



ASH REMOVAL BID OVERVIEW

Voorhees SP/Swartswood SP



To whom it may concern, the NJ Forest Service is proposing two separate bids for ash removal on two state parks—Voorhees State Park and Swartswood State Park. Important information for these bids is highlighted below.

- **WHAT** is the material?
 - Ash ranging in size from **6 to 30+ inches in diameter** marked with yellow paint
- **WHERE** is it located?
 - **High-use areas** in Voorhees State Park, Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County
 - **High-use areas** in Swartswood State Park, Stillwater Township, Sussex County
- **WHERE** do you find the bid packets?
 - **Online** at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/u-n-m.html>
 - **In print** attached with this packet
- **WHEN** should the bid(s) be submitted by?
 - **July 10th, 2017 at 10:00AM**
- **HOW** can you submit the bid(s)?
 - **Email** to Samantha Hensen at: Samantha.Hensen@dep.nj.gov
 - **Mail** to:

ATTN: Voorhees SP Firewood Bid **OR** Swartswood SP Firewood Bid
NJ Forest Service - SLM
Mail Code 501-04
P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Field visit** to the areas are **advised** and may be scheduled upon request
- Timing restrictions limit **harvesting** to take place only **between October 1 and March 31**
- General **harvesting contract provisions** can also be found online at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/u-n-m.html>

(Please return)

BID
Voorhees State Park
Ash Removal
Firewood Harvest

The minimum acceptable bid for this sale is \$0.

If you are not bidding, **please continue to fill out the supplemental information update below.**

I hereby submit a bid of \$_____ for cutting rights to this sale.

BIDDER_____TELEPHONE_____

SIGNATURE_____DATE_____

ADDRESS_____

WITNESS_____

SIGNATURE_____DATE_____

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION UPDATE

NAME_____

CURRENT E-MAIL _____

CURRENT TELEPHONE _____

SOLE PROPRIETOR (circle one): Y / N

TYPICAL OPERATING ACREAGE (Circle one or more):

0-5 5-10 10-25 25-50 50-75 75-100 100+ Other: _____

TYPICAL OPERATING VOLUME - CORDS (Circle one or more):

0-50 50-100 100-500 500-1,000 1,000+ Other: _____

TYPICAL SIZE MATERIAL - DIAMETER (Circle one or more):

0-6 6-12 12-18 18-24 24+ Other: _____

TYPICAL SPECIES CUT/UTILIZED (Circle one or more):

Pine Oak Atlantic white-cedar Ash Mixed Hardwoods Maple Mixed Other: _____

CUTTING METHOD (Circle one or more): Chainsaw Mechanized

REASON FOR NO BID (Circle one or more):

Insurance Req. Access Acreage Volume Species Time Restrict. Other: _____

BID SHEET

June 2, 2017

Bids are to be returned in the enclosed envelope and addressed to: NJ Forest Service - SLM, Mail Code 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, to the attention of Voorhees SP Firewood Bid.

Inspection of the sale area is strongly recommended prior to bidding – **showing of the sale area is available by appointment. You may contact Assistant Regional Forester Samantha Hensen at 609-292-1206 to schedule an appointment (please provide notice one day in advance).**

Bids will be accepted until and opened on **July 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM – Northern Region Forest Service Office, Andover, New Jersey.**

The State retains the right, as Owner to reject any or all bids received. It is agreed that the terms of this prospectus are part of the contractual obligation to follow. The Purchaser shall maintain public liability, property damage, vehicle liability, and worker's compensation insurance on the subject property with an insurance company authorized and approved to do business in the State of New Jersey in the following amounts naming the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection as an "Additional Insured": Worker's Compensation \$1,000,000 (**if the bidder/contractor is listed as a sole proprietor and has no employees we would not require the worker's compensation amount listed**); Comprehensive Liability \$1,000,000 – Bodily, \$1,000,000 – Property; Vehicle Liability Bodily/Property Combined \$1,000,000.

A certificate of such coverage shall be delivered to the Seller prior to the Purchaser commencing work.

Contract signing will take place no later than **July 27, 2017**. Work cannot begin until **October 1, 2017**.

Successful bidder will be required to post a \$750.00 returnable performance deposit at contract signing as a guarantee for satisfactory completion of the harvesting contract, along with a non-refundable check for the total bid amount, made out to Treasurer – State of New Jersey.

VOORHEES STATE PARK
Ash Removal
LEBANON TWP., HUNTERDON CO.
June 2, 2017

Ash trees standing on approximately **19 acres** in the Voorhees State Park are available for harvest. The total estimated standing volume is approximately 127 cords of ash species. A total of approximately **127 cords of ash** (see attached activity map and stand and stock table) is available for bid.

The sale area is located through the main gate in the northern end of the Voorhees SP campground area and day use areas. Access to the park is located off of County Route 513 across from the Voorhees High School.

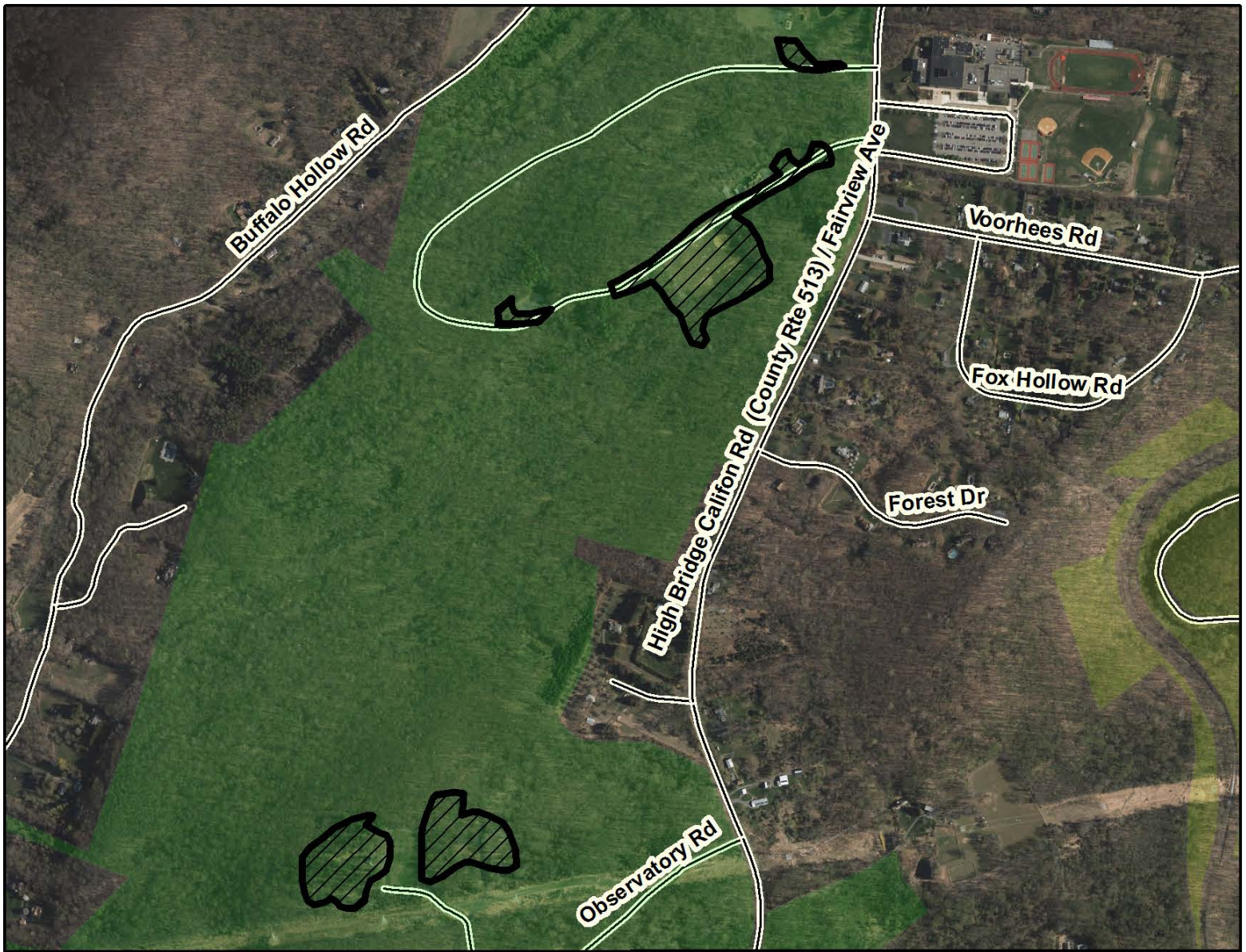
All ash trees located in high use areas marked in yellow paint are to be harvested. Work cannot begin until **October 1, 2017**.

Payment for this sale (if above \$0) includes one non-refundable check paid in a lump sum to "Treasurer – State of New Jersey". At contract signing the full payment shall be due along with a separate refundable performance check for \$750. A minimum acceptable bid for the total sale is **\$0**. The State retains the right as owners, to reject any and all bids received.

Ash Removal
(19 acres)

ASH TO BE REMOVED	
DIAMETER	COUNT
6	5
8	16
10	25
12	44
14	68
16	34
18	53
20	24
22	18
24	11
26	4
28	6
30+	9

*See Harvesting Provisions for further sale details.



Activity Map

AGENCY: New Jersey Forest Service

DATE: 2017-05-02

PROPERTY: Voorhees State Park

COUNTY: Hunterdon

TOWNSHIP: Lebanon

ACREAGE: 19 acres

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

High-use areas in Voorhees State Park, particularly the campgrounds and day use areas contain a high density of ash trees. Through a statewide initiative to combat/slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), all parks and forests are looking to remove ash trees within high use areas.

RF SCALE: 1:12,000

SCALE: 1 inch = 1000 feet

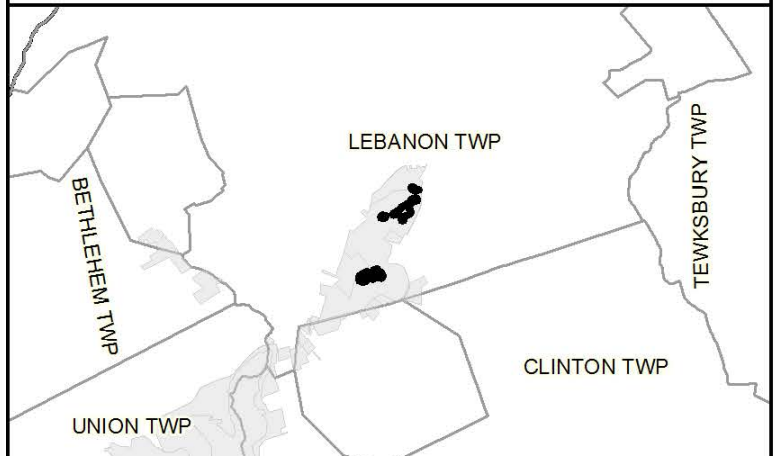
COUNTY: Hunterdon

USGS TOPO QUAD(S): HIGH BRIDGE - 46



1,000
Feet

 Activity Area



Harvesting Provisions
Voorhees State Park
Ash Removal
June 2, 2017

The Purchaser hereby covenants and agrees with the Seller as follows:

1. The Seller, for and in consideration of the payment by the Purchaser of \$ _____ for specified selected portion(s) of ash trees, agrees to allow the Purchaser to enter upon the above described tract for the purpose of cutting and removing there from such wood as included in the terms of this contract, and grants permission for the use of designated routes for the removal of such wood from said property. Payment shall be made as follows:
 - a) Non-refundable payment for 100 percent of the total bid amount, along with a refundable performance deposit of seven-hundred, fifty dollars (\$750) is to be paid at contract signing, no later than **July 27, 2017**.
 - b) Payment shall be in the form of a check or money order made out to **Treasurer – State of New Jersey**.
 - c) Harvesting shall **NOT begin before**
 - i. The contract is signed;
 - ii. The following are received by the NJ Forest Service (by mail to Mail Code 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625 or fax to 609-984-0378, to the attention of William Zipse, Regional Forester): the non-refundable payment for the sale as bid, a separate check for the refundable performance deposit, and a copy of the Purchaser's insurance certificate;
 - iii. New Jersey Forest Service confirms in writing receipt of the items listed above. Receipt of confirmation shall constitute authorization for the harvesting to commence.
 - d) The entire harvesting operation shall be **completed by March 31, 2019** at which time, this contract expires.
 - e) This contract is non-assignable and a deposit of seven hundred, fifty Dollars (\$750.00) shall be given by the Purchaser to the Seller as a guarantee for the faithful performance of this contract, upon signing same.
 - f) It is understood and agreed that this deposit shall not be applied as payment for wood, but shall be returned by the Seller to the Purchaser at such time this agreement has been successfully completed in accordance with the Harvesting Provisions.
2. The Purchaser shall cut and remove said wood in compliance with the following instructions:
 - a) Ash trees marked in yellow paint within the campsite/day use areas are to be cut.

- b) The Purchaser shall pay to seller as liquidated damages thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each tree that is cut or damaged in violation of this contract.
- c) The slash produced as a result of the logging activities shall not exceed three (3) feet in height throughout the contract period. Stumps produced by tree felling shall be as low to the ground as possible.
- d) The Purchaser shall exercise all reasonable care against the origin and spread of fire on the property, and shall use his/her entire force to extinguish any fire found on the same. All slash shall be kept at least one hundred feet (100') away from the roads and twenty-five feet (25') away from all plowed firelines.
- e) No felled trees are to be left hanging in other trees and must be pulled down as they occur.
- f) Avoid the felling of trees onto the forest roads or trails. Roads and trails must be left clean of all trees, branches, and slash no later than the end of each business day.
- g) No skidding, hauling, or driving will be allowed on or across roads or trails.
- h) The Purchaser shall, to their best efforts, minimize the size and number of landings utilized for the harvesting activities.
- i) During adverse weather conditions or highly inundated periods, harvesting activities should be ceased until conditions are improved thereby minimizing rutting and/or additional ecological impacts.
- j) All activities shall conform to acceptable standards defined in "Timber Harvesting Guidelines for New Jersey", published by the New Jersey Chapter - Society of American Foresters, New Jersey Forestry Association, and the NJ Forest Service.
- k) All applicable forestry and wetlands Best Management Practices shall be implemented during harvest activities according to the "New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Management Practices Manual" created by the New Jersey Bureau of Forest Management (1995).
- l) All applicable State Forest rules and regulations shall be complied with during the contract period.
- m) All work is to be done under the direction of a New Jersey Forest Service representative, and his/her instructions shall be carried out in detail.
- n) Only the Purchaser and individuals under his/her employ are permitted to conduct selling and/or processing of harvested timber at the deck sites.
- o) All companies purchasing wood from the successful bidder, while on state property, will be required to provide proof of adequate insurance coverage, including liability, property damage, and Workman's Compensation, and also be required to obtain a special use permit from the State Forest Superintendent.

- p) The Purchaser is solely responsible for the protection and well-being of any equipment left on site.
- q) All equipment used onsite will be washed before and after work is complete to avoid the spread of invasive species.
- r) Garbage and trash, i.e. paper bags, boxes, oil cans, etc., will be **cleaned up daily** and removed from the state forest.
- s) Because of wildlife considerations, **harvesting operations (felling and removal) can only take place between October 1 and March 31.**