

**Notice of Sale of Stumpage on Tax-Forfeited Lands  
Becker County Courthouse Commissioners' Room**

Notice is hereby given that timber will be offered for sale at public oral auction, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Chapter 355, Laws of 1941, on tax forfeited lands, at **10:00 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Room at the **Becker County Courthouse, 821 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on <date>**. Timber will be sold to the highest bidder at no less than the appraised value, and in conformity with forest practices as outlined on the Appraisal and Timber Sale Contract.

**Bidding will be on a percentage basis and the percentage increase shall apply to all items listed on the sale. Bidding will be by oral bid only and in multiples of two percent (2%) unless otherwise stated.**

Bids will not be accepted by any individual with a delinquent or uncollectible timber sale account with any county, state, or federal agency, or from any bidder involved in a pending timber trespass case with any county, state or federal agency. Becker County considers any account over thirty days past due as delinquent.

If the sale of a tract of timber is rejected, cancelled or nullified by the County for any reason attributable to the successful purchaser, or if the successful purchaser fails to pay the required down payment on any tract(s) purchased on the day of sale, the tract(s) may, at the discretion of the County, be offered to the next highest bidder, if that bidder is otherwise eligible to purchase. If the tract of timber received only one bid for the appraised price, and that purchaser is then determined to be ineligible, the sale will be rejected and the tract will be offered at the next Becker County timber auction. If a sale of timber is rejected, cancelled or nullified for any reason attributable to the successful purchaser, that purchaser shall be prohibited from bidding at the next Becker County timber auction.

**Bidding Eligibility**

- ✓ **Prospective bidders must have a completed “Contractor Application” on file.**
- ✓ Intermediate auction sales are limited to individuals/companies with 20 or fewer employees.
- ✓ Regular auction sales are not limited by size of business.
- ✓ A single individual or company may purchase as many as two (2) tracts in the first round of bidding, and then are prohibited from bidding on remaining tracts in that round. Tracts not sold in the first round of bidding will be offered in a second round. There is no limit on the number of tracts an individual/company may purchase in the second round of bidding. Any tracts unsold after the second round of bidding will be offered in a third round, again without limit to the number of tracts that may be purchased. Tracts not sold at public auction will be available for Section-One purchase immediately following the auction.
- ✓ No bidder may act in any capacity on behalf of a non-qualifying operation for the purpose of procuring rights to timber from Becker County.

Transfer of Sales

- ✓ Auction tracts are nontransferable without written approval from the Becker County Land Commissioner.

Responsibilities

- ✓ Examination of sale sites, cutting regulations, and access to sites are the bidder's responsibility. Submission of a bid reflects that the operator understands the sale regulations, site conditions, and has secured access to the site.
- ✓ Purchaser is responsible for all obligations associated with the permit.

Payment for Timber

- ✓ The purchaser is required to pay a 25% down payment on the day of the auction sale. Failure to do so will forfeit the bidder's rights to the sale and the bidder will NOT be allowed to bid on any subsequent auction tracts at the next county auction. This also applies to sales partitioned into and sold as separate cutting blocks. The 25% is calculated on the entire sale and will be applied to the final cutting block.  
The balance of the sale value must be paid before any timber can be cut. This also includes partitioned sales. At that time, a permit to cut and remove the timber from the land will be issued to the person in whose name the bid was made.

With the permission of the Sale Administrator, the purchaser may enter unpaid blocks and cut necessary timber incidental to developing logging roads as may be needed to log other blocks, provided that no timber may be removed from an unpaid block until separately scaled and paid for.

- ✓ The 25% down payment will be forfeited if the timber is not cut in the allotted time frame and the permit is not properly extended.

#### Permit Expiration

- ✓ All permits will expire on the date stated. Extensions may be granted under certain circumstances. In this case, payment of the balance of the sale plus an additional 10% of the uncut balance is mandatory.

#### Additional Information

- ✓ Becker County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw any tract from sale prior to auction thereof.
- ✓ The successful purchaser authorizes Becker County to review load records for all loads hauled to a consumer – regardless of the origin of the wood.
- ✓ Any sales or parts of sales scaled and sold-as-appraised will not be adjusted or re-appraised after the sale.
- ✓ Measurement of cut products shall be in accordance with State regulations as prescribed in Minnesota Statute 282.04. Final settlement of each timber sale will be on the basis of the scale of all cut products, unless specifically stated otherwise. Further, bidders agree to follow the attached cutting regulations.

Following is a list of lands upon which the timber is located, the estimated quantities of timber that will be offered, and the appraised prices. The successful bidder will be required to pay 25% of the appraised value at the time of the auction sale. The required payment is listed after each tract.