

Town of Rumford

Invitation to Bid for Timber Sale

The Town of Rumford is planning to harvest 15 acres of blow-down and marked wood trees, at the Town Farm Lot, Map 103; Lot 01. This lot is north of Mountain Valley High School, and on the westerly side of Scotty's Brook, near Swift River Park off Route 120.

A project showing will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the harvest site, and again on Friday April 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

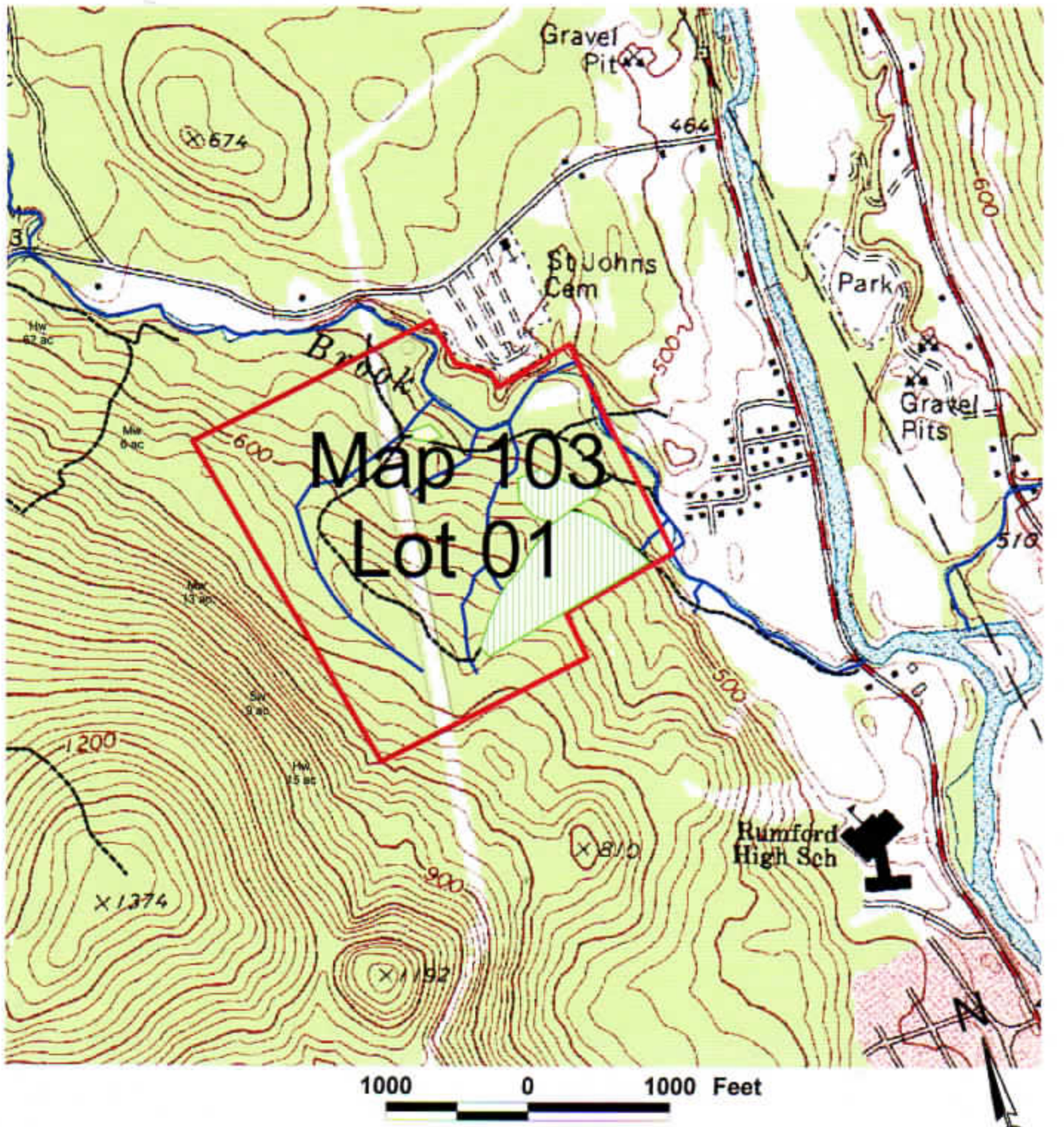
Directions: from the south beginning at the light at the intersection of Route 2 and Hancock Street/ Route 120, go north on Hancock Street/ Route 120 about 7 tenths of a mile where you will see the main entrance to Mountain Valley High School. Continue north on Route 120 about 3 tenths of a mile to a small entrance on the left, called the Pump House Road. This entrance is just before Route 120 crosses over Scotty's Brook. Meet at the edge of the field.

Bid Packages can be picked up at the site on 10:00 AM, April 27, 2021, or on Friday April 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm, or downloaded from the Town of Rumford website, or they can be picked up at the Rumford Town Manager's office at 145 Congress Street, Rumford, Me 04276. Sealed bids will be due on Monday, May 3, 2021, by 3:00 PM, by mail or in person at the Rumford Town Manager's Office at 145 Congress Street, Rumford, Maine 04276.

At 3:00 pm, on May 3, 2021 at the Town Office Auditorium the bids will be opened. Winning bid will be selected at the May 6, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.

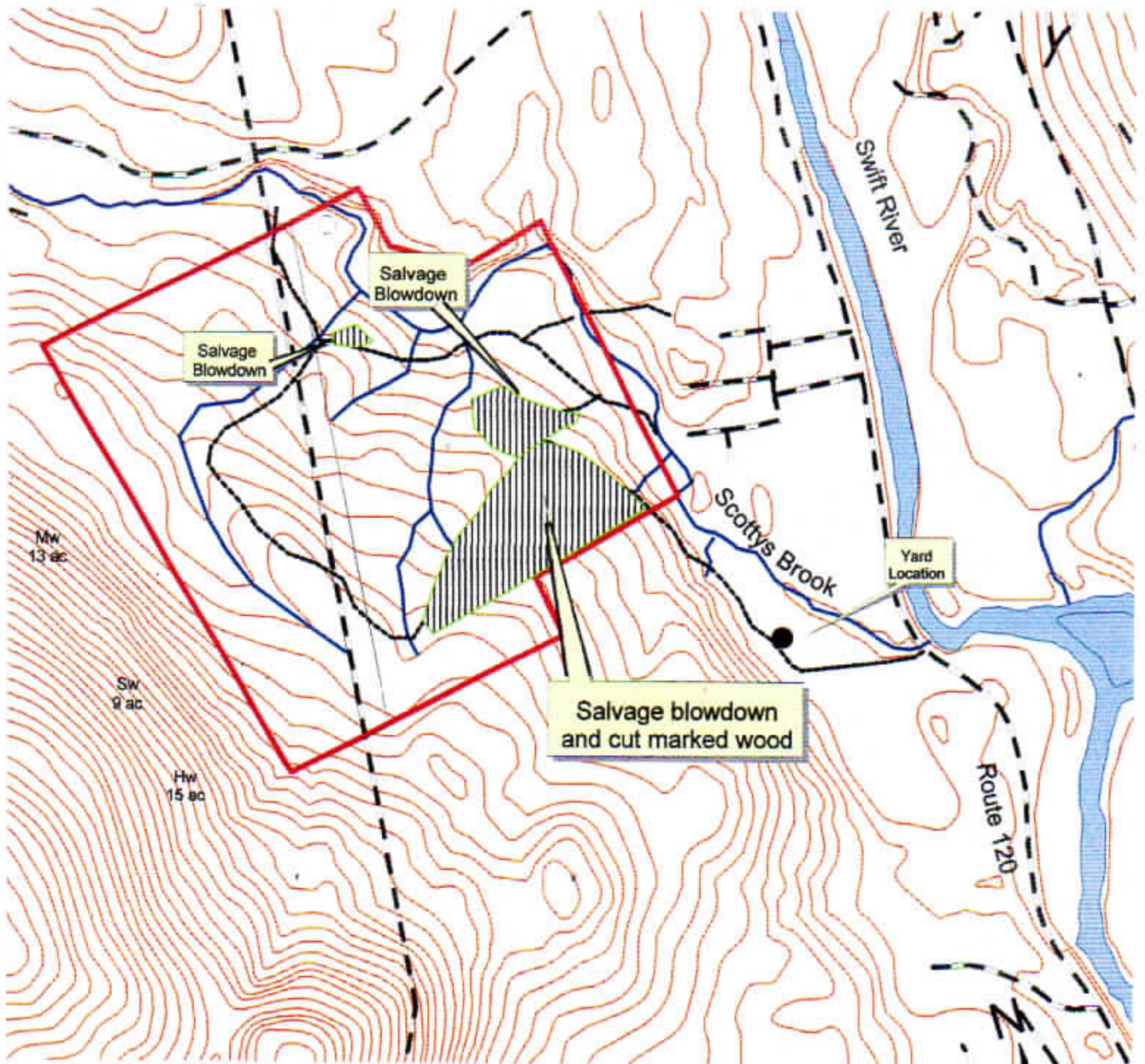
Please contact Brian Milligan, Forester, at 364-2497/357-3780 if you have questions.

# Rumford Town Farm Lot Map 103; Lot 01 Rumford, Maine



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- Streams

# Rumford Town Lot Map 103; Lot 01 Spring 2021 Harvest



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- Roads
- Trails
- Streams
- Water
- Contours

750 0 750 Feet

5-19-21

## Request for Bid

**The Town of Rumford is offering for sale by sealed bid "Timber Stumpage" on Lot 01 on Tax Map 103, known as the Town Farm Lot. The bid area contains 15 acres of blow-down salvage and marked wood, which are available for harvest on this bid.**

### **Harvest Area**

The boundary lines are marked with red painted blazes, and are further marked with pink flagging. The harvest area boundary is marked in orange flagging.

Wetland and stream channels will be marked with blue flagging.

### **Cutting Period**

The harvest project shall begin no sooner than May 15, 2021, conditions permitting, and be completed by September 15, 2021. All harvesting will be coordinated through designated forester, Brian Milligan, including starting and ending dates, which are dependent on the weather and ground conditions, and land owners objective.

### **Type of Sale**

This is a stumpage bid with payment based on "Mill Scale".

### **Cutting Specifications**

The prescribed harvest is two-fold, one is a salvage cut of about 6 acres of partial blowdown, and secondly a Timber Stand Improvement cut, utilizing a single tree selection method to remove up to 40% of the stocking in the remaining 9 acre harvest area. The trees to be cut will be marked with blue paint on the trunk of the tree at DBH (diameter breast height), and the root swell at the base of the tree.

The estimated volume of blowdown and marked wood is approximately 100 tons of pulpwood, and 60 mbf of logs. The See Exhibit A for a detailed species breakdown.

Regeneration and residual trees will be protected, as well as practical, from logging and skidding damage.

Activity will be limited to harvesting only on dry ground conditions. Harvested trees will be processed on site and forwarded onto a landing on the edge of a field on the Rumford Water District land, utilizing forwarders, dragging or skidding forest products onto the Water District land will not be allowed. The wood will be trucked across the field in a location approved by the Water District, onto Pump House Road and on to Route 120.

### **Other Conditions**

Any damage done to the field and landing area on the Water District Land, is the responsibility of the winning bidder. The field will be left in as good or better condition. The landing area will be left in the condition as found. Debris and waste will be cleaned up from the site.

On the Rumford Town Lot, skid trails will be well spaced, and care will be taken to minimize damage to residual trees. One existing trail/road is used as a recreational trail by snowmobiles and ATVs as well as hikers. This recreational trail will be left clear of tops and limbs and other logging debris, and suitably closed out when the harvest activity is completed.

Stream crossings will be pre-approved by the contractor and the forester, Brian Milligan. Structures to prevent damage to the stream bed and banks will be utilized.

All trees will be utilized to its highest and best use possible.

Harvesting activity will follow Forestry Best Management Practices (BMP standards).

A certificate of insurance will be required, showing the insurance coverages. Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Workers' Compensation.

The successful bidder will be required to agree to, and sign a Timber Sale Contract within 7 business days of the awarding of the bid.

A \$1000.00 performance bond will be required at the signing of the contract, the bond will be refunded at satisfactory completion of job as determined by the Forester and the Town of Rumford.

The Timber Sale Contract has additional conditions.

### **Condition of Bid Acceptance**

The Stumpage Bid price Form (**Exhibit A**) must be completely filled out, along with supplementary questionnaire.

Bid will be awarded based on competitive bidding, type of equipment to be used, and timing and availability. The Town of Rumford reserves the right to reject or deny any and all bids or choose the bid that is in the best interest of the Town.

Completed bid forms must be signed, and submitted by mail or in person, in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Wood Harvesting Bid', to the Rumford Town Manager, at 145 Congress Street, Rumford, Me 04276, no later than 3:00 pm on May 3, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 PM on May 3, 2021.

The bids will be presented to the Select Board on May 6, 2021, for selection of the successful bid.



## Supplementary Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date available to begin logging operations: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of logging equipment that will be used in harvesting timber on this sale:

Please give a brief description on how you will implement the harvest conditions on this bid:

List 2 people that may be contacted for a reference. At least one should be a landowner that has used your harvesting service.

1. Name

Phone

2. Name

Phone