

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
2001 ELMERTON AVENUE
HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9797
ATTN: FORESTRY DIVISION, BUREAU OF WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Gentlemen:

In answer to a recent advertisement for lump sum bids on an estimated **6,639** tons of pulpwood located on **237** acres of State Game Lands No. 025, City of St. Mary's, Elk County, I offer the following:

\$ _____
(BID QUOTATION MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR IN INK)

Full payment will be made when agreements are signed or payment in full for each individual cutting block before cutting operations are started on that block.

It is further understood that an acceptable bond of **\$10,000.00** will be provided to guarantee faithful performance of the agreement.

Removal of timber to be subject to the terms, conditions and stipulations included in the Timber Sale Agreement. It is understood that the contract will run until **June 15, 2023**

ATTACHED IS **CERTIFIED, CASHIER'S OR TREASURER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, (PERSONAL, COMPANY, CORPORATE CHECK OR CASH ARE NOT ACCEPTED)**, IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,000.00** as evidence of good faith in bidding. I understand that it will be forfeited as fully liquidated damages upon my failure within 45 days after presentation to accept and execute the contract and provide a bond as required.

IN CASE OF PARTNERSHIP, EACH PARTNER SIGNS: IF A CORPORATION, THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER MUST SIGN, GIVING HIS/HER TITLE AND NAME OF CORPORATION.

Sincerely yours,

(Tax No. or Social Security No.)

Signature of Bidder - Sign In Ink

(Telephone Number)

Print Name

Firm Name

Street Address (Name, Number, Etc.)

City State Zip

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN AN ENVELOPE THAT CLEARLY STATES ON THE OUTSIDE: **BID PROPOSAL FOR TIMBER SGL #025** Bids will be opened in the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, at **2:00 P.M., Monday, Nov 16, 2020**. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract as deemed to its best interests.

- INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS -

The following information covers details concerning the proposed lump sum bids on an estimated **6,639** tons of pulpwood located on **237** acres of State Game Lands No. 025, City of St. Mary's, Elk County

See attached sheets for additional volume information. The volume and percentages are not guaranteed and each prospective bidder is urged to examine the sale area and bid on the basis of his own estimate.

- SHOW DATE -

Timber will be shown to prospective bidders on **Oct 16, 2020**. Viewers will be met at **Surbuban Building Center, 1068 Johnsonburg Road, St. Mary's, Pa. 15857** at 10:00 a.m., and conducted to the sale area.

The timber to be sold will be clearly designated by **Gary Glick, 1566 S. RT 44 HWY , Jersey Shore, PA 17740**, telephone: 1-570-398-4744 ext 30310, the Regional Forester..

- BIDS -

BIDS SHOULD BE MAILED AT LEAST FOUR (4) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO BID OPENING TO PERMIT U.S. POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY. USE SPECIAL MAIL SERVICE IF MAILED LATER THAN FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO BID OPENING. SPECIAL DELIVERY BIDS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION, FORESTRY DIVISION, 2001 ELMERTON AVENUE, HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9797.

Bids must be submitted in an envelope that clearly states on the outside: **BID PROPOSAL FOR TIMBER. SGL #025**. Bids received in envelopes not containing this information will be rejected.

In order to be considered, the bid shall be accompanied by a **CERTIFIED, CASHIER'S OR TREASURER'S CHECK, OR A BANK, POSTAL OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER**, payable to the Pennsylvania Game Commission in the amount of **\$1,000.00**, as evidence of good faith in bidding, to be forfeited as fully liquidated damages upon the bidders failure to accept the award, execute the contract and give bond as required. Bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder when the contract has been executed and a satisfactory performance deposit has been furnished.

In lieu of bid deposit, bidders may submit an open bid bond to cover the deposit requirement. Any bid bond must be filed for an annual period and both the amount of bond and the surety shall receive prior approval of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

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- PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT -

A performance bond in the amount of **\$10,000.00** will be required in the form of a Certified Check or a Postal Money Order drawn to the order of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Negotiable securities, including assignment of a bank savings account may be furnished in lieu of above. A bond with corporate surety approved by the Attorney General, or a bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit, may be posted provided the bond has an expiration date a minimum of 1 year beyond the expiration date of the timber contract.

- EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT -

Contract will expire **June 15, 2023.**

- PAYMENTS -

The sale is divided into **1** cutting blocks. Payment will be made by:

1. **Payment of 10% of the Bid Price is due at contract execution.**
2. **Full payment is due prior to beginning harvesting operations.**

- ANTI DISCRIMINATION -

The contractor awarded the Timber Sale Agreement agrees he will not discriminate against any employee or other persons on account of race, sex, creed, age, ancestry or national origin.

- SAFETY and ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION –

The Buyer, his employees and sub-contractors are expected to perform all logging operations in a safe manner as required by applicable laws and regulations. The Commission expects the Buyer to ensure that logging crewmembers dress in protective attire, and perform their duties with equipment in accordance with standards established by the logging industry and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The PGC recommends that logging crews working on State Game Lands be trained in safe logging techniques and sound environmental logging practices through a formal training program such as the one provided by the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative (PA SFI) or another similar program.

Contractor must comply with the erosion and sediment control plan for disturbed areas that is included as a part of the timber contract.

- SPECIAL PROVISIONS -

See **5** Attached Sheet(s).

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE "255 Strip Cuts TIMBER SALE"

S.G.L. # 025 T.S. # 025-2020-03

Directions to the Site

From the Intersection of US 219 & SR 255 in Johnsonburg proceed East on SR 255 for 3.5 miles to an SGL road on the left. The timber sale is directly behind the SGL parking area. N 41.469529 W -78.617070

1) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a) This 237-acre sale area contains 1 block.
- b) **Payment of 10% of the Bid Price is due at contract execution. Full payment is due prior to beginning harvesting operations.**
- c) Volumes were determined by a 1/40-acre fixed area plot cruise and all material was assumed to be pulp wood. Pulp wood is estimated at 6,636 tons total or 28 tons per acre. The below table illustrates the estimated number of stems by size class.

Number of Stems per Acre to be Felled	
DBH	Stems / Acre
2-4	492
6-8	84
10-12	21
14-16	6
18+	1

- d) Operator is to contact PA One Call (1-800-242-1776) at least 3 days prior to construction of landings, haul roads, skid trails or other earthmoving activity to identify and locate underground utility lines.
- e) Many active and inactive gas wells and pipe lines can be found on this Game Lands and in this vicinity. Most belong to National Fuel Gas or Diversified Gas and Oil please contact them for specific details and crossing requirements.

National Fuel Gas
Matt Eckert
Phone: (814) 512-0160

Diversified Gas and Oil
Melvin Shelander
Phone: 814-335-4948

- f) Utilization of whole tree harvesting is permitted in the block.
- g) **No permanent paint may be used by bidders for marking/cruising this timber sale area.**
- h) Exclusive road use is not guaranteed. Coordination with OGM activities and / or other timber operators may be necessary.

2) BOUNDARIES, BLOCKS, AND CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) All sale boundaries and islands are marked with double **BLUE** slashes. All **BLUE** marked trees are reserved.
- b) All trees not marked red greater than 10 feet tall must be felled.
- c) All red trees are reserved.
- d) Snags and dead material are not to be removed.
- e) Any trees on this sale area considered hazard trees by the operator may be felled for safety reasons and must be left at the stump. The regional forester will be notified of any hazard trees that are felled.
- f) Game Land boundary, roads, pipelines, herbaceous openings and spring runs are to be kept free of tops. Tops and slash will be kept back 10 feet from the ditch line of all roads and pipelines.
- g) All work in a block must be completed and approved before operations can start in another block.

- h) Stump height will not exceed the diameter of the tree or 12" maximum height.
- i) Cull portions of the tree are to be left at the stump. All logs and pulpwood are to be marked to length in the woods to eliminate short ends at the landings.
- j) Extra caution should be taken to avoid felling damage or skidding damage to reserved trees.
- k) No fuel woodcutting by individuals other than the operator and his employees will be permitted.

3) US / STATE / LOCAL ROADS

- a) No US Routs will be directly accessed for the purposes of this timber sale.
- b) SR 255 will be directly accessed for the purposes of this timber sale and it is a non-posted roadway. PennDot contact information provided below:
PennDot
Pete Kempf
Senior Civil Engineer Supervisor (Road Bonding)
(814) 765-0495
<http://www.papostedroads.pa.gov/>
- c) No Township roads will be accessed for the purposes of this timber sale.

4) ROADS TO BUILD / IMPROVE

a) **Roads to Maintain**

1. All haul roads used by operator will be suitably drained and crowned (2% - 6% slope) with a road grader or dozer with a 6-way blade at conclusion of sale or if the roads are in poor condition and the sale is going to be left idle for any length of time.

Sections:
Powers Run Electric = 3,300 feet

2. A stone rake and 10 tons vibrating roller will also be required to set the crown following grading operations. All road edges including breams will be graded to a contour that allows for the sheet flow of water from the driving surface to an area where it can infiltrate naturally or a ditch if necessary as determined by the regional forester.

b) **Broad base dips**

Broad-based dips will be constructed according to BMP guidelines.

c) **Tail drains and turnouts**

Will be added or cleaned at the discretion of the regional forester.

d) **Ditches and other drainage structures**

Will be opened and re-established where needed. The road must be crowned to drain all water into the ditches and culverts.

5) LANDINGS

- a) Landing locations may be utilized at the discretion of the operator but must be approved by the regional forester. The operator is responsible for the application of any additional material.
- b) All bark, logging debris, and cull portions of the trees will be removed from the landings at conclusion of use or any time specified by the regional forester.

- c) At the conclusion of the sale, all landings are to be leveled, cleared of debris, and seeded according to specifications outlined below.

6) SKIDDING

- a) No skidding will be allowed through streams, islands or across unprotected pipelines or spring seeps.
- b) Tops and debris must be kept out of all spring seeps and islands, and off roads, trails, power lines, and herbaceous openings.
- c) Skidders are to be kept off haul roads as much as possible.
- d) Wet areas should be avoided when skidding and any treetops which are felled into small wet areas should be left in the water rather than pulling them out.
- e) If skid trails are to sit idle for one month or more, they are to have water bars added.
- f) Major skid trails and areas at risk for erosion as determined by the regional forester will be graded and seeded according to the below listed seeding requirements upon completion of harvesting operations.
- g) Main skid trails are to be leveled, open and have water bars added at the conclusion of the sale.
- h) Skid trails will need to be constructed according to BMP's.

7) SEEDING OF ROADWAYS AND LANDINGS

- a) At conclusion of sale all areas to be seeded will be properly graded with a grader or a dozer with a six way blade and stone raked to clear all rocks 4" and larger. Seeding will include landings, and major skid trails as determined by the regional forester. All seeding will be according to the following:

Exact seed mixture and specifications will be required. No substitutions of other seed mixtures will be allowed.

SEED:

5 lbs CRIMSON clover /acre
5 lbs ladino or white clover /acre
50 lbs oats or wheat (seasonal) /acre

FERTILIZER:

500 LBS/ACRE OF 10-20-20

LIME:

2 ton/acre of **pulverized agricultural limestone**

MULCH:

2 ton/acre straw – no paper mulch

SEEDING DATES:

Spring - up to June 15th
Fall – August 1st to September 15.

NOTE: These are per acre rates. Total acres disturbed through logging will be determined at conclusion of sale. This area should not exceed 3 acres. Receipts for lime, fertilizer and seeding materials must be provided to the Regional Forester.

- b) Skid trails will be graded and seeded with oats/wheat upon completion of harvesting operations.
- c) All landings will be required to be seeded at the conclusion of this sale.
- d) Any stone pits locations used with this sale will be closed out and seeded according to the above specifications.
- e) The regional forester is to be notified prior to the application of lime, seed, fertilizer, and mulch.
- f) Guaranteed catch of cover must be obtained to the satisfaction of the regional forester before the bond will be released.

8) OPERATIONS AND NON-WORK DAYS

- a) No woods operation will be permitted on the following days:
 1. All Saturdays in the months of October, November, December, and January and any Sundays open to hunting.
 2. The opening day and all Saturdays during spring turkey season, including the youth spring gobbler hunt.
 3. All the days of the general statewide bear season
 4. The entire 2 weeks of the general firearms deer season
 5. The opening day of the flintlock muzzleloader seasonNo operations will be permitted from March 1st thru April 15th without the permission of the regional forester.
- b) The contractor, employees, and sub-contractors may not hunt to, from, or at the job site when the work location is beyond a gated road that is closed to public traffic. The contractor may travel to and from the work location on no-work days to check on the condition of equipment.
- c) The contractor is responsible for the control and collection of fluids leaking from any equipment used on the site. The contractor must have a spill containment and cleanup kit appropriate for the equipment being used. At a minimum, the kit will contain: plugs and clamps to control hydraulic line breaks, a container to collect leaking fluids, fluid absorbent pads and a shovel. Operating any equipment noticeably leaking fluids is prohibited. The contractor must collect and control fluids leaking from any equipment and dispose of properly.
- d) ***Except on Sundays, it is unlawful to be present on State Game Lands from November 15 through December 15 inclusive when not engaged in lawful hunting or trapping and fail to wear a minimum of 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material on the head, chest, and back combined, or in lieu thereof, a hat of the same colored material. The material shall be worn so it is visible in a 360-degree arc.***

9) MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Operator must comply with the erosion and sedimentation control plan for the area.
- b) All woods operations are to proceed at the same time.
- c) Operator will supply all employees working on this site with a map and copy of the sale provisions.
- d) Operator is to use gated game lands access roads for logging purposes only.
- e) *Violation of contract provisions by the operator may subject the operator or its employees or contractors to fine based on Title 58 regulations*

10) FORESTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Forester	Regional Forester
Travis Weinzierl	Gary Glick
(814) 335-6470	(570) 398-4744
	Ext. 30310

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

11) PA RIGHT TO KNOW PROVISIONS

- a) The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, applies to this contract.
- b) Unless the Contractor provides the Commonwealth, in writing, with the name and contact information of another person, the agency shall notify the Contractor using the Contractor information provided by the Contractor in SRM [or "the legal contact information provided in this contract"] if the agency needs the Contractor's assistance in any matter arising out of the Right to Know Law ("RTKL"). The Contractor shall notify the agency in writing of any change in the name or the contact information within a reasonable time prior to the change.
- c) Upon notification from the Commonwealth that the Commonwealth requires the Contractor's assistance in responding to a RTKL request for records in the Contractor's possession, the Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of such notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor's possession which arises out of the contract that the Commonwealth requests ("Requested Information") and provided such other assistance as the Commonwealth may request in order to comply with the RTKL. If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information within fourteen (14)

calendar days after receipt of such request, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.

- d) The Commonwealth's determination as to whether the Requested Information is a public record is dispositive of the question as between the parties. Contractor agrees not to challenge the Commonwealth's decision to deem the Requested Information a Public Record. If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, the Contractor will immediately notify the Commonwealth, and will provide a written statement signed by a representative of the Contractor explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the request. If, upon review of the Contractor's written statement, the Commonwealth still decides to provide the Requested Information, Contractor will not challenge or in any way hold the Commonwealth liable for such a decision.
- e) The Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with complying with this provision only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTKL if the fee schedule is inapplicable.
- f) Contractor agrees to abide by any decision to release a record to the public made by the Office of Open Records, or by the Pennsylvania Courts. The Contractor agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth's disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL. Contractor's duties relating to the RTKL are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this contract and shall continue as long as the Contractor has Requested Information in its possession.

SGL 025 255 Strip Cut Project Overview Map



STATE GAME LANDS
NO 25

N 41.469529
W -78.617070

Roadside Park

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2044

PAUL
ROAD

- === PGC_Roads
- ▭ Timber_Sale_237_Acres
- ▭ SGL_Boundary

City of St. Mary's
Elk County

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SGL 025 255 Strip Cut Location Map



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 Project Area 237 acres

City of St. Mary's
Elk County

