Illinois’s seven State Forests have been designated by law (525 ILCS 40) and mandated to be operational as forest management and demonstration areas to exhibit and outreach the sciences of forestry. The Division of Forest Resources will focus various forest management objectives and silvicultural practices to sustain and regenerate native forest stands across all State Forests while integrating wildliferesources, outdoor recreation, aesthetics and forest health. Active forest management within State Forests is more urgent each passing year and decade. Active management will affect about 1-2 percent of the 22,000 acre State Forest acreage per year. Trail of Tears is the largest State Forest and is a regionally significant forest block of wildlife and biological diversity. A 925-acre demonstration project area within Trail of Tears was established in 2013 and is well underway. Significant culling of unwanted underbrush and prescribed burns have been completed. In the Fall of 2015 the IDNR awarded a marked timber contract to a local bidder on 200 acres of the demonstration area. Foresters for DNR expect harvest operations to begin October 01, 2016 provided desired operable conditions occur. Active, adaptive forest management activities, similar to the Trail of Tears, are already in progress for the other State Forests. Income from State Forests is reinvested into forest health and habitats on State Forests. State Forests offer hunting, hiking and other outdoor pursuits compatible with forest management.

“Post” Your Timber Sale

Historically, the Division of Forest Resources has published timber sale bid notices of landowner’s marked timber for sale if submitted by foresters. This new issue of Wooden Dollars Monthly begins that tradition again. Postings of timber and wood products for sale are within the newsletter. Deadline for each monthly issue is the third Thursday prior.
Wooden Dollars Monthly
is published on the first of each month by Illinois Division of Forest Resources to provide woodland owners market outlets for forest products, to protect and sustain the woodland resources of Illinois, and help supply industry with information and raw materials—all for the benefit of society. This document is a PDF available electronically and posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website.

Policy Statements:
Illinois forests and woodlands are critical to the citizens of Illinois and globally far beyond the singular value of wood and fiber production. The Division of Forest Resources integrates and requires on state land and cooperating private lands that important other concerns of soil, water, wildlife, habitats, recreation, aesthetics and cultural resources are addressed while growing, harvesting and regenerating forests. We advocate and outreach forest management principles to all Illinois forest owners.

Demands on Illinois forest resource for all goods and services the forest can provide continue to increase while nearly 90% of Illinois forests remain privately owned. To conserve, enhance and expand the benefits and critical function of Illinois forests it is necessary that forest landowners, government agencies, forest industry and citizens at large work together.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and those funded by the U.S. D.A. and other agencies is available to every individual regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against contact civil rights office and/or the Equal Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217-785-0067; TTY 217-782-9175.

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“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”
- Aldo Leopold
Marked Timber For Sale

Approved postings of marked timber for sale within this newsletter section will be posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website monthly and, if necessary and appropriate, updated mid-month. A submission form is shown below and is required in this format for posting. Deadline for each monthly issue is the third Thursday of the month prior. All submissions of marked timber for sale by consulting foresters, procurement foresters or others must be submitted one week in advance of deadline for review. Submissions by consulting foresters working with IFDA cooperators must adhere to the timber recommendations approved in the landowner’s written management plan. Consulting or other foresters working with landowners at-large must adhere to recommended silviculture for Illinois forest types. Submissions may be sent US Mail to our Springfield office or by email attention to paul.deizman@illinois.gov. The forestry division District Forester Field Office map and contact information can be found in this document.

The June 01, 2016 issue of Wooden Dollars Monthly is the first issue in since the early 2000s and at the time of publishing on June 01 there was no submissions of marked timber for sale due to short turn around time. Below is the official format for submissions:

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Forest Products Buy & Sell

Approved postings of cut lumber, wood products or other items, equipment or services related to the forest products industry, wood use and wood utilization for sale or wanted can be advertised within this newsletter section will be posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website monthly and, if necessary and appropriate, updated mid-month. Submit your accurate, concise advertising request with contact information to Paul Deizman at the Division of Forest Resources. Deadline for each monthly issue is the third Thursday of the month prior. All submissions will be reviewed for approval. We reserve the right to condense or omit certain items or requests.

The following forest products or related items, equipment and/or services are available. Contact the advertiser to buy or sell these items:
Illinois Timber Buyer Licensing

The Illinois Timber Buyer Licensing Act (225 ILCS 735) requires anyone purchasing timber must be licensed and follow the rules of the act designed to protect forest landowner’s. Three Hundred Sixty-five (365) Licensed Illinois Timber Buyers are now licensed in 2016. All are required to report all purchases of standing timber or logs from landowners to the Division of Forest Resources quarterly and assure the landowner’s 4% harvest fee is submitted for each transaction.

Recent Timber Buyer Actions:

None to report June 2016

Illinois Timber Court Actions

Illinois County and Circuit Court judges and/or juries hear conservation tickets and violations brought by IDNR Law Enforcement officials under the Timber Conservation Codes including the Timber Transportation Act, the Illinois Timber Buyer Licensing Act and others.

Recent Court Actions:

None to report June 2016

Illinois Licensed Timber Buyers Directory

http://dnr.illinois.gov/timberbuyers/
Illinois Sawmill Directories updated in 2013 and 2016 are available

Forestry and forest products businesses and industry are economically important for Illinois representing 10s of billions of dollars from forestry, wood and forest product manufacturing and industry annually. In a recent analysis funded by the Illinois Forestry Development Council, forest economists Drs. James Henderson and Ian Munn estimated that milling of the solid wood and primary processing of solid wood alone provides 18,316 full time jobs and a total industry output of $2.59 Billion to the Illinois economy. In addition to solid wood processing, the logging industry also provides an additional 1,190 jobs and $122 Million in total industry output in Illinois. In 2012, a MSU survey determined all forest industries and secondary products value to Illinois economy is $23 billion annually. The goal of this project in 2013 was to provide some useful insight into the current state of this sawmill industry in Illinois, as well as update the Illinois Sawmill Directory last published in 2005 near the peak of the US housing bubble and prior to the recession.

A brief survey was sent to 157 sawmills included in the 2005 Illinois Sawmill Directory in December of 2012 and January 2013 to sawmills that did not respond to the initial survey. Sawmills that did not complete and return a survey were followed up with phone calls and/or emails. The directory, updated in 2016, includes over 70 sawmills are dispersed throughout Illinois, however the larger sawmills are concentrated in southern Illinois.

Nearly all Illinois sawmills process primarily hardwoods, the most common of which is white and red oak, walnut, black cherry, and maple. Less than 5% of the sawmills process softwoods. The furthest reported procurement radius was 200 miles, with an average radius of 60 miles. Lumber, railroad ties, and mine timbers are the most common products produced. Custom sawing is more common for sawmills producing < 8,000 bd ft/ day. These sawmills are also more willing to process wood from urban areas. Since 2005, 75 sawmills (nearly 50%) have closed across the state. Closed or idled sawmills cited retirement, lack of business, or state of the economy as reasons for closing (even temporarily).

2013 Illinois Sawmill Directory: can be found on Dr. Holzmueller’s page on the internet at:
http://mypage.siu.edu/eholzmue/index_files/ilsawmill.htm

2016 Updated Illinois Sawmill Directory
2016 Illinois Custom Sawmill Directory will be found on the IDNR Forest Resources page on the internet soon:

https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/Forestry/Pages/default.aspx