

Request for Bid

Timber Stumpage

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 90 acres of marked wood, which are available for winter harvesting on this bid.

Harvest Area

The harvest area is in and adjacent to the Well-Head Zone of the Town of Rumford. All activity will follow the standards for harvesting in a shoreland 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. All stream crossings will be pre-approved by Forester and Contractor.

Access is via a no ground skidding route across an abutter. See attached abutting landowner requirements.

Cutting Period

The harvest project shall begin no sooner than 12-15-23, conditions permitting, and be completed by 3-15-26. 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. Winter harvesting will be suspended during mud seasons, or other soft ground conditions.

Type of Sale

This is a stumpage bid with payment based on ‘Mill Scale’. Log prices requested to be land run.

Cutting Specifications

The prescribed harvest is a Timber Stand Improvement cut, utilizing a single tree selection method to remove up to 40% of the stocking in the harvest area. The trees to

be cut will be marked with blue paint on the trunk of the tree at DBH (diameter breast height).

The estimated volume of marked wood is approximately 600 tons of pulpwood, and 329 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.

Much of the harvest area is in the Town of Rumford Well-Head Zone. Harvest activity will be limited to harvesting only during frozen ground conditions or limited dry ground conditions with specific skidding standards and landowner's approval.

Other Conditions

The Town of Rumford has a temporary crossing agreement with an abutting landowner for access to the harvest area. The access is a temporary crossing, with no ground skidding to the landing and yard area across the abutter, and a short temporary road to Route 120.

On the Rumford Town Lot, skid trails will be well spaced, and care will be taken to minimize damage to residual trees. An existing trail/road is used as a recreational trail by snowmobiles and ATVs as well as mountain bikes. In addition there are mountain bike trails established in some other areas. These recreational trails will be left clear of tops and limbs and other logging debris, and suitably closed out when the harvest activity is completed. The areas adjacent to Scotties Brook will be limited to winter harvesting.

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 2:00 pm on October 30, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 PM on October 30, 2023.

The bids will be presented to the Select Board on November 2, 2023, for selection of the successful bid.