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Land and Minerals Department

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

Bid opening: July 31, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Pike Lake Area Office



Government Services Center
320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302
Duluth, MN 55802
218-726-2606

Pike Lake Area Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55803
218-625-3700

Virginia Area Office
7820 Highway 135
Virginia, MN 55792
218-742-9898

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NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the St. Louis County Auditor shall sell to the highest bidder the designated timber located on the following described parcels of land forfeited to the State for the nonpayment of taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 1(a); and that this auction may include other lands which the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department is authorized to manage, subject, in part, to the following conditions:

1. To be eligible to bid at a St. Louis County Timber auction, a Responsible Operator Application Form must be on file at any of our Land and Minerals Department offices at least **two (2) working days prior** to the auction. An application can be obtained at any Land and Minerals Department Office.
2. The timber will be sold to the highest bidder but for not less than the total appraised **Tract Value**. A bid value per unit must be indicated for each species listed. This bid value will be applied to each specie. Bid value per unit must meet or exceed the appraised bid value per unit. St. Louis County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
3. All bid forms must be received, in hand at the Land and Minerals Department Pike Lake Area office **by 4:00 P.M. on July 30th**. All bids must be on the official bid form. It is the full responsibility of the bidder to make sure the bid arrives at the Pike Lake office by the deadline.
4. A \$300 bid bond, i.e. personal check, payable to the **St. Louis County Auditor** is required and must be included with the bid form. One bid bond will cover all tract bids and will be returned if the bids are not the successful bidder. For a successful bidder, the bid bond will be applied to the down payment on the first tract awarded.
5. Successful bidders will have **ten (10) business days** to submit a check, payable to the County Auditor, for **25%** of the appraised tract value for each tract awarded. Failure to make any or all of these down payments on time will result in the forfeiture of the bid bond. Successful bidders will be notified by mail.
6. Successful bidders using a Letter of Credit to secure the purchase of a sale will have **ten (10) business days** to provide the Letter of Credit to the Land and Minerals Department. A \$300 bid bond, i.e. personal check, payable to the St. Louis County Auditor is required and must be paid the day of the auction. One bid bond will cover all purchased tracts that will be secured by Letter of Credit.
7. Should the successful bidder not submit the down payment on time, the sale may be awarded to the next highest bidder. In the case of tie bids, the successful bidder will be decided by the toss of a coin by a deputy auditor.
8. St. Louis County has developed an Environmental Management System to assist it in meeting the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard and is certified to this standard.
9. Some of the tracts may have special requirements. Prospective bidders should get maps, cutting regulations, contract information and special regulations at the applicable Area Office. If there is conflict between the Timber Sale Package and this advertisement, the Timber Sale Package is the controlling document.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction will be held at:

**St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department
Pike Lake Area Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811
9:30 A.M. — July 31st, 2025**

<p>Pike Lake Area Josh Carlson, Area Land Manager 5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, MN 55811 218-625-3700</p>	<p>Virginia Area Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager 7820 Highway 135 Virginia, MN 55792 218-742-9898</p>
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**St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department does not accept cash payments.
Payment must be made by Check or Money Order.
Checks must be Payable to the St. Louis County Auditor.**

Published as follows is the list of timber to be offered at public auction sale as announced and advertised in the official newspaper within this county.



St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 1

C25-621805

Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina

Virginia Area

Total Appraised: \$3,092.30

Twp. 62N Rge. 18W Sec. 5

C19250053

Down Payment Required: \$773.08

Total Acres: 21.4

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 53.34' N 092° 39.525' W

Blocks: 1

Comments:

- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Sale requirements involve cutting Tamarack and Birch with a self-directed thinning of black spruce (see harvest provisions for details).
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter.
- Competition to be removed includes Tamarack averaging 0.75" DBH, 164 trees per acre and Paper Birch averaging 0.75" DBH, 137 trees per acre.

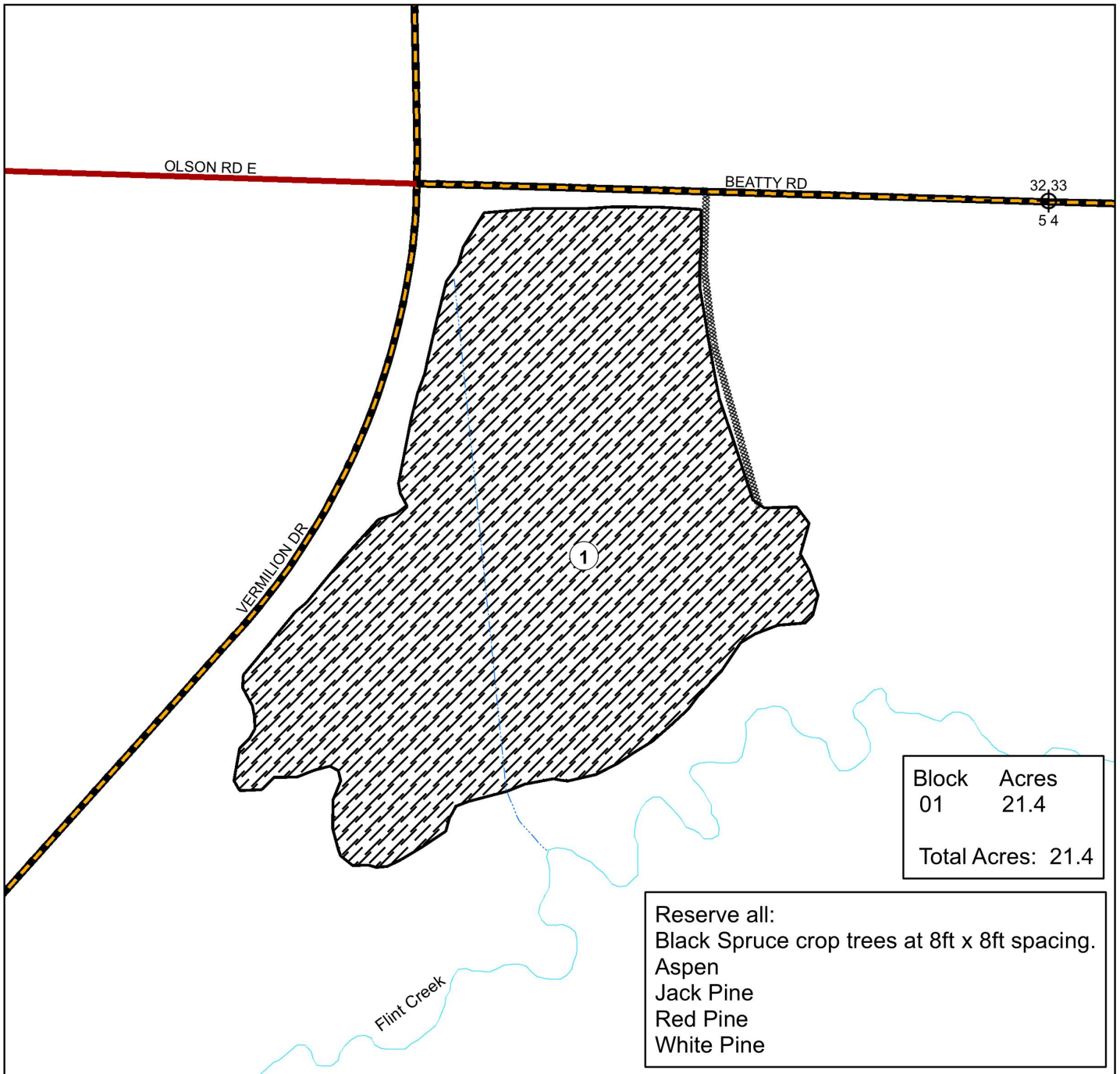
Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		9095 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$3,092.30
Total Appraised Value:				\$3,092.30

C19250053

St. Louis County

C25-621805



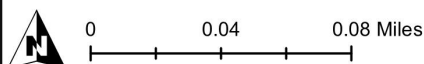
Prepared By: **Brandon Pierzina**

Map Created: 4/2/2025

TRS: 621805

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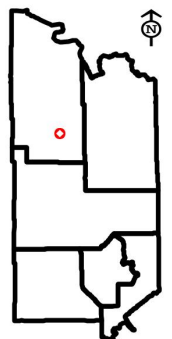


Decorative Forest Products (Boundary Marked with Pink Ribbon)

Ditch

Section Corner

Proposed Access





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 2

C25-621808

Sale Administrator: Hayden Pocquette

Virginia Area

Total Appraised: \$35,022.38

Twp. 62N Rge. 18W Sec. 5, 7, 8

C19250054

Down Payment Required: \$8,755.60

Total Acres: 58.4

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 52.467' N 092° 40.424' W

Blocks: 2

Comments:

- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Trees cannot be severed any higher than 12 ft. from the base of the tree.

Access:

Sale access is down the Cook Area Snowmobile Trail.

Block	Operational Periods
1,2	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		103007 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$35,022.38
Total Appraised Value:				\$35,022.38

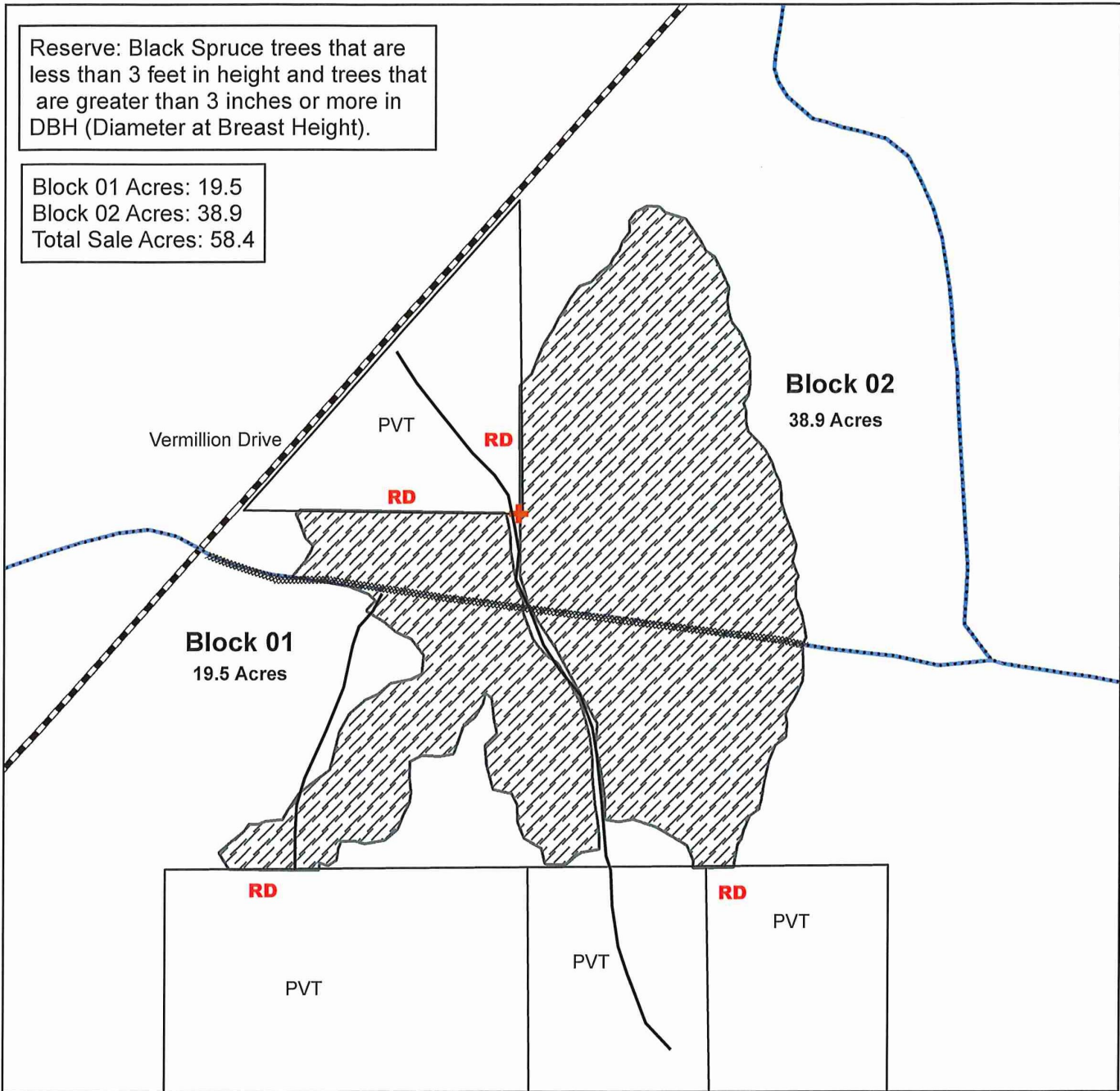
Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Spruce-Black soav-tops	31200	71807

C19250054

St. Louis County
C25-621808

Reserve: Black Spruce trees that are less than 3 feet in height and trees that are greater than 3 inches or more in DBH (Diameter at Breast Height).

Block 01 Acres: 19.5
Block 02 Acres: 38.9
Total Sale Acres: 58.4



Prepared By: Hayden Pocquette

Map Created: 04/02/2025

TRS: 621808

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Pavement Road

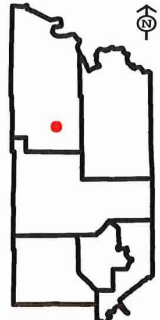
Cook Area Trails

Survey Marker (protect)

Decorative Products Removal (DPR) area
(Boundary marked with Pink Ribbon and Red Paint)

Existing Winter Road

Designated Access - Existing





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 3

E25-611535A

Sale Administrator: Robert Cozzo

Virginia Area

Total Appraised: \$1,282.05

Twp. 61N Rge. 15W Sec. 35

C19250055

Down Payment Required: \$320.51

Total Acres: 4

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 43.493' N 092° 13.226' W

Blocks: 1

Comments:

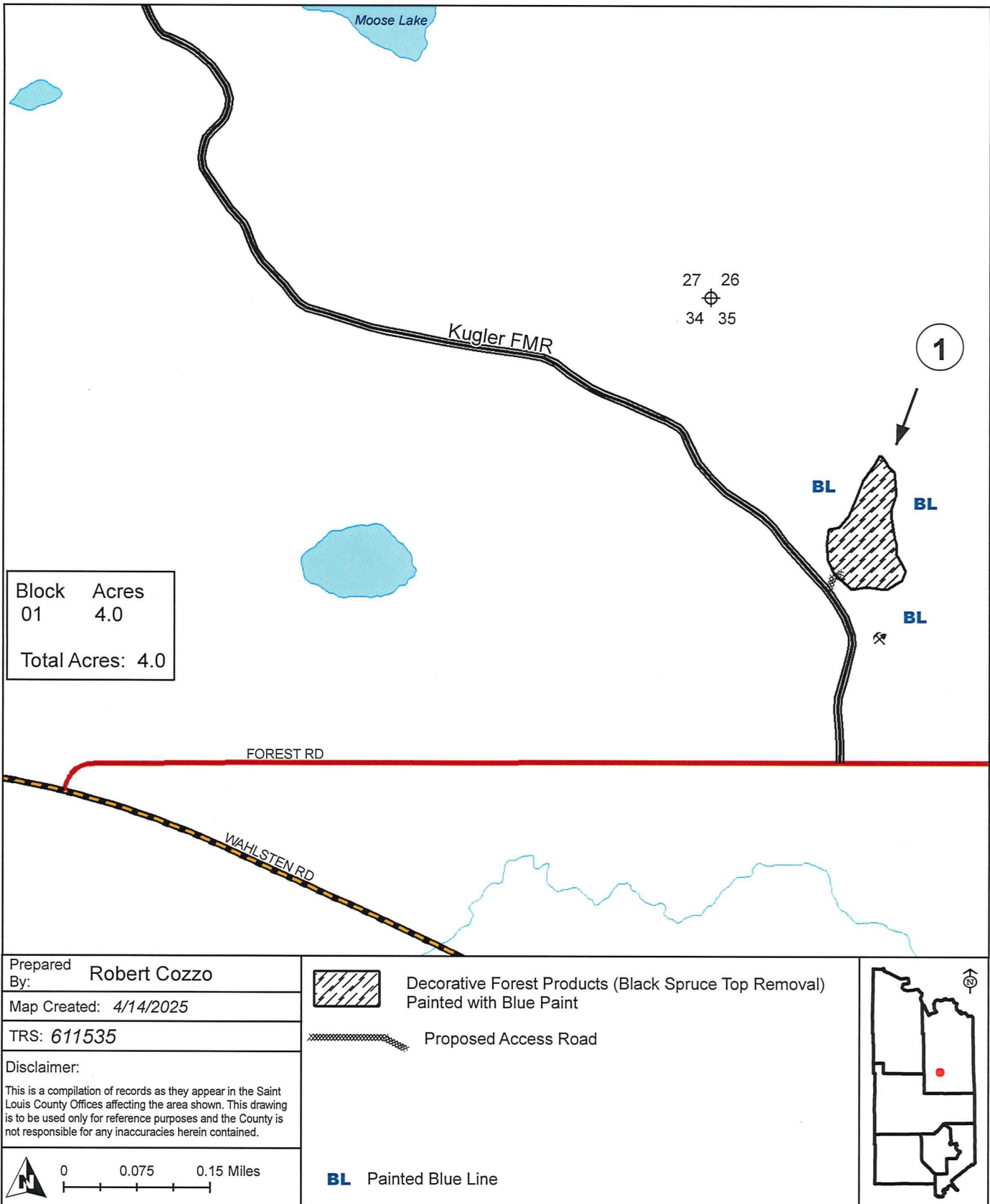
- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce pieces are not to be harvested past 12' up the bole of the tree.

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		3885 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$1,282.05
Total Appraised Value:				\$1,282.05

C19250055

St. Louis County
E25-611535a





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 4

V25-561632

Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina

Virginia Area

Total Appraised: \$24,455.52

Twp. 56N Rge. 16W Sec. 31, 32

C19250056

Down Payment Required: \$6,113.88

Total Acres: 58

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 17.8' N 092° 24.248' W

Blocks: 2

Comments:

- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce trees can not be severed any higher than 12ft from the base of the tree.

Block	Operational Periods
1,2	All Season

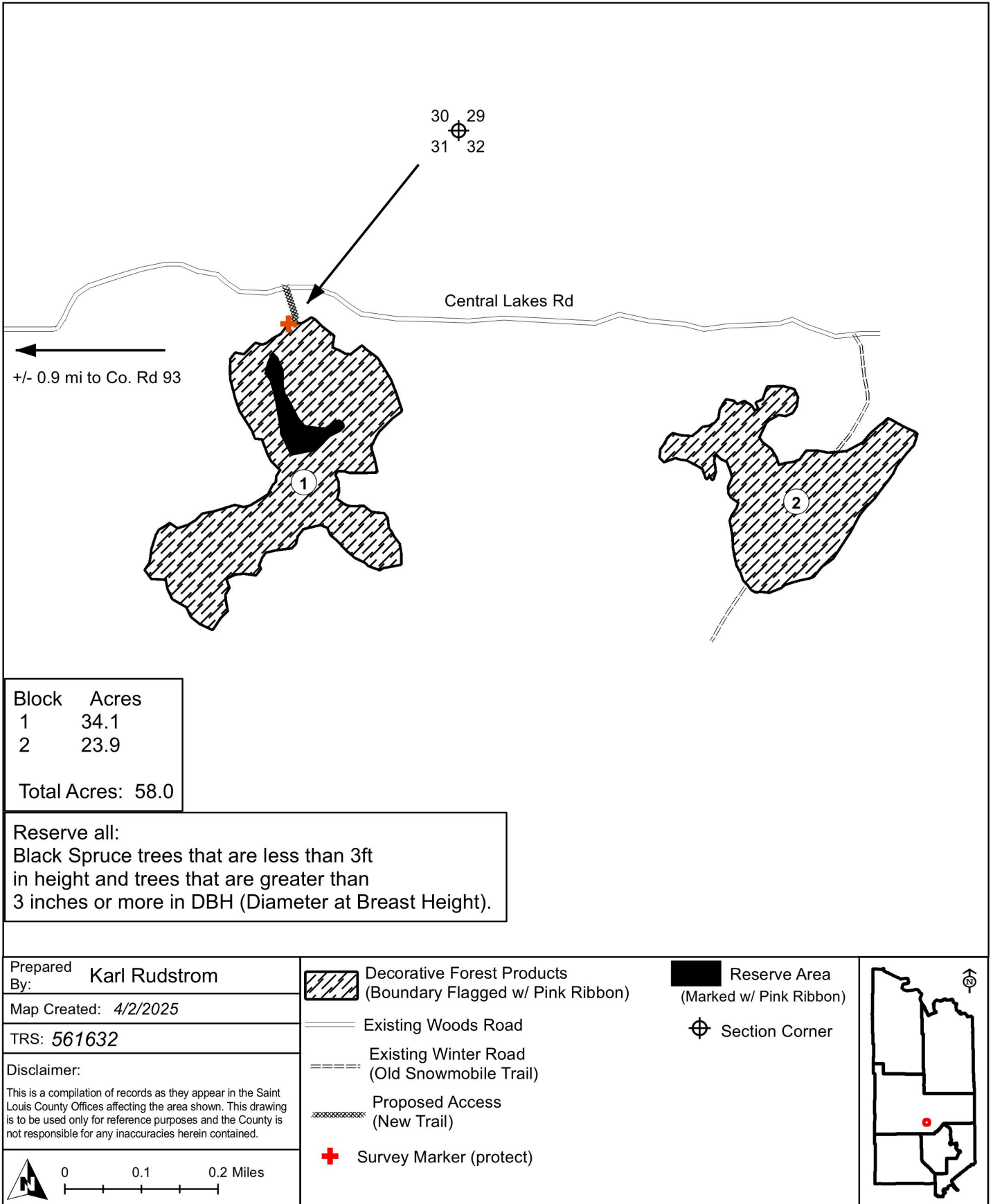
Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		71928 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$24,455.52
Total Appraised Value:				\$24,455.52

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Spruce-Black soav-tops	39404	32524

C19250056

St. Louis County

V25-561632





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 5

B25-541215

Sale Administrator: Anna Earley

Pike Lake Area

Total Appraised: \$1,492.80

Twp. 54N Rge. 12W Sec. 15

C19250057

Down Payment Required: \$373.20

47° 10.087' N 091° 50.955' W

Total Acres: 4

Expires: 4/15/2027

Blocks: 1

Comments:

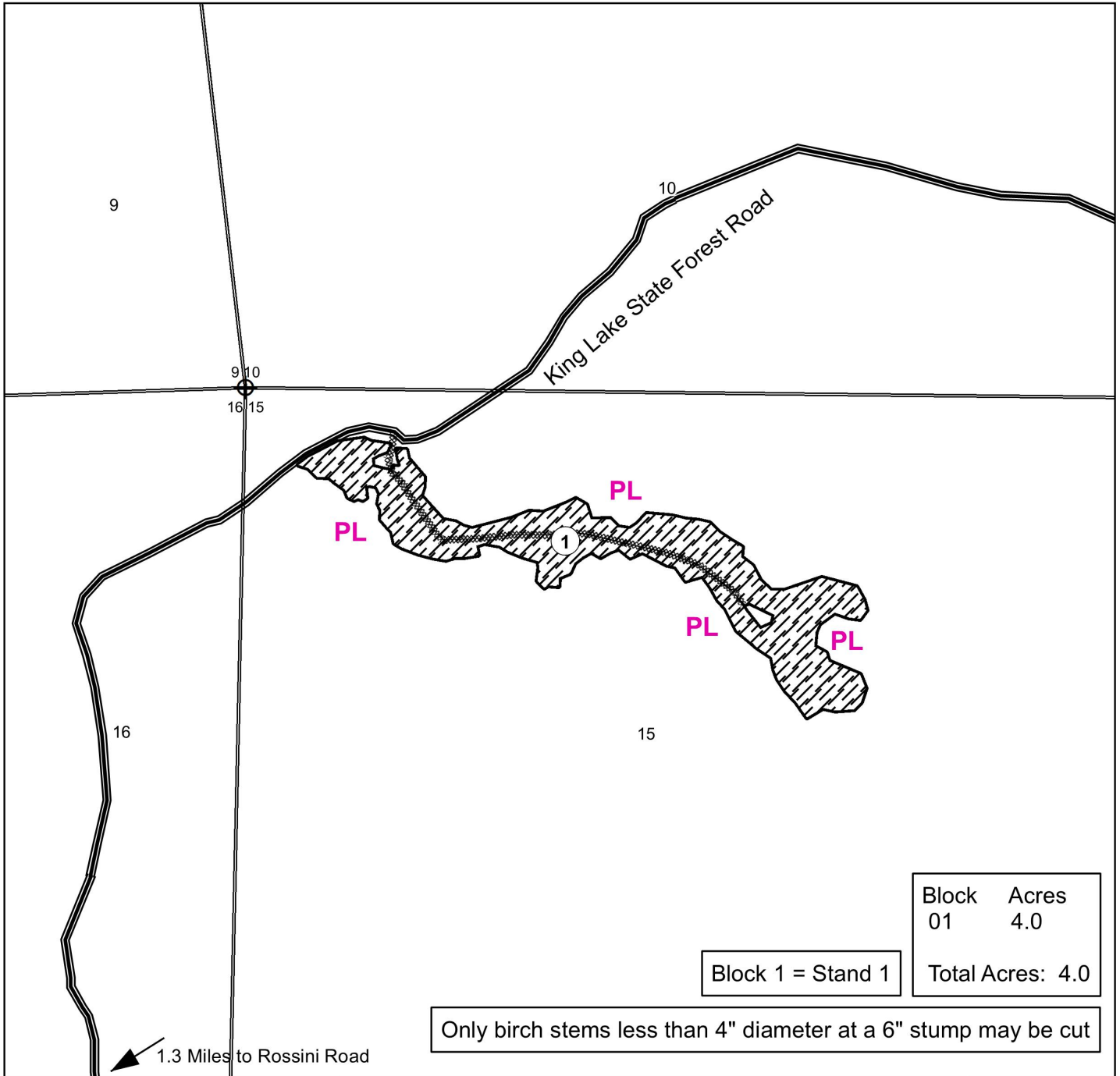
- This sale is being reoffered.
- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Birch stems merchantability is an individual piece where the base of the tree measures up to 4" in diameter at a 6" stump and 8' in length. Individual trees may have multiple 8' lengths that are counted in the volume. All merchantable birch stems are to be cut on this sale.
- Birch volume may contain pieces with various colors of bark and is included in the volume estimate (contact sale administrator for details).

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Birch soav-stems		6220 Pieces @	\$0.24 =	\$1,492.80
Total Appraised Value:				\$1,492.80

C19250057

St. Louis County
B25-541215



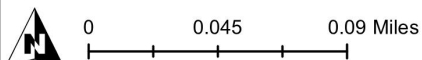
Prepared By: **Anna Earley**

Map Created: 3/17/2023

TRS: 541215

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Decorative Products Removal
Birch Stem Harvest Area

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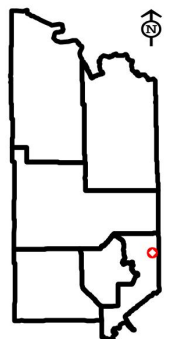
Pink Painted Harvest Line



State Forest Road



Existing ATV Trail





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 6

B25-551307

Sale Administrator: Anna Earley

Pike Lake Area

Total Appraised: \$9,338.25

Twp. 55N Rge. 13W Sec. 7, 8

C19250058

Down Payment Required: \$2,334.56

Total Acres: 56.3

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 15.755' N 092° 1.694' W

Blocks: 1

Comments:

- This sale has been turned back and is being reoffered with REDUCED PRICES.
- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce pieces are not to be harvested past 12' up the bole of the tree.
- Black Spruce volume may contain pieces with needle discoloring and weather damaged trees, contact sale administrator for details.

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

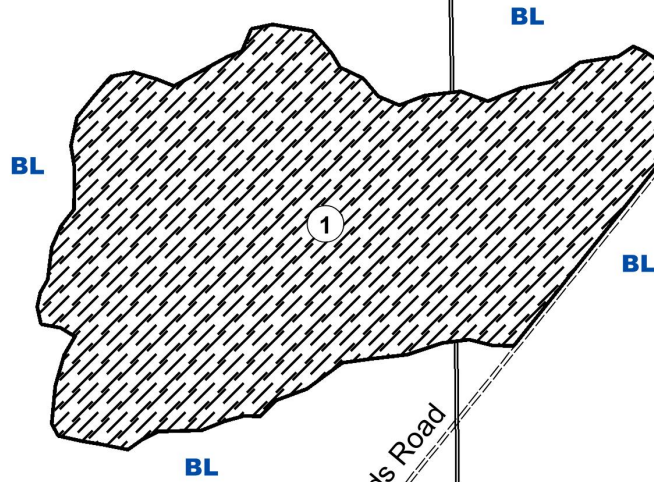
Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		37353 Pieces @	\$0.25 =	\$9,338.25
Total Appraised Value:				\$9,338.25

C19250058

St. Louis County

B25-551307

Block	Acres
01	56.3
Total Acres: 56.3	



Prepared By: Anna Earley

Map Created: 4/3/2025

TRS: 551307

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Decorative Products Removal Spruce Tops Harvest Area



Section Corner



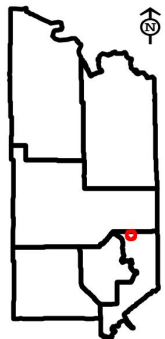
Seasonal Woods Road



Painted Blue Line



0 0.075 0.15 Miles





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 7

F25-541912

Sale Administrator: Daniel Preiner

Pike Lake Area

Total Appraised: \$7,388.70

Twp. 54N Rge. 19W Sec. 12

C19250059

Down Payment Required: \$1,847.18

Total Acres: 45.6

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 10.311' N 092° 41.54' W

Blocks: 1

Comments:

- This sale is a turned back sale and is being re-offered.
- No extensions will be allowed.
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- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce pieces are not to be harvested past 12' up the bole of the tree.

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		22390 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$7,388.70
Total Appraised Value:				\$7,388.70

C19250059

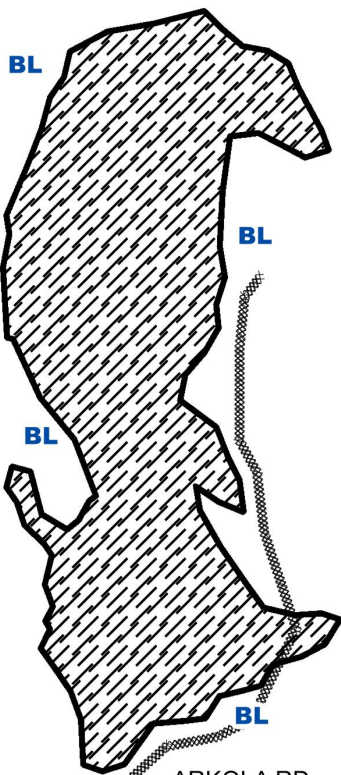
St. Louis County

F25-541912

Sale Acres:

Block 1: 45.6 acres

Total acres: 45.6 acres



ARKOLA RD

12.7
13.18

1 mile east of Owl Avenue

Prepared

By: Preiner

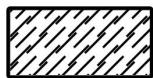
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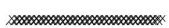
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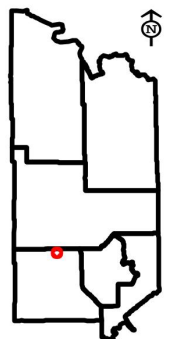
Decorative Forest Products



Proposed Access Road

BL Painted Blue Line

Section Corner





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 8

F25-541931

Sale Administrator: Steven Boberg

Pike Lake Area

Total Appraised: \$75,601.38

Twp. 54N Rge. 19W Sec. 30, 31

C19250060

Down Payment Required: \$18,900.35

Total Acres: 156.7

Expires: 12/31/2026

47° 7.385' N 092° 47.696' W

Blocks: 4

Comments:

- Operations on this sale will be required to use GPS technology to determine the location of unpainted boundaries. See harvest provisions or contact the sale administrator for details.
- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce pieces are not to be harvested past 12' up the bole of the tree.

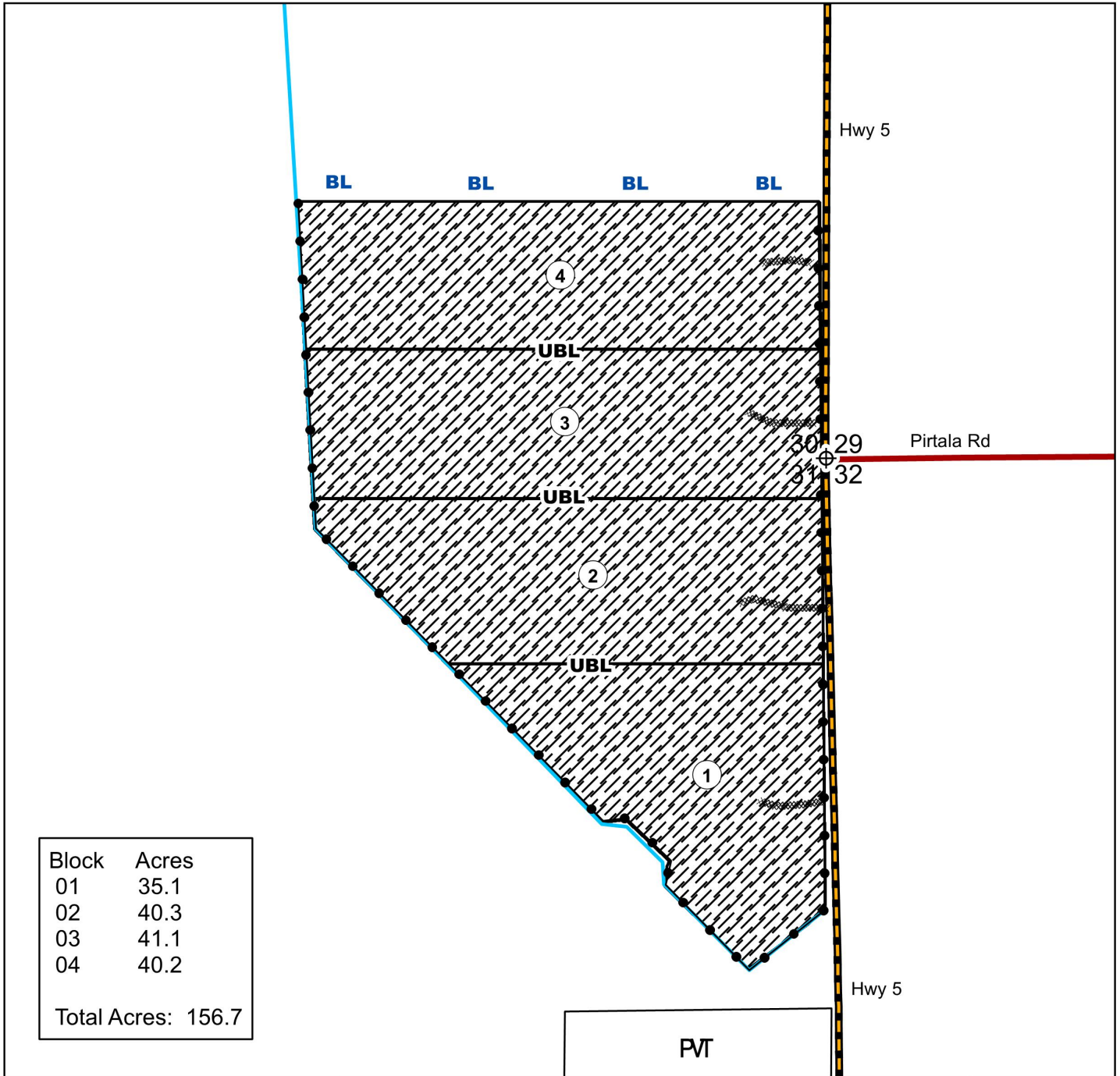
Block	Operational Periods
1,2,3,4	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Spruce-Black soav-tops		222357 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$75,601.38
Total Appraised Value:				\$75,601.38

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Spruce-Black soav-tops	49807	57186	58321	57043

C19250060

St. Louis County
F25-541931



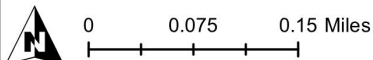
Prepared By: **Steven Boberg**

Map Created: 4/3/2025

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Decorative Forest Products



Unpainted Boundary

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Blue Painted Boundary

UBL

Unpainted Block Line

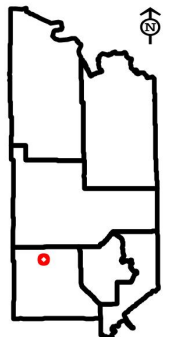


Drainage Ditch



Proposed Access

PVT Private





St. Louis County July 31, 2025 Timber Auction

Tract #: 9

K25-541528

Sale Administrator: Tim Rutka

Pike Lake Area

Total Appraised: \$5,237.50

Twp. 54N Rge. 15W Sec. 21, 22, 28

C19250061

Down Payment Required: \$1,309.38

Total Acres: 20.6

Expires: 4/15/2027

47° 8.387' N 092° 14.637' W

Blocks: 1

Comments:

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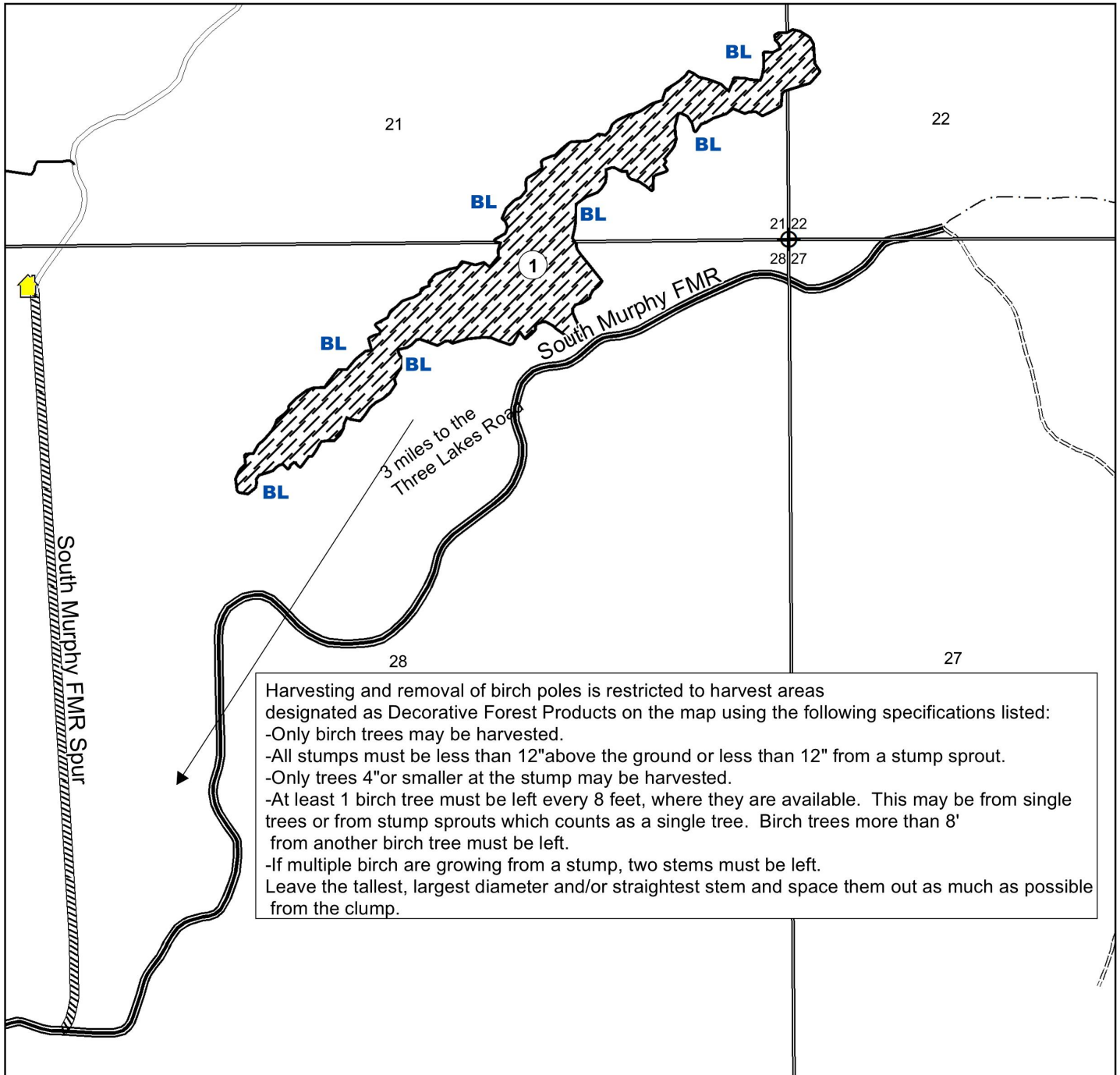
Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
Total For All Blocks				
Birch soav-stems		20950 Pieces @	\$0.25 =	\$5,237.50
Total Appraised Value:				\$5,237.50

C19250061

St. Louis County

K25-541528



Prepared By:

Tim Rutka

Map Created:

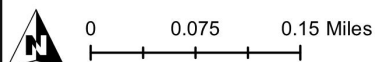
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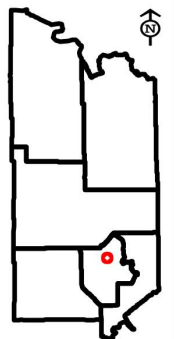
Cabin Leases



Section Corner

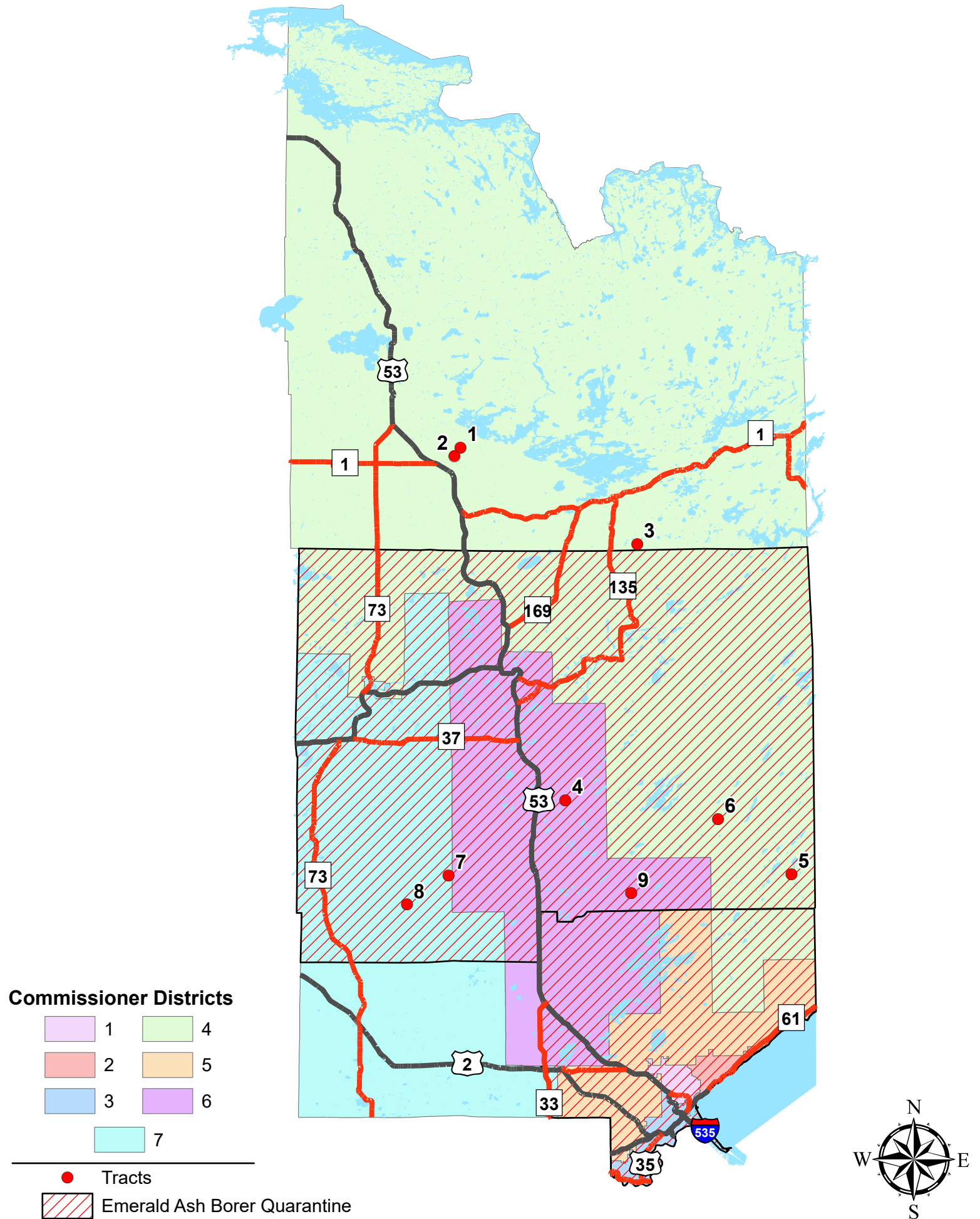
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Tract Locations





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Land and Minerals Department

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

Bid opening: July 31, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Pike Lake Area Office



Barrier Free: All St. Louis County Timber Auctions are accessible to people with disabilities. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual needs for special services. Contact the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department (218-726-2606) prior to the auction, so necessary arrangements can be made.

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