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January 17, 2025
Notice of Timber Sale
Sale ID# 11570
Hart County

Dear Timber Buyer:

The Georgia Forestry Commission will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, for the unit sale of pine and hardwood on 123.67 acres of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property located on Hart County WMA in Hart County.

The sale area is located approximately six (6) miles southeast of Hartwell, GA. Access to the sale area is by State Route 77 Spur and Jones Road. Location is described more precisely on the attached maps. Location is further described by Georgia Atlas & Gazetteer page 23, block C8.

This timber sale consists of 111.31 acres of natural pine/hardwood to be thinned and 12.35 acres of natural pine/hardwood to be clear-cut (see contract for further harvest specifications). The total volume estimate is 995 tons of pine and 1,870 tons of hardwood. Product volumes will not be announced. Buyers are encouraged to make their own estimate of product breakdown. The area designated for thinning is marked to leave in orange paint with sale boundaries marked with a double diagonal blue mark. Sale boundaries for the clear-cut areas are marked with a vertical mark of blue paint. Fuel-wood chipping of residual tops and pre-merchantable stems is required. See the attached "Timber Harvest Contract" for detailed instructions on this timber harvest.

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 Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Georgia Forestry Commission's Elbert County Unit Office located 1065 Jones Ferry Road Elberton GA 30635 (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 "Hart County WMA FY25 #11570 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, other than price, 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 "Hart County WMA FY25 #11570 Bid Sale" on front of envelope and must arrive on the day before the sale. Faxed or phoned bids will not be accepted.
3. Bid forms must be signed in order to be accepted.
4. A check made payable to the **Georgia Forestry Commission** in the amount of \$2,500.00 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 total performance bond amount will be \$2,500.00.

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A sample contract, bid form and maps of the 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 the bid date. Additional road work that may be required must be approved by GA DNR and will be the buyer’s responsibility. The gate has a combination lock; the code is **3-0-0-6**. Please close and lock gates upon leaving the property. For questions regarding the bid process contact Ben Hammond, GFC, at 706-612-3729. For questions specific to the sale area contact Chris Roberts, GA DNR, at 770-686-4571.

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

Sincerely,
Ben Hammond
Ben Hammond, RF
Staff Forester



1065 Jones Ferry Rd
Elberton GA 30635

Hart County WMA FY25 #11570
Bid Location Map
Thursday February 13, 2025
11:00 AM



Map data ©2025 Google 2000 ft

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION - TIMBER BID FORM
Hart County WMA FY25 Thinning & Clear-cut Sale ID# 11570

COMPANY NAME: _____

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					
Hardwood pallet-wood					
Hardwood saw timber					
Fuel-wood 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 \$2,500.00 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. Harvesting operations will begin on _____.

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
HART COUNTY WMA FY25 Sale# 11570
Thinning & Clear-cut**

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HART**

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 _____ 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 123.67 acres, is located approximately six (6) miles southeast of Hartwell, Georgia on Hart County WMA off State Route 77 Spur and Jones Road. The specific sites are designated on the attached maps as Exhibits “A”, “B” & “C” 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” 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)

\$___ 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, ___ minimum length)

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

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

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

\$___ per ton for fuel chips (wood specs: long enough for operators and equipment to process)

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** as follows:

Payment is to be made to: The **Georgia Forestry Commission** 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# 11570 on all checks.** The per-unit payments will be made weekly, unless otherwise authorized by the SELLER.

2. Agrees to pay the SELLER a performance bond equal to **\$2,500.00** 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 million dollars/two million dollar aggregate; such coverage to be maintained throughout the CONTRACT PERIOD.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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 Exhibit A, Timber Harvest Plan, for detailed timber harvest instructions.
 - 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. 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.
 - e. 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
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 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 _____.

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 "D."
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.
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 _____ 2025.

WITNESS: _____

BUYER: _____

DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____

SELLER: _____

DATE: _____

Exhibit A

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Unit Timber Harvest Plan

Timber Sale Name: Hart Co. WMA Sale 11570
Proposal Number:

Harvest Acreage: Clear-cut 12+/- acres
Thinning 111+/- acres

Harvest System: Conventional
 Chipping

Harvest Description: **General Information**

This is a per unit sale. The thinning area sale boundary is marked with a double diagonal blue stripe. The clear-cut sale boundary is marked with a vertical blue stripe. The property line is marked with yellow paint and pink flagging. There will be no harvesting in SMZs.

Clear-cuts

All stems 4" or greater are to be harvested from these areas. All residual tops and pre-merchantable stems are to be chipped.

Thinning

All trees marked with an orange diagonal stripe are leave trees. All residual tops and pre-merchantable stems are to be chipped. Extra care and caution should be exercised around leave trees to prevent damage.

Log Decks and Logging Slash

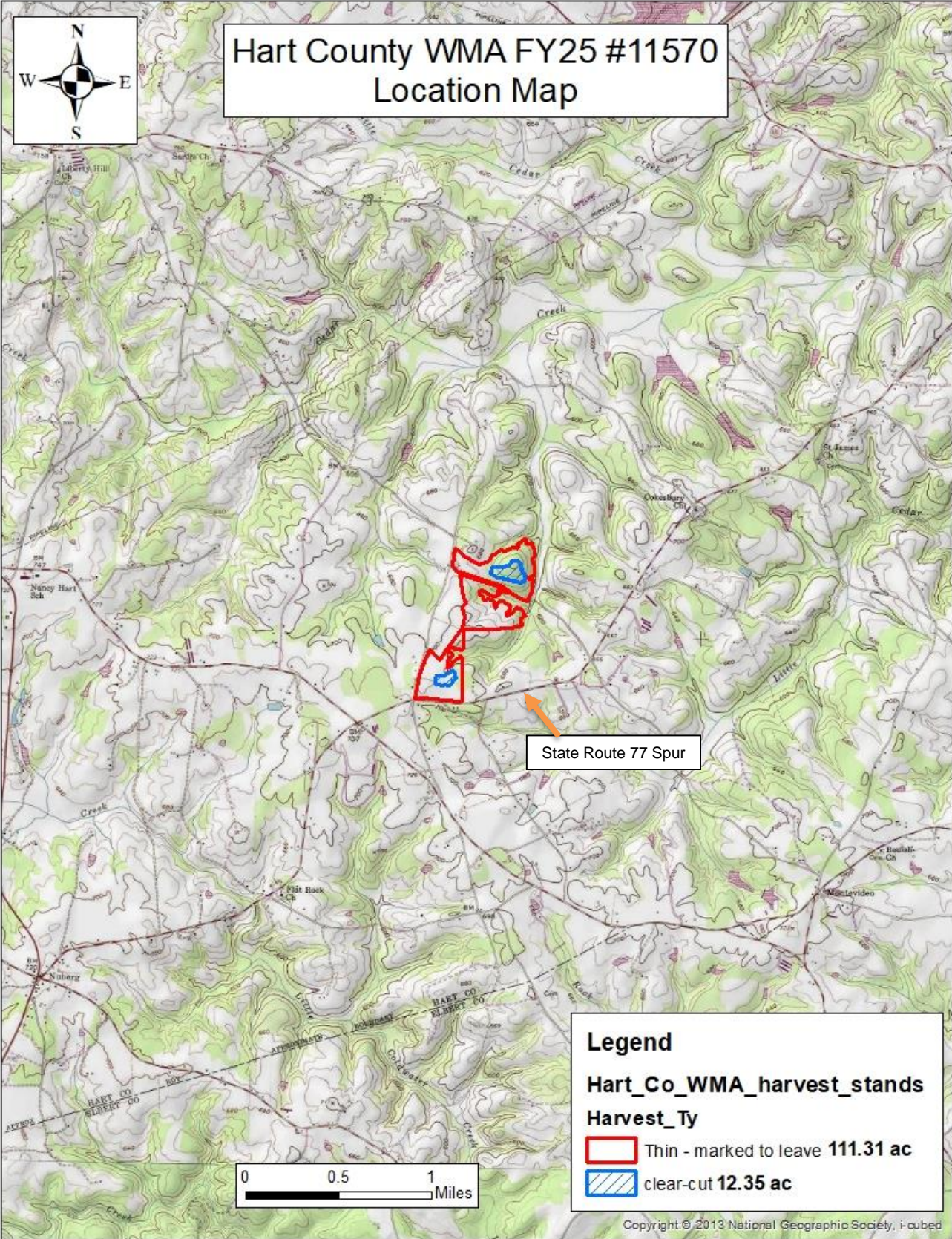
Log deck locations will be approved by DNR forester (see attached maps).

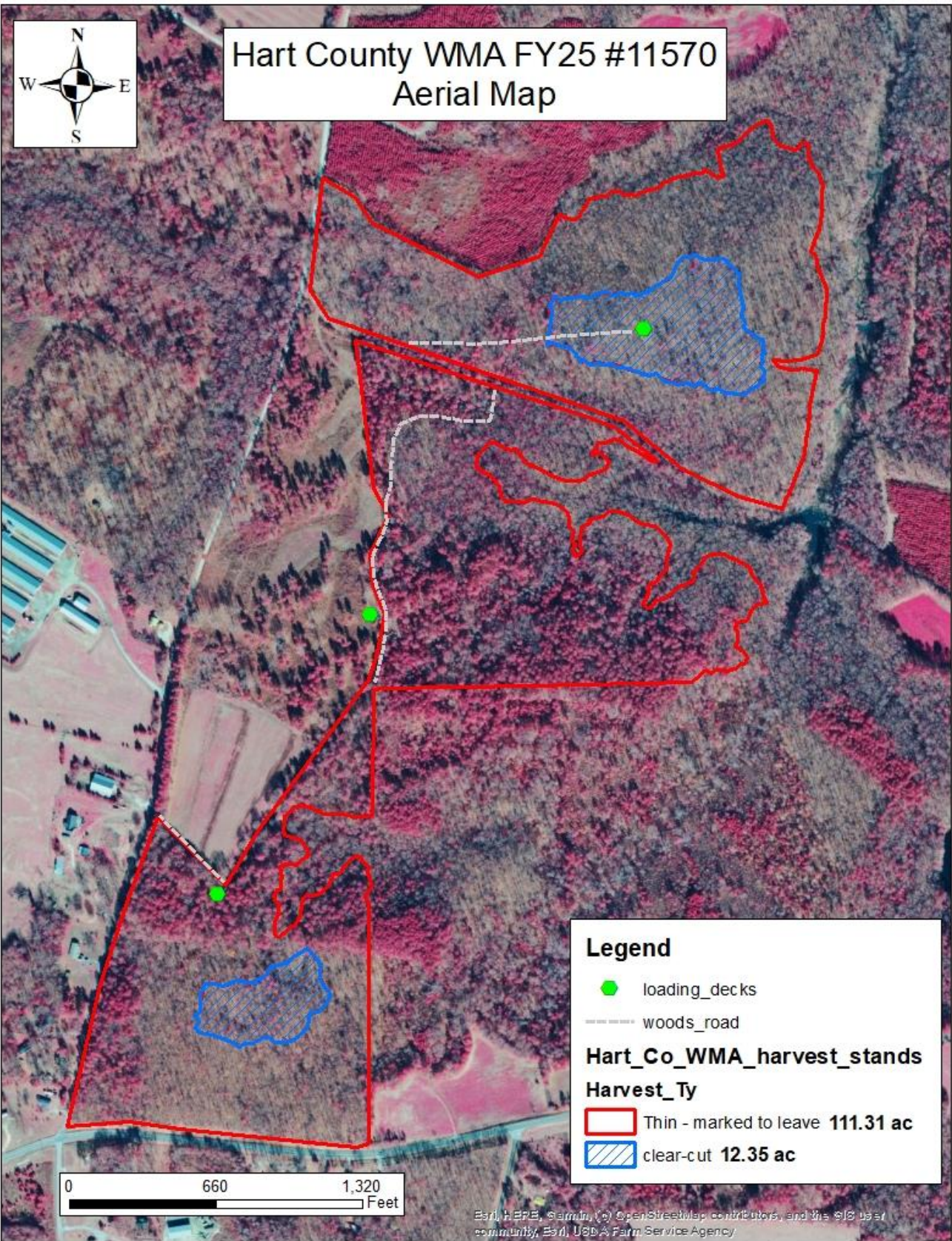
Only enough slash will be left on decks to minimize erosion. Most of the remaining slash is to be chipped with the remainder to be used to stabilize any skid trails.

Roads

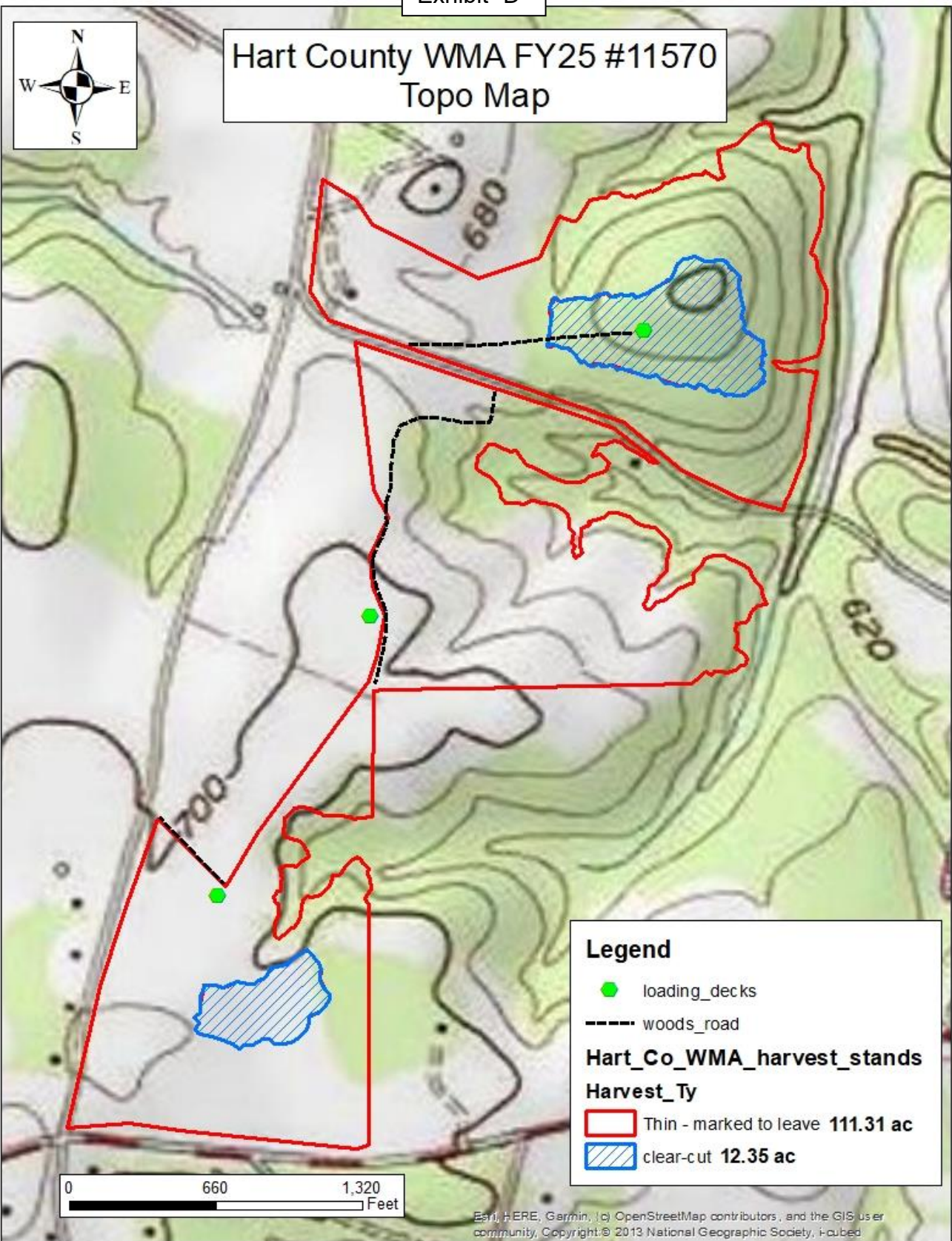
Any additional roadwork, gravel, or rock needed on this tract will be the buyer's responsibility.

Exhibit "B"





Hart County WMA FY25 #11570 Topo Map



Legend

● loading_decks

----- woods_road

Hart_Co_WMA_harvest_stands

Harvest_Ty

□ Thin - marked to leave 111.31 ac

▨ clear-cut 12.35 ac

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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: _____