

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY and ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FORESTRY
INVITATION TO BID – FOR THE SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS
SALE # W-452A

The State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Division of Forestry, offers the following forest products for public sale:

1. **DESCRIPTION- 452A-1:** Hardwood and softwood sawtimber stumpage: 531,200 B.F. International ¼” tree scale and 232 cords of hardwood (see tally sheets). Harvest boundaries are marked with two diagonal orange slashes painted on perimeter trees at approximately head height. Harvest boundary trees, painted with two orange slashes, are not to be harvested. All trees 2 inches DBH and greater must be felled except for those marked with orange paint. Any orange-marked trees which are also marked with blue paint must be cut.

***Volume is an estimate based on inventory; volumes are not guaranteed.**

452A-2: A second harvest area (452A-2) may be made available to the Buyer of W-452A-1 at the same price per species if the Buyer is interested **and** the supervising forester deems the Buyer capable of safely harvesting 452A-2 without adverse impacts on soil and water resources. The estimated volume of 452A-2 is 250,500 B.F. and 70 cords. 452A-2 will only be marked after the supervising forester has determined the Buyer to be capable of harvesting 452A-2 safely and without adverse impacts on soil and water resources and the Buyer agrees to purchase 452A-2 at the same per-species prices as 452A-1.

2. **LOCATION:** Housatonic State Forest, Cream Hill Block. The harvest areas are in Canaan and Cornwall, with access from Titus Mountain Road, off Mansfield Rd in Cornwall (see map). Harvest area 452A is 79.4 acres, and harvest area 452A-2 is 37.6 acres.

The BUYER will enter into a formal, written Sales Agreement with the State of Connecticut which includes, but is not limited to, the following obligations:

1. **PAYMENTS & DEPOSITS:**

- (A) **PAYMENTS:**

- i. Payments to the State will be made on a bi-weekly basis beginning two weeks after the start of trucking.
 - ii. Each bi-weekly payment will account for all logs paid to the Buyer, and all cordwood trucked off the landing over the previous two-week period.
 - iii. Logs will be sold on mill tally at the per species and per thousand board foot price of the winning bid.
 - iv. Cordwood will be sold at the rate of the winning bid and an assumed volume of 7 cords per tri-axle log truck.
 - v. All products shall be put to their best and highest use. All sections of wood which can reasonably be cut into a log of acceptable quality with a tip diameter of 10” or greater for hardwoods or 9” for softwoods are expected to be put in the sawlog pile and sold as sawlogs.
 - vi. The Buyer and their contractors will be required to maintain load accountability worksheets provided by the State.
 - vii. Each load of logs departing State land must correlate to a subsequent mill receipt.
 - viii. Mill tally receipts will be provided to the State, accompanying the bi-weekly payments.

The sales agreement for W-452A, inclusive of 452A-1 and 452A-2, will run until May 14th, 2027.

(B) PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT: The Buyer shall post a performance deposit to the STATE in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 prior to the start of harvest operations, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Agreement has been executed by the State.

2. WORK REQUIREMENTS:

- (A)** From May 15th to July 21st, no trees can be felled, unless otherwise approved by the monitoring forester. Skidding, forwarding, and processing of felled trees, trucking, and road work can continue during this period at the discretion of the monitoring forester.
- (B)** From April 1st to October 31st, a “soft start” will be used before felling trees at the beginning of each day or in a new work area. Machinery will be introduced to the site then work will be paused for 20 minutes to minimize impact on protected species.
- (C)** Operation is allowed only under dry or frozen conditions. Work may be stopped if the monitoring forester determines that ground conditions are not suitable.
- (D)** Skidding is not permitted on Titus Mountain or Mansfield Roads, unless approved by the monitoring forester.
- (E)** The Buyer is required to purchase, deliver, and spread up to 264 tons of 3” minus, to maintain Titus Mountain and Mansfield Roads in as good, or better, condition throughout the harvest and establish landing areas, as deemed necessary by the monitoring forester.
- (F)** The Buyer is required to provide, install, and maintain any crossing structures that may become necessary. Structures and associated corduroy will be removed at the conclusion of the harvest at the monitoring forester’s discretion. All crossings are subject to approval of the State’s monitoring forester. Approval of a crossing may be rescinded at any time for reasons including, but not limited to, the crossing deteriorating as it is used or ground conditions changing with the weather.
- (G)** The Buyer is required to corduroy sections of skid trail that become wet during the operation or at the monitoring forester’s discretion. Corduroy must be removed at the conclusion of the operation unless determined otherwise by the monitoring forester.
- (H)** Best management practices as described in Connecticut’s BMP Manual shall be followed and implemented throughout and at the conclusion of harvesting operations. The BMP manual will be the standard to which the Buyer is held.
- (I)** No slash will be left within 25 feet of roads, property boundaries, and streams. Slash will be lopped to four feet, or less, within 100 feet of roads and property boundaries.
- (J)** Only trees not marked with orange paint, or marked with blue paint, may be harvested. Trees marked with an “X” may be removed if they pose a risk to operators.
- (K)** The Buyer will remove or return to the harvest area any unused wood, chunks, and limbs brought to the landings and will smooth landing areas.

Interested persons may inspect the harvest area in the company of a DEEP Forester on Monday, November 4th, at 9:00 am.

Meet at the entrance to Mansfield Road, off Yelping Hill Road, in Cornwall (41.915066, -73.305130).

Pink flagging will be placed roadside at the meeting location – OR interested individuals may inspect the harvest area at their convenience. For more information contact DEEP Forester Jill Humphreys; cell phone: (860) 999-1802.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN: Monday, November 18th, at **9:00 am.**

TO SUBMIT A BID, YOU MUST:

1. Complete the attached **BID RESPONSE FORM** and seal it in an envelope.
2. Write "**SALE #:W-452A**" on the outside of the envelope.
3. **Mail or bring the envelope to:**

Connecticut D.E.E.P., Western District HQ, Division of Forestry
2065 Thomaston Road
Watertown, CT 06795

Hand-delivered bids must be brought to Western District Headquarters at the address listed above on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

All information pertaining to payment schedule, work requirements and other agreement specifications may be obtained at the time of the showing or by contacting the DEEP Forester indicated above.

The Bidder has the responsibility to submit their written bid in the required format, utilizing the attached bid response form, by the time and date indicated above.

The attached tally sheets are estimates only and not a guarantee of board foot or cordwood volume. The State reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any or no reason.



Christopher R. Martin
State Forester

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Exhibit "A" - Base Map SALE W-452A



Housatonic State Forest

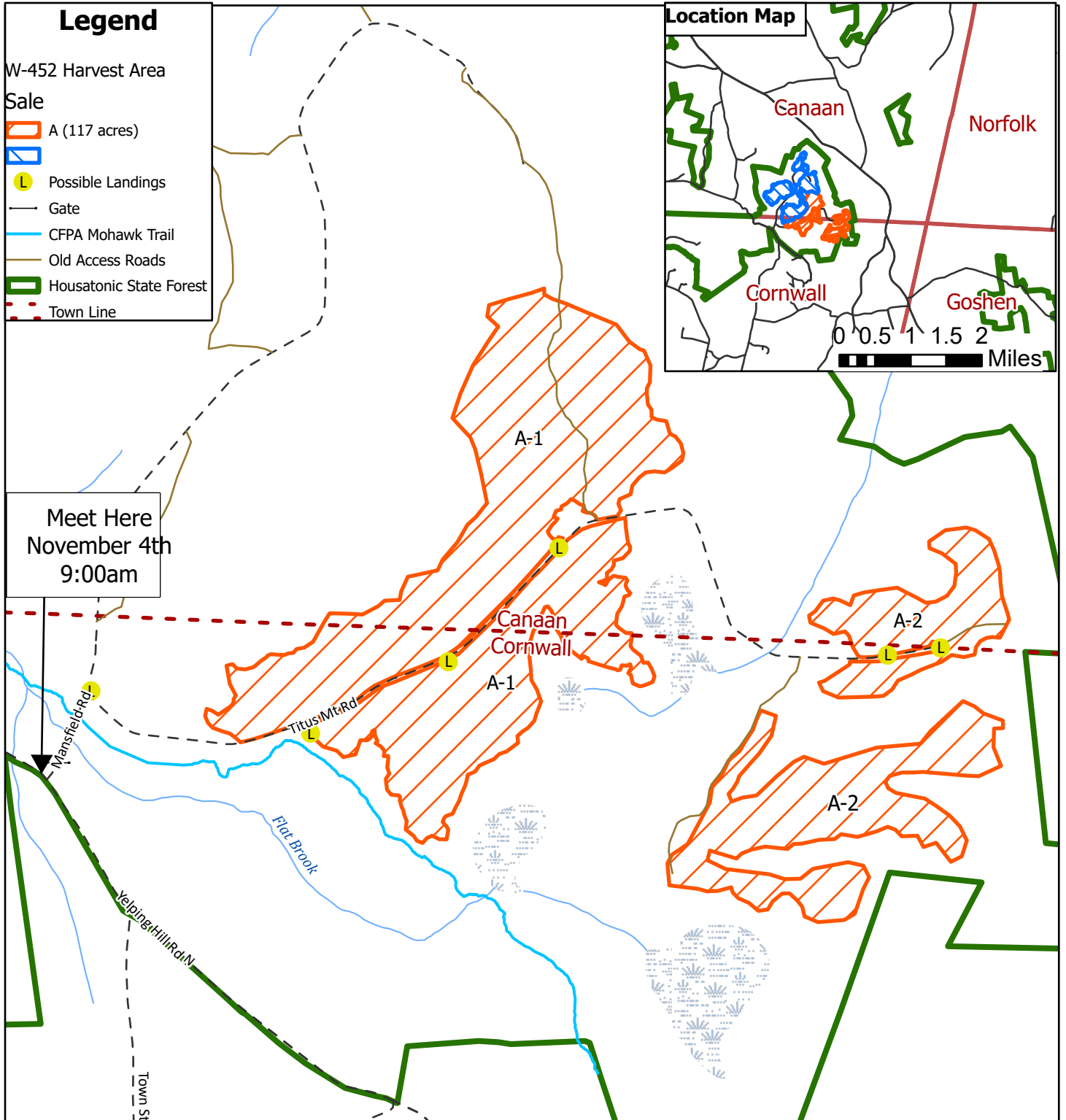
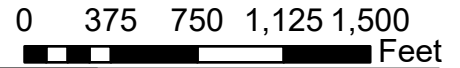
Cream Hill Block, Compartments 7, 8, 9, 10, & 12

Cornwall and Canaan, CT

W-452A: 117 acres

October 2024

Prepared by: J. Humphreys



TALLY SHEET FOR TIMBER ESTIMATES SALE # W452A-1

TYPE: Oak Northern Hardwoods
 ACRES: 79.4
 TALLY FORM : Lake States

PROPERTY NAME: Housatonic SF, Cream Hill
 MARKED BY: J.Humphreys, J.Clark, J.Milne, T.McGrade, J.Budny
 DATE MARKED: June-August 2024

Hickory		Aspen	
# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
29	3.5	0	0
0	0	21	2.9
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
29	3.5	21	2.9
119		137	

TALLY SHEET FOR TIMBER ESTIMATES SALE #W-452A-2

TYPE: Oak Northern Hardwoods
 ACRES: 37.6
 TALLY FORM : Lake States

PROPERTY NAME: Housatonic State Forest, Cream Hill

SPECIES	TOTAL		Red Oak*		White Oak*		Chestnut Oak*		Black Oak		Black Birch	
	DBH	TREES	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)	# TREES	VOLUME (MBF)
12	180	9.8	120	5.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	4.4
14	550	47.0	505	43.6	45	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	414	55.2	312	44.2	68	4.9	0	0	34	6.1	0	0
18	146	29.4	116	25.8	0	0	30	3.6	0	0	0	0
20	89	24.1	89	24.1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
22	73	28.3	55	20.6	0	0	18	7.7	0	0	0	0
24	76	34.2	76	34.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	40	22.5	40	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1568	250.5	1313	220.4	113	8.3	48	11.3	34	6.1	60	4.4
Avg.BF/tree		160		168		73		235		179		73

*From Total MBF:	Dead Red Oak- 142.0 MBF
	Dead White Oak- 4.8 MBF
	Dead Chestnut Oak- 7.3 MBF

Culls:

Hardwood		
Diameter	Trees	Cords
6	239	8
8	445	20
10	193	18
12	191	24
Totals	1068	70

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BID RESPONSE FORM

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BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM.

- 1. Bidders MUST provide their complete legal name and that of the company or individual they represent in offering the bid. The names and address on this form must be exact, correct and identical to any corporate resolutions, authorizations or affidavits that may be required.**
- 2. Successful bidders must complete an Agency Vendor Form prior to signing the completed Sales Agreement.**
- 3. The name of the insured on the insurance certificate must match the name of the company or individual on the completed Sales Agreement.**

I, _____, (CT Forest Practitioner Certificate # _____), representing:
(print name)

(Legal name-company/individual) _____

(Address) _____
(Street)

_____ (Town) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

(Telephone): _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____ (Fax) _____ (Office E-mail)

having reviewed all information provided in the Invitation to Bid, and understanding the obligations inherent in the Sales Agreement, hereby submit a bid of

- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of red oak
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of white oak
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of chestnut oak
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of black oak
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of scarlet oak
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of sugar maple
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of red maple
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of white ash
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of black birch
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of hickory
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of aspen
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of white pine
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of other hardwood
- \$ _____ per thousand board-feet of other softwood
- \$ _____ per hardwood cord

For Sale # W-452A, consisting of approximately 531,200 B.F. and 232 cords* located in Housatonic State Forest on behalf of the Bidder.

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Signed _____ Date: _____
(signature)