Notice of Timber for Sale

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting competitive bids from bonded Timber Buyers to purchase, cut, and remove standing timber at Stephens State Forest in Monroe County, Iowa.

Description of Work and Scope of Services: The State of Iowa is offering approximately 73,460 board feet (Scribner) of timber in 754 trees as shown below. The trees are all marked with orange paint. There are an additional 294 cull trees marked with an orange "X". These trees may be harvested, but are not included in the board foot volume of the sale. The trees are located on areas as shown on the enclosed maps. Timber Buyers should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. The timber is accessible through state land.

Species	Number of Trees by Diameter				BF Volume
	12" - 14"	16" - 18"	20" - 24"	26"+	
White Oak	263	113	29	4	27,160
Red Oak	16	24	23	9	11,280
Hickory	86	36	5	1	9,260
Ash	10	15	32	15	17,140
Basswood	15	14	12	0	5,060
Walnut	1	3	2	2	1,440
Other*	15	4	5	0	2,120
Total	**406**	**209**	**108**	**31**	**73,460**

***Other species include: hackberry, shingle oak, elm, and bur oak

Timber Buyer shall avoid any unnecessary damage to trees that are not marked for cutting.

Cutting is permitted only during the period of September 16 to April 14 unless otherwise authorized by DNR's Project Manager. It is the responsibility of Timber Buyer to obtain permission from DNR's Project Manager prior to working in the area.

Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices must be followed. An Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices Guide is available from the DNR's website at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/WoodIndustryLogging.aspx. Streams, roads and trails shall remain free of logging debris.

Motor vehicles and logging equipment shall be operated only in designated areas. All logs shall be skid on designated trails, and decked and loaded in designated areas. All skid trails and decking areas shall be returned to satisfactory condition by Timber Buyer once the operation is complete.

Proposed Project Schedule:
Timber must be completely removed from the site no later than April 14, 2014.

Submission of Proposals: Proposals shall include a bid proposal including the total amount bid for the offered timber, signature, date, printed name and organization name of the Timber Buyer on the enclosed bid proposal form.

Bonded Timber Buyers shall submit proposals to DNR at the following address:

Jessica Flatt, Area Forester
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
1111 N 8th Street
Chariton, Iowa 50049
Phone: 641-774-4559
Fax: 641-774-8089
Email: Jessica.flatt@dnr.iowa.gov

For the proposal to be considered timely, it must be received by DNR no later than 3:00 pm (local time) on September 18, 2012. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Timber Buyer. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Timber Buyer.

From the date of issuance of this Notice of Timber for Sale until announcement of the successful Timber Buyer, Timber Buyers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this Bid Notice other than the identified contact person. Timber Buyers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Notice and the procurement process to Jessica Flatt at the above address by no later than September 11, 2012. Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Timber Buyers. Any attempt to discuss this Notice orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, will lead to disqualification of that Timber Buyer.

Payment:
The successful Timber Buyer shall make full payment and sign a Contract within 14 days of receipt of Contract from DNR. No cutting of trees will be permitted until the Contract has been signed and full payment made to DNR.

Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions:
By submitting a proposal, each Timber Buyer acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract located at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Destinations/StateForests/TimberSales.aspx . If a Timber Buyer takes exception to a provision, it must state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of this Notice of Timber for Sale may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of Timber Buyer's proposal. With regard to the contract, DNR and the successful Timber Buyer may agree to modifications to the terms of the contract as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A Timber Buyer's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Timber Buyer's acceptance thereof. DNR reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Timber Buyer for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

Miscellaneous Information: The DNR reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, and to cancel this Notice at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Timber Buyer will be treated as a public record by the DNR unless the Timber Buyer properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.

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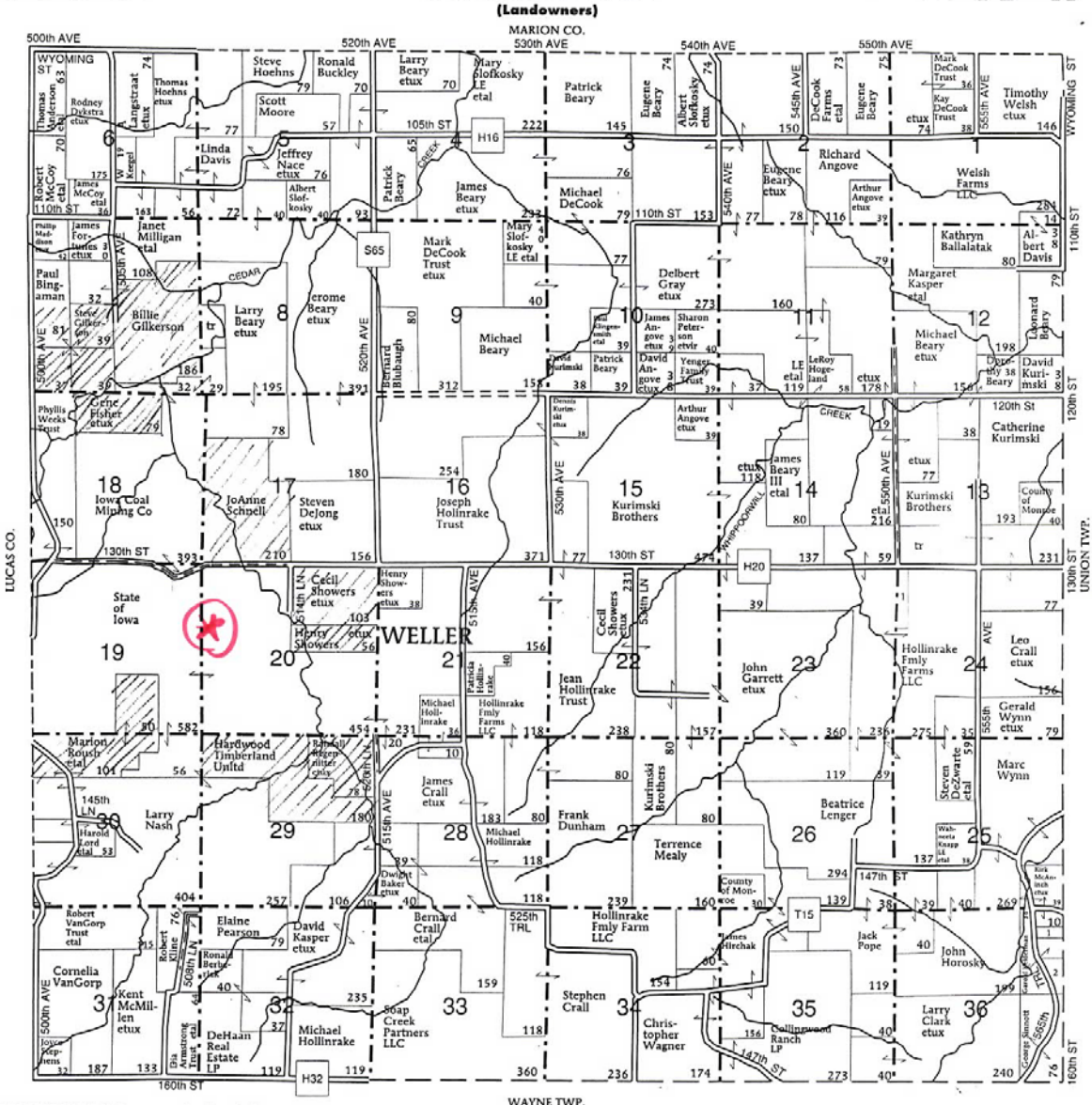

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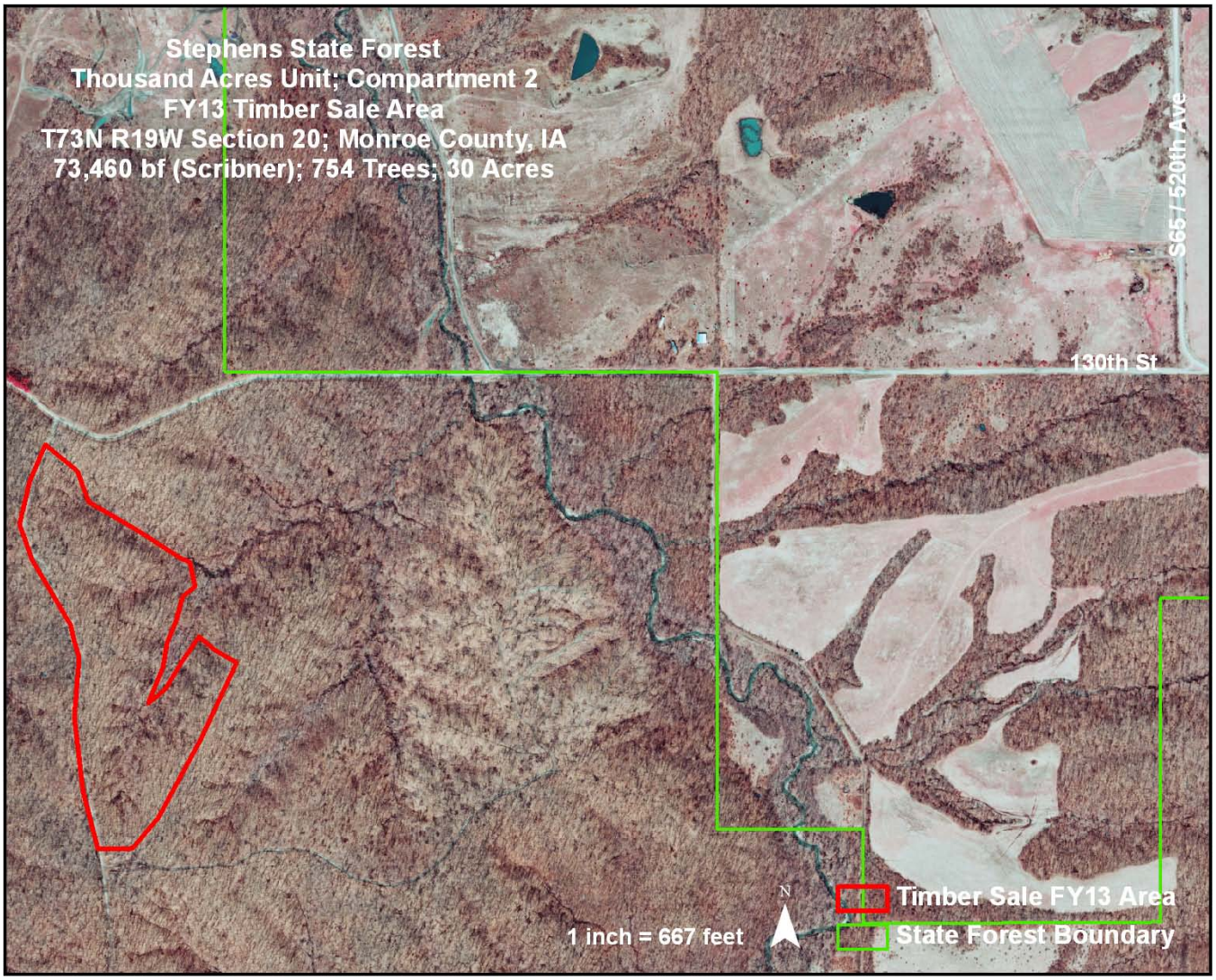
Stephens State Forest
Thousand Acres Unit; Compartment 2
FY13 Timber Sale Area
T73N R19W Section 20; Monroe County, IA
73,460 bf (Scribner); 754 Trees; 30 Acres
S65 / 520th Ave
130th St
N
1 inch = 667 feet
Timber Sale FY13 Area
State Forest Boundary

BID PROPOSAL

Timber Buyer's Proposal shall include an all-inclusive, total price in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc.) for the timber offered.

Amount Bid for 754 trees with an estimated 73,460 board feet of timber on the Thousand Acres Unit of Stephens State Forest; Monroe County, Iowa.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Name of Vendor Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____