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January 16, 2019
Notice of Timber Sale
Sale ID# 11372
Taylor County

Dear Timber Buyer:

The Georgia Forestry Commission will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 for the unit sale of pine and hardwood on 198 acres of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property located on Fall Line Sandhills WMA in Taylor County.

The sale area is located approximately eight (8) miles west of Butler off GA Hwy 96, Parks Road and Kelley Foster Road. Location is described more precisely on the attached maps. Location is further described by Georgia Atlas & Gazetteer page 41, block B8 & C8.

This timber sale consists of 99.3 acres of planted loblolly pine designated for a timber stand improvement (TSI) thinning and 98.9 acres designated for clear-cut. See the attached "Timber Harvest Contract" for detailed instructions on this timber harvest.

We encourage interested buyers to inspect the sale area and determine your own estimate of timber volumes.

Bids may be brought to the opening site or mailed to the attention of Ben Hammond, Georgia Forestry Commission 1055 East Whitehall Road, Athens, GA 30605. Bids will be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Georgia Forestry Commission's Taylor County Unit Office located at 71 Columbus Road, Butler, GA 31006 (see attached bid opening location map). No bids will be accepted after 11:00 a.m.

Bid Requirements:

1. All bids must be submitted on the timber bid form provided with this notice, signed and sealed, and must have "Fall Line Sandhills WMA FY19 #11372 Bid Sale" written on front of envelope. Per ton price and wood specifications **are required** for each product on bid form. Specifications should include minimum top and butt size, minimum length or measured lengths, and, if appropriate, quality specifications (for example, knot size, sweep, etc.). If a box on bid form is not applicable, indicate as "N/A." **Incomplete bid forms will be invalid and will not be given consideration in the bid process.**
2. Mailed bids should be clearly marked "Fall Line Sandhills WMA FY19 #11372 Bid Sale" on front of envelope and must arrive on the day before the sale. Faxed or phoned bids will not be accepted.
3. A check made payable to the **Georgia Forestry Commission** in the amount of \$5,000.00 must be enclosed in the sealed bid. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned following bid opening. The successful bidder's check will be held in escrow and credited towards the performance bond. The performance bond amount will be \$5,000.00.

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A sample contract, bid form and maps of sale area are included with this timber sale notice. Also attached is the “Timber Harvest Inspection” form to be used by a GA DNR representative when making periodic inspections of harvesting operations. **Notice: Be sure to read through the “Timber Harvest Contract.”** The timber sale contract will terminate twelve (12) months from the contract signing date. Contract signing and receipt of payment will occur **no later than thirty (30) days after bid opening**. Additional road work that may be required must be approved by GA DNR and will be buyer’s responsibility. If a combination lock is encountered on any gates, the combination is **3-0-0-6**. For questions regarding the bid process contact Ben Hammond, GFC, at 706-612-3729. For questions specific to the sale area contact Forrest Buckner, GA DNR, at 404-987-4112.

The Georgia Forestry Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

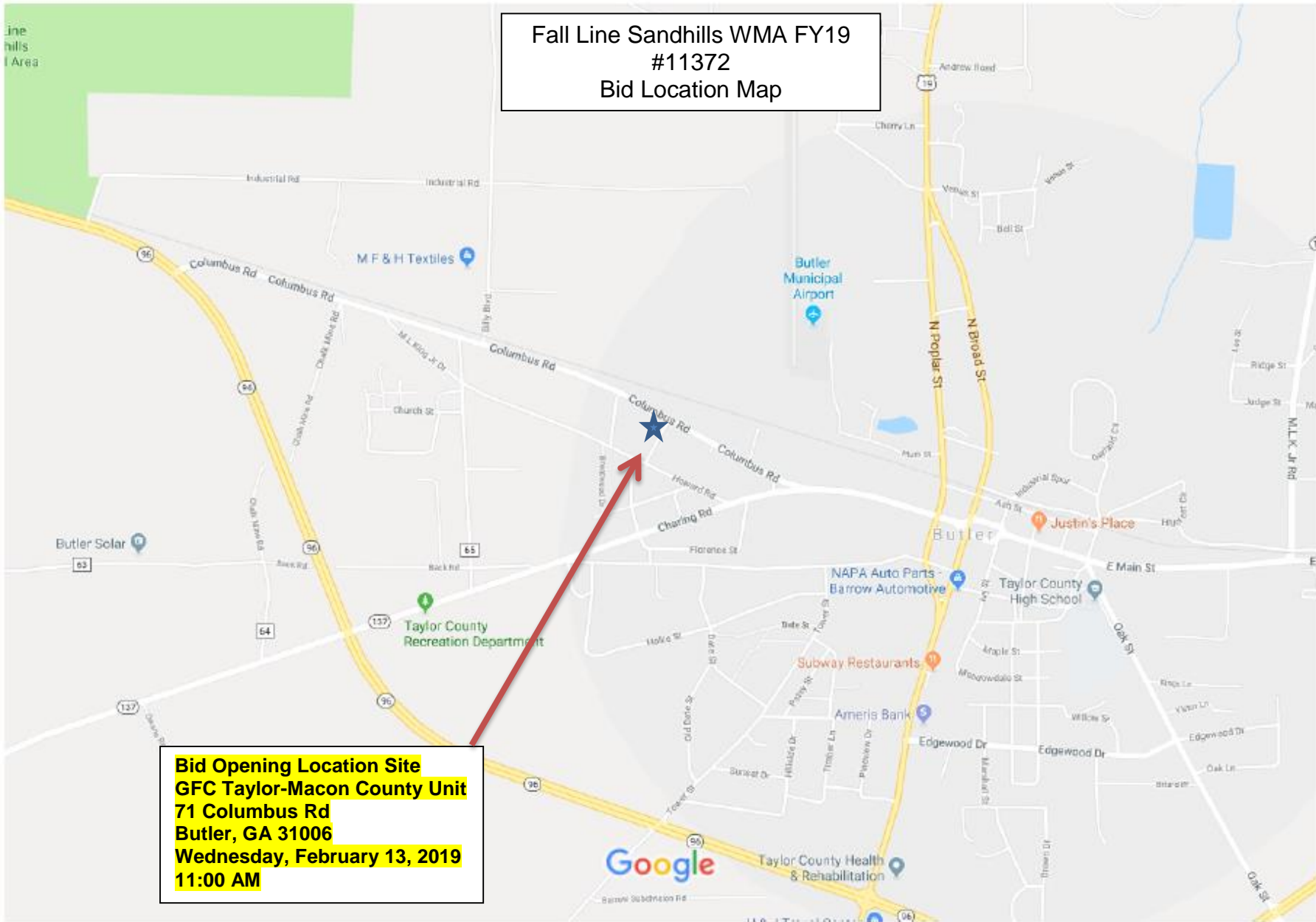
Sincerely,

Ben Hammond

Ben Hammond, RF

Coordinator, State Lands Forest Management

Fall Line Sandhills WMA FY19
#11372
Bid Location Map



Bid Opening Location Site
GFC Taylor-Macon County Unit
71 Columbus Rd
Butler, GA 31006
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
11:00 AM

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION - TIMBER BID FORM
Fall Line Sandhills WMA FY19 Sale ID# 11372

COMPANY NAME: _____ FED. ID # OR S.S. #: _____

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Products	Price Per Ton	Minimum Top Size	Minimum Butt Size	Min. or Meas. Length	Quality Specs.
Pine pulp-wood					
Pine chip & saw					
Pine saw timber					
Hardwood pulp-wood					
Fuel chips					

I understand that this is a unit (per ton per product) timber sale. Per ton price and wood specifications have been entered for each product listed on this bid form. In order to validate this bid, a bid deposit in the form of a \$5,000.00 check, made payable to the Georgia Forestry Commission, is included. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Successful bidder's check will be held in escrow and credited towards the performance bond.

THE GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

By: _____ Date: _____

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT
FOR
STATE OWNED LANDS
SANDHILLS WMA FY19 Sale# 11372
Timber Stand Improvement & Clear-cut**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This **TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT** (the **"CONTRACT"**) is made and entered into by and between the **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**, 2065 U.S. Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025 hereinafter referred to as the **"SELLER"**, and

of _____ (address) hereinafter referred to as the

"BUYER".

WITNESSETH:

ARTICLE I. Obligations of the SELLER:

1. SELLER agrees to sell to the BUYER all those forest products to be harvested as defined here, and hereby represents and warrants it has good and unencumbered title to such timber:
 - a) Location and Description of Sale Area
The timber sale area, approximately 198.2 acres, is located approximately eight (8) miles west of Butler, Georgia on Sandhills WMA off GA Hwy 96, Parks Rd and Kelley Foster Rd. The specific sites are designated on the attached maps as Exhibits "B", "C" & "D" which are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this CONTRACT and which are herein collectively referred to as the "PROPERTY".
 - b) Method of Harvesting Forest Products
Timber shall be harvested according to specific instructions found in "Timber Harvest Specifications", Article III, Paragraph 1.
2. SELLER agrees to allow the BUYER ingress and egress across and upon the PROPERTY for the purpose of carrying out forest products harvesting identified in this CONTRACT.
3. SELLER shall in no way assume any responsibility for damage to equipment belonging to the BUYER or injury to persons employed by the BUYER or his/her agent; said responsibility being totally assumed by the BUYER.
4. The parties agree that the recommendations relating to forest products harvesting known as BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ("BMPs") and referenced in the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) publication "Georgia's Best Management Practices for Forestry" and in the publication "Best Management Practices for Forested Wetland in Georgia" are binding upon and will be adhered to by the BUYER in accomplishing any and all forest products harvesting identified by this CONTRACT.

ARTICLE II. Obligations of the BUYER:

1. Agrees to pay the SELLER at the rate of
\$____ per ton for pine pulp-wood (wood specs: __ inch minimum top, __ inch minimum butt, __ feet minimum length)

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\$___ per ton for pine top-wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for pine chip & saw (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for pine saw-timber (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for hardwood pulp-wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)

\$___ per ton for biomass – fuel chips (branches and tress with a diameter less than 5 inches)

for the forest products designated for harvesting in ARTICLE I of this CONTRACT. Payment for forest products shall be made by the BUYER to the **Georgia Forestry Commission** at the time of harvest on a per-unit basis and mailed, along with a cutting report and sales record recapping the timber types, weights and payment classifications, to GA-DNR WRD Forest Management Unit, 2065 US HWY 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025, Attn: Chris Roberts. **Reference sale ID# 11372 on all checks.** The per-unit payments will be made weekly, unless otherwise authorized by the SELLER.

2. Agrees to pay SELLER for any biomass harvested:
 - a. Dead trees no longer merchantable as round-wood will be harvested and delivered to biomass markets, according to specifications indicated in Article II, paragraph 1 of this CONTRACT.
 - b. Tops and branches of merchantable harvested trees and will be harvested and delivered to biomass markets, according to specifications indicated in Article II, paragraph 1 of this CONTRACT.
 - c. Understory trees not meeting round-wood specifications but meeting fuel-chip specifications will be harvested and delivered to biomass energy markets, according to specifications indicated in Article II, paragraph 1 of this CONTRACT.
 - d. Payment for any harvested biomass will be made as indicated in Article II paragraph 1 of this CONTRACT. The SELLER also recognizes the benefit in removing this material in preparation for reforestation.
3. Agrees to pay the SELLER a performance bond equal to **\$5,000.00** upon the execution of this CONTRACT. The performance bond will be returned to the BUYER less any damages as determined by the terms within this CONTRACT. The SELLER shall have up to sixty (60) days from the termination of this CONTRACT to inspect the property and account to the BUYER for any balance due it from said bond.
4. Agrees to harvest the entire sale area per within twelve (12) months of execution of this CONTRACT (the "CONTRACT PERIOD") unless wet weather prevents/delays harvest. If harvesting operations are delayed or suspended due to weather conditions, as determined by the SELLER, time lost will be added to the CONTRACT PERIOD. In the event the BUYER is unable to harvest within the CONTRACT PERIOD, as it may be extended by agreement or weather conditions, the BUYER will forfeit the performance bond.
5. Will prior to the execution of this CONTRACT, provide to the SELLER and GFC proof of Worker's Compensation insurance coverage for all his/her employees and/or his/her agent's employees who will be performing work and General Liability insurance with limits of one

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million dollars/two million dollar aggregate; such coverage to be maintained throughout the CONTRACT PERIOD.

6. Will repair to original condition or pay for cost of replacement, any damage caused by the BUYER, to fences, roads or other improvements of the SELLER.
7. Will reimburse the SELLER for all costs borne by the SELLER and GFC in suppressing any wildfires or cost of wildfire damages incurred or caused by the BUYER or his/her agent upon lands subject to this CONTRACT.
8. Will indemnify, release, and hold the SELLER, the STATE OF GEORGIA, its various other units of government, its instrumentalities, and all officers, employees, and agents of the foregoing, harmless from and against all liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by them), causes of action, suits, demands, judgments, and claims of any nature whatsoever, arising from, by reason of or in connection with the operations hereunder; provided, however, no indemnitee shall be indemnified for the results of that indemnitee's sole negligence or, in the case of multiple negligence, for the share caused by the indemnitee's negligence.
9. Will remove all garbage, used lubricant, fuel, fluids and their containers daily, as a result of the BUYER's work involving this CONTRACT.

ARTICLE III. THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE:

1. The following work specifications are applicable and will be adhered to by the BUYER unless changes are approved by the SELLER.
Timber Harvest Specifications
 - a. Standing trees will become the property of the BUYER once they are severed from the stump and appropriate compensation will be paid by the BUYER according to the terms of this CONTRACT.
 - b. See Timber Harvest Plan Exhibit "A" for detailed instructions regarding this timber harvest.
 - c. Pine stumps shall be no more than six (6) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher. Hardwood stumps shall be no more than eight (8) inches above the original ground level or immediately above any butt swell, whichever is higher.
 - d. "Brows" or "Loading Decks" will be placed a specified distance from roads or highways to prevent visual contact of these areas. Decks shall be agreed upon by the BUYER and the SELLER prior to construction.
 - e. Any merchantable pulpwood, logs or other forest products cut by the BUYER but not hauled off within four (4) weeks thereafter shall be scaled by the SELLER while observed by a representative of the BUYER and the BUYER shall be charged at the rate of one and one quarter (1.25) times the rate reflected in Article 2, condition 1, and charged against the performance bond described in Article 2, condition 2. In addition to the afore mentioned penalty, if this wood is still merchantable, the BUYER shall deliver it to market and shall pay the SELLER based on the product category declared by the receiving mill and at the rates reflected in Article 2, condition 1.
 - f. Excessive damage to residual trees will be compensated for by the BUYER. The BUYER shall be charged at the rate of three (3) times the rates reflected in Article 2, condition 1, and charged against the performance bond described in Article 2, condition 2. Excessive damage will be determined by the SELLER.

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2. Wood Flow Accounting Procedures – The SELLER will provide the BUYER with load tickets which will operate as a security device and record for the timber cut under this CONTRACT. These load tickets will be subsequently numbered documents in multiple part forms. The BUYER will be responsible for completing the pertinent information on the form for each load, attaching one part (section 3) of the load ticket to the load of timber at the loading site, and depositing another part of the ticket (section 2) into a lock box at the site provided for by the SELLER. Section 1 of the load ticket will be kept in the ticket book by the BUYER. The BUYER shall have the loads weighed across any state certified or forest products industry scale, with the scale weight recorded on a written scale ticket. The BUYER shall attach (section 4) of the load ticket to the corresponding scale ticket for each week’s deliveries, with a cutting report and sales record recapping the timber types, weights and payment classifications and shall be mailed on a weekly basis to GA-DNR WRD Forest Management Unit 2065 US HWY 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025, Attn: Chris Roberts. Spot checks will be made by the SELLER or DNR in the field to make sure trailers are tagged properly. If the BUYER fails to produce load tickets and scale tickets that correspond to all load tickets used and deposited in the lock box, the BUYER shall pay the SELLER for each missing ticket at the rate of 24 tons of the highest value product in Article I. Any load tickets issued to the BUYER which are unused at completion of the sale must be returned to the SELLER. The BUYER is responsible for load tickets _____ **through** _____ for this CONTRACT.
3. If either party fails to cure any material breach (including, without limitation, failure to make a payment when due) within 30 days after written notice, the other party may suspend performance or terminate the Agreement and exercise any other legal rights or remedies.
4. The SELLER and GFC reserves the right to perform periodic inspections to determine whether or not the terms of this CONTRACT are being achieved and to suspend operation when weather conditions may result in damage to the site, until conditions improve. Timber Harvest Inspection form is attached as Exhibit “E.”
5. The BUYER will notify the SELLER at least two days prior to moving equipment onto the PROPERTY to commence logging operations and two days prior to completion of logging operations and removal of logging equipment.
6. The CONTRACT shall terminate when the BUYER receives a release of escrow letter from Georgia Forestry Commission stating timber harvest activities are satisfactorily completed or twelve (12) months from CONTRACT date, whichever first occurs, unless the CONTRACT is extended due to weather or the parties agree to an extension of time for removal of forest products covered under this CONTRACT.
7. No oral statement by any person shall be allowed to modify or change any written portion of this CONTRACT.
8. Any designated forest products, harvested or un-harvested, which remain on the sale area at the date this CONTRACT terminates, remain the property of the SELLER.
9. This CONTRACT shall not be assigned by the BUYER in whole or in part without the written consent of the SELLER. The SELLER shall approve, in writing, any new Buyer to the CONTRACT or any Buyer that is not named as the BUYER to this CONTRACT.
10. The parties agree that this CONTRACT is subject to the authority of the Georgia Forestry Commission, pursuant to O.C.G.A 12-6-6, to manage State forestlands and to oversee the sale of timber and other forest products grown on such lands.

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11. This CONTRACT shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia. The Superior Court of Fulton County shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any and all actions, suits, or other proceedings instituted to enforce the CONTRACT unless SELLER, in writing, decides that a different court has jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed signatures this _____ day of _____
20 _____ .

WITNESS: _____

BUYER: _____

DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____

SELLER: _____

DATE: _____

Exhibit "A"

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Forest Management Unit
Timber Harvest Plan**

Timber Sale Name: Fall Line Sandhills WMA FY'19 Thin/CC 198.2 Ac

Proposal Number:

Harvest Acreage: Thinning
 Timber Stand Improvement
 Clear-cut
 _____ Other: _____

Harvest System: Conventional
 _____ Cut to length

Note: A pre-harvest meeting is required between the GA DNR, timber buyer, and logger prior to any harvest activity. Notification is required 24-hours in advance of loggers moving on or off of the sale area.

Harvest Description:

General Information

This per ton timber harvest consists of a marked select leave tree thinning (TSI) and clear-cut of approximately 198.2 acres of planted pine. Approximately 99.3 acres will be TSI and 98.9 acres will be clearcut.

- This sale is marked to leave, with leave trees marked with blue paint, horizontal stripes (some faded to nearly white). Leave all blue painted trees although some leave trees will have to be harvested. Boundary trees on all harvest areas are marked with orange paint.
- The timber quality varies greatly across this tract. Some stands will be very healthy and other section may be poor. Trees not useable for whatever reason should be felled if it can be done safely but can be left on the deck or where felled.
- All trees not marked with blue/leave trees greater than 5" DBH that fall within the sale area should be cut or knocked down and merchantable trees should be hauled, including merchantable tops. All merchantable trees should be processed in a way that maximizes utilization based on the contract specifications.
- Avoid dropping any tree or debris in firebreaks or roads. All areas of the stands must be properly thinned even if it requires coming back in dryer conditions to harvest the wetter areas. All pine and hardwood should be cut and processed before proceeding to the next stand or area unless wet conditions prevent this.
- Rutting in the stands must be avoided.
- If healthy trees exist around gates then leave them in order to block traffic from driving around.
- Skidding across roads should be avoided and should be preapproved by GA DNR if deemed necessary.

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Streams

Avoid crossing any stream or man-made ditch or temporary wet area unless approved by FMU personnel.

Log Decks and Logging Slash

Only proposed log deck locations as indicated on sale maps are to be used. Loggers are encouraged to use the minimum number of decks as possible. Decks should be placed far enough off of roads to avoid impacting the roads. Trees should be run over with the skidder while in the woods and before being skid to the log deck in order to remove most limbs. Logging slash should be evenly distributed back into the stands. Hardwood slash that is too large and bulky to be taken back into the stands will need to be piled dirt free on the deck or in some other agreed upon opening. Slash piles should be at least 50 feet from residual trees. Remove logging slash from roads and firebreaks once a stand is harvested. Slash should not be distributed in the clearcut area. Slash from the clearcut area should be piled dirt free with the skidder.

Roads

Access to the timber harvest stands is gained from Parks Road and Fox Run Road, then through various WMA roads.

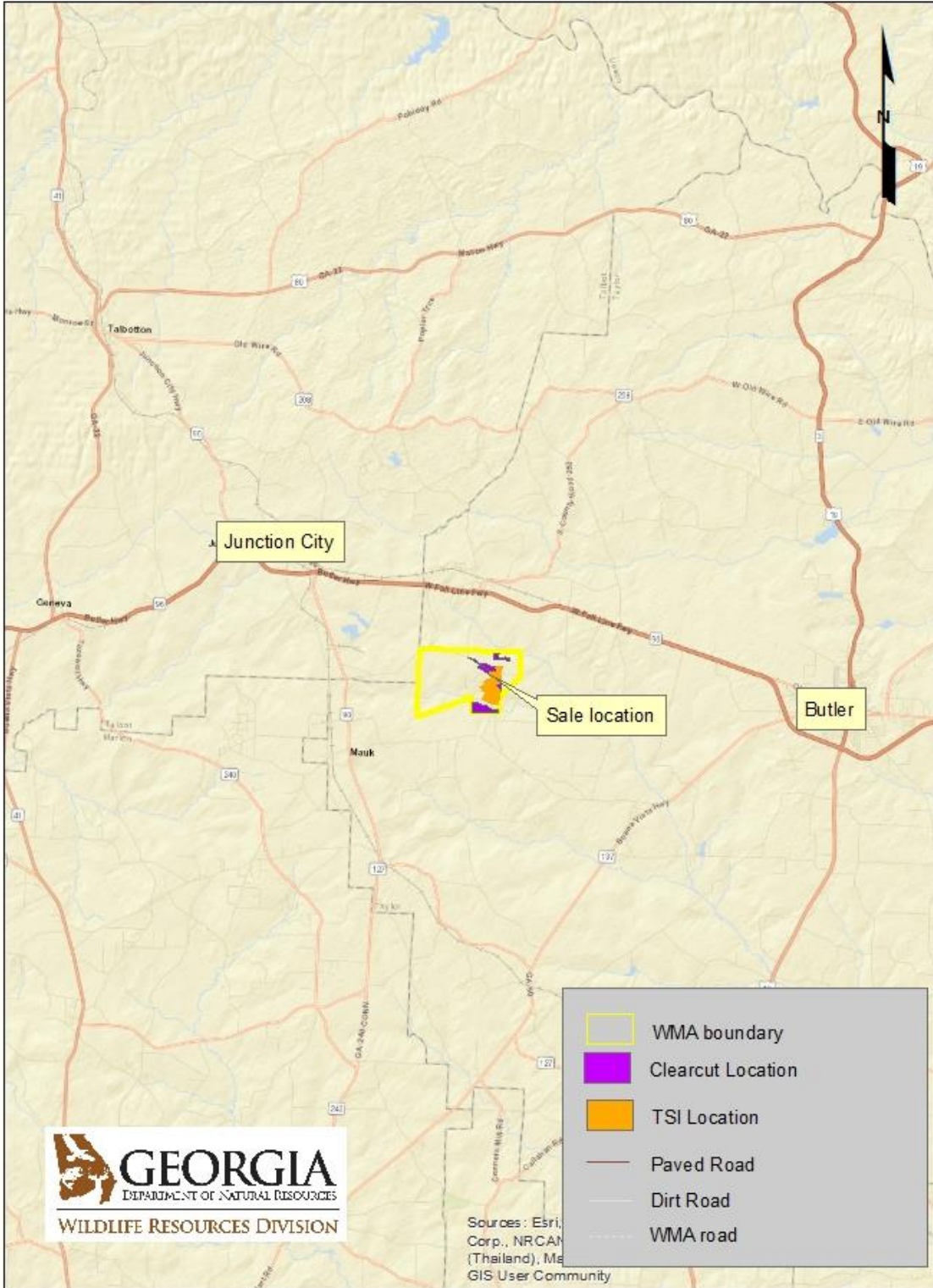
Harvest Restriction Dates

None.

Maps: See attachments in contract.

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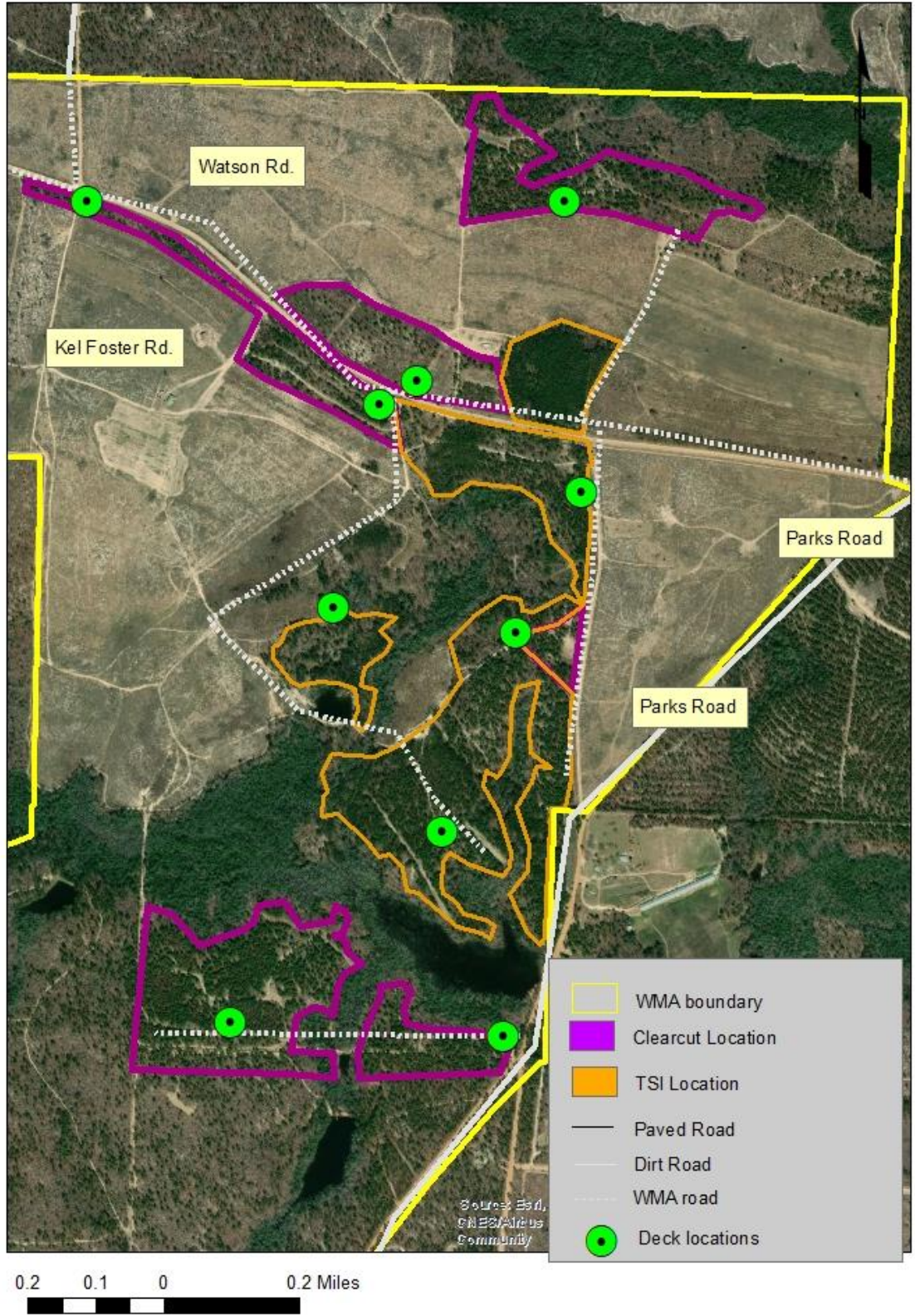
FY19 Fall Line Sandhills WMA West Tract Harvest Location Map



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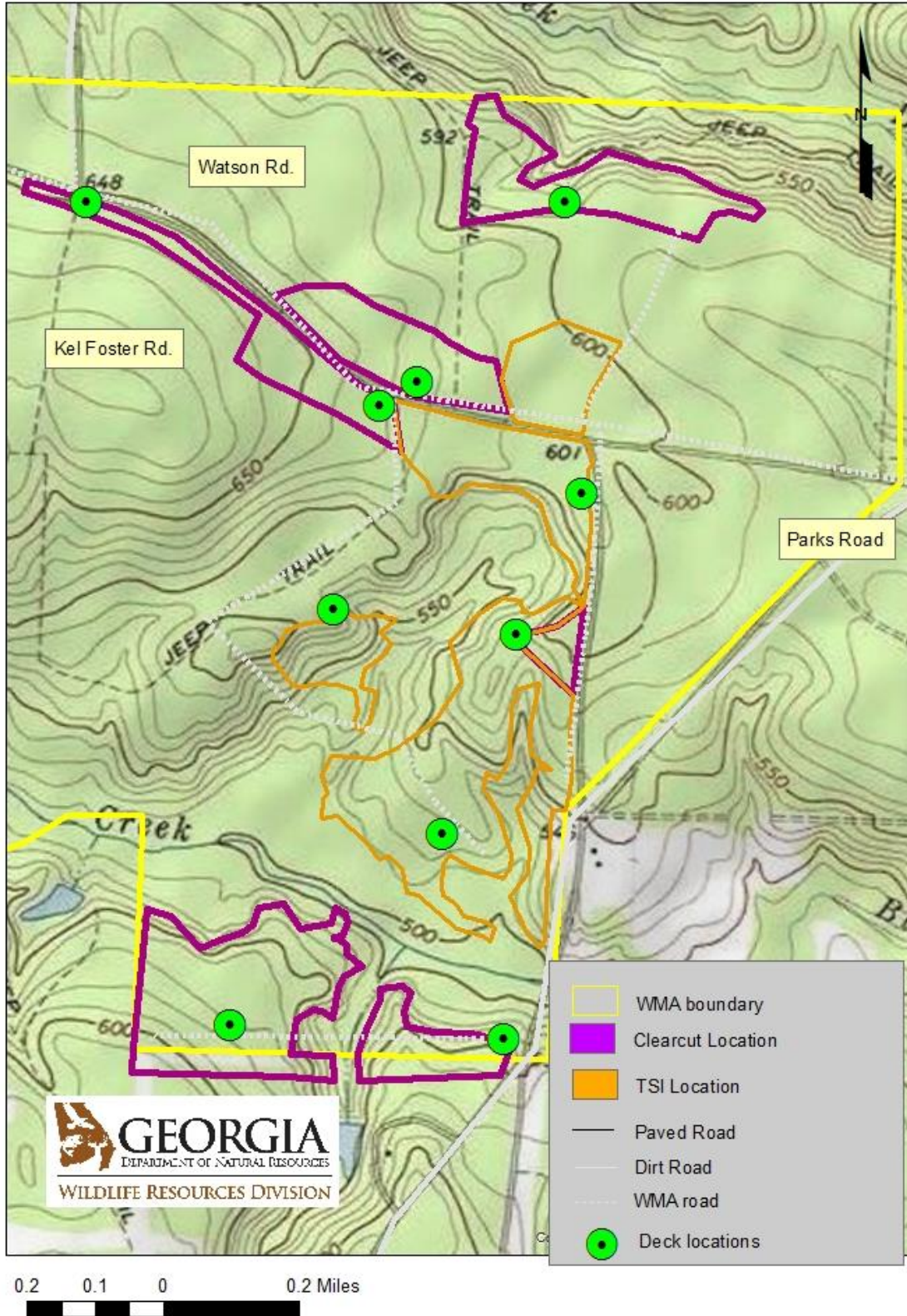
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FY19 Fall Line Sandhills WMA
West Tract
Aerial Map



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FY19 Fall Line Sandhills WMA
West Tract
Topo Map



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Exhibit "E"

Timber Harvest Inspection



Sale Name: _____
 Sale Type: _____
 Inspection Date: _____

Inspection Type:
 Weekly _____
 Final _____

	Yes	No	N/A	Follow-up	Date Completed
1 Safety					
A Operation being conducted in a safe manner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 Harvest					
A Stump heights acceptable	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B Satisfactory separation, utilization and trim of products	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C No excessive damage to residual trees	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D All designated trees cut	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E Load tickets properly filled out, displayed and documented	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F Log decks properly located and stabilized	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
G Harvest plan being followed	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 Roads					
A Entrance to public roads comply with ordinances	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B Ditches, dips and water turnouts functioning	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C State and county roads free from mud and debris	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D Road shoulders undamaged by logging equipment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E Roads properly maintained and stabilized	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 Streamside Management Zones					
A If harvesting in SMZ, soil disturbance is avoided	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B Number of stream crossings minimized	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C Streams free of sedimentation, tops and debris	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D Stream crossings are properly installed and stabilized	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E Proper culvert size used	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F Timber removal from SMZ follows prescription or state BMP guidelines	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5 Best Management Practices					
A Chemical or petroleum product spills absent	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B Skid trails minimized and on contour or slope of <25%	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C Temporary roads and skid trails closed and stabilized	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D Temporary stream crossings removed if no longer in use	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E Logging decks in compliance with state BMPs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F Road construction in compliance with state BMPs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
G Rutting in compliance with state BMPs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
H Trash properly disposed of	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6 Comments

Inspecting Forester: _____ Date: _____
 Contractor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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