

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

1974 BURN AREA

PERE MARQUETTE STATE PARK

The Division of Forestry recommends that a commercial timber harvest be carried out on the 1974 Burn Area. This proposal has been endorsed by and includes input from all disciplines within the Department of Conservation. In addition, it has been discussed by the current Master Management Plan Task Force for Pere Marquette. No objections of a technical nature have been raised against the use of harvesting in this instance.

In the Master Management Plan now being developed, the Burn Area is included in the Natural Resource Zone. Objectives for this zone include the following: "conserve and manage the ... natural resources... in order to maintain or restore the site's semi-wilderness character, forest wildlife habitats, soil stability, water quality...". The Division of Forestry holds that harvesting, with proper safeguards, is a sound management tool with which to help achieve site objectives on the Burn Area. In this case, the specific aims of harvesting are:

- Salvage
- Sanitation
- Habitat Improvement
- Forest Rehabilitation

The Area:

Consists of the East portion of Pere Marquette State Park, generally bounded by an intermittent stream on the west, a firebreak on the east, the ski lift area on the south and an open field on the north. This sale area is in Sections 5 and 8, T6N; R12W; in Jersey County. The logging area is 315 acres of the 7,800 contained in the park.

Trees designated for Sale:

All 1973 designated trees are marked with an orange paint dot above and below stump height, on the downhill side of the tree. In addition 90 cull trees have been marked with an large orange letter X.

Bidders are required to be Licensed Timber Buyers under the provisions of the Illinois Timber Buyers Licensing Act.

General Contractual Provisions for the Pere Marquette Salvage Area.

1. Payment must be by Certified Instrument. Safeguards include a liquidation provision and the providing of a Performance Bond. In addition, a penalty will be assessed for undesignated trees cut or injured through carelessness.
2. Repairs will be made of any damage caused by logging operations to ditches, fences, bridges, roads, trails, buildings, or other improvement damaged beyond ordinary wear and tear. All roads, streams, firebreaks, fields shall be left clear of and free from logs, tree tops, brush, and other obstructions.
3. Agreement cannot be reassigned without Department approval.
4. Any and all liability for injury or damage suffered or sustained by any person or to anyone's property caused, or in any way arising out of the purchaser's performance of the contract shall be a risk assumed and borne by the purchasers.
5. Should any fire occur on or nearby the area of land described herein, the purchaser and his employees will immediately cease all logging operations and at the purchaser's expense take necessary actions to suppress such fires.
6. Young growth will be protected from unnecessary injury.
7. Only marked trees will be cut.
8. Intermittent streams will not be crossed by heavy equipment.
9. Harvest material will be removed over mutually agreed on travel

10. No tracked equipment may be used in the logging operation.
11. Established roads and firebreaks within the Park boundaries will be maintained in equal or better condition than they were at the start of the logging operation.
12. Erosion control structures, including water-bars, will be constructed during logging operations so as to insure soil stabilization. Operations shall be conducted reasonably to minimize soil erosion. Equipment shall not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result.
13. Neither the purchaser, his agents or employee of the purchaser shall discriminate in the performance of this agreement against any person on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin or sex.
14. No material over three (3") inches in diameter from cut trees shall be left over five (5') feet above the ground line (to be done concurrent with logging). Stump height shall not exceed 10" from average ground line to top of stump.
15. When water is running freely in the intermittent stream on the west side of the marked area no cutting or skidding will take place within 50 feet of the water. If stream sedimentation occurs all logging operations will be moved away or stopped if it results in stream sedimentation. No logging residue will be left in the stream bed.
16. Only mutually agreed on log landings and skid trails will be used. Log landings will be left free of all debris, conditioned so as to prevent erosion and ready for seeding.
17. No logging operations shall take place, nor shall any logging employees enter the logging area during the period shotgun deer hunting is allowed on the park.

18. The state reserves the right of checking the operation at any time to determine whether the provisions of this contract are being carried out.
19. Persons inspecting the logging operations will be limited to Department employees and those persons accompanied by a Department employee.
20. All modifications of the signed agreement must be reduced to writing and attached to the agreement.