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INVITATION TO BID ON

48.477 ACRES

OF STANDING TIMBER

OWNED BY

JANNIE S. AND SAM H. HICKS

FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 11:00 A.M.

TIMBER VOLUMES:

| | <u>Volume</u> | <u>Log Rule</u> | <u>Form Class</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Pine Sawtimber | 259.4 MBF | Scribner | 78 |
| Red Oak Sawtimber | 21.5 MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| Maple Sawtimber | 0.6 MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| Sweetgum Sawtimber | 17.4 MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| White Oak Sawtimber | 20.1MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| Poplar Sawtimber | 37.8 MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| MISC Hard Sawtimber | 5.3 MBF | Doyle | 76 |
| Pine Chip-N-Saw | 236.8 Tons | | |
| Pine Fiber | 345.3 Tons | | |
| Hardwood Fiber | 1,066.6 Tons | | |

LOCATION: This timber is located 1.9 miles west of Franklinton in Franklin County, North Carolina. Access for logging will be from Fred Wilder Road, 0.7 miles north of Pocomoke Road and 1.1 miles south of Hwy 56. Look for the pink flagging and/or timber sale signs along the road. (See enclosed location map.)

PLACE OF SALE: The opening of bids will take place on the tract as indicated on the timber sale map. (See timber sale map.)

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PROPERTY LINES: All property lines are marked with pink flagging. A complete boundary survey was completed in 2017 by Nathan R. Hymiller Jr. of Franklinton. The map is recorded in Map Book 2017, page 160 at the Franklin County Register of Deeds or can be downloaded at the timber sale web page.

There are several stream-side management zones (SMZ) on this property, all of which have been marked on the ground with orange flagging clearly marked with the words "Streamside Management Zone". Selected trees as marked with a large orange circle may be harvested from within the streamside management zone.

DESCRIPTION OF TIMBER: Offered for sale is a quality natural stand of mixed pine and hardwood totaling 48.47 acres. The majority of this timber, totaling 41.23 acres, will be clear-cut of all merchantable timber. Additionally, several stream-side management zones and a small select cut area not associated with a stream, will add an additional 7.24 acres. Within the SMZ's and the select cut area, only the trees marked with an Orange "O" will be selectively harvested.

Within the primary harvest clear-cut area, pine sawtimber averages 6,522 board feet per acre and 217 boardfeet per tree. Hardwood sawtimber including red oak, maple, sweetgum, white oak and poplar will contribute an additional 2,316 board feet per acre. There is only a small amount of pine Chip-N-Saw, but an abundance of both pine and hardwood fiber, mostly from topwood.

A secondary harvest area around the larger pond, also to be clear-cut, contains timber of slightly lower quality. Within this area, there is an additional 11,440 board feet of pine and 8,577 boardfeet of hardwood.

A select harvest area includes several streamside management zones and a small area not associated with a stream. Within these areas, only the trees marked with an Orange "O" are to be harvested.

METHOD OF DETERMINING TIMBER VOLUME: The primary sale area was inventoried using the line plot method. Cruise lines were spaced four chains apart. One-tenth acre circular plots were established along the cruise lines at two chain intervals and timber within each plot tallied, resulting in a 10.93% inventory. The secondary sale area around the pond and the selective harvest areas including the SMZ's received a 100% inventory.

All merchantable pine timber was divided into one of three product groups. Pine saw timber was measured from a 14 inch DBH to an 8 inch or merchantable top. Pine Chip-N-Saw was measured between an 8 and 12 inch DBH to a 4 inch or merchantable top. Pine fiber was measured from a 6 inch DBH to a 4 inch top. All three product groups had a minimum height of one 16 foot log after which heights were measured using one half log increments.

All merchantable hardwood timber was divided into one of two product groups. Hardwood saw timber was measured from a 12 inch DBH to an 8 inch or merchantable top. Hardwood fiber was measured from an 8 inch DBH to a 4 inch top. Both product groups had a minimum height of one 16 foot log after which heights were measured using one half log increments.

Maps of the subject area and resulting acreage determinations were produced using ArcView geographical information system and Trimble Pathfinder Pro XR global positioning system software and information from deeds, plats and aerial photographs.

SALE INFORMATION ONLINE: Complete information for all current timber sales is now available online at <http://www.rawlingsforestry.com/timbersales/>. Online information includes the bid invitation, sale map, and additional inventory information, as applicable. Prospective bidders wishing to register to receive automatic email notification of future timber sales may do so at <http://www.rawlingsforestry.com/timbersales/emailnotices.html> or like us on Facebook.

THE SALE: This timber will be sold on a sealed bid, lump sum basis. Sealed bids will be accepted in our office, by US mail, FAX, FedEx or UPS until 9:00 A.M. and accepted by email and phone until 11:00 A.M., **Tuesday November 14, 2017**, or bids may be brought in person to the place of sale. Please note, phone coverage varies by location and it is the buyer's responsibility to insure adequate coverage before attempting to submit bids at the last moment. Phone and email bidders are encouraged to submit their bids before 10:30 A.M. after which time I will be on the property and may not have adequate phone coverage. At **11:00 A.M.**, all bids in hand will be opened. The highest bidder will be the successful bidder, provided his bid is above the undisclosed minimum. The seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. A deposit of ten percent of the bid price is to be delivered to Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC within 72 hours of the bid opening. Upon receipt of the timber deed, the balance of the sale price will become due. Any questions concerning the sale should be directed to Brad Rawlings in Wendell, North Carolina at (919) 365-5451 or via e-mail at brad@rawlingsforestry.com.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The buyer will have 24 months from the date of the timber deed to cut and remove this timber.
2. All roads and paths are to be left in at least as good a condition as that in which they were found.
3. The Franklin County water line must be protected. Designated bridged crossings, wood or steel, of at least 20 feet in length, must be used for all equipment, skidding of logs and for the log trucks. The water line must not be used as a road or as a skid trail. All trees may be harvested providing NO equipment drives on or across the water line, unless at a designated bridge crossing. A letter from Franklin County addressing the water line can be downloaded on the timber sale web page.
4. The relationship between buyers and loggers must be in the form of a written contract. At a minimum, such contract must clearly state the adherence to the applicable River Rules, Best Management Practices, the endangered species act, and the "Conditions of Sale" as stated in this bid invitation. Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC must approve the location of each crossing.
5. The buyer will be required to provide evidence of liability insurance of the buyer and the logging contractor in an amount suitable to the owners, showing the owners as additional insured, to protect owners from any and all claims for injury to persons or damage to property relating to any manner to the harvest.
6. Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC must be notified at least 24 hours in advance, and not more than 72 hours in advance, of the initiation of logging operations. Failure to do so may result in an automatic partial or whole forfeiture of the performance bond.
7. All decking, skidding, and loading are to be done within the designated Sale Area (See timber sale map).
8. A small pet cemetery has been marked adjacent to a small path in the northwestern part of the sale area. This area is to be protected from damage and no equipment should enter the area or trees fallen into the area. The few trees located within will remain the property of landowner.
9. Within the timber sale area, all unmerchantable timber, tops and/or branches will be cut or caused to be laid on the ground. Large dead snags will be exempt. No trees, limbs, brush, or other logging debris shall be left in or across the boundary lines, roads, fields, fences, drainage channels, creeks, or ponds. All stumps will have a maximum height of 11.5 inches.
10. From within the streamside management zones (SMZ) and the select harvest area, only the trees marked with an Orange "O" are to be harvested
11. It will be the responsibility of the buyer to meet the performance standards in the Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality (15NCAC 1J .0201 - .0209), Nutrient Sensitive Water Management Strategy as related to the applicable river rules and Forestry Best Management Practices as described in a manual available from the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Any Riparian Buffer Zones or Streamside Management Zones marked by Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC will be considered a minimum requirement and it will be the responsibility of the grantee to ensure correctness and to provide additional width or area as needed.
12. In the event that adverse weather conditions and/or excessive soil moisture make logging operations detrimental to the well-being of the land, Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC reserves the right to halt any and all logging operations. If logging operations are halted by Rawlings Consulting Forestry, the cutting time limit will be extended proportionally when weather conditions and soil moisture are conducive to continued logging.
13. The buyer will not sell or assign any rights to any other person or entity to cut, saw, or remove any of the timber conveyed herein as firewood.
14. No boundary line trees are to be cut or unnecessarily damaged. Boundary line trees which are cut will be scaled according to International 1/4" Log Rule, Form Class 80 and paid for at the rate of \$800 per MBF.
15. The buyer will be required to post a \$3,000.00 performance bond with the owner's agent, Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC, at the time of closing. The bond shall be forfeitable in part or in whole upon the basis of a final inspection by Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC as to damage, if any, to be charged against said bond. Moreover, it is expressly stated that such bond is not intended to be agreed liquidated damages and is not intended to limit what Rawlings Consulting Forestry, PLLC considers to be the maximum damage that could be incurred or inflicted.

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