

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY**

INVITATION TO BID

BID NO. 41AA-424-1

WMA: North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area

Subject to the General Provisions, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency offers for sale the timber described as follows:

SCHEDULE OF TIMBER TO BE SOLD

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is offering for sale some timber on North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area. The sale includes the tracts shown on the attached map.

The timber is being sold on a lump sum basis. The timber is located in six tracts in Titus Creek on the Royal Blue Unit

Tract Boundary Descriptions:

All six tracts will be harvested via shelterwood harvest method. All shortleaf of any size on any tract are to be left. All stems greater than 2 inches in diameter designated to be cut must be severed from the stump. Any historic roads or trails should be free of brush and debris following harvest.

Units 1,3, and 5 are located on the east side of Fork Mountain and area accessed thru Titus Creek. All trees, except for sawtimber size (12 or more DBH) white oaks and hickories, two inches in diameter and larger within the boundary of the tract are to be removed (harvested) or felled.

Unit 2 and 6 are located along Titus Creek Road. All trees, except for sawtimber size (12 or more DBH) white oaks, two inches in diameter and larger within the boundary of the tract are to be removed (harvested) or felled.

Unit 4 is located along Titus Creek Road. All trees, except for sawtimber size (12 or more DBH) white oaks and hickories, two inches in diameter and larger within the boundary of the tract are to be removed (harvested) or felled.

The following volume estimates of the timber to be harvested are provided for informational purposes only. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency does not guarantee the accuracy of this information in whole or in part.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>VOLUME (Board Feet)</u>	<u>VOLUME (Tons)</u>
Red oaks	43,700	
Chestnut oak	39,400	
Yellow poplar	37,600	
Hickories	10,900	
Red Maple	9,100	
Misc Hardwoods	4,000	
Hardwood Pulpwood		787

*Doyle Scale FC 78

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS:

- (A) Failure to examine any maps and instructions will be at bidder's risk.
- (B) Bids must be filled out in ink or typewritten. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed in ink by person signing bid.

2. SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

- (A) Sealed Bids must be signed and sealed, with the Bid Number, bidder's name and address, and closing date on outside of envelope.
- (B) Bids and modifications or corrections thereof received after the closing time specified will not be considered.
- (C) Only the bids submitted on bid forms furnished by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be considered. Name of person executing bid must be in long hand.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formality in bids.

4. ERROR IN BID:

No bid shall be altered, amended, or withdrawn after specified time for opening bids. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

5. AWARD:

- (A) The highest responsible bidder who accepts the stipulations specified in the Invitation for Bids will be declared the purchaser.
- (B) The purchaser will be required to sign a timber sale contract, pay the full purchase price, and post a performance bond equaling seven (7) percent of the sale price. Both of these amounts will be in the form of separate certified or cashier's checks, made payable to the **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency or TWRA.**
- (C) The purchaser's on-site supervisor will be required to have successfully completed Tennessee's Master Logger Program, or an equivalent program in another state, prior to initiation of any work.
- (D) A copy of the timber sale contract will be available to interested bidders before the specified time for opening bids.
- (E) The timber sale contract will not be assignable by the purchaser in whole or in part without the written consent of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- (F) The purchaser will be given the following dates to remove the timber:
 - The second Monday in May through the December 15th, 2024 and March 15th, 2025 through December 15th, 2025

Sealed bids will be received at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency North Cumberland WMA Forestry Field Office located off Titus Hollow Road near Pioneer until **10:00am Eastern, Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

Bids delivered by mail (U.S. Postal Service) must be delivered to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, North Cumberland Forestry Field Office, 609 Titus Hollow Road, Pioneer, Tn 37847

Bids delivered by hand must be delivered to the North Cumberland Forestry Field Office 609 Titus Hollow Road, Pioneer, Tn 37847

All bids must be received before 10:00AM on the morning of the bid opening.

Bidders are invited to inspect the sale areas at their convenience.

BID

In compliance with the above **Invitation to Bid**, and subject to all **General Provisions**, the undersigned offers and agrees to purchase and pay for the timber described in the **Schedule of Timber To Be Sold** after acceptance by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and within 30 days after receipt of the invoice from the Agency.

BID NO. 31AA-424-1

My (Lump Sum) bid for the timber offered for sale is: \$_____

Bidder's (Company) Name

Street or P.O. Address

Authorized Signature

City

State

Zip

Phone Number