NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE Boscawen Town Forest, Town of Boscawen NH Project #2018-1

Bid Sheet

Mr. Tom Gilmore Chair, Boscawen Conservation Commission Town of Boscawen 116 North Main St. Boscawen, New Hampshire 03303

In accordance with the specifications and agreement hereinbefore named, I offer for the aforesaid marked stumpage on the described area the following prices:

PRICE		UNIT	SPECIES	PRODUCT
\$	PER	MBF	White Pine	Sawlogs
\$	PER	MBF	White Pine	Pallet/Ind.
\$	PER	MBF	Red Oak	Veneer
\$	PER	MBF	Red Oak/Black Oak	Sawlogs
\$	PER	MBF	Red Oak/Black Oak	Pallet
\$	PER	MBF	Misc. Hardwood	Sawlogs
\$	PER	MBF	Misc. Hardwood	Pallet
\$	PER	TON	Hardwood	Roundwood/ Firewood
\$	PER	TON	Mixed	Biomass chips

Please include any additional information you would like regarding bid prices, or any additional information regarding your experience and credentials that you would like the Boscawen Conservation Commission to consider.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME/COMPANY:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

The Town of Boscawen reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids (no fax or email) will be received until <u>4:00 P.M. Friday, October 12, 2018</u>. Mail or hand delivered only. Bids will be opened at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 12. Bid award will be announced and posted at the town offices at approximately 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. <u>The Boscawen Conservation Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.</u>

(Please remember to print your return address on the bid envelope.)

Town of Boscawen NH Boscawen Conservation Commission September 28, 2018

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The Town of Boscawen NH, under authority granted to the Boscawen Conservation Commission, is proposing a commercial timber harvest on the Boscawen Town Forest, and offering for sale to a qualified bidder the following stumpage:

Species	Product	Approximate Sale Volume (bd. ft. unless otherwise noted)
White Pine	Sawlogs	25,000
White Pine	Pallet/Industrial	10,000
Red Oak	Veneer	4,000
Red Oak/Black Oak	Sawlogs	50,000
Red Oak/Black Oak	Pallet	30,000
Misc. Hardwood	Sawlogs	3,000
Misc. Hardwood	Pallet	3,000
Firewood/HW pulp	Roundwood	125 cds
Biomass Chips		500+/- tons

These estimated volumes are based on the International ¼" log rule and the standard 2,000 lb. English ton. Volume and product class of this stumpage are <u>conservatively estimated</u> and actual harvest volumes may be more or less. Bidders are expected to examine the property and determine volumes, values, and operating conditions for themselves.

The Boscawen Town Forest is a public conservation ownership managed for multiple uses including diverse outdoor recreation, protection and enhancement of game and non-game wildlife habitat, productive timber management, scenic quality, and protection of unique natural communities. As such any commercial timber harvesting must be implemented with care and attention to these diverse values. Approximately 35 acres of the 438 acre Town Forest are proposed for management under this timber sale. Additional timber harvests and habitat improvement projects are planned in future years to fulfill objectives of a 10-year forest management plan recently adopted by the Boscawen Conservation Commission.

This sale is being conducted primarily to achieve habitat objectives of establishing significant new young forest and age class diversity in this stand. The majority of the harvest volume will be removed from 22 small, irregularly shaped patch cuts averaging 1 acre in size (0.5-2 acres), with the perimeter of each patch marked by double blue stripes. Some seed trees will be left in each patch cut and are marked by orange ribbon as leave trees. Individual trees and groups of trees are also marked to be cut between and adjacent patch cuts with blue paint. Proposed skid roads to access the patch cuts and areas of

single tree removal are marked with pink flagging, but are subject to change. The popular Dagody Hill hiking trail passes through the area of operation and a buffer is being left along the trail. Skid road crossings of this trail will be at right angles and kept to a minimum (two). Two patch cuts are laid out adjacent the trail to open up vistas to the west for trail users. This stand was harvested lightly in 1993 and care and attention should be paid to minimizing damage to 25 year old regeneration outside patch cuts and skid roads wherever possible.

This sale will be shown on Wednesday, October 10, at 2 PM. Interested parties may meet the forester in charge, Charlie Niebling, in the town forest parking area at the end of Weir Road off lower Queen St. in Boscawen (see attached map).

<u>The Boscawen Conservation Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids</u>. Bid prices shall be a primary determinant in deciding who to award bid to, but other factors, including scale of operation and equipment, skill in marketing and utilization, experience and quality of workmanship (particularly on municipal conservation lands) shall be taken into consideration. The attached bid form includes all information and instructions for submitting a bid. A copy of the draft timber sale contract shall be provided at the showing or is available upon request and may be obtained by contacting the forester in charge, Charlie Niebling, at 603-965-5434 or <u>niebling@inrsllc.com</u>.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 PM on Friday, October 12, 2018. Bids will be opened at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 12 at the town offices at 116 North Main St., Boscawen NH. The selected bidder will be notified by 7 PM on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

Mail or hand deliver in <u>sealed envelope</u> to: Town of Boscawen, 116 North Main St., Boscawen NH 03303

Boscawen Town Forest Project #2018-1 Timber Sale and Forest Management Road Construction Prospectus Highlights

Location: This timber sale is located on approximate 35 acres of the Boscawen Town Forest, Weir Road, Boscawen NH.

Period of Contract: The purchaser shall be allowed from contract signing through June 30, 2019 subject to seasonal or weather restrictions in which to enter, cut, and remove said timber. This is a frozen ground job and we would expect that work would not begin until ground conditions are suitable, probably late December or January 2019.

Payment: This stumpage is offered per unit of product. Payment shall be made on a regular basis once harvesting commences based upon mill delivered scale until revenues for all products has been received. Contractor shall provide copies of all scale receipts with each payment, or as requested by forester in charge. Exact payment schedule will be negotiated.

Timber Tax: As with all timber sales on municipally owned land, and per state law, contractor shall be responsible for payment of the timber tax to the Town of Boscawen. Bid accordingly.

Insurance Required: The contractor and his subcontractors, if any, shall purchase, maintain and provide proof of the following coverage:

- 1) General, Personal Injury, and Automobile Liability (including bodily injury, personal injury and property damage) minimum coverage:
 - a. Combined single limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence.
 - b. Any aggregate limit will not be less than \$2,000,000.
 - c. If any aggregate limits are reduced below \$600,000 because of claims made or paid during the required policy parodied, the contractor shall immediately obtain additional insurance to restore the full aggregate limit and furnish a certificate or other document showing compliance with this provision.
- 2) Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the New Hampshire Department of Labor, RSA 281-A.

Marking: The perimeter of patch cuts will be marked with double blue stripes, facing toward center of patch. All trees within patch cuts, including the marked perimeter trees, shall be removed except for selected seed trees, which shall be marked with orange ribbon. All white oak shall be retained within patch cuts unless necessary to reach other trees. Individual and group selection of trees between and adjacent patch cuts are marked with blue paint. All trees designated for cutting shall be cut, unless otherwise authorized by the forester in charge.

Scaling: The International ¼" log rule shall be the basis for measure for sawlogs. The standard 2,000 lb. English ton for any product scaled in tons. A cord of hardwood firewood shall be considered to weigh 2.5 tons.

Utilization: The contractor shall be expected to utilize all timber harvested for the highest and best product utilization, contingent on availability of markets. Any portion of a tree that cannot be used for a higher value product due to form or defect shall be utilized as hardwood roundwood, cordwood, or

biomass chips. We are assuming at this time that no viable market exists for softwood pulp. Contractors do not have to have a biomass chipping capability to operate this job; tops may be left on site, lopped to under 2' above ground, and conventional cable skidder and cut to length operators are welcome to bid on this job.

Forester in Charge: Charlie Niebling, 10 Queen St., Boscawen NH 03303. 603.965.5434. <u>niebling@inrsllc.com</u>. NHLPF#268.

