25% of the total estimated value up to \$15,000, except no bond will be less than \$3,000. The bond may be in the form of a check or approved letter of credit and must be received **thirty days (30)** of the contract award date. Letters of credit obtained for these sales must have an expiration date of **April 1st, 2024, or later**.

**Provisions To Note:**

- It is expected that all truckloads of forest products removed from the Eau Claire County Forest comply with all local, county and state road weight limit regulations. Eau Claire County fully supports enforcement of all road weight limits.
- Purchaser may be required to forfeit other performance bonds held by the county if damages exceed the amount of the performance bond for a contract.
- All contracts must be signed in the presence of a county staff member or be notarized by a notary public.
- All forest products must be removed from the sale area within twelve months of being piled on landing.
- The county must approve all subcontractors and a fully completed Sub-Contractor Agreement must be on file.
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**Cutting Requirements, Restricted Cutting Dates, and Conditions**

**Red Pine Plantations:** Due to Bark Beetle concerns, piling for longer than fourteen (14) days of being cut is not allowed between May 15th to August 15th.

**Oak Wilt Restrictions:** Vary by sale, but generally April 1<sup>st</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Hardwood Thinning Areas Or "Cut Aspen Only" Areas:** See individual sale.

**Log piles may not be piled higher than six (6) feet.**

**Minimum Utilization Standards:** Pine logs 9" inside bark, hardwood logs 10" inside bark, pulpwood 4".

**To Minimize Resource Damage,** the county will restrict the types of logging equipment, methods, and times of operation used on sale areas.

**Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality, Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species** and **Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines** shall be followed. For free copies of the booklets, contact the county Parks & Forest Department, a WI DNR Forester or call 1-800-943-0003. Copies of these publications can also be found at <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org>.

**Use of restricted ATV trails, snowmobile trails, game trails and other trails or roads on the County Forest:**

- Logging contractors in possession of this prospectus are authorized to travel restricted ATV and snowmobile trails with a car or truck for the purpose of timber sale investigation only.
- Logging contractors in possession of this prospectus are authorized to travel other restricted trails, woods roads or county land with an ATV for the purpose of timber sale investigation only.
- Nothing in the above paragraphs allows anyone to operate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause ruts, soil disturbance, or other damage, or cross private property without the owner's consent.

**Mill Scale Ticket System**

The mill scale ticket system may be used for all species except for firewood and sawlogs that are delivered to approved mills. Department employees must scale all wood not being hauled to approved mills before removal from sale area. All fuelwood and logs will be scaled on site. All mill scale vendors including whole chip harvesters will use the ticket system.

The hauler must complete the ticket thoroughly as he leaves the sale area and deposit the white copy in the lock box. At the mill, the second copy of the ticket is given to scaler that is attached to the mill scaling ticket and returned to the Parks & Forest Department. **It is your responsibility to ensure mill tickets are submitted to the department.** Failure to deposit a ticket in the lock box for each truckload of unscaled wood will be considered a breach of contract and subject to a double stumpage penalty or other penalty deemed appropriate by the department. As a condition of the contract, the contractor agrees that department employees may check the hauler for compliance while en route from sale area to the mill.

The ticket system is a privilege that may be revoked if the guidelines are not followed. If you have any further questions, please contact Jake Tumm, forester at 715-839-7277.

<b>CONVERSION FACTORS</b>		
Species	Cordwood Weight (pounds per cord)	Whole Tree Chip (tons per cord)
Aspen	4500	2.93
Mx Hardwood	4600	2.93
Oak	5500	3.58
White Birch	4800	---
Jack Pine	4250	2.77
Red Pine	4500	2.93
White Pine	4200	2.73

**Timber Sales Adjacent to Gas Line Rights-of-Way**

All loggers who are currently or will be utilizing gas line rights-of-way for timber sale access are required to contact **VIKING GAS AT 715-726-2282**. Striking or damaging a gas line could be very costly to the logger, if not fatal. After being notified by a logger, the gas company will then locate the gas line. Loggers who create ruts on the gas line will be suspended until dry conditions return. **DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT ON SOFT GROUND CAUSING RUTTING OR EROSION.** Loggers will be responsible for restoration of the damaged area.

**Timber Sales Adjacent to Power Line Rights-of-Way**

All loggers who are or will be utilizing the power line right-of-way for timber sale access may cross the powerline corridor with equipment but *will not be allowed to pile cut forest products on the right-of-away or operate boom equipment within 20 feet of a powerline.* This is due to the concern of striking or damaging the power line which could be very costly to the logger, if not fatal.

Loggers who create ruts on the power line will be suspended until dry or frozen conditions return. **DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT ON SOFT GROUND CAUSING RUTTING OR EROSION.** Loggers will be responsible for restoration of the damaged area.

**REMINDER: Wood Piled on Road Rights-of-Way**

Eau Claire County will be enforcing paragraph C, line 7 of the Timber Sale Contracts (wood may not be piled within 33 feet of a public highway). This means that forest products cannot be piled along county forest roads, town roads or county highways. The reasons for this prohibition are as follows: increased liability exposure; ditches have been damaged and filled in by logging equipment; and wood has been abandoned along roads and left to restrict the flow of water and interfere with road maintenance.

Contractors are required to contact county staff before starting the sale to receive location approval for roads and landings. Contractors are also required to contact the appropriate town chairperson before any new logging roads are constructed intersecting with any town roads, or if there are significant changes to old trails intersecting with a town road. This required communication is necessary to maintain a good relationship between the contractors and the local townships. The names and phone numbers of the affected town chairpersons are as follows:

Town of Bridge Creek	Ricky Strauch	(715) 286-2085
Town of Fairchild	Todd Meyer	(715) 533-2868
Town of Ludington	Randy Horlacher	(715) 877-2578
Town of Wilson	Daniel Meyer	(715) 877-3388
Town of Lincoln	Bob Dewitz	(715) 579-0124

If you have questions on the information contained in this sale brochure, contact Jody Gindt, supervisor, or Jake Tumm, forester, at 715-839-7277.