

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE  
BARBOUR 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 Barbour WMA headquarters office, 188 Christa Drive, Midway, AL 36053 until **3:30 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST), on August 19, 2025.**

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

**Timber to be harvested consists of approximately 43 +/- acres of timber located in Section 2, Township 11 North, Range 25 East; approximately 108 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 2, 3, 8, 10, and 11, Township 11 North, Range 26 East; and approximately 598.1 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 19, 20, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Township 12 North, Range 26 East, all in Barbour County, Alabama, on the Barbour Wildlife Management Area.**

**Estimated thinning volumes are:** 10,619 tons of pine pulpwood, 3,921 tons of blended pine chip-n-saw/sawtimber, 4,063 tons of hardwood pulpwood, and 602 tons of miscellaneous hardwood sawtimber. **Estimated clearcut volumes are:** 6,545 tons of pine pulpwood, 4,573 tons of blended pine chip-n-saw/sawtimber, 3,854 tons of hardwood pulpwood, and 2,028 tons of miscellaneous hardwood sawtimber. Estimated volumes are not guaranteed. Bidders must satisfy themselves about volumes.

**Description of Timber:** Timber to be sold consists of approximately 216.1 +/- acres of natural mixed timber to be clearcut; approximately 30.6 +/- acres of pine plantation to be clearcut; approximately 88 +/- acres of pine plantation to be first thinned. Harvesting will require utilizing a 4<sup>th</sup> row plantation thinning, then the operator will select trees from the leave rows, 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.

**Also to be sold is approximately 103.7 +/- acres of pine plantation to be second thinned.** 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. All hardwood trees inside the first and second pine thinning harvest area are to be cut, less and except any and all oak species.

**Additionally, to be sold is approximately 310.7 +/- acres of mixed natural timber thinning,** leaving 60 sqft basal area per acre of pine (+/- 10 sqft) in pine dominated areas within the stands and 60 sqft basal area per acre of oak and soft mast producing hardwoods (+/- 10 sqft) in hardwood dominated areas within the stands.

Internal SMZ boundaries are not marked, so the purchaser must follow Alabama BMP Guidelines. Sale boundaries may be marked with pink or pink/black striped 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. SMZ along the perimeter may also serve as the sale boundary when the other stated boundary types are not noticeable. (Do Not Cut within 50 ft of Stream Edge). Any blue painted trees within the sale unit or on the perimeter of the unit shall not be cut. 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 SMZ's 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 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 youth deer and turkey hunt or gun deer hunts. Leave trees are not to be damaged.

This is a "pay as you cut" sale. An advanced payment of \$50,000 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 advanced 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, 188 Christa Drive, Midway, Alabama 36053. All bids must be clearly marked on the front of the envelope, "DCNR, WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES, WILDLIFE SECTION, TIMBER BID - BARBOUR WMA, TO BE OPENED AT 9:00 A.M. CST ON AUGUST 20, 2025 "** to avoid being opened as ordinary mail. Sealed Bid Proposals will be read aloud publicly at 9:00 A.M. CST, August 20, 2025, at 64 North Union St., Suite 584, Montgomery, AL 36130-1901.

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON AFTER 3:30 P.M. CST on August 19, 2025. 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 Adam Pritchett at (334) 232-1150. 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, 3) Hardwood Pulpwood, and 4) Miscellaneous Hardwood Sawtimber. The bid must be accompanied with a \$50,000 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.** A period of thirty-six (36) months shall be allowed for timber removal and may be extended by DCNRWFF for 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 in the amount of \$25,000 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 properties and this notice 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, (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

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

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