



## VILAS COUNTY FOREST, RECREATION, & LAND DEPARTMENT

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### NEWS RELEASE/ PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

**FROM:** Al Murray, Vilas County Forest Administrator

**RE:** Vilas County Forest Spring Timber Sale Offerings

**VILAS COUNTY HAS 13 TRACTS OF TIMBER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE WITH BID OPENINGS SET FOR 9:00 A.M. JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

Bids will be received by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee for the purchase of stumps on multiple descriptions of County owned lands. Interested parties may find documents and maps of the timber sale areas on the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land website.

There are thirteen (13) tracts of timber for sale in the following Towns: Cloverland, Conover, and Plum Lake. The harvest areas are comprised of approximately 512 acres.

Management of the Vilas County Forest is third-party certified. Expected **minimum** timber sale revenue to the County from these sales is slightly over \$164,000. 10% of this timber sale revenue is returned to the Townships containing County Forest, 10% of the money is retained by the department for land purchases or development of recreational sites, and the remainder of the money is deposited to the County general fund for various services which the County provides. In 2020, \$64,351.71 was returned to the Towns and County general fund off-sets provided tax relief averaging \$27.58 for each \$200,000 home in Vilas County. These timber sales provide employment opportunities for many logging, trucking and wood using companies. Timber sales income has been integral to provide funding for grant cost share requirements for County Forest Parks and Recreation projects including the creation and expansion of the Torch Lake Campground.

Please contact me at 715-479-5160 or by email at [almurr@vilascountywi.gov](mailto:almurr@vilascountywi.gov) for more information.

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