NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY SEALED BID PUBLIC TIMBER 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 **2 (two) working days prior** to the auction. An application can be obtained at any Land and Minerals Department Office.
- The timber will be sold to the highest bidder but for not less than the total appraised Tract Value. A <u>bid</u> 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.
- 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 1st. 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 **10 business days** to submit a check, payable to the County Auditor, for **15%** 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 will have **10 business days** to provide the Letter of Credit to the Land and Minerals Department.
- 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.

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.

Sale 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 2, 2025

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Pike Lake Area Josh Carlson, Area Land Manager 5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, MN 55811 Virginia Area Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager 7820 Highway 135 Virginia, MN 55792

218-625-3700

218-742-9898

Please Note:

Forest products offered are certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Standard according to the Land and Minerals Department's SFI® certificate unless otherwise indicated in the "Comments" section for the tract and corresponding contract document.

Many of the tracts have special requirements. The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department offers sales of various sizes, species, and products to meet the needs of a wide variety of purchasers.

There are some sales offered on this auction that allow the purchaser to decide if they want to purchase the sale as offered, or choose to have all the species sold as SOAV. These are identified with the following sentence in the comments of each tract: "The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV)". SOAV species are intended to include the entire above ground portion of the tree, including residuals and may be removed at the discretion of the contractor, unless otherwise specified. Roundwood measure is shown for bidding purposes only, and does not include any estimate of residuals. SOAV species are to be sold based on the appraisal without scaling.

Producing biomass from merchantable roundwood of scaled species may be allowed if consumer scaling requirements are met. Please contact the Sale Administrator for more information on this process.

If there is any conflict between the Timber Sale Package and this advertisement, the Timber Sale Package is the controlling document. The Timber Sale Package contains maps, volume and values, contract information and harvest provisions, and is available at the applicable AREA OFFICE listed on the previous page or on the county website:

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For contracts offering the option of choosing Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV), successful bidders must elect to choose this option when paying the down payment pursuant to Minnesota Statute 90.14.

Timber Sale Operators must have the following minimum training for at least the owner of the firm and the foreman who will supervise the logging on St. Louis County Tax Managed Lands:

- Minnesota Logger Education (MLEP) Member in Good Standing; or SFI Training FISTA member: or
- Training equivalent to the Minnesota SFI Implementation Committee Training Standard for a trained Professional Logger.

All field employees must have training in best management practices.

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.

Sales Map



St. Louis County July 02, 2025 Timber Auction



Sales Package

EDGKZGNA VEN 260				E1642046765 20
Tract #: 1	K25-541635			Sale Administrator: Erik Anton
Pike Lake Area C19250088 Total Acres: 81.6 Blocks: 2	Total Appraised: Down Payment Required: Expires:			Twp. 53N Rge. 16W Sec. 2 and Twp. 54N Rge. 16W Sec. 34, 35
Species	Sticks	Dia.]	
Pine-Norway	6.0	13.4	_	
Aspen	3.2	8.9		
Spruce-White	5.3	10.3	1	

Access:

Pine-White

Balsam Fir

Birch

The sale will be accessed off the Three Lakes Road and Munger Shaw Road. All blocks have pre-existing driveways and some preexisting landings from previous harvests.

Block	Operational Periods			
1	Dry soil after Road Restrictions or Frozen Ground			
2	Dry soil after June 1 or Frozen Ground			

<u>Products</u>		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value			Total Value
Total I	For All Blocks						
SOAV	Aspen pulpwood		617 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$3,085.00
SOAV	Balsam Fir pulpwood		19 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$95.00
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		11 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$55.00
SOAV	Pine-Norway pulpwood		1211 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$6,055.00
SOAV	Pine-White pulpwood		270 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$1,350.00
SOAV	Spruce-White pulpwood		200 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$1,000.00
SOAV	Tamarack pulpwood		2 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$10.00
Total Appraised Value:							\$11,650.00

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	13	604
Balsam Fir pulpwood	14	5
Birch pulpwood	10	1
Pine-Norway pulpwood	1211	
Pine-White pulpwood	270	
Spruce-White pulpwood	200	
Tamarack pulpwood	2	

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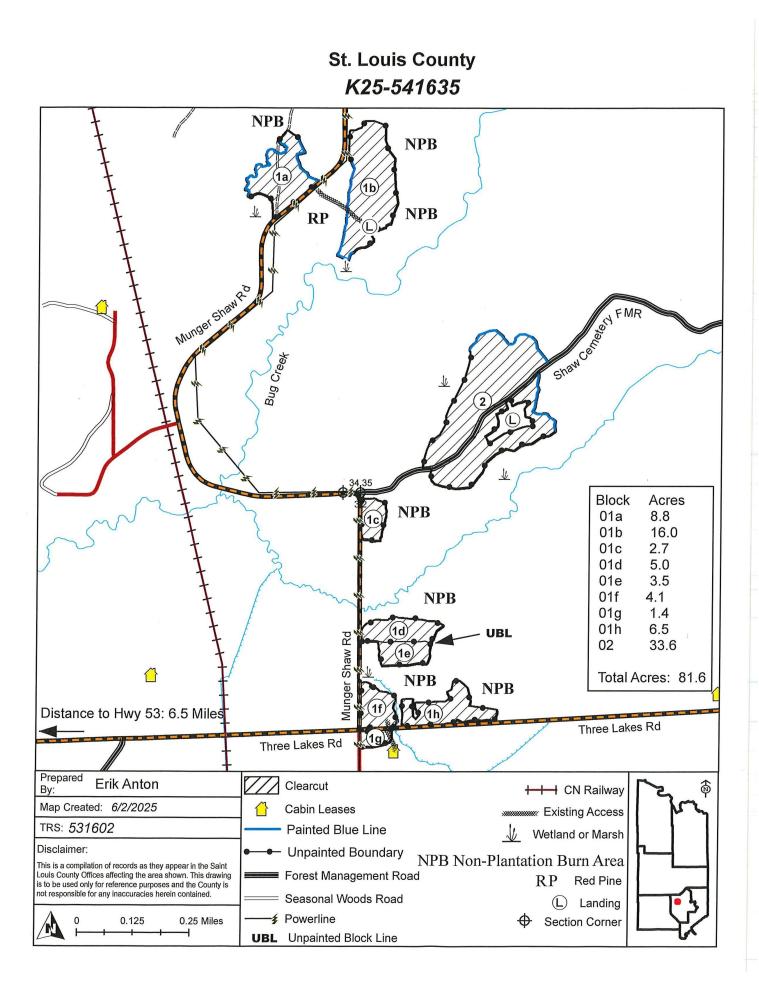
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Sales Map



St. Louis County July 02, 2025 Timber Auction



Sales Package

ELCOURSE-SEC									Electro versor
Tract #: 2 K25-531611				Sale Administrator: Alexander Richardson					
Pike Lake Are C19250089			al Appraised: nt Required:	Twp. 53N Rge. 16W Se					ge. 16W Sec. 11
Total Acres: 1	6.4		Expires:	4/15/2026					
Blocks: 1									
Species	S	ticks	Dia.	Comments:					
Aspen	5	.1	9.8	- This sale is being offered with REDUCED PRICES due to impacts from wildfire. - Timber sale has a gated or restrictive access, contact the sale administrator for					
Maple-Red	2	.1	7.8						
Ash	3	.7	7.9	access details. - No extensions will be allowed.					
Balsam Fir	2	.7	8.5						
Balm Of Gilead 3.2 10.0 Birch 2.0 6.8									
Block	0	perationa	l Periods						
1	Fr	ozen Grou	Ind						
<u>Products</u>				No Bid	Total Volume	Appr	aised \	Value	Total Value
Total For	All Blocks								
SOAV A	sh pulpwood	ł			25 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$125.00
SOAV A	spen pulpwo	bod			200 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$1,000.00
SOAV B	alm Of Gilea	d pulpwo	od		22 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$110.00
SOAV B	/ Balsam Fir pulpwood				26 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$130.00
SOAV B	Birch pulpwood				8 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$40.00
SOAV N	Maple-Red pulpwood				41 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$205.00
SOAV S	pruce-White	pulpwoo	d		7 Cords	@\$	5.00	=	\$35.00
					т	otal App	raisoc	Value:	\$1,645.00

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