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**LOUIS**  
**COUNTY**  
M I N N E S O T A

# Land and Minerals Department

## Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

Bid Opening: July 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Pike Lake Area Office



**Notice: Submitted bid forms must be received at the Land and Minerals Pike Lake office by 4:00 p.m. on July 29th.**

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 55811  
218-625-3700

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

[stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov)

## 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 monetary 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 29th**. 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 30th, 2026**

<p>Pike Lake Area Josh Carlson, Area Land Manager 5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, MN 55811</p> <p>218-625-3700</p>	<p>Virginia Area Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager 7820 Highway 135 Virginia, MN 55792</p> <p>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 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #: 1</b>	<b>C26-621827</b>	<b>Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina</b>	
<b>Virginia Area</b>	<b>Total Appraised: \$9,875.30</b>	<b>Twp. 62N Rge. 18W Sec. 27</b>	
<b>C19260055</b>	<b>Down Payment Required: \$2,468.83</b>	<b>47° 49.534' N 092° 36.735' W</b>	
<b>Total Acres: 19.6</b>	<b>Expires: 12/31/2027</b>		
<b>Blocks: 1</b>			

**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 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. Black spruce topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree. At least one layer of live green branches must remain below the final cut.

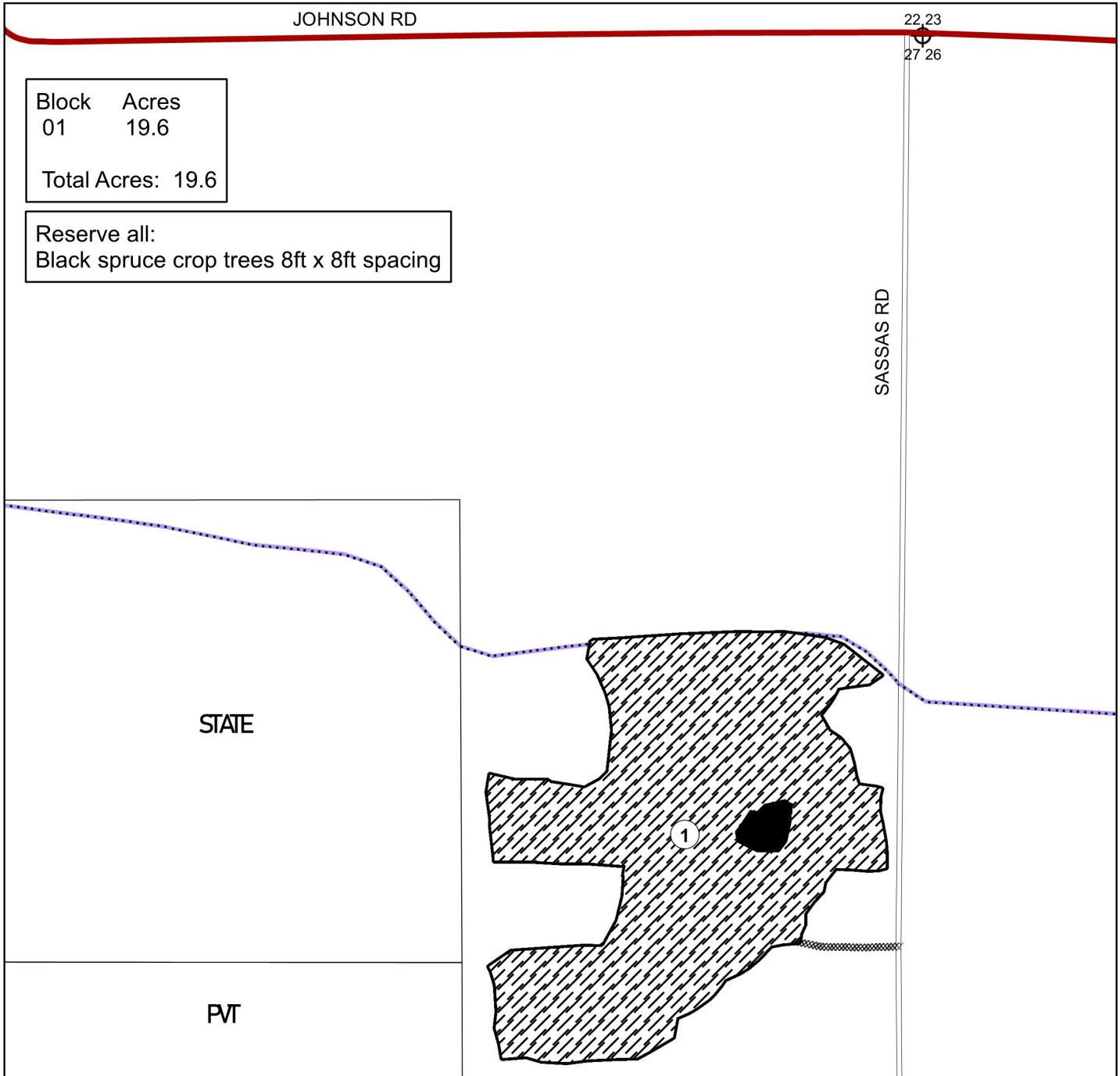
Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>					
SOAV	Spruce-Black		29045 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$9,875.30
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>					<b>\$9,875.30</b>

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C26-621827



Block	Acres
01	19.6
Total Acres: 19.6	

Reserve all:  
Black spruce crop trees 8ft x 8ft spacing

Prepared By: **Brandon Pierzina**

Map Created: 4/1/2026

TRS: 621827

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Decorative Forest Products (Boundary Marked in Orange Ribbon)

Reserve Area (Boundary Marked in Orange Ribbon)

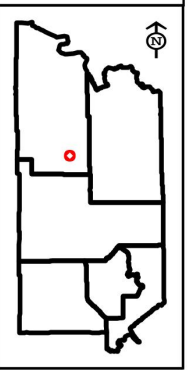
Seasonal Woods Road

Snowmobile Trail

Proposed Access

Section Corner

**PVT** Private



Sales Map



Sales Package



# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

Tract #: 2

E26-601510

Sale Administrator: Thomas Salzer

Virginia Area  
C19260056

Total Appraised: \$9,845.55  
Down Payment Required: \$2,461.39  
Expires: 12/31/2027

Twp. 60N Rge. 15W Sec. 10

Total Acres: 22.1

47° 41.614' N 092° 14.143' 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.
- Sale has been turned back and being reoffered.

### Access:

-Access is on the Mesabi Trail, vehicle traffic is allowed on the trail to access the harvest area.

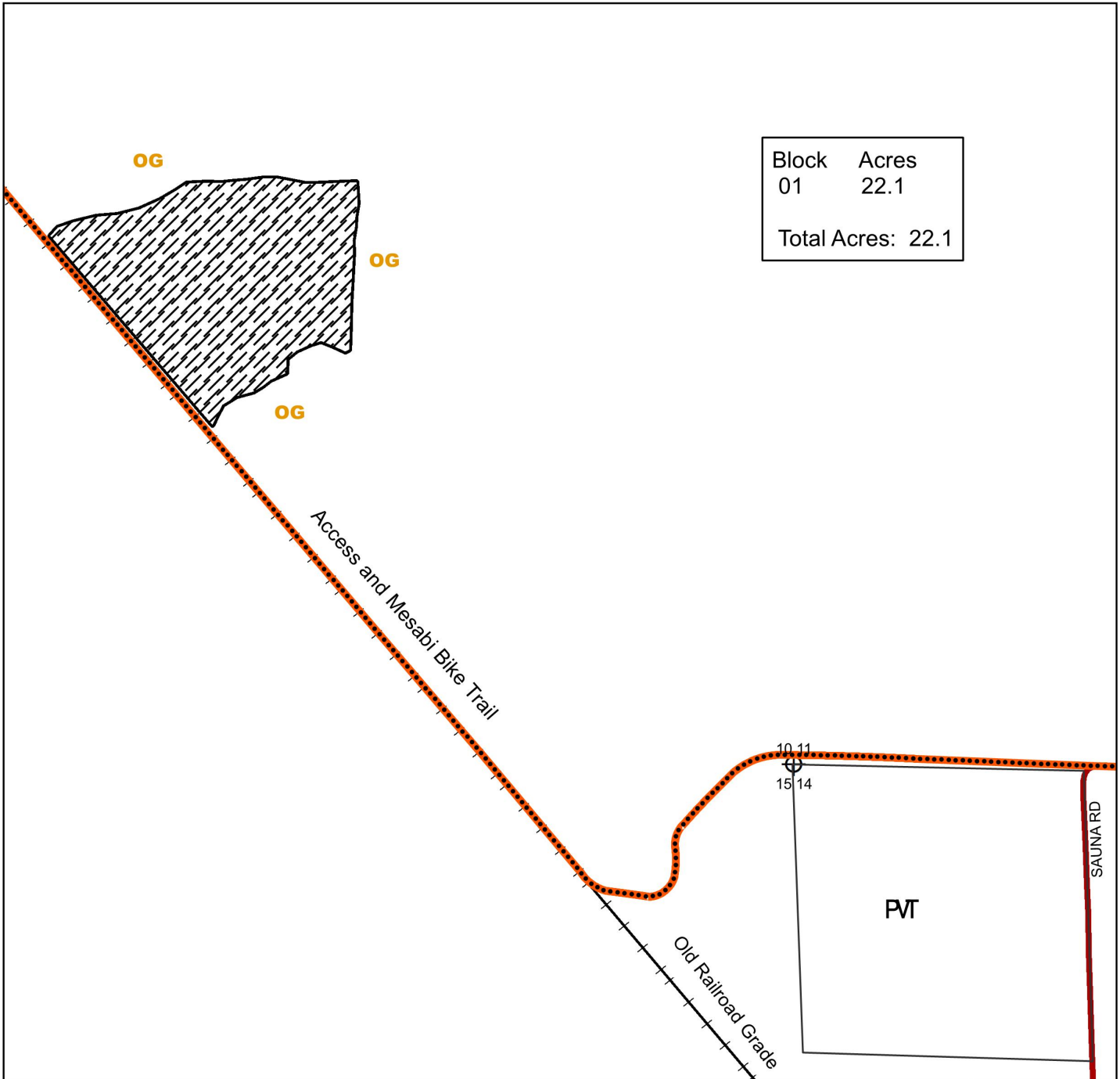
### Operational Periods:

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>					
SOAV	Spruce-Black		29835 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$9,845.55
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>					<b>\$9,845.55</b>

C19260056

St. Louis County  
E26-601510



Block	Acres
01	22.1
Total Acres: 22.1	

Prepared By: **Tom Salzer**

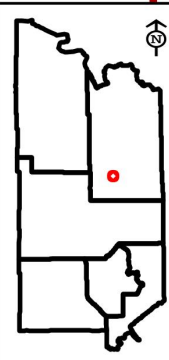
Map Created: 3/26/2026

TRS: 601510

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0 0.075 0.15 Miles

-  Decorative Forest Products  
Flagged in orange
- PVT** Private
- OG** Flagged Orange Line



Sales Map



Sales Package



# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

Tract #: 3

E26-601611A

Sale Administrator: James Simons

Virginia Area  
C19260057

Total Appraised: \$5,346.00  
Down Payment Required: \$1,336.50  
Expires: 12/31/2027

Twp. 60N Rge. 16W Sec. 11

47° 41.786' N 092° 20.479' W

Total Acres: 18.1

Blocks: 1

**Comments:**

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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 topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree. At least one layer of live green branches must remain below the final cut.

**Access:**

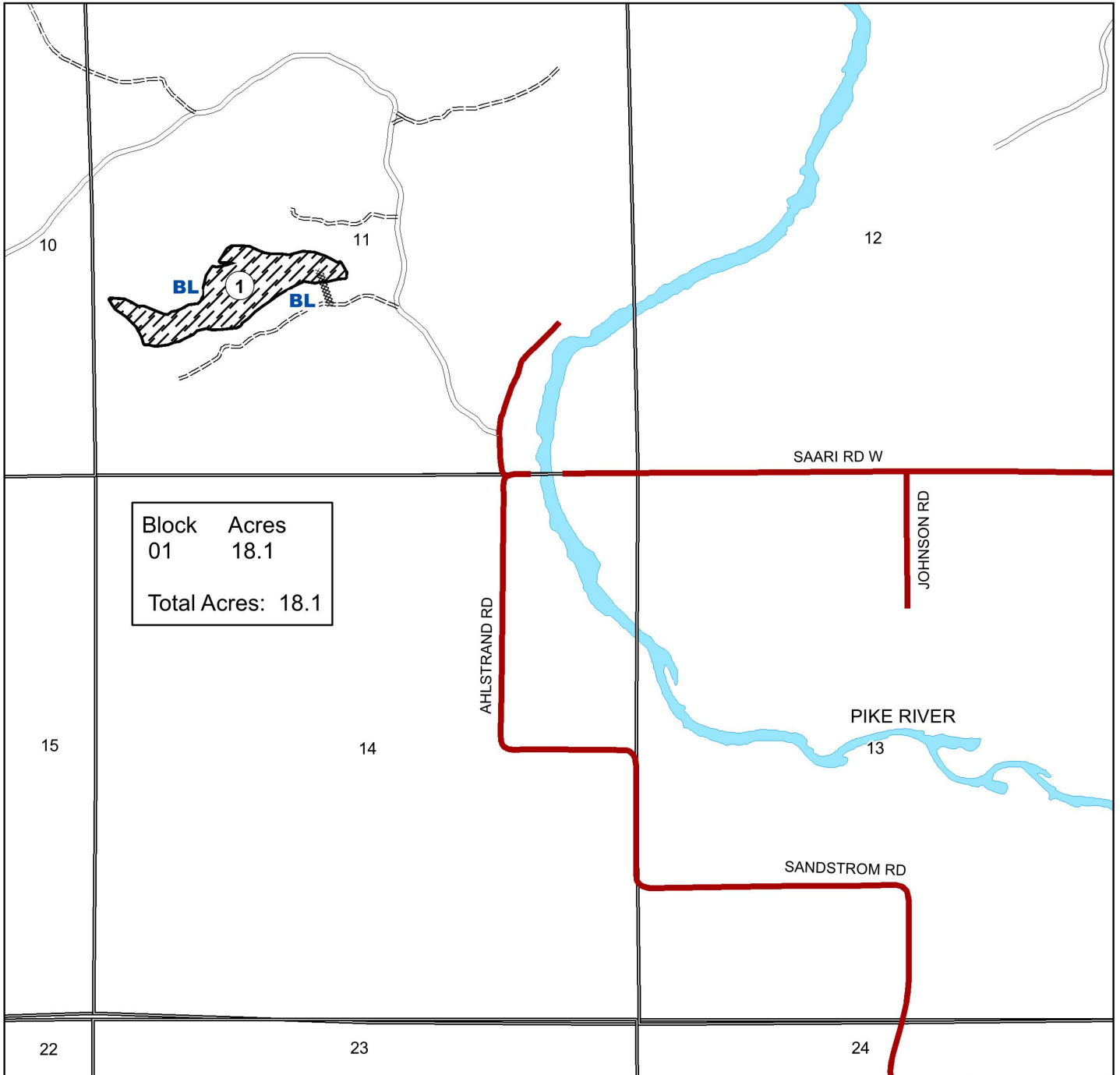
Taylor Road #303 to Sandstrom Road #373

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>					
SOAV	Spruce-Black		16200 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$5,346.00
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>					<b>\$5,346.00</b>

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St. Louis County  
E26-601611A

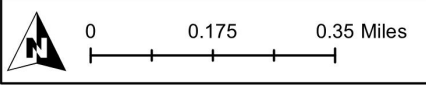






Prepared By: **Jim Simons**

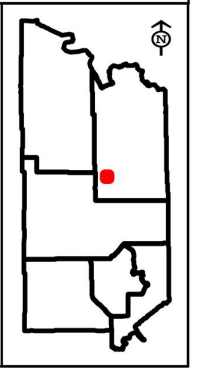
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TRS: 601611

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-  Decorative Forest Products (Black Spruce Top Removal)
- BL** Harvest Boundary Painted Blue
-  Woods Road
-  Woods Road Spur
-  Proposed Access





# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #: 4</b>	<b>V26-551619A</b>	<b>Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina</b>	
<b>Virginia Area</b>	<b>Total Appraised: \$5,263.17</b>		<b>Twp. 55N Rge. 16W Sec. 19</b>
<b>C19260058</b>	<b>Down Payment Required: \$1,315.79</b>		
<b>Total Acres: 11.2</b>	<b>Expires: 12/31/2027</b>		<b>47° 14.275' N 092° 25.656' W</b>
<b>Blocks: 1</b>			

**Comments:**

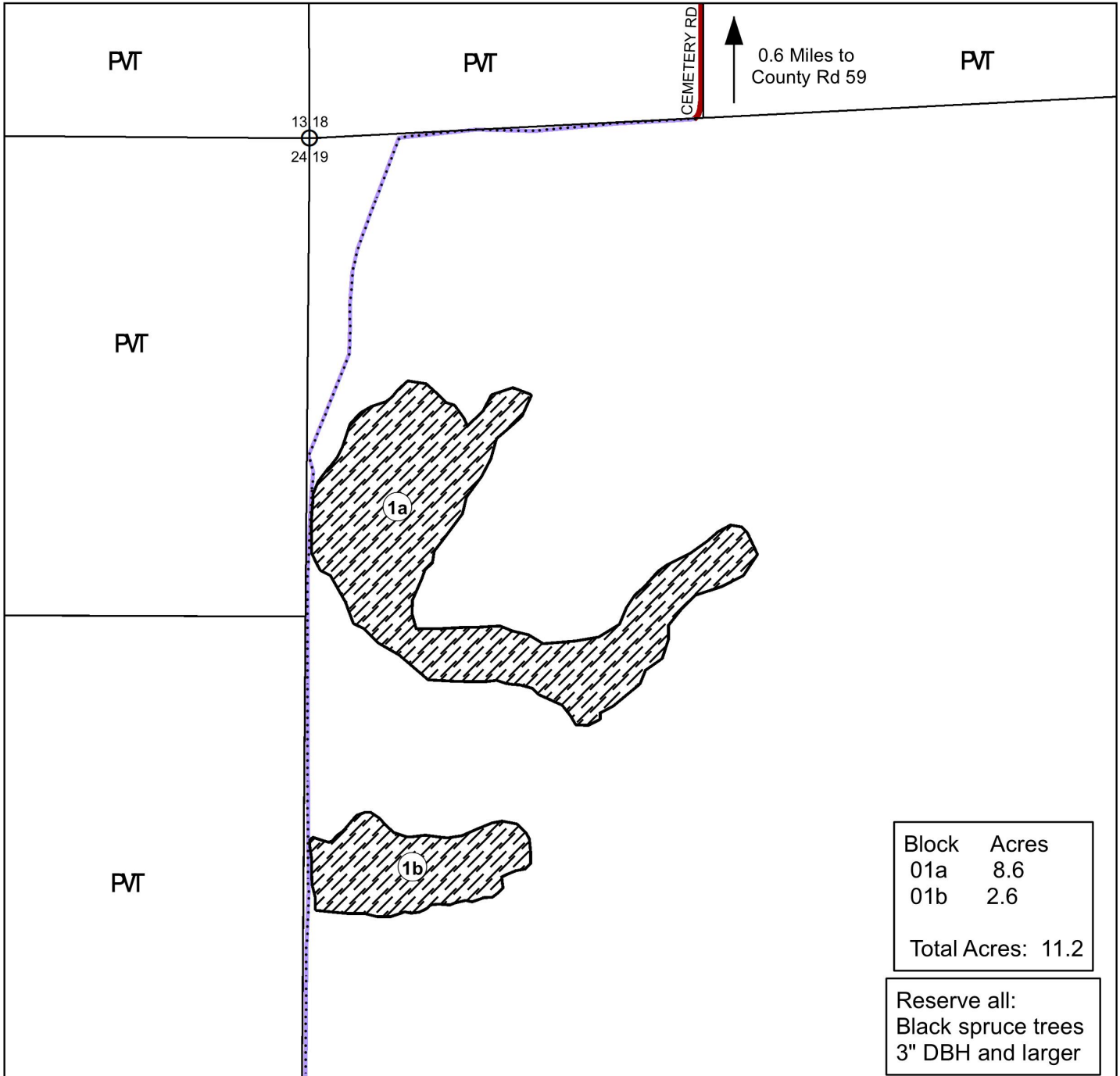
- No extensions will be allowed.
- The 25% down payment of the appraised value is required with the purchase of the sale and will be held until satisfactory completion of the contract.
- Black Spruce merchantability is an individual piece where the live crown of the tree measures between 18" and 4' tall and less than 3" in diameter. Black spruce topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree.
- Black spruce trees average 2.5" diameter and average height of 17 feet.

Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>					
SOAV	Spruce-Black		15949 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$5,263.17
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>					<b>\$5,263.17</b>

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St. Louis County  
V26-551619a



Prepared By: **Brandon Pierzina**

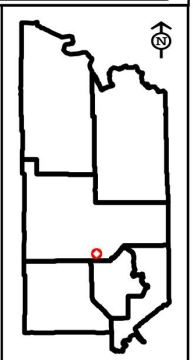
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TRS: 551619

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- Decorative Forest Products (Boundary Marked in Orange Ribbon)
- Snowmobile Trail
- Section Corner





# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #: 5</b>	<b>F26-511907</b>	<b>Sale Administrator: Erik Anton</b>	
<b>Pike Lake Area</b>	<b>Total Appraised: \$35,841.63</b>	<b>Twp. 51N Rge. 19W Sec. 7 and Twp. 51N Rge. 20W Sec. 12</b>	
<b>C19260059</b>	<b>Down Payment Required: \$8,960.41</b>		
<b>Total Acres: 143.1</b>	<b>Expires: 12/31/2027</b>	<b>46° 55.336' N 092° 47.909' W</b>	
<b>Blocks: 3</b>			

**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 topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree. At least one layer of live green branches must remain below the final cut.

**Access:**

Purchasers can use the pre-existing winter roads and the McCarty Creek Seasonal Woods Road for sale access. The powerline off McCarty Creek Seasonal Woods Road has a parking pad that can be utilized. The gated County #8 Gravel Pit is 1 mile from the sale and can be used for sale operations.

Block	Operational Periods
1,2,3	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1, 2, 3</b>				
SOAV Spruce-Black		108611 Pieces @	\$0.33 =	\$35,841.63
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>				<b>\$35,841.63</b>

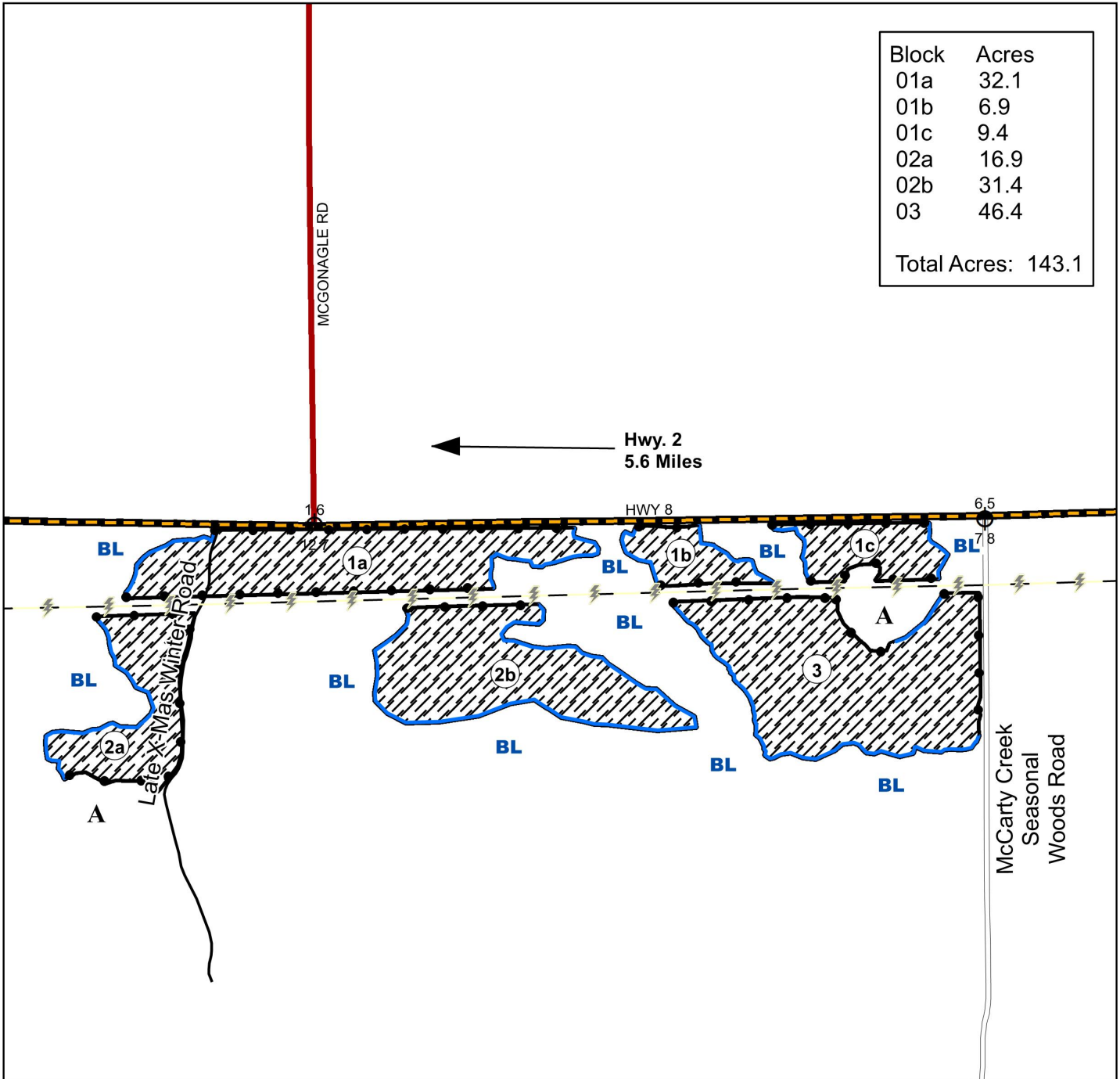
Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
Spruce-Black soav-tops	36,735	36,659	35,217

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F26-511907

Block	Acres
01a	32.1
01b	6.9
01c	9.4
02a	16.9
02b	31.4
03	46.4
Total Acres: 143.1	



Prepared By: Erik Anton

Map Created: 4/9/2026

TRS: 511907

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Decorative Forest Products

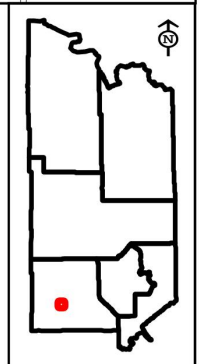
Powerline

Unpainted Boundary

Painted Blue Line

**BL** Painted Blue Line

**A** Aspen





# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #:</b> 6	<b>F26-531808</b>	<b>Sale Administrator:</b> Alexander Richardson
<b>Pike Lake Area</b> C19260060	<b>Total Appraised:</b> \$2,868.24	<b>Twp. 53N Rge. 18W Sec. 8</b>
<b>Total Acres:</b> 5.7	<b>Down Payment Required:</b> \$717.06	<b>47° 5.231' N 092° 38.532' W</b>
<b>Blocks:</b> 1	<b>Expires:</b> 12/31/2027	

**Comments:**

- This is a second entry tops harvest. Tops sold are a combination of individual stems and lateral upshoots from previously harvested stems. As part of the previous tops harvest, black spruce crop trees were released.
- This sale has been turned back and being re-offered.
- 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 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. Black spruce topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree.
- Competition to be removed is tamarack averaging 1" DBH with 1,450 trees per acre. Spruce top harvest averages 1480 trees/acre.

**Operational Periods:**

This contract allows for operations during all seasons.

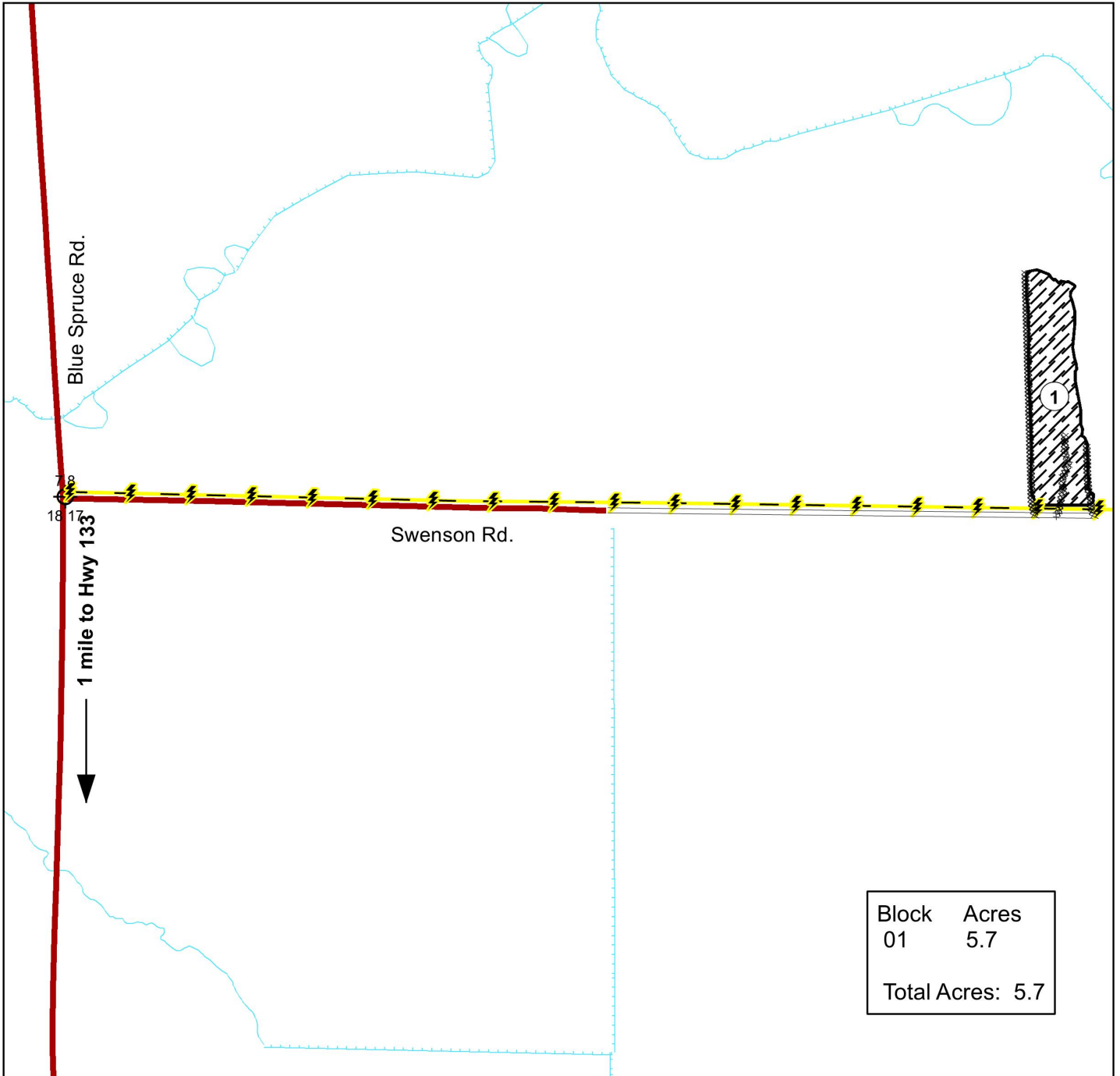
Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>				
SOAV Spruce-Black		8436 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$2,868.24
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>				<b>\$2,868.24</b>

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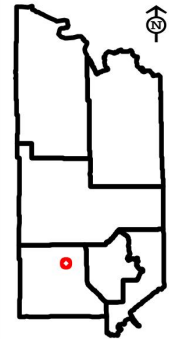
F26-531808



Block	Acres
01	5.7
Total Acres: 5.7	

Prepared By: Alex Richardson  
Map Created: 04/17/2026  
TRS: 531808  
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-  Spruce Tops
-  Existing Skid Trail
-  Seasonal Woods Road
-  Public Road
-  Overhead Powerline





# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #:</b> 7	<b>F26-531903</b>	<b>Sale Administrator: Drake Schroeder</b>
<b>Pike Lake Area</b> C19260061	<b>Total Appraised:</b> \$52,487.50	<b>Twp. 53N Rge. 19W Sec. 3</b>
<b>Total Acres:</b> 95	<b>Down Payment Required:</b> \$13,121.88	<b>47° 6.336' N 092° 44.428' W</b>
<b>Blocks:</b> 4	<b>Expires:</b> 12/31/2027	

**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 topping height shall not exceed 12 feet from the base of the tree. At least one layer of live green branches must remain below the final cut.
- Sale requirements involve cutting tamarack competition averaging 1" DBH, 1,531 trees per acre.(See Harvest Provisions)

Block	Operational Periods
1 2 3 4	All Season

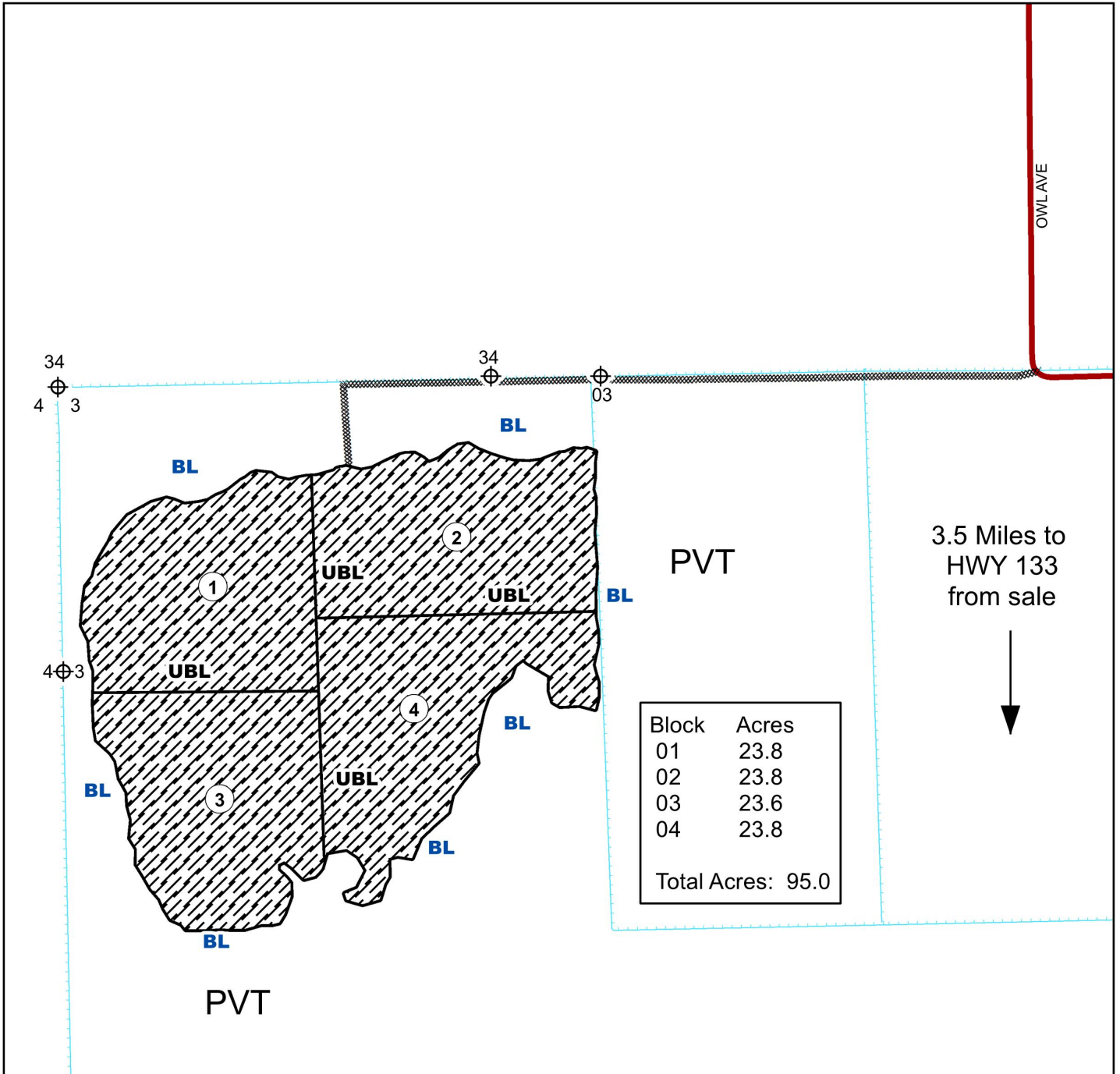
<u>Products</u>	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4</b>				
SOAV Spruce-Black		154375 Pieces @	\$0.34 =	\$52,487.50
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>				<b>\$52,487.50</b>

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Spruce-Black soav-tops	38,675	38,675	38,350	38,675

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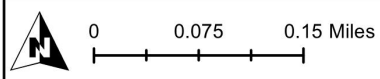
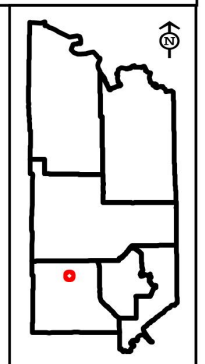
F26-531903



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Map Created: 4/8/2026  
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- Decorative Forest Products
- Required Access
- County/Township Roads
- Ditch
- Painted Blue Line
- Unpainted Block Line

- PVT Private
- Section Corner Protect





# St. Louis County July 30, 2026 Timber Auction

<b>Tract #: 8</b>	<b>K26-541528</b>	<b>Sale Administrator: Timothy Rutka</b>
<b>Pike Lake Area</b>	<b>Total Appraised: \$6,591.75</b>	<b>Twp. 54N Rge. 15W Sec. 28, 29</b>
<b>C19260062</b>	<b>Down Payment Required: \$1,647.94</b>	<b>47° 7.969' N 092° 15.447' W</b>
<b>Total Acres: 17.9</b>	<b>Expires: 4/15/2028</b>	
<b>Blocks: 1</b>		

**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.
- Individual birch trees may have multiple pieces that are counted in the volume.
- Birch stems merchantability is an individual piece where the base of the tree measures up to 4" in diameter and 8' in length. Individual trees may have multiple 8' lengths that are counted in the volume.
- Birch volume may contain pieces with various colors of bark and is included in the volume estimate (contact sale administrator for details). It is recommended that potential purchaser(s) visit site prior to bidding.
- The access road off the Murphy Forest Management Road is in poor condition and purchaser should inspect prior to purchase.

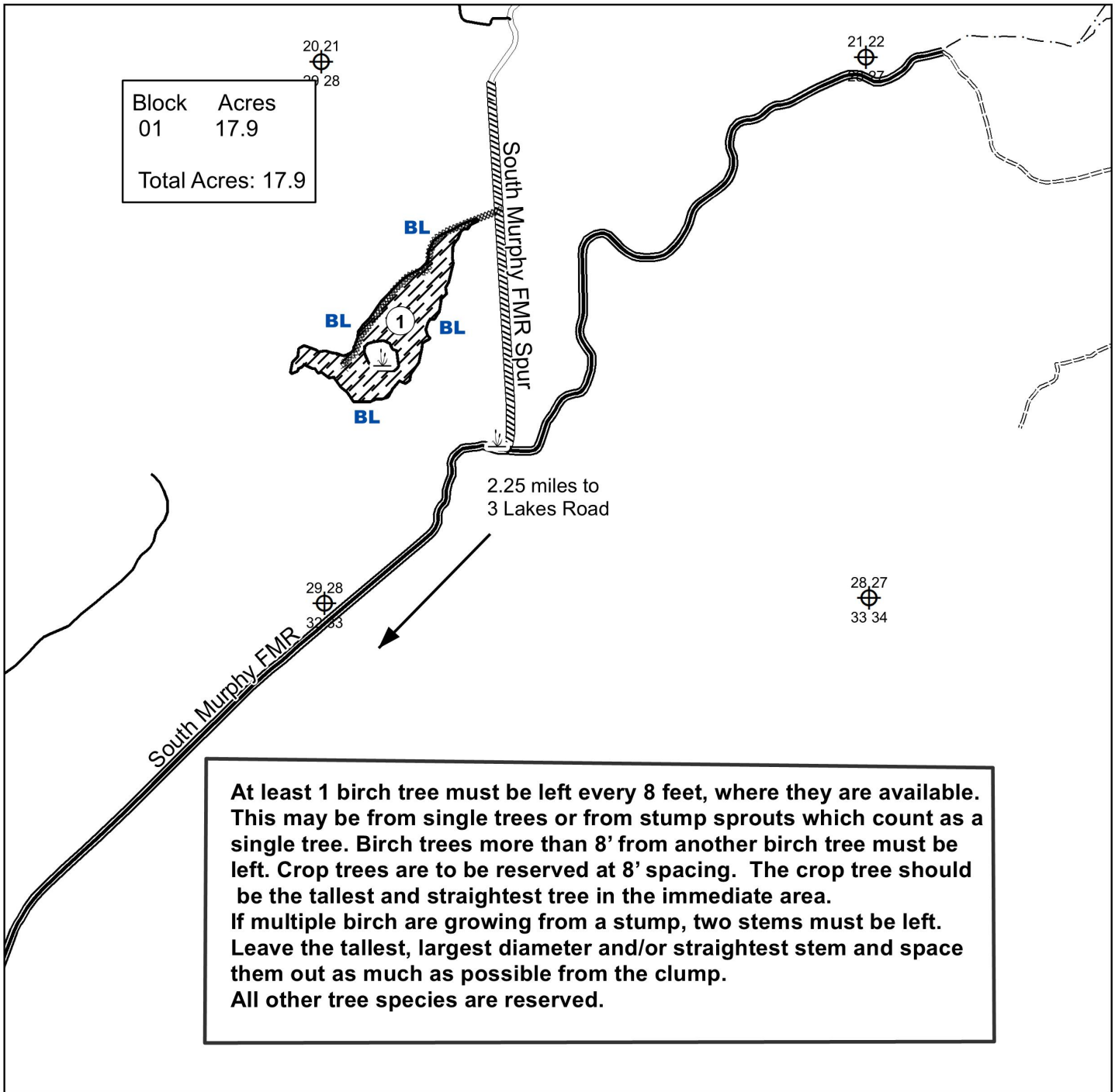
Block	Operational Periods
1	All Season

Products	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value
<b>Total for Blocks 1</b>				
SOAV Birch		26367 Pieces @	\$0.25 =	\$6,591.75
<b>Total Appraised Value:</b>				<b>\$6,591.75</b>

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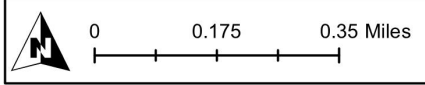
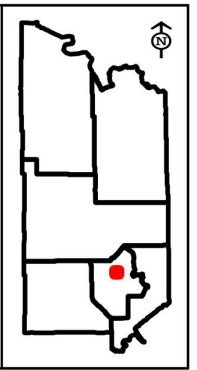
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K26-541528



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- Decorative Forest Products
- Proposed Access Road
- existing trail
- Forest Management Road
- Painted Blue Line
- Section Corner
- Wetland or Marsh



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Sealed Bid Timber Auction Form

30 July, 2026

**Tract 1** C19260055

Appraised Sale Value \$9,875.30

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit [Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	29045 Pcs	\$0.34	

**Tract 2** C19260056

Appraised Sale Value \$9,845.55

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit [Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	29835 Pcs	\$0.33	

**Tract 3** C19260057

Appraised Sale Value \$5,346.00

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit [Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	16200 Pcs	\$0.33	

**Tract 4** C19260058

Appraised Sale Value \$5,263.17

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit [Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	15949 Pcs	\$0.33	

\$300 Bid Bond must be enclosed with submitted bid

Name/Company Name/Phone #

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**Tract 5**    **C19260059**

**Appraised Sale Value      \$35,841.63**

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit <small>[Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]</small>
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	108611 Pcs	\$0.33	

**Tract 6**    **C19260060**

**Appraised Sale Value      \$2,868.24**

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit <small>[Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]</small>
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	8436 Pcs	\$0.34	

**Tract 7**    **C19260061**

**Appraised Sale Value      \$52,487.50**

Species	Estimated Volume	Appraised Value/Unit	Monetary Bid Value per Unit <small>[Must meet or exceed appraised value / unit.]</small>
Spruce-Black SOAV-Tops	154375 Pcs	\$0.34	

**Tract 8**    **C19260062**

**Appraised Sale Value      \$6,591.75**

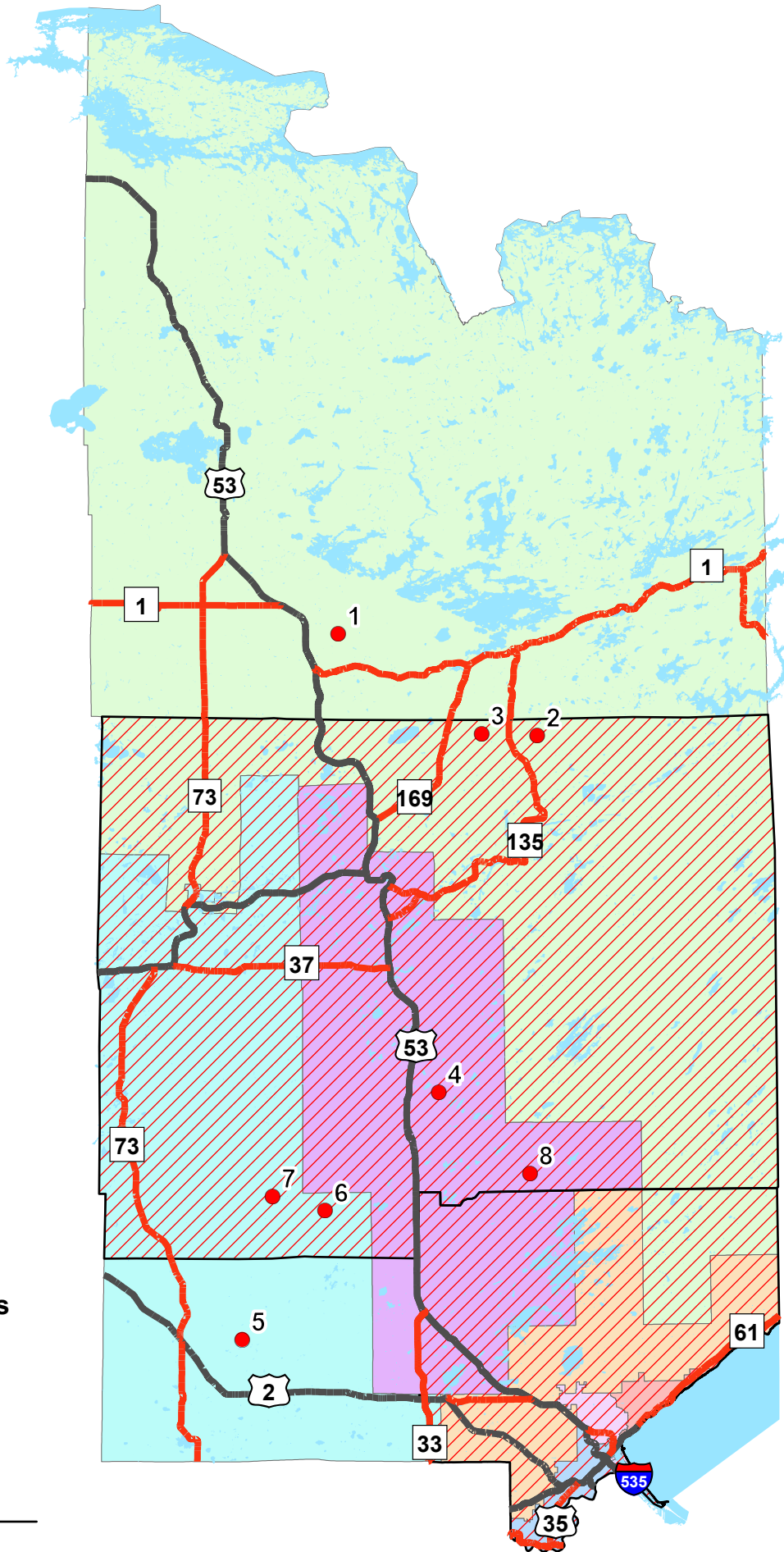
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Birch SOAV-Stems	26367 Pcs	\$0.25	

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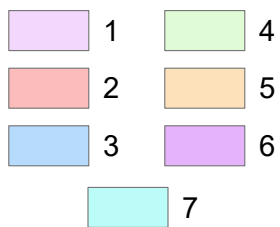
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# Tract Locations



## Commissioner Districts



Tracts



Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine





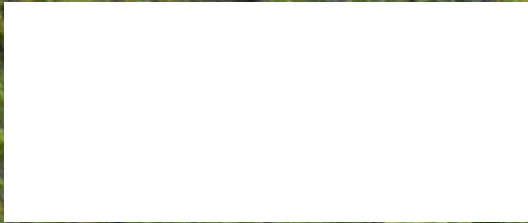
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# Land and Minerals Department

## Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

Bid opening: July 30, 2026 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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