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Hidden Springs State Forest managers and foresters have posted a 72 acre forest improvement timber sale. Over 600 trees have been designated and are for sale by via bids due to the DNR September 27, 2019.

All licensed timber buyers currently active and authorized to buy timber in Illinois have been mailed a paper request for bids package describing the timber sale details and how to bid. The state has a new procurement website for all state procurement opportunities called BidBuy. Timber buyers must register on that website to be authorized to bid and sign a state contract. Due to timber sales being a unique procurement on this system, because the state is normally buying things or buying services versus selling, the process of bidding on timber will virtually stay the same. State employees here at DNR or with the state’s central management services remain available to help our timber buyers get registered on BidBuy. The registration is a one time process.

The DNR Division of Forest Resources is encouraged by the work of staff foresters to more aggressively manage State Forest acres to assure sustainable, healthy forests for our future as well as to make timber available to Illinois timber buyers.

To date, since 2012, this Hidden Springs State Forest management project is the 6th forest management project within Illinois state forest system where timber has been offered for sale.

Hidden Springs State Forest, in 2012, offered a pine cut which was a needed forest stand thinning to insure the pine grew large and healthy as well as to pave the way for conversion to native hardwood over time. The purchased timber contract ended with only a portion cut. The forestry division still seeks and interested buyer to cut and utilize pine there and this sale will be re-offered again soon.

Also since 2012, a successful forest management harvest has been sold and finished at Trail of Tears State Forest and at Lowden-Miller State Forest. Forest management harvests at Wildcat Hollow State Forest and Spoon River State Forest have been contracted and are due to for harvest operations after October 1st of this year.

The Division of Forest Resources, as you may know, is severely understaffed for its mission to care for Illinois’ vast forest resources held in both state and private ownerships.
**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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**Marked Stumpage Sales:**

This newsletter is posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website monthly. 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 by the second Thursday. Submissions by consulting foresters working with IFDA cooperators must adhere to the timber recommendations approved in the landowner’s written management plan. Foresters working with landowners at-large must adhere to recommended silviculture for Illinois forest types. Submissions may be sent US Mail to “ORC-Forestry” at our Springfield office or by email to paul.deizman@illinois.gov.

All sales marked for cutting are by a forester of the Illinois Division of Forest Resources or by a consulting forester and/or reviewed by the Illinois Division of Forest Resources. Volumes are estimated using the Doyle Rule unless otherwise indicated. Deductions are made for defects. No volume is tallied for culls. Any interested buyers should contact the landowner or their representative directly. The Illinois Division of Forest Resources does not establish the selling price of timber. Buyers must show proof they are licensed. No sales this Sept’18 issue.

“At first I thought I was fighting to save rubber trees, then I thought I was fighting to save the Amazon rainforest. Now I realize I am fighting for humanity.”

-Chico Mendes