

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed per unit bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (DCNRWFF) at the Lauderdale WMA headquarters office, 7001 County Road 14, Waterloo, AL 35677 until 2:30 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST), on September 30, 2026.

The timber to be sold is located on the following described lands:

Timber to be harvested consists of approximately 825 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 3,4,5,8,9,10,16,17, and 22, Township 1 South, Range 15 West; and approximately 436.4 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17, Township 1 South, Range 14 West, all in Lauderdale County, Alabama, on the Lauderdale Wildlife Management Area.

Estimated volumes are: 18,998 tons of pine pulpwood, 22,228 tons of blended pine chip-n-saw/sawtimber, and 298 tons of blended hardwood pulpwood/sawtimber. Estimated volumes are not guaranteed. Bidders must satisfy themselves about volumes.

Description of Timber: Timber to be sold consists of approximately 102.5 +/- acres of pine plantation to be clearcut, and approximately 5.3 +/- acres of mixed natural pine/hardwood to be clearcut. Approximately 792.8 +/- acres of pine plantation and 0.7 +/- acres of mixed natural pine/hardwood will be clearcut that had ice damage within the stands and must be harvested prior to harvesting other stands in the sale area. Approximately 29.8 +/- acres of pine plantation will be a second thin; of which, harvesting will require leaving 40 sqft (+/- 10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant trees adequately spaced, at the specified basal area. Approximately 324.8 +/- acres of pine plantation will be a second thin; of which, harvesting will require leaving 60 sqft (+/- 10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant trees adequately spaced, at the specified basal area. Approximately 2.1 +/- acres of pine plantation will be a first thin; of which, harvesting will require leaving 60 sqft (+/- 10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant trees adequately spaced, at the specified basal area. Approximately 3.4 +/- acres of mixed natural pine/hardwood will be a first thin; of which, harvesting will require leaving 60 sqft (+/- 10 sqft) of basal area per acre overall. The goal of the operator select portion is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best/dominant pine, oak, and hickory trees adequately spaced at the specified basal area. On the clearcut portions of the sale, all live bat den trees, and an average of five of the largest suitable snags (snags with exfoliating bark) per acre will be left when available. Snags in the early stages of decay should be selected over older snags whenever possible. If possible, these snags should be clumped into groups instead of spreading throughout the harvest area. A tree with less than 10% live canopy should be considered a snag (snags with exfoliating bark). No standing hardwood with exfoliating bark, crevices, or cavities shall be harvested.

The purchaser must follow Alabama BMP Guidelines. Sale boundaries may be marked with pink or blue flagging and/or blue paint. Fire lanes, roads, and/or a perimeter of pine plantations may serve as sale boundaries when other markings are not noticeable. Any blue painted trees within the sale unit or on the perimeter of the unit shall not be cut. Internal clearcut stands within stands to be thinned will be marked with orange flagging. Any logging slash accumulated on the loading decks will be redistributed on the skid trails to minimize erosion. No skidding or logging activities will take place in or through unauthorized cutting areas or SMZs within the harvest area.

Purchaser shall number the loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands with highly visible paint on both sides of the loaded trailer up front near the first bunk on the trailer. Also, Purchaser shall keep a record of all loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands on site. **Preservation of the residual trees is of essence to this timber sale and the Timber Sale Agreement will include a heavy penalty for damage to residual trees.** Game openings and fire lanes cannot be used for loading grounds and/or skid trails. Road development and maintenance serving the harvest area will be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Water barring and re-vegetation of major skid trails and the re-vegetation of loading decks will be completed by the successful bidder if deemed necessary by DCNRWFF. No logging, processing, on-site equipment maintenance or wood hauling activities will be permitted during any scheduled turkey season, youth deer and turkey hunts,

gun deer hunts, or the months of May and June. Trailers dollied down next to the county roads may be hauled. Leave trees are not to be damaged.

This is a “pay as you cut” sale. An advance payment of \$15,000 in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check is due with the bid. Payments due to the Department shall be credited against the advance payment until the value of timber products cut and delivered exceeds the amount advanced. When volumes of timber cut and delivered exceed that paid in the advance payment, further payments will be made weekly for those products harvested that week.

SUBMIT BIDS TO: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, Wildlife Section, Attn: Mark Bales, 7001 CR 14, Waterloo, AL 35677. All bids must be clearly marked on the front of the envelope, “DCNR, WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES, WILDLIFE SECTION, TIMBER BID - LAUDERDALE WMA, TO BE OPENED AT 11:00 A.M. CST ON October 1, 2026” to avoid being opened as ordinary mail. Sealed Bid Proposals will be read aloud publicly at: 11:00 A.M. CST, October 1, 2026, at 20 Union Hollow Rd, Waterloo, AL 35677

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON AFTER 2:30 P.M. CST on September 30, 2026. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY DCNRWFF PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

Timber inspection may be made between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. CST weekdays. To inspect timber, request information, obtain a copy of the contract, a map, or if ADA accommodations are needed, contact Mark Bales at (256) 998-2351 or Michael Nelson at (334) 893-5989. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of the bid opening.

TERMS OF SALE: Sealed bids must include: a letter with your company name, address, contact information, and your bid rates per ton for the “pay as cut” sale. **Submit per ton bids for the following products: 1) Pine Pulpwood, 2) Blended Pine Chip-N-Saw and Sawtimber, and 3) Blended Hardwood Pulpwood and Sawtimber. The bid must be accompanied with a \$15,000 ADVANCE PAYMENT** in the form of a **cashier’s or a certified check. Make all checks payable to: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.** Purchaser shall have thirty-six (36) months to cut and remove timber and may be extended at DCNRWFF’s sole discretion for up to one year. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with all Alabama’s Best Management Practices for Forestry.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit or certified check/cashier’s check in the amount of \$20,000 within twenty days of the date of receipt of contract otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

DCNRWFF reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state-owned properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice.

DCNRWFF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring practices or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.

All responses received will be subject to the Alabama Open Records Act, Ala. Code §36-12-40, et seq. (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

Christopher M. Blankenship, Commissioner
Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources