



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

NOTICE OF SALE OF STUMPAGE ON STATE LANDS IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:  
LITTLEFORK AREA

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**STATUS: COMPLETED  
REGULAR AUCTION - SALE #1  
ORAL BID**

Notice is hereby given that I offered for sale at public auction in Big Falls, MN at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, timber belonging to the State of Minnesota. All tracts were offered at the Big Falls Community Building in Big Falls, MN.

All of the timber offered was SFI and FSC certified.

The following pages list the lands upon which the timber was located, the estimated quantities of timber offered, the appraised prices, and the bid prices.

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REGULAR AUCTION  
ORAL BID TIMBER SALE  
LITTLEFORK AREA

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9:00 AM on December 16, 2025  
Big Falls Community Building in Big Falls, MN

**TERMS OF SALE**

- This auction sale will be held according to Minnesota Statutes Sections 90.101 and 90.14. Timber shall be offered and sold by the same unit of measure as it was appraised. Sale shall be made to the responsible bidder who bids the highest price for all timber species advertised for bidding on each tract. Bidding above the appraised price shall be by increments of one (1) percent or more. The percent bid up will be added to the appraised price of each species indicated as a bid species by a plus symbol (+) on the Notice of Sale. Any or all bids may be rejected and sales canceled for good and sufficient reasons.

**REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBLE BIDDERS**

- Interested persons must be registered at least four (4) business days prior to the auction by submitting an *Annual Timber Sales Purchaser Registration* form. No bid will be accepted from anyone having a delinquent timber sale or trespass account or a willful timber trespass with any public agency in Minnesota, or from anyone who does not qualify as a Responsible Bidder as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 90.01 (12), or from anyone who has been debarred for cause by any public agency [M.S. § 90.041 (11)].

**DOWN PAYMENT**

- Purchasers of timber must pay a down payment of fifteen (15) percent of the appraised value of the timber at the time the purchaser's bid is approved. The down payment will be kept on deposit by the State and applied against any billings for timber. The purchaser may elect to have the down payment refunded if they post security for one hundred (100) percent of the bid price of the timber (see Security Required). If the purchaser does not sign the permit document within 45 days of sale, the down payment will forfeit to the State. A permit signature extension of 10 business days may be granted, provided the purchaser pays a \$200 penalty.

**BID GUARANTEE**

- For any bid increase in excess of \$10,000 of the appraised price, a bid guarantee equal to fifteen (15) percent of the total bid price of the timber less the down payment amount is required at the time the permit is signed. If the bid guarantee is not submitted with the signed permit, the permit cancels, and the down payment forfeits to the State. If the permit holder fails to execute an effective permit, the bid guarantee payment forfeits to the State.

**PURCHASER AND LOGGER QUALIFICATIONS AND OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

- The purchaser or the purchaser's agents, employees, subcontractors, and assigns conducting logging operations on a timber permit must comply with the general industry safety standards for logging (e.g., LogSafe) adopted by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and provide proof of compliance with these standards. The purchaser or the purchaser's agents, employees, subcontractors, and assigns conducting logging operations on a timber permit must comply with the State of Minnesota mandatory insurance requirements before harvest operations begin. A *Certification of Compliance with the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law* form must be submitted each year. Before the start of harvest operations, the purchaser must certify that a designated foreperson, who will be supervising active logging operations, has a current certificate of completion from a logger education program (e.g., MLEP or FISTA) approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

**SECURITY REQUIRED**

- The purchaser must furnish security equal to the total bid value of the permit, LESS the amount paid as a down payment and bid guarantee. Security can be furnished in the following forms: Corporate surety bond, Letter of Credit, certified check, cashier's check, personal check, money order, or by signing a Cutting Block Payment Agreement for individual cutting blocks, at least one business day prior to the start of any permit operations. If the purchaser elects to receive a refund of the down payment and bid guarantee, they must furnish security in a form described above, for one hundred (100) percent of the total bid value of the timber purchased. If the deferred cash payment for cutting blocks is selected, the down payment and bid guarantee WILL NOT be refunded. If the purchaser elects to secure a permit by prepayment of cutting block(s), they must make a written request on a form provided by the state. No harvesting is permitted until proper security has been furnished to and approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources or his agent.

**PERMIT TERMS**

- A permit to harvest and remove the timber from state lands will be issued to the purchaser. NO permit shall be issued to anyone other than the purchaser in whose name the bid was made. All timber purchased on the permit must be harvested prior to the permit expiration date. All permits provide for the continuous identification of timber from the time of cutting until delivery to the consumer. Failure to continuously identify the timber as specified in the permit shall constitute trespass. Also, please note all harvest specifications on each tract being sold. Only one Regular Extension is permitted for exceptional circumstances. An annual interest rate of 5 percent may be charged on a regular extension for the period of the extension.

**UNSOLD TRACTS**

- On the next regular business day (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday, except holidays) after the date of the auction sale, unsold tracts may be available for over-the-counter purchase at the appraised price for a period of no more than one year. Unless canceled for reoffer at an earlier date, unsold tracts will be available until December 16, 2026, at the following Area Headquarters: Littlefork Area.

TRACT B1

COUNTY: KOOCHICHING

AREA: LITTLEFORK AREA

ACRES: 142.3

Permit Number: B016450

Expiration Date: 05/31/2029

Purchased By: UPM - Blandin Paper

Address: 115 First Street SW, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

GL01, GL02, SENE, SWNE of Section 1 - Township 154, Range 26W.

SESE, SWSE of Section 36 - Township 155, Range 26W.

GL05 of Section 31 - Township 155, Range 25W.

GL04, GL05, SENEW of Section 6 - Township 154, Range 25W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRaised		BID %: 0	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ MIXED SPRUCE	PULP & BOLTS	1,145.00	Cd	16.04	18,365.80	16.04	18,365.80
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULPWOOD	620.00	Cd	20.54	12,734.80	20.54	12,734.80
BALSAM FIR	PULPWOOD	390.00	Cd	5.50	2,145.00	5.50	2,145.00
+ PAPER BIRCH	PULP & BOLTS	310.00	Cd	13.97	4,330.70	13.97	4,330.70
+ ASH	PULP & BOLTS	250.00	Cd	9.37	2,342.50	9.37	2,342.50
TAMARACK	PULP & BOLTS	200.00	Cd	9.50	1,900.00	9.50	1,900.00
+ BID SPECIES		* SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME		APPRaised TOTAL =		\$41,818.80	
				ADVANCE PAYMENT =		\$6,272.82	

**Optional Timber (may be purchased with an Added Timber Agreement):**

TAMARACK	FUELWOOD	275.00	Cd	2.50	687.50
ANY LISTED SPECIES	BIOMASS	1,533.00	Tons	0.65	996.45

**Mixed Species Description:**

Aspen Species Pulpwood includes: Balm of Gilead 11%; Trembling Aspen 89%.

Mixed Spruce Pulp & Bolts includes: Black Spruce 92%; White Spruce 8%.

**Mixed Product Description:**

Ash Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 28%; Pulpwood 72%.

Mixed Spruce Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 31%; Pulpwood 69%.

Paper Birch Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 27%; Pulpwood 73%.

Tamarack Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 44%; Pulpwood 56%.

**Cutting and Felling:**

- Fell all live black spruce equal to or greater than 5 feet tall.

**Season of Operations:**

- Conduct sale operations on frozen soil conditions only, except with written permission from State.

**Sale Conditions:**

- Access is across state land.

**Marketing Conditions:**

This sale is right off County Highway 30, 5.3 miles by road West of Big Falls. It is comprised of two cutting areas, an ash thinning and a lowland clearcut with a small aspen pocket within it. On the lowland clearcut area, there is an old trail that serves as the Northern border, a ditch grade as the Southern border, a snowmobile trail on the East side, and has a common boundary with another state sale to the West. The common boundary is double banded with blue, but it has the possibility of being natural boundary depending on time of harvest. 57% of the tamarack was dead as of the cruise date (7/25). 275 cords of dead tamarack fuelwood is available for purchase with an added timber agreement.

**Price Adjustments:**

Road Construction Costs: +5%

Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: +5%

Stand Density: 0%

Operational Constraints: 0%

Other Price Factor: 0%

**Appraiser:**

Thomas Jay Knaak

(Appraisal ID 20530-0; Cutting Block ID 23754-0)

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**TRACT B2**

**COUNTY: KOOCHICHING**

**AREA: LITTLEFORK AREA**

**ACRES: 36.9**

**Permit Number:** B016451

**Expiration Date:** 05/31/2028

**Purchased By:** Ziemba & Sons Inc.

**Address:** 6002 County Rd. 1, Littlefork, MN 56653

NESW,NWSW,SENW,SWNW of Section 23 - Township 155, Range 25W.

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>APPRAISED</b>		<b>BID %: 45</b>	
				<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	<b>\$ VALUE</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	<b>\$ VALUE</b>
+ NORWAY PINE	WOODSRUN SAWTIMBER (SOFTWOOD ONLY)	950.00	Cd	63.60	60,420.00	92.22	87,609.00
+ JACK PINE	PULP & BOLTS	600.00	Cd	14.40	8,640.00	20.88	12,528.00
TREMBLING ASPEN	PULPWOOD	20.00	Cd	22.80	456.00	22.80	456.00
WHITE SPRUCE	PULPWOOD	20.00	Cd	10.80	216.00	10.80	216.00
BALSAM FIR	PULPWOOD	10.00	Cd	6.00	60.00	6.00	60.00
+ BID SPECIES	* SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME			APPRAISED TOTAL =	\$69,792.00	BID TOTAL =	\$ 100,869.00
				ADVANCE PAYMENT =	<u>\$10,468.80</u>		

**Optional Timber (may be purchased with an Added Timber Agreement):**

ANY LISTED SPECIES BIOMASS 2,500.00 Tons 0.65 1,625.00

**Mixed Product Description:**

Jack Pine Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 30%; Pulpwood 70%.

Norway Pine Woodsrun Sawtimber (Softwood only) includes: Bolts 30%; Pulpwood 10%; Sawtimber (Softwood Only) 60%.

**Season of Operations:**

- Conduct sale operations on dry/frozen soil conditions only, except with written permission from State.

**Sale Conditions:**

- Access is across state land.

**Marketing Conditions:**

Nice final harvest Norway and jack pine off of the Ben Linn landing. Approximately 4 miles north of Big Falls. Adjacent permit to the south and east of the sale has been sold. Use the road as the boundary between the two final harvest Norway pine sales.

**Price Adjustments:**

Road Construction Costs: +10%

Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: 0%

Stand Density: +10%

Operational Constraints: 0%

Other Price Factor: 0%

**Appraiser:**

Dylan J. Trent

(Appraisal ID 19841-0; Cutting Block ID 22939-0)

TRACT B3

COUNTY: KOOCHICHING

AREA: LITTLEFORK AREA

ACRES: 125.4

Permit Number: B016452

Expiration Date: 05/21/2028

Purchased By: Packaging Corporation of America

Address: 400 Third Ave East, International Falls, MN 56649

NENE,NENW,NESW,NWNE,NWSE,NWSW,SENE,SENW,SESW,SWNE,SWSW of Section 32 - Township 156, Range 28W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRaised		BID %: 0	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULPWOOD	2,345.50	Cd	21.68	50,850.44	21.68	50,850.44
+ NORWAY PINE	PULP & BOLTS	508.00	Cd	21.87	11,109.96	21.87	11,109.96
+ MIXED SPRUCE	PULP & BOLTS	412.50	Cd	12.32	5,082.00	12.32	5,082.00
BALSAM FIR	PULPWOOD	205.00	Cd	5.75	1,178.75	5.75	1,178.75
JACK PINE	PULPWOOD	92.00	Cd	6.90	634.80	6.90	634.80
PAPER BIRCH	PULPWOOD	90.00	Cd	11.50	1,035.00	11.50	1,035.00
TAMARACK	PULP & BOLTS	33.00	Cd	7.66	252.78	7.66	252.78

+ BID SPECIES

\* SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME

APPRaised TOTAL = \$70,143.73  
ADVANCE PAYMENT = \$10,521.56

BID TOTAL = \$ 70,143.73

#### Optional Timber (may be purchased with an Added Timber Agreement):

ANY LISTED SPECIES	BIOMASS	1,936.03	Tons	0.65	1,258.42
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#### Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulpwood includes: Balm of Gilead 5%; Trembling Aspen 95%.

Mixed Spruce Pulp & Bolts includes: Black Spruce 2%; White Spruce 98%.

#### Mixed Product Description:

Mixed Spruce Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 30%; Pulpwood 70%.

Norway Pine Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 74%; Pulpwood 26%.

Tamarack Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 11%; Pulpwood 89%.

#### Season of Operations:

- Conduct sale operations on dry or frozen soil conditions only, except with written permission from State.

#### Sale Conditions:

- Access is across state land.

#### Marketing Conditions:

Sale is approximately 14.4 miles down the Pine Island SFR. Around, 29.6 miles by road Northwest of Bigfalls. A series of hunter walking trials exist throughout the sale that may be used as access routes. There is a good chance of summer harvest. In the first entry spruce thinning area price reduced by 25%.

#### Price Adjustments:

Road Construction Costs: +10%

Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: 0%

Stand Density: +5%

Operational Constraints: 0%

Other Price Factor: 0%

#### Appraiser:

Thomas Jay Knaak

(Appraisal ID 18481-0; Cutting Block ID 21411-0)

TRACT B4

COUNTY: KOOCHICHING

AREA: LITTLEFORK AREA

ACRES: 178.8

Permit Number: B016453

Expiration Date: 05/31/2029

Purchased By: Packaging Corporation of America

Address: 400 Third Ave East, International Falls, MN 56649

GL05, GL06, NESE, NESW, NWSE, SENW, SESE, SESW, SWNE, SWSE of Section 6;  
NENE, NENW, NWNE, SENW of Section 7 - Township 157, Range 26W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	APPRAISED			BID %: 0		
		VOLUME	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	5,816.00	Cd	22.73	132,197.68	22.73	132,197.68
ASH	PULPWOOD	400.00	Cd	7.20	2,880.00	7.20	2,880.00
BALSAM FIR	PULPWOOD	300.00	Cd	6.00	1,800.00	6.00	1,800.00
PAPER BIRCH	PULPWOOD	250.00	Cd	12.00	3,000.00	12.00	3,000.00
WHITE CEDAR	PULP & BOLTS	200.00	Cd	8.16	1,632.00	8.16	1,632.00
MIXED SPRUCE	PULPWOOD	50.00	Cd	10.80	540.00	10.80	540.00
+ BID SPECIES		* SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME		APPRAISED TOTAL =	\$142,049.68	BID TOTAL = \$ 142,049.68	
				ADVANCE PAYMENT =	\$21,307.45		

#### Optional Timber (may be purchased with an Added Timber Agreement):

ANY LISTED SPECIES BIOMASS 2,195.00 Tons 0.65 1,426.75

#### Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Balm of Gilead 2%; Trembling Aspen 98%.

Mixed Spruce Pulpwood includes: Black Spruce 3%; White Spruce 97%.

#### Mixed Product Description:

Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 10%; Pulpwood 90%.

White Cedar Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 10%; Pulpwood 90%.

#### Season of Operations:

- Conduct sale operations on frozen soil conditions only, except with written permission from State.

#### Sale Conditions:

- Access is across state and industry land.
- Permission to cross industry land must be obtained by permittee.

#### Marketing Conditions:

Sale is located 9 miles from red barn bridge using existing winter roads. 1.5 miles of the sale has a snowmobile trail running through it.

#### Price Adjustments:

Road Construction Costs: +5%

Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: +5%

Stand Density: +10%

Operational Constraints: 0%

Other Price Factor: 0%

#### Appraiser:

Bill C. Alleman

(Appraisal ID 18678-0; Cutting Block ID 21675-0)

Harvest specifications and additional information about each tract may be obtained upon request from the following  
DNR Area Forestry Office:

LITTLEFORK AREA

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

For the Commissioner  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature  
Division Of Forestry

Dated: December 16, 2025

**- SUMMARY SHEET -**

12/16/2025 REGULAR AUCTION - SALE #1

COMPLETED - DATA AS OF 12/22/2025

**LITTLEFORK AREA**

		<b>SUMMARY FOR SOLD TRACTS</b>			<b>SOLD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>SOLD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>VOLUME</b>		<b>UNIT PRICE</b>		<b>\$ VALUE</b>
PULP & BOLTS	ASH	250.00	Cd	9.37	2,342.50	
	ASPEN SPECIES	5,816.00	Cd	22.73	132,197.68	
	PAPER BIRCH	310.00	Cd	13.97	4,330.70	
	NORWAY PINE	508.00	Cd	21.87	11,109.96	
	JACK PINE	600.00	Cd	20.88	12,528.00	
	TAMARACK	233.00	Cd	9.24	2,152.78	
	WHITE CEDAR	200.00	Cd	8.16	1,632.00	
	MIXED SPRUCE	1,557.50	Cd	15.05	23,447.80	
PULPWOOD	ASH	400.00	Cd	7.20	2,880.00	
	ASPEN SPECIES	2,965.50	Cd	21.44	63,585.24	
	TREMBLING ASPEN	20.00	Cd	22.80	456.00	
	PAPER BIRCH	340.00	Cd	11.87	4,035.00	
	JACK PINE	92.00	Cd	6.90	634.80	
	WHITE SPRUCE	20.00	Cd	10.80	216.00	
	BALSAM FIR	905.00	Cd	5.73	5,183.75	
	MIXED SPRUCE	50.00	Cd	10.80	540.00	
FUELWOOD	TAMARACK (optional)	275.00	Cd	-	0.00	
BIOMASS	ANY LISTED SPECIES (optional)	8,164.03	Tons	-	0.00	
WOODSRUN SAWTIMBER (SOFTWOOD ONLY)	NORWAY PINE	950.00	Cd	92.22	87,609.00	

**TOTAL SOLD TRACTS CONVERTED TO CORDS:** 15,492.00

**TOTAL APPRAISED DOLLAR VALUE OF SOLD TRACTS:** \$ 323,804.21

**TOTAL BID-UP DOLLAR VALUE OF SOLD TRACTS:** \$ 354,881.21

**TOTAL ACRES SOLD:** 483.4

**TOTAL NUMBER OF TRACTS SOLD:** 4