



CLEARCUT HARVEST BID OVERVIEW

Bass River State Forest



To Whom It May Concern, the NJ Forest Service is proposing bids for clearcut harvesting on **multiple sites** within Bass River State Forest. Important information for these bids is highlighted below.

- **WHAT** is the material?
 - Primarily mixed pine and some oak **4 to 28 inches in diameter**
- **WHERE** is it located?
 - **Phase I – Stands 1-4 (5.4 acres)**—mostly east of E. Greenbush Rd. and adjacent to or south of park maintenance shop, Bass River Twp., Burl. County
 - **Phase II – Stands 5-8 (11.0 acres)**—mostly west of E. Greenbush Rd. and adjacent to or north of park maintenance shop, Bass River Twp., Burl. County
- **WHERE** do you find the bid packets?
 - **Online** at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/u-n-m.html>
 - **In print** attached with this packet
- **WHEN** should the bid(s) be submitted by?
 - **June 24th, 2019 at 10:00AM**
- **HOW** can you submit the bid(s)?
 - **Email** to Samantha Hensen at: Samantha.Hensen@dep.nj.gov
 - **Mail** to:

ATTN: Bass River SF – Clearcut Harvest
NJ Forest Service - SLM
Mail Code 501-04
P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Field visit** to the areas are **advised** and may be scheduled upon request
- Timing restrictions allow **harvesting** to take place **between May 1st and October 31st** (other months require only low ground pressure equipment—10psi or less)
- General **harvesting contract provisions** can also be found online at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/u-n-m.html>

(Please return)

BID
Bass River State Forest
Clearcut Harvest (Multiple Sites)

Payment, \$0 bid for the sale(s), or negative bid—at cost to the state of NJ are all acceptable.

If you are not bidding, **please continue to fill out the supplemental information update below.**

Check both boxes if interested in both phases combined, NJ Forest Service prefers one bidder for both phases if feasible.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Phase I – Stands 1-4 (5.4 acres)</i>	\$	/ac
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Phase II – Stands 5-8 (11.0 acres)</i>	\$	/ac
	Total Bid	\$	/ac

BIDDER _____ TELEPHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

WITNESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION UPDATE

REASON FOR NO BID (Circle one or more):

Insurance Req. Access Acreage Volume Species Time Restrict. Other: _____

BID SHEET

May 20, 2019

Bids are to be returned in the enclosed envelope and addressed to: NJ Forest Service - SLM, Mail Code 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, to the attention of Bass River SF – Clearcut Harvest.

Inspection of the sale area is strongly recommended prior to bidding – **showing of the sale area is available by appointment. You may contact Assistant Regional Forester Samantha Hensen at 609-292-1206 to schedule an appointment (please provide notice one day in advance).**

Bids will be accepted until and opened on **June 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM – Central Region Forest Service Office, New Lisbon, New Jersey.**

The State retains the right, as Owner to reject any or all bids received. Preference will be given to bidders with the ability to utilize material for durable wood products. It is agreed that the terms of this prospectus are part of the contractual obligation to follow. The Purchaser shall maintain public liability, property damage, vehicle liability, and worker's compensation insurance on the subject property with an insurance company authorized and approved to do business in the State of New Jersey in the following amounts naming the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection as an "Additional Insured": Worker's Compensation \$1,000,000 (**if the bidder/contractor is listed as a sole proprietor and has no employees we would not require the worker's compensation amount listed**); Comprehensive Liability \$1,000,000 – Bodily, \$1,000,000 – Property; Vehicle Liability Bodily/Property Combined \$1,000,000.

A certificate of such coverage shall be delivered to the Seller prior to the Purchaser commencing work.

Contract signing will take place no later than **June 28, 2019**. Work can begin immediately after confirmed receipt of signed contract, performance deposit, and insurance certificate. However, work with **low ground pressure equipment (10psi or less) must be utilized between November 1st to April 31st.**

Successful bidder will be required to post a \$750.00 returnable performance deposit at contract signing as a guarantee for satisfactory completion of the harvesting contract, along with a non-refundable check for the total bid amount, made out to Treasurer – State of New Jersey.

BASS RIVER STATE FOREST
Clearcut Harvest (Multiple Sites)
BASS RIVER TWP., BURLINGTON CO.
May 20, 2019

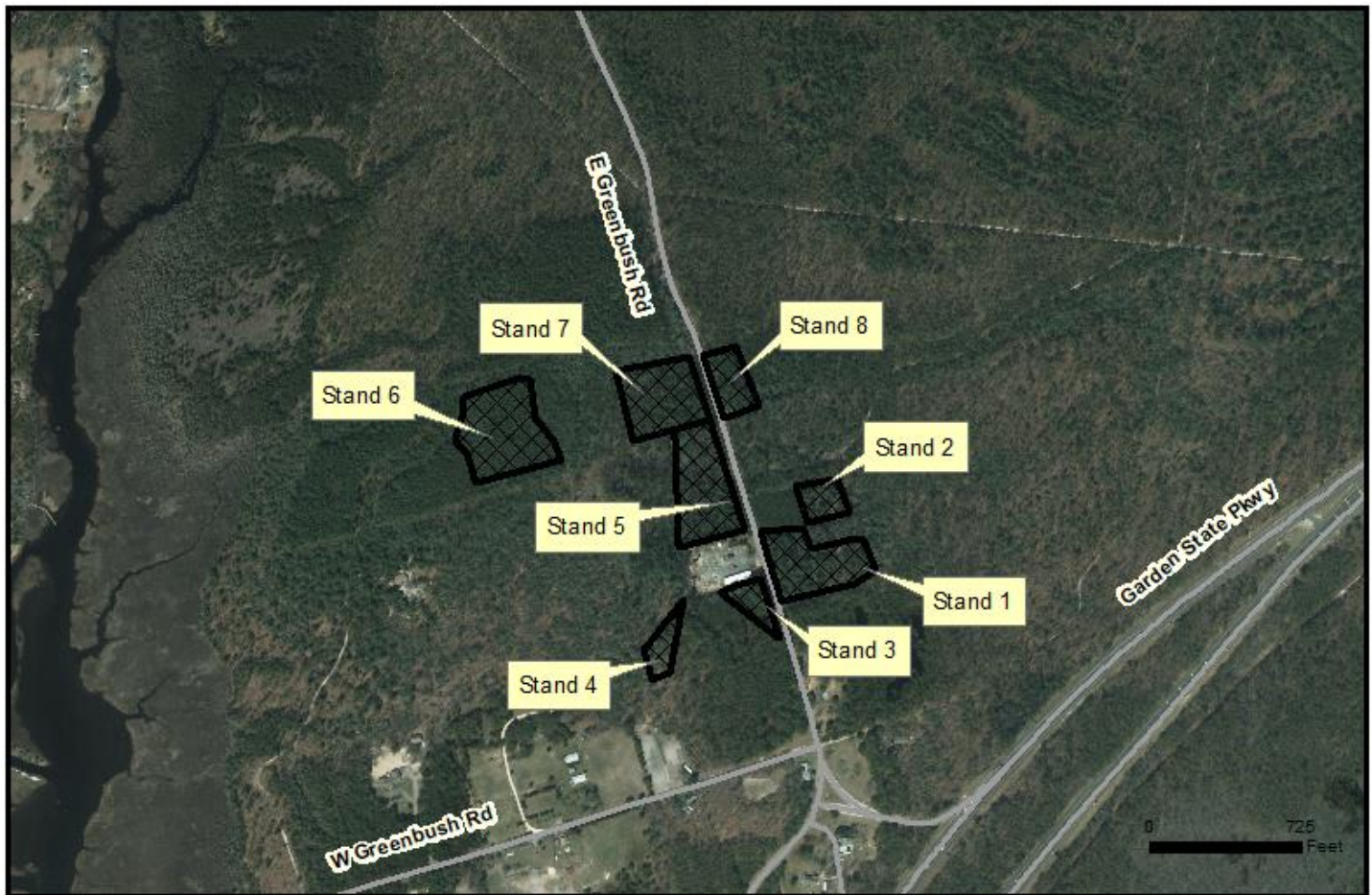
Mixed species, mostly of pine and some oak trees standing on approximately **16.4 acres total** (*combined both phases*) in Bass River State Forest are available for harvest. The estimated total volume of **2,890 cords** is available for bid (*combined both phases*). See attached activity maps and separate stand and stock tables below for more details as well as sale area access.

All trees within the specified boundaries are to be harvested. Work with **low ground pressure equipment (10psi or less) must be utilized between November 1st to April 31st**.

Payment for this sale (if above \$0) includes one non-refundable check before each Phase is started, to “Treasurer – State of New Jersey”. At contract signing, the full payment shall be due along with a separate refundable performance check for \$750. Payment, \$0 bid(s), or negative bid(s)—at cost to the state of NJ are all acceptable. The State retains the right as owners, to reject any and all bids received.

Total Estimated Available for Harvest


	Stand ID	Acres	QMD (Inches)	Avg. Tree Height (ft.)	Basal Area (ft ² /ac)	Trees/ac	Volume (cords/ac)	Total Pine Volume (cords)	Total Hdwd. Volume (cords)	Total Removal Volume (cords)	Total Tree Removal
Phase I	<i>1</i>	3.0	11.3	76	175	250	60	168	12	180	750
	<i>2</i>	1.0	11.0	78	95	145	29	29	0	29	145
	<i>3</i>	0.7	11.6	79	150	202	59	40	1	41	141
	<i>4</i>	0.7	11.6	79	150	202	59	40	1	41	141
	Total	5.4						277	14	291	1,177
Phase II	<i>5</i>	3.0	10.3	73	100	172	30	81	9	90	516
	<i>6</i>	4.0	13.3	86	210	218	93	372	0	372	872
	<i>7</i>	3.0	15.9	97	110	80	51	153	0	153	240
	<i>8</i>	1.0	17.4	75	140	85	63	63	0	63	85
	Total	11.0						669	9	678	1,713
Combined Phases Total		16.4						946	23	969	2,890



AGENCY: NJ Forest Service
 DATE: 04/15/2019
 PARK/FOREST: Bass River SF
 STAND ID: Fire Tower Pine Plantations (Clearcut)
 COUNTY: Burlington
 TOWNSHIP: Bass River
 BLOCK/LOT: B48/L1&2, B49/L12
 ACREAGE: 16.4
 SOILS: Downer Loamy Sand,
 Woodstown Loamy Sand

RF SCALE: 1:9,600
 SCALE: 1 Inch = 800 Feet
 COUNTY: Burlington
 USGS QUAD: New Gretna



 Treatment Area



ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

This clearcut treatment activity is being proposed for the reduction of public health and safety hazards due to high risk visibility issues in detection and suppression of wildfire. Trees in excess of 90 feet in height are impairing the Bass River fire tower lines of sight, blocking communities such as Nugentown, the Village of New Gretna, Ocean Acres, Smithville, Tuckerton, and Warren Grove. Removal of these trees will restore fire tower visibility. After harvesting is complete, site preparation and planting activities will be implemented to ensure re-establishment of native and historic plantation species.



Harvesting Provisions
Bass River State Forest
Clearcut Harvest
May 20, 2019

The Purchaser hereby covenants and agrees with the Seller as follows:

1. The Seller, for and in consideration of the payment by the Purchaser of \$ _____ for specified selected portion(s) of pine and oak trees, agrees to allow the Purchaser to enter upon the above described tract for the purpose of cutting and removing there from such wood as included in the terms of this contract, and grants permission for the use of designated routes for the removal of such wood from said property. Payment shall be made as follows:
 - a) A refundable performance deposit of seven-hundred, fifty dollars (\$750) is to be paid at contract signing, no later than **June 15, 2019**. If there are separate Purchasers for each Phase, then one contract per Phase will be signed by **June 28, 2019**.
 - b) Non-refundable payment for 100 percent of the Phase I amount (if above \$0) is to be paid at contract signing, no later than **June 28, 2019**.
 - c) Non-refundable payment for 100 percent of the Phase II amount (if above \$0), is to be paid within 30 days after the inspected completion of Phase I or January 1, 2020, whichever occurs later.
 - d) Payment shall be in the form of a check or money order made out to **Treasurer – State of New Jersey**.
 - e) Harvesting shall **NOT begin before**
 - i. The contract is signed;
 - ii. The following are received by the NJ Forest Service (by mail to Mail Code 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625 or fax to 609-984-0378, to the attention of William Zipse, Supervising Forester): the non-refundable payment for the sale as bid (if above \$0), a separate check for the refundable performance deposit, and a copy of the Purchaser's insurance certificate;
 - iii. New Jersey Forest Service confirms in writing receipt of the items listed above. Receipt of confirmation shall constitute authorization for the harvesting to commence.
 - f) Phase I must be completed and inspected before the start of Phase II. Phase II can be started in the year succeeding completion of Phase I.
 - g) The entire harvesting operation shall be **completed by June 28, 2021** at which time, this contract expires.
 - h) This contract is non-assignable and a deposit of seven hundred, fifty Dollars (\$750.00) shall be given by the Purchaser to the Seller as a guarantee for the faithful performance of this contract, upon signing same.

- i) It is understood and agreed that this deposit shall not be applied as payment for wood, but shall be returned by the Seller to the Purchaser at such time this agreement has been successfully completed in accordance with the Harvesting Provisions.

2. The Purchaser shall cut/remove said wood in compliance with the following instructions:

- a) Trees above four inches (4") DBH within the boundary of this sale area are to be cut. Trees less than 4" DBH may be utilized by the Purchaser, if desired. Standing live trees greater than 4" DBH that will not supply a useful product to the Purchaser shall be felled, limbed and bucked. All trees within and up to boundary lines, including East Greenbush Road shall be cut.
- b) Specified boundary lines include East Greenbush Road for those stands directly adjoining it (Stand 1,3,5,7, and 8), otherwise trees marked with blue paint will represent the stand boundary line.
- c) Boundary trees marked in blue paint shall not be felled.
- d) The Purchaser shall pay to seller as liquidated damages thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each tree that is cut or damaged in violation of this contract.
- e) The slash produced as a result of the logging activities shall not exceed three (3) feet in height throughout the contract period. Stumps produced by tree felling shall be as low to the ground as possible.
- f) The Purchaser shall exercise all reasonable care against the origin and spread of fire on the property, and shall use his/her entire force to extinguish any fire found on the same. All slash shall be kept at least one hundred feet (100') away from the roads and twenty-five feet (25') away from all plowed firelines.
- g) No felled trees are to be left hanging in other trees and must be pulled down as they occur.
- h) Avoid the felling of trees onto the forest roads or trails. Roads and trails must be left clean of all trees, branches, and slash no later than the end of each business day.
- i) No skidding, hauling, or driving will be allowed on or across roads or trails.
- j) The Purchaser shall, to their best efforts, minimize the size and number of landings utilized for the harvesting activities.
- k) During adverse weather conditions or highly inundated periods, harvesting activities should be ceased until conditions are improved thereby minimizing rutting and/or additional ecological impacts.
- l) All activities shall conform to acceptable standards defined in "Timber Harvesting Guidelines for New Jersey", published by the New Jersey Chapter - Society of American Foresters, New Jersey Forestry Association, and the NJ Forest Service.

- m) All applicable forestry and wetlands Best Management Practices shall be implemented during harvest activities according to the “New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Management Practices Manual” created by the New Jersey Bureau of Forest Management (1995).
- n) All applicable State Forest rules and regulations shall be complied with during the contract period.
- o) All work is to be done under the direction of a New Jersey Forest Service representative, and his/her instructions shall be carried out in detail.
- p) Only the Purchaser and individuals under his/her employ are permitted to conduct selling and/or processing of harvested timber at the deck sites.
- q) All companies purchasing wood from the successful bidder, while on state property, will be required to provide proof of adequate insurance coverage, including liability, property damage, and Workman's Compensation, and also be required to obtain a special use permit from the State Forest Superintendent.
- r) The Purchaser is solely responsible for the protection and well-being of any equipment left on site.
- s) All equipment used onsite will be washed before and after work is complete to avoid the spread of invasive species.
- t) Garbage and trash, i.e. paper bags, boxes, oil cans, etc., will be **cleaned up daily** and removed from the state forest.
- u) Because of wildlife considerations, **harvesting equipment with ground pressure greater than 10psi can only take place from May 1st to October 31st. Low ground pressure equipment (10psi or less) must be utilized between November 1st to April 31st.**