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February 4, 2026
Notice of Timber Sale
Dooly County

Dear Timber Buyer:

The Georgia Forestry Commission will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, for the unit sale (per ton by product) of pine and an incidental volume of cypress and hardwood on 54.56 acres located on the Georgia Forestry Commission's Flint River Nursery in Dooly County.

The sale area is located approximately four (4) miles southwest of Byromville, GA; location is described more precisely on the attached maps. The location is further described by Georgia Atlas & Gazetteer page 39, block B8.

This timber sale consists of 22.41 acres of loblolly pine seed orchard to be clear-cut, 16.16 acres of loblolly pine seed orchard to be thinned, 10.65 acres of young slash pine to be clear-cut, 3.37 acre of bald cypress to be thinned and 1.97 acres of yellow poplar to be thinned. See the attached "Timber Harvest Contract" for detailed instructions on this timber harvest.

Our estimate of total timber volume is 1,732 tons of pine within the seed orchards for roundwood harvesting and 150 tons in the remaining areas for roundwood or chipping. Volume is not guaranteed. The stands apart from the pine orchards may be chipped instead of roundwood harvested.

Due to nursery plans, the contract period for harvesting and removing the forest products is four months.

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 Monday, March 2, 2026, at the Flint River Nursery Office located at 9850 River Road, Byromville, GA 31007 (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 "GFC FRN FY26 #11636 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.). Submit only one price per product category. **Incomplete bid forms will be invalid and will not be given consideration in the bid process.**
2. Mailed bids should be clearly marked "GFC FRN FY26 #11636 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 \$1,000.00 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.

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 GFC representative when making periodic inspections of harvesting operations. **Notice: Be sure to read through the “Timber Harvest Contract.”** Contract signing will occur no later than seven (7) days after bid opening. Additional road work that may be required must be approved by GFC and will be buyer’s responsibility. For questions contact Ben Hammond, GFC, at 706-612-3729.

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

Sincerely,
Ben Hammond
Ben Hammond, RF
Staff Forester

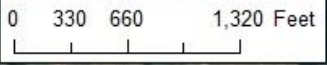


Georgia Forestry Commission
Flint River Nursery
FY26 #11636 Timber Sale
Bid Location Map



Legend

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Prepared by
Ben Hammond, RF



GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION - TIMBER BID FORM
Flint River Nursery FY26 Sale ID# 11636

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Products	Price Per Ton	Minimum Top Size	Minimum Butt Size	Min. or Meas. Length	Quality Specs.
Pine Pulpwood					
Hdwd Pulpwood					
Bald Cypress					
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. To validate this bid, a bid deposit in the form of a \$1,000.00 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 FORESTRY COMMISSION
TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT
FOR
STATE-OWNED LANDS
FLINT RIVER NURSERY FY26 CLEAR-CUT & THINNING
Sale ID# 11636**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Dooly

This **TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT** (the “**CONTRACT**”) is made and entered into by and between the **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION**, 5645 Riggins Mill Road, Dry Branch, GA 31020 hereinafter referred to as the “**SELLER**”, and _____ of _____, herein 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 54.56 acres, is located approximately four (4) miles southwest of Byromville, Georgia on the Flint River Nursery property. See “Timber Harvest Specifications” below for detailed harvest instructions. The specific site is 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) Timber shall be harvested according to “Timber Harvest Specifications” below.
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 hardwood pulp wood (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)
 - \$___ per ton for bald cypress (wood specs: ___ inch minimum top, ___ inch minimum butt, ___ feet minimum length)
 - \$___ per ton for fuel-wood chips (wood specs: _____)

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 Georgia Forestry Commission 5645 Riggins Mill Rd Dry Branch, GA 31020, Attn: Anna Bass.

Reference sale ID# 11636 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 **\$1,000.00** 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.
3. Agrees to harvest the entire sale area per within four (4) 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. Within the 22.41 acres of planted loblolly pine seed orchard (outlined in yellow on Exhibit "B"), all merchantable timber is to be harvested.

- b. Within the 16.16 acres of planted loblolly pine seed orchard (outlined in blue on Exhibit "B"), all merchantable timber marked with blue paint is to be harvested.
 - c. Within the 10.65 acres of young planted slash pine (outlined in orange on Exhibit "B"), all merchantable timber is to be harvested either as roundwood or chipping.
 - d. Within the 3.37 acres of planted bald cypress (outlined in green on Exhibit "B"), all merchantable timber not marked with orange paint is to be harvested either as roundwood or chipping.
 - e. Within the 1.97 acres of planted yellow poplar (outlined in purple on Exhibit "B"), every other row is to be harvested either as roundwood or chipping.
 - f. No skinning/damage to residual trees within the thinning areas, especially the pine seed orchard, will be acceptable. BUYER is to exercise caution within these areas.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Location of loading decks will be approved by SELLER.
 - i. Non-merchantable limbs and tops will be left in manageable piles to facilitate future burning. No piles of limbs and tops will be deposited within 100 feet of standing trees.
 - j. 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.
 - k. 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 Georgia Forestry Commission 5645 Riggins Mill Rd, Dry Branch, GA 31020, Attn: Anna Bass. 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 _____ 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 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 48 hours prior to moving logging equipment onto PROPERTY to commence timber harvesting operations and 48 hours prior to completion of timber harvesting operations and removal of logging equipment.
6. The CONTRACT shall terminate when the BUYER receives a release of escrow letter from SELLER stating timber harvest activities are satisfactorily completed or four (4) 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 forested lands 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 their signatures this _____ day of _____ 2026.

WITNESS: _____

BUYER: _____

DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____

SELLER: _____

DATE: _____

Exhibit "A"

Flint River Nursery
FY26 11636 Timber Sale
54.56 acres Location Map

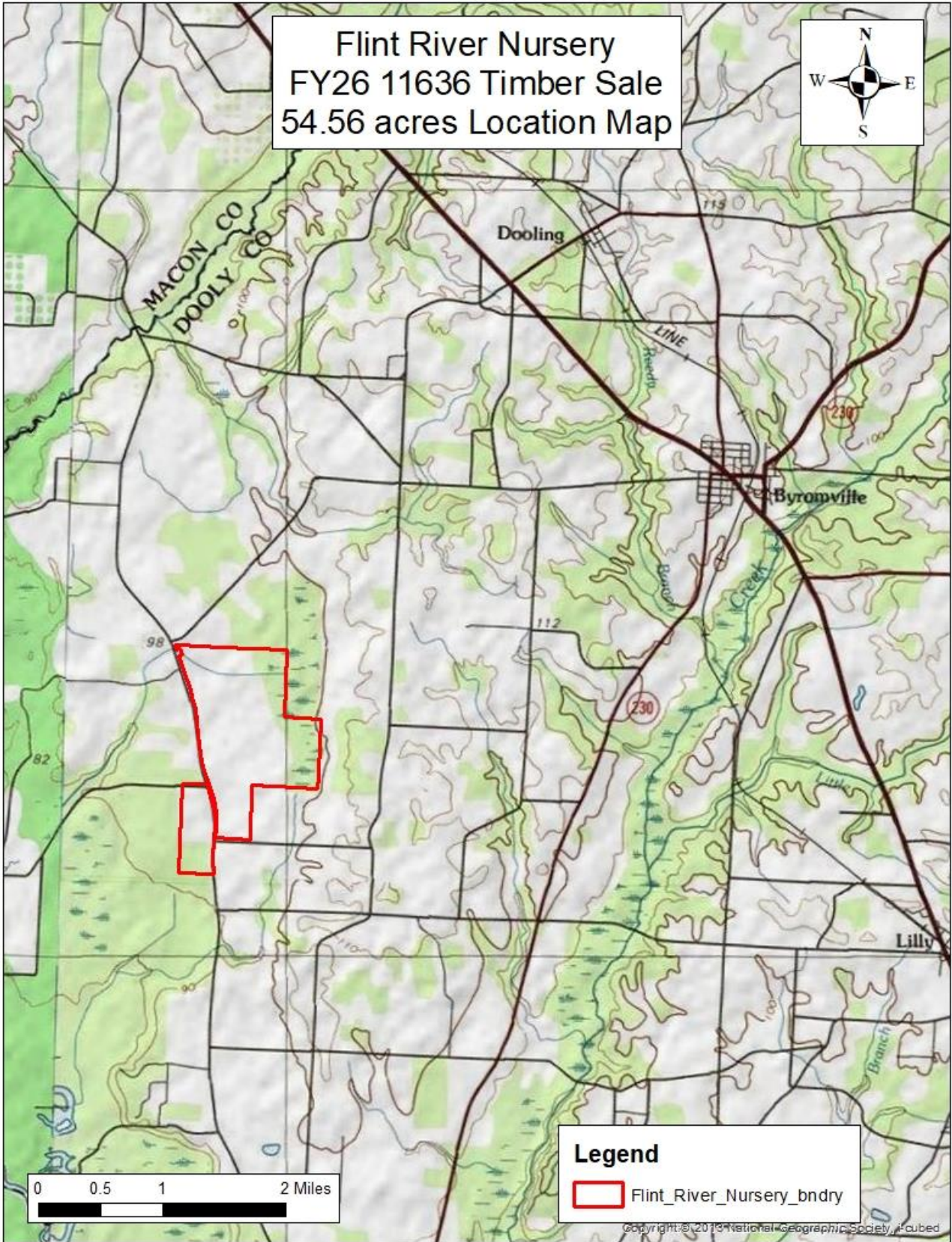


Exhibit "B"

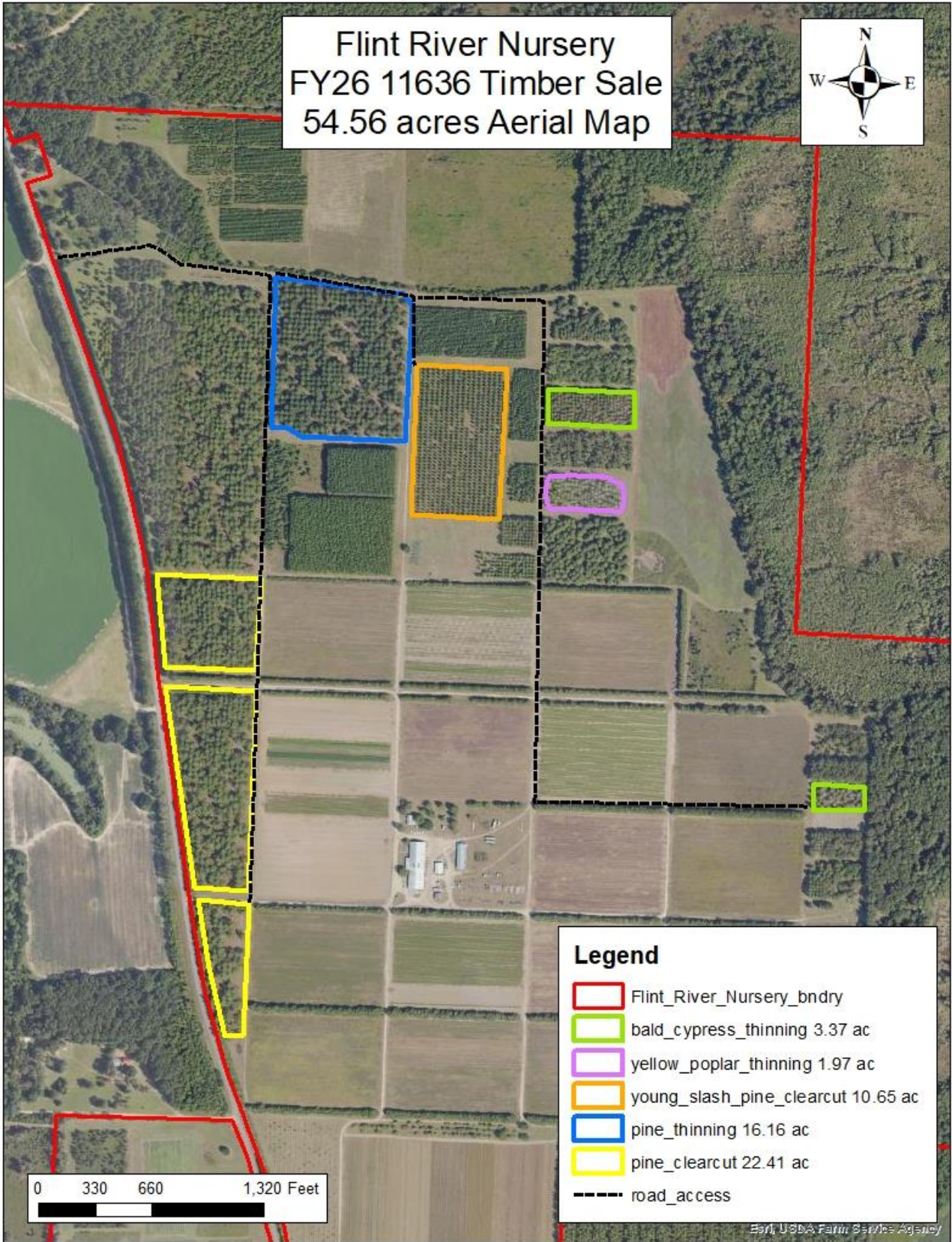


Exhibit "C"

