



Itasca County Logger Meeting - Timber Sale Policy Update -

COUNTY BOARDROOM
GRAND RAPIDS, MN
MAY 25, 2022
6:00-7:00 PM

BIGFORK TOWN HALL
BIGFORK, MN
MAY 26, 2022
6:00-7:00 PM

Timber Sale Policy Update

Primary Updates:

- ▶ Combining *five* timber-related policies (from 1990's):
 - ▶ Timber Sale Policy
 - ▶ Extension Policy
 - ▶ Security Policy
 - ▶ Indemnification and Insurance Policy
 - ▶ Accounts Receivable Policy

Logger Survey 2021

- ▶ Nearly 70% of loggers had 0 to 5 employees
- ▶ Majority support Regular & Intermediate auctions
- ▶ Majority dis-satisfied with Intermediate auction
- ▶ Majority of loggers do not oppose limiting Intermediate sales to bidders with 30 or less employees
- ▶ Numerous comments on affiliated operations

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Primary Updates:

- ▶ Regular Extension: 10% permit balance toward stumpage payment.
- ▶ Bidder Eligibility: MN DNR Qualified Purchaser List.
- ▶ Intermediate Auctions:
 - ▶ Duration is 3 years.
 - ▶ Limited to bidders having 30 or fewer employees.

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- ▶ Logger Survey: Fall/ Winter 2021
- ▶ Draft Policy: Winter/ Spring 2022
- ▶ Logger Meetings:
 - ▶ Grand Rapids, County Boardroom; May 25, 2022
 - ▶ Bigfork, Bigfork Town Hall; May 26, 2022
- ▶ Comment Period through June 30, 2022
- ▶ Final Policy & Approval: July 2022