



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

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

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

Notice is hereby given that I offered for sale at public auction in Backus, MN at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 21, 2026, timber belonging to the State of Minnesota. All tracts were offered at the Cass County Land Department in Backus, 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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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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REGULAR AUCTION
ORAL BID TIMBER SALE
BACKUS AREA

10:00 AM on May 21, 2026
Cass County Land Department in Backus, 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 May 21, 2027, at the following Area Headquarters: Backus Area.

TRACT B1 COUNTY: CROW WING AREA: BACKUS AREA ACRES: 56.3

Permit Number: B016572
Expiration Date: 05/31/2029

Purchased By: Potlatch Deltic Land & Lumber, LLC
Address: 50518 Co Rd 45, Bemidji, MN 56601

GL04,NWSW,SESW,SWSW of Section 16 - Township 135, Range 27W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRAISED		BID %: 0	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ NORWAY PINE	WOODSRUN SAWTIMBER (SOFTWOOD ONLY)	1,017.00	Cd	60.95	61,986.15	60.95	61,986.15
ASPEN SPECIES	PULPWOOD	398.00	Cd	21.85	8,696.30	21.85	8,696.30
MIXED HARDWOODS	PULPWOOD	75.00	Cd	11.45	858.75	11.45	858.75
BLACK SPRUCE	PULPWOOD	3.00	Cd	8.05	24.15	8.05	24.15
+ BID SPECIES * SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME				APPRAISED TOTAL =	\$71,565.35	BID TOTAL = \$	71,565.35
				ADVANCE PAYMENT =	\$10,734.80		

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

ANY LISTED SPECIES BIOMASS 776.00 Tons 0.65 504.40

Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulpwood includes: Largetooth Aspen 50%; Trembling Aspen 50%.
Mixed Hardwoods Pulpwood includes: Ash 17%; Basswood 28%; Paper Birch 4%; Red Maple 7%; Red Oak 37%; Sugar Maple 7%.

Mixed Product Description:

Norway Pine Woodsrun Sawtimber (Softwood only) includes: Bolts 29%; Pulpwood 33%; Sawtimber (Softwood Only) 38%.

Season of Operations:

- Conduct sale operations on dry/frozen soil conditions only, except with written permission from State.
- Oak wilt is within 20 miles and poses a threat. No sale operations allowed from April 1-July 15 due to oak wilt concerns, unless with written permission from State.

Sale Conditions:

- Access is across private and state land.
- Permission to cross private land must be obtained by permittee.
- This permit contains ash as a harvest species and at the time of this sale is within the Ash Quarantine Area. An MDA Compliance Agreement will be required to transport ash outside of the quarantine area.

Marketing Conditions:

This sale is located 4 miles east of Merrifield off of county rd 19.

Price Adjustments:

- Road Construction Costs: +10%
- Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: 0%
- Stand Density: +5%
- Operational Constraints: 0%
- Other Price Factor: 0%

Appraiser:

Paul Jay Kedrowski

TRACT B2

COUNTY: CASS

AREA: BACKUS AREA

ACRES: 110.8

Permit Number: B016573
Expiration Date: 05/31/2030

Purchased By:
Address:

UNSOLD

SWNW of Section 9; NENE,NESE,SENE of Section 8; NESE,NWSE,SENE,SESE,SWNE of Section 5 - Township 139, Range 25W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRAISED		BID: _____	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	1,330.00	Cd	16.96	22,556.80	16.96	22,556.80
+ OAK SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	705.00	Cd	16.56	11,674.80	16.56	11,674.80
BASSWOOD	PULP & BOLTS	205.00	Cd	7.88	1,615.40	7.88	1,615.40
PAPER BIRCH	PULP & BOLTS	150.00	Cd	10.26	1,539.00	10.26	1,539.00
MAPLE SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	145.00	Cd	10.08	1,461.60	10.08	1,461.60
ASH	PULP & BOLTS	20.00	Cd	6.21	124.20	6.21	124.20

+ BID SPECIES * SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME

APPRAISED TOTAL = \$38,971.80
ADVANCE PAYMENT = \$5,845.77
BID TOTAL = \$ 38,971.80

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

ANY LISTED SPECIES BIOMASS 1,646.00 Tons 0.65 1,069.90

Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Balm of Gilead 5%; Largetooth Aspen 5%; Trembling Aspen 90%.
Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Red Maple 70%; Sugar Maple 30%.
Oak Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bur Oak 42%; Red Oak 58%.

Mixed Product Description:

Ash Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 10%; Pulpwood 90%.
Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 15%; Pulpwood 85%.
Basswood Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 25%; Pulpwood 75%.
Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 12%; Pulpwood 88%.
Oak Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 40%; Pulpwood 60%.
Paper Birch Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 14%; Pulpwood 86%.

Cutting and Felling:

- Harvest all UNMARKED aspen species, maple species, oak species, basswood, paper birch, and ash in the CLEARCUT areas. Harvest all YELLOW MARKED aspen species, maple species, oak species, basswood, paper birch, and ash in the MARKED TO CUT area.

Season of Operations:

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

Sale Conditions:

- Access is across State and County land.
- Permission to cross County land must be obtained by permittee.
- This permit contains ash as a harvest species and at the time of this sale is within the Ash Quarantine Area. An MDA Compliance Agreement will be required to transport ash outside of the quarantine area.

Marketing Conditions:

Best access for the sale will be to go north on 75th Ave off of Cass CR 58 through County land that will bring you to the Wren Lake Loop.

Harvest consists of 2 clearcut areas and a 15 acre thinning.

Price Adjustments:

Road Construction Costs: -10%
Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: 0%
Stand Density: 0%
Operational Constraints: 0%
Other Price Factor: 0%

Appraiser:

Beau Winkler

(Appraisal ID 20674-0; Cutting Block ID 23896-0)

TRACT B3

COUNTY: CASS

AREA: BACKUS AREA

ACRES: 83.2

Permit Number: B016574
Expiration Date: 05/31/2030

Purchased By:
Address:

UNSOLD

NESW,NWSW,SENW,SWNE,SWNW,SWSW of Section 8; GL02,NESE,NWSE,SENE,SWNE of Section 7 - Township 139, Range 25W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRAISED		BID: _____	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	1,069.00	Cd	20.90	22,342.10	20.90	22,342.10
+ OAK SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	827.00	Cd	20.24	16,738.48	20.24	16,738.48
+ BASSWOOD	PULP & BOLTS	390.00	Cd	10.24	3,993.60	10.24	3,993.60
MAPLE SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	154.00	Cd	12.43	1,914.22	12.43	1,914.22
PAPER BIRCH	PULP & BOLTS	150.00	Cd	14.63	2,194.50	14.63	2,194.50
ASH	PULP & BOLTS	75.00	Cd	7.99	599.25	7.99	599.25

+ BID SPECIES * SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME

APPRAISED TOTAL =	\$47,782.15	BID TOTAL = \$	47,782.15
ADVANCE PAYMENT =	\$7,167.32		

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

ANY LISTED SPECIES	BIOMASS	1,430.00 Tons	0.65	929.50
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Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Largetooth Aspen 5%; Trembling Aspen 95%.
 Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Red Maple 60%; Sugar Maple 40%.
 Oak Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bur Oak 55%; Red Oak 45%.

Mixed Product Description:

Ash Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 14%; Pulpwood 86%.
 Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 10%; Pulpwood 90%.
 Basswood Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 33%; Pulpwood 67%.
 Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 13%; Pulpwood 87%.
 Oak Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 40%; Pulpwood 60%.
 Paper Birch Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 33%; Pulpwood 67%.

Cutting and Felling:

- Harvest aspen species, oak species, maple species, basswood, paper birch, and ash in clearcut area. Harvest all UNMARKED aspen species, oak species, maple species, ash, paper birch, and basswood in thinning area.

Season of Operations:

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

Sale Conditions:

- Access is across county and state land.
- Permission to cross county land must be obtained by permittee.
- This permit contains ash as a harvest species and at the time of this sale is within the Ash Quarantine Area. An MDA Compliance Agreement will be required to transport ash outside of the quarantine area.

Marketing Conditions:

Sale is located within Cass County in Land O Lakes State Forest. 1 mile north on Charles Road, 1.3 miles north on ATV trail to reach sale area.

Price Adjustments:

Road Construction Costs: 0%
 Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: +5%
 Stand Density: +5%

Operational Constraints: 0%
Other Price Factor: 0%

Appraiser:

Anthony Messicci

(Appraisal ID 20857-0; Cutting Block ID 24083-0)

TRACT B4

COUNTY: CASS

AREA: BACKUS AREA

ACRES: 138.6

Permit Number: B016575
Expiration Date: 05/31/2030

Purchased By:
Address:

UNSOLD

NESE,NWSE,SESE,SESW,SWSE of Section 14; SWSW of Section 13; NENE,NWNE,SWNE of Section 23 - Township 140, Range 26W.

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	UNIT	APPRAISED		BID:	
				UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE	UNIT PRICE	\$ VALUE
+ ASPEN SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	1,635.00	Cd	21.85	35,724.75	21.85	35,724.75
+ RED OAK	WOODSRUN MIXED PRODUCTS	1,100.00	Cd	35.64	39,204.00	35.64	39,204.00
+ MAPLE SPECIES	PULP & BOLTS	560.00	Cd	13.80	7,728.00	13.80	7,728.00
+ BASSWOOD	PULP & BOLTS	440.00	Cd	13.28	5,843.20	13.28	5,843.20
PAPER BIRCH	PULP & BOLTS	165.00	Cd	17.94	2,960.10	17.94	2,960.10
ASH	PULP & BOLTS	30.00	Cd	12.49	374.70	12.49	374.70
BUR OAK	PULP & BOLTS	15.00	Cd	24.70	370.50	24.70	370.50
+ BID SPECIES * SOLD ON APPRAISED VOLUME				APPRAISED TOTAL =	\$92,205.25	BID TOTAL = \$	92,205.25
				ADVANCE PAYMENT =	\$13,830.79		

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

ANY LISTED SPECIES BIOMASS 2,246.00 Tons 0.65 1,459.90

Mixed Species Description:

Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Largetooth Aspen 13%; Trembling Aspen 87%.
Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Red Maple 1%; Sugar Maple 99%.

Mixed Product Description:

Ash Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 54%; Pulpwood 46%.
Aspen Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 50%; Pulpwood 50%.
Basswood Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 65%; Pulpwood 35%.
Bur Oak Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 68%; Pulpwood 32%.
Maple Species Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 20%; Pulpwood 80%.
Paper Birch Pulp & Bolts includes: Bolts 56%; Pulpwood 44%.
Red Oak Woodsrunk Mixed Products includes: Bolts 62%; Pulpwood 27%; Sawlog-Grade 2 (Hardwood) 11%.

Season of Operations:

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

Sale Conditions:

- Access is across State land.
- This permit contains ash as a harvest species and at the time of this sale is within the Ash Quarantine Area. An MDA Compliance Agreement will be required to transport ash outside of the quarantine area.

Marketing Conditions:

Sale is located 7 miles north of Outing, MN down the Draper Tower road in the Land O'Lakes State Forest.
Sale consists of a 65 acre aspen clearcut and a 75 acre marked to leave hardwood thinning. Residual basal area in thinning is approximately 60 sq. ft/acre.

Price Adjustments:

Road Construction Costs: +10%
Haul Distance to Nearest Mill: 0%
Stand Density: +5%
Operational Constraints: 0%
Other Price Factor: 0%

Appraiser:

Devon Andrew Wenthe

(Appraisal ID 20951-0; Cutting Block ID 24158-0)

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

BACKUS 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: May 21, 2026

- SUMMARY SHEET -

05/21/2026 REGULAR AUCTION - SALE #1

COMPLETED - DATA AS OF 05/21/2026

BACKUS AREA

SUMMARY FOR <u>SOLD</u> TRACTS					
PRODUCT	SPECIES	TOTAL VOLUME	UNIT	SOLD AVERAGE UNIT PRICE	TOTAL SOLD \$ VALUE
PULPWOOD	ASPEN SPECIES	398.00	Cd	21.85	8,696.30
	BLACK SPRUCE	3.00	Cd	8.05	24.15
	MIXED HARDWOODS	75.00	Cd	11.45	858.75
BIOMASS	ANY LISTED SPECIES (optional)	776.00	Tons	-	0.00
WOODSRUN SAWTIMBER (SOFTWOOD ONLY)	NORWAY PINE	1,017.00	Cd	60.95	61,986.15

TOTAL SOLD TRACTS CONVERTED TO CORDS: 1,493.00
TOTAL APPRAISED DOLLAR VALUE OF SOLD TRACTS: \$ 71,565.35
TOTAL BID-UP DOLLAR VALUE OF SOLD TRACTS: \$ 71,565.35
TOTAL ACRES SOLD: 56.3
SOLD TRACT NUMBER: 1
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRACTS SOLD: 1

SUMMARY FOR <u>UNSOLD</u> TRACTS					
PRODUCT	SPECIES	TOTAL VOLUME	UNIT	APPRAISED AVERAGE UNIT PRICE	APPRAISED \$ VALUE
PULP & BOLTS	ASH	125.00	Cd	8.79	1,098.15
	ASPEN SPECIES	4,034.00	Cd	19.99	80,623.65
	PAPER BIRCH	465.00	Cd	14.39	6,693.60
	MAPLE SPECIES	859.00	Cd	12.93	11,103.82
	BASSWOOD	1,035.00	Cd	11.06	11,452.20
	OAK SPECIES	1,532.00	Cd	18.55	28,413.28
	BUR OAK	15.00	Cd	24.70	370.50
WOODSRUN MIXED PRODUCTS	RED OAK	1,100.00	Cd	35.64	39,204.00
BIOMASS	ANY LISTED SPECIES (optional)	5,322.00	Tons	0.65	3,459.30

TOTAL UNSOLD TRACTS CONVERTED TO CORDS: 9,165.00
TOTAL APPRAISED DOLLAR VALUE OF UNSOLD TRACTS: \$ 178,959.20
TOTAL ACRES UNSOLD: 332.6
UNSOLD TRACT NUMBERS: 2, 3, 4
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRACTS UNSOLD: 3