

NOTICE

AITKIN COUNTY REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The Aitkin County Land Department is requesting quotes on a per acre basis for the application of “bud caps” to protect seedlings from deer browse on County lands, until **Wednesday 2:00 PM, 26 July 2017.** Quote specifications may be obtained at the Aitkin County website, www.co.aitkin.mn.us/Departments/Land/contracts.html, or the Land Commissioner's office, 209 2nd Street NW, Room 206, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Interested parties are encouraged to inspect the sites before bidding. Maps and aerial photographs are available for viewing and printing on the Land Department website: www.co.aitkin.mn.us then go to **Departments, Land, and Contracts**. You may also contact the Aitkin County Land Department 218-927-7364 for site inspections or more details on Contract Specifications, maps and aerial photographs.

Quote to be mailed to the Aitkin County Land Department with “BUD CAP QUOTE” clearly marked on the front of the envelope. Envelopes without the words “BUD CAP QUOTE” clearly marked on the envelope may not be considered an acceptable quote.

Dated at Aitkin, Minnesota, 10 July, 2017.

Richard Courtemanche
Assistant Land Commissioner

209 2nd St. NW, Room 206
Aitkin, MN 56431
(218) 927-7364

2017 Budcap List

BID DUE 2:00 PM, 26 JULY 2017

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4	2015293	45	24	15	W NW	12.0	X		6,700	
5	2016324	49	22	10	N NW	21.5	X		18,600	use half caps 1st yr
Total						93				

Notes:

THIS QUOTE INCLUDES SALES TAX FOR WHICH I AM RESPONSIBLE TO PAY TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA , IF APPLICABLE

\$ per acre

Company/Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Submit to: Aitkin County Land Dept.

209 2nd Street NW

Room 206

Aitkin, MN 56431

Service Agreement
SECTION ONE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota (County), through the Aitkin County Land Department, (Department), and _____ (Independent Contractor).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County, through the Department, wishes to purchase the services of _____ from Independent Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Independent Contractor mutually agree that services to be performed by the undersigned shall be performed as an Independent Contractor and not as an employee, officer, or agent of the County;

WHEREAS, the Independent Contractor is prepared to perform services for the County;

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the purchase of these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements hereinafter set forth, the County, through the Department, and the Independent Contractor agree as follows:

1) Term and Cost of the Agreement

The Independent Contractor agrees to furnish services on behalf of the County during the period commencing _____ and terminating _____.

The Independent Contractor shall be paid a rate of \$_____. The cost of this Agreement shall not exceed \$_____.

2) Services to be Provided

The Independent Contractor is to perform services in accordance with Section Two, "Contract Specifications" and Section Three, "Site Maps." The parties further agree that Sections Two and Three are expressly incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement in all respects.

The Independent Contractor is responsible for inspecting any Agreement sites prior to signing this Agreement and accepts the specified sites as being satisfactory to perform the services of the Agreement without risk to person or property.

The Independent Contractor agrees that it shall furnish all materials, labor,

equipment, tools and other items necessary for the performance of the contractual undertaking that it has assumed herein. The Independent Contractor agrees that it has a substantial economic investment in tangible assets used in performing the services hereunder. Independent Contractor shall serve as the sole employer with respect to any of the employees employed by the Independent Contractor for the performance of the services required hereunder.

The parties agree that the County shall initially designate the work to be performed. It shall also make a final inspection within a reasonable period of time after the Independent Contractor claims that the work has been completed so final payment can be made. All work shall be performed in a workmanlike manner. The work that is to be performed is set out in Section Two. Legal descriptions of the property where work shall be done and site maps are set out in Section Three.

3) **Payment for Services**

Payment for services shall be made directly to the Independent Contractor after completion of services upon the presentation of a claim in the manner provided by law for payment of claims against the County.

4) **Independent Contractor Status**

That at all times and for all purposes hereunder, Independent Contractor shall be an independent contractor and is not an employee, official, or agent of the County for any purpose. No statement contained in this Agreement shall be construed so as to find Independent Contractor to be an employee, official, or agent of the County, and Independent Contractor shall not be entitled to any of the rights, privileges, or benefits of employees of the County, including but not limited to, workers' compensation, health/death benefits, and indemnification for third-party personal injury/property damage claims.

Independent Contractor acknowledges and agrees that no withholding or deduction for State or Federal income taxes, FICA, FUTA, or otherwise, will be made from the payments due Independent Contractor and that it is Independent Contractor's sole obligation to comply with the applicable provisions of all Federal and State Tax laws.

Independent Contractor shall at all times be free to exercise initiative, judgment and discretion as to how to best perform or provide services identified herein. The parties agree that the Independent Contractor shall have sole control over the means and manner of performance of the Independent Contractor's obligations hereunder including, but not limited to the method, time, hours, days to be worked and other details of performance (subject to the specifications in Sections Two and Three). The County reserves the right to inspect the job site for the sole purpose of ensuring that the end result shall be or has been accomplished and the specifications of Sections Two and Three met. The County takes no responsibility for the supervision or direction of the performance of any of the services to be performed by the Independent Contractor or of its employees or

subcontractors. Independent Contractor shall serve as the sole employer with respect to any of the employees employed by the Independent Contractor for the performance of the services required hereunder. The County further agrees that it shall exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Independent Contractor's employees.

Independent Contractor is responsible for hiring sufficient workers to perform the services/duties required by this contract, withholding their taxes, and paying all other employment tax obligations on their behalf.

The Independent Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, county or other government regulations or laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Wage and Hour Laws, the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Equal Opportunity laws.

5) **Indemnification and Insurance**

The Independent Contractor agrees it will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses which the County, its officers, agents, or employees may hereafter sustain, incur, or be required to pay arising out of the Independent Contractor's performance or failure to adequately perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

Independent Contractor further agrees that in order to protect itself as well as the County under the indemnity provision set forth above, it will at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in force the following:

- a) Any policy obtained and maintained under this clause shall provide that it shall not be cancelled, materially changed, or not renewed without thirty days' prior notice thereof to the County.
- b) Workers' Compensation Insurance.

The following insurance must be maintained for the duration of this Agreement.

5.1. General Liability Insurance

- 5.1.1 \$500,000 for claims for wrongful death and each person for other claims
\$1,500,000 each occurrence
No less than \$2,000,000 aggregate

5.2. Business Automobile Liability Insurance

- 5.2.1. \$500,000 each person
\$1,500,000 each occurrence
No less than \$2,000,000 aggregate

5.2.2. Must cover owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles.

5.3 Workers' Compensation Per Statutory Requirements

5.3.1. County reserves the right to rescind any contract not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against bidder.

Prior to the effective date of this contract, and as a condition precedent to this Agreement, the Independent Contractor will furnish the County with Certificates of Insurance listing the County as a certificate holder. A Certificate of Insurance for each policy must be on file with the County Land Department within 10 days of execution of this Agreement and prior to commencement of any work under this Agreement. Each certificate must include a 10-day notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or material change to all named and additional insureds. The County reserves the right to rescind any agreement not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against Independent Contractor. All insurance policies shall be open to inspection by the County, and copies of policies shall be submitted to the County upon written request. All subcontractors shall provide evidence of similar coverage.

6) **Data Practices**

All data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated for any purposes by the activities of Independent Contractor because of this contract is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as amended, the Minnesota Rules implementing such act now in force or as adopted, as well as federal regulations on data privacy.

7) **Records-Availability and Retention**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Independent Contractor agrees that the County, the State Auditor, or any of their duly authorized representatives at any time during normal business hours and as often as they may reasonable deem necessary, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any books, documents, papers, records, etc., which are pertinent to the accounting practices and procedures of the Independent Contractor and involve transactions relating to this Agreement.

Independent Contractor agrees to maintain these records for a period of six years from the date of termination of this Agreement.

8) **Merger and Modification**

a) It is understood and agreed that the entire Agreement between the parties is contained here and that this Agreement supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter. All items referred

to in this Agreement are incorporated or attached and are deemed to be part of this Agreement.

- b) Any material alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when they have been reduced to writing as an amendment and signed by the parties.

9) **Default and Cancellation**

- a) If the Independent Contractor fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement or so fails to administer the work as to endanger the performance of the Agreement, this shall constitute default.

Unless the Independent Contractor's default is excused, the County, through the Department, may, upon written notice, immediately cancel this Agreement in its entirety.

Further, upon the Independent Contractor's default, the County shall have the right to retain the bidder's bond submitted by the Independent Contractor, and to pursue any and all legal remedies.

- b) This Agreement may be cancelled with or without cause by either party upon thirty days' written notice.

10) **Subcontracting and Assignment**

Independent Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for performance of any services contemplated under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the County through its Land Commissioner or Assistant Land Commissioner, and subject to such conditions and provisions as the County may deem necessary. The Independent Contractor shall be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.

11) **Nondiscrimination**

During the performance of this Agreement, the Independent Contractor agrees to the following:

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status, public assistance status, criminal record, creed, sexual orientation or national origin be excluded from full employment rights in, participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all applicable federal and state laws against discrimination.

12) **Execution**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized officers and the Independent Contractor has hereunto set its hand.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

COUNTY OF AITKIN, MINNESOTA

Contractor Name, Date

Rich Courtemanche,
Assistant Land Commissioner, Date

Print Contractor Name

Contracting Company Name

Address

Social Security or Taxpayer I.D.

SECTION 2

SPECIFICATIONS TSI FOREST PROTECTION - BROWSE PROTECTION (BUD CAPPING)

A. General

1. These stipulations shall govern the application of the bud caps on County land.
2. All services rendered shall comply in every respect with all applicable laws of the Federal Government and/or the State of Minnesota.
3. Application will start upon approval by the Aitkin County Board.
4. This contract shall terminate on **November 26, 2017**.
5. Payment shall be made to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract subject to the specifications. Partial payment may be made should work be terminated due to environmental conditions, or upon satisfactory completion of a group of tracts equaling at least 25% of the entire bid.
6. Application may be done on all seven days of the week. No site may be started on weekend days without prior notice to and approval of the project supervisor.
7. The County does not guarantee the total number of acres contained in the contract. Conditions, both environmental and human caused, could render these sites untreatable.
8. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

B. The County agrees to:

1. Provide maps and specifications as necessary for the contractor.
2. Provide periodic supervision and guidance to the contractor on the site.
3. Provide bud caps to the contractor.

The Contractor agrees to:

1. Provide a project foreman, pay and have adequate worker's compensation, Social Security, and required insurance coverage for any other labor required. (Workers will be 18 years of age or older.)
2. Provide application equipment needed on the sites being done by the contractor. All surplus bud caps at the end of the contract will be returned to the County.
3. Ensure that the crew wears adequate safety clothing including protective gloves, boots and eye protection.

4. Transport equipment and crew to the sites to be treated.
5. Remove any bud caps still on tree from previous years' applications.

D. Application specifications:

1. Each pine seedling less than 5 feet in height will have its terminal bud protected by application of a bud cap. In areas with overstocking of natural regeneration, spacing criteria will be provided by the Forester for that site.
2. Bud caps will be applied according to criteria provided by Aitkin County Land Department.
3. Bud caps (card stock) provided by the County shall be used.
4. All bud caps shall be attached to live white pine needles by **not less than 3 staples**.
5. Stands requiring pruning will be to the specifications of the forester.

OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

E. Miscellaneous information:

1. As determined by the Aitkin County Land Department, this contract may be extended for good and sufficient reason. Any extension must be approved in writing.
2. Quotes will be on a **per acre** basis. Payment by the County will be based on the actual trees of the site properly treated. The crew foreman and Land Department field representative will verify the trees treated at the end of the project.

Contractor Name, Date

Rich Courtemanche, Asst. Land Comm., Date

Print Contractor Name

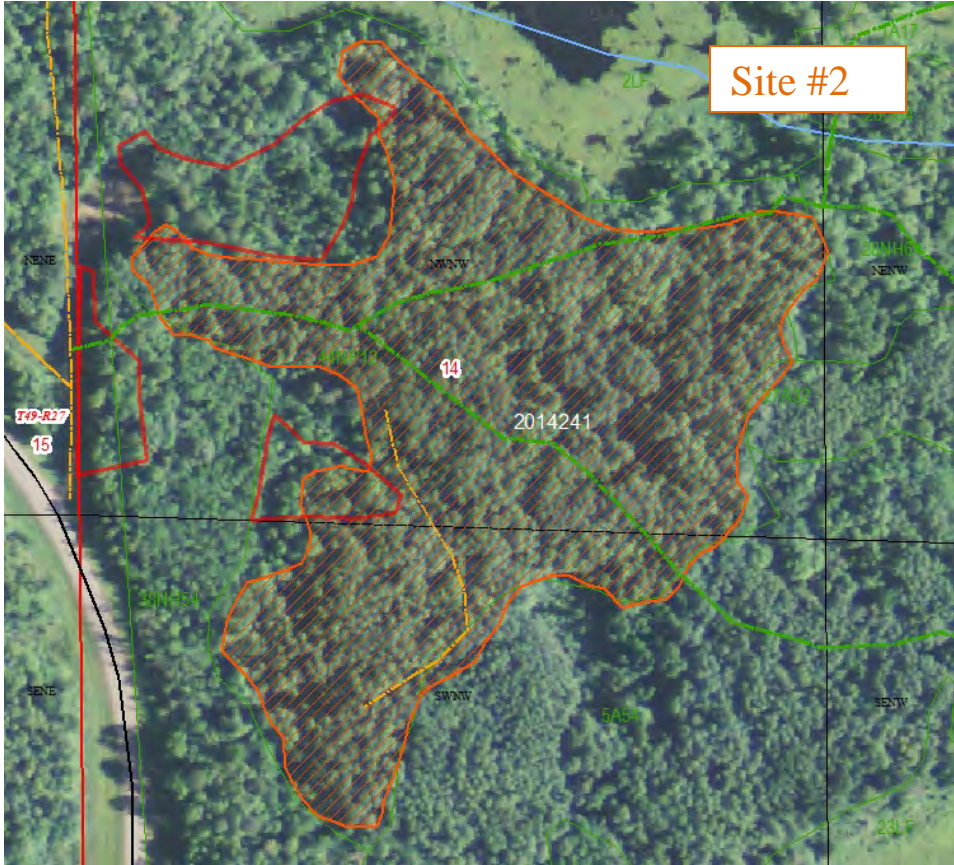
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Section 3 – Maps for Bud Capping Contract 2017

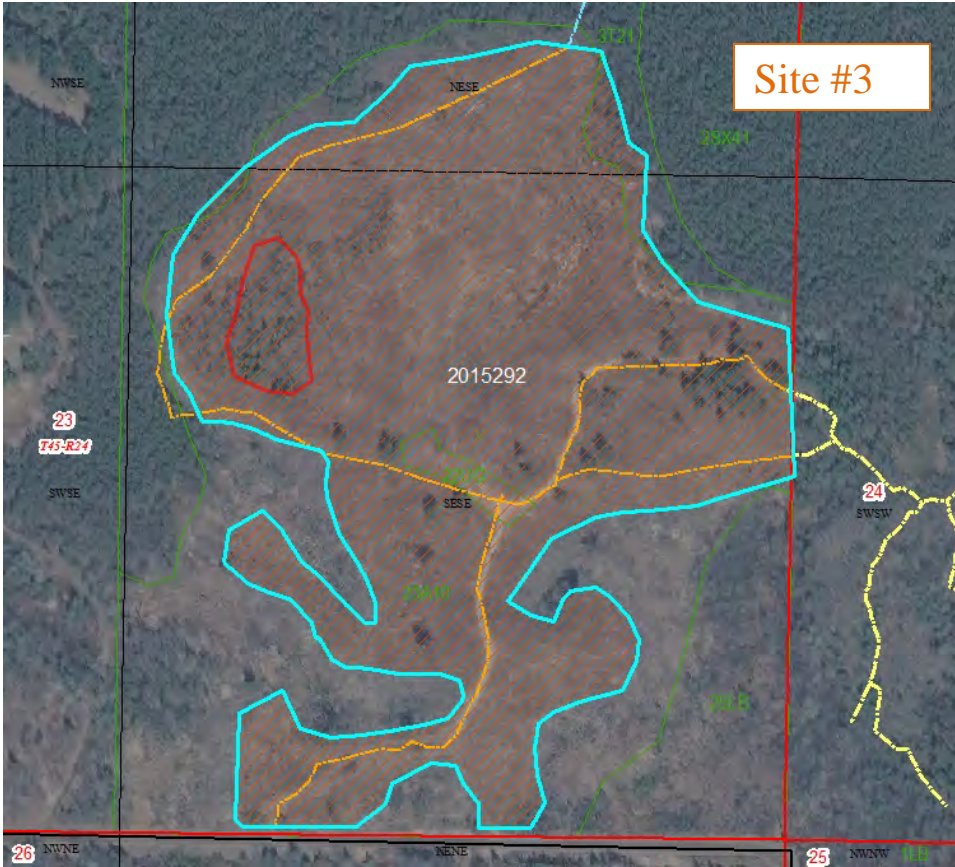


Site 1 : ≈17.5 ac, ≈ 8,750 trees. Section 8 of Twp 45 Rge 24

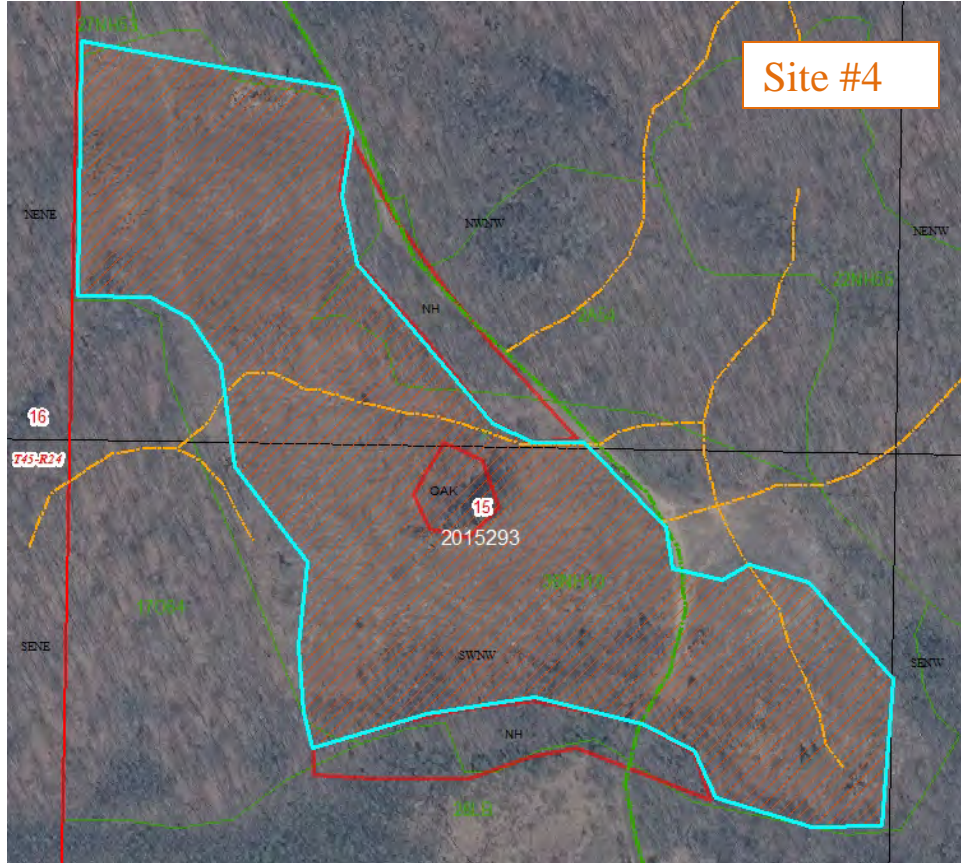


Site 2 : ≈16 ac, ≈ 15,000 trees. Section 14 of Twp 49 Rge 27

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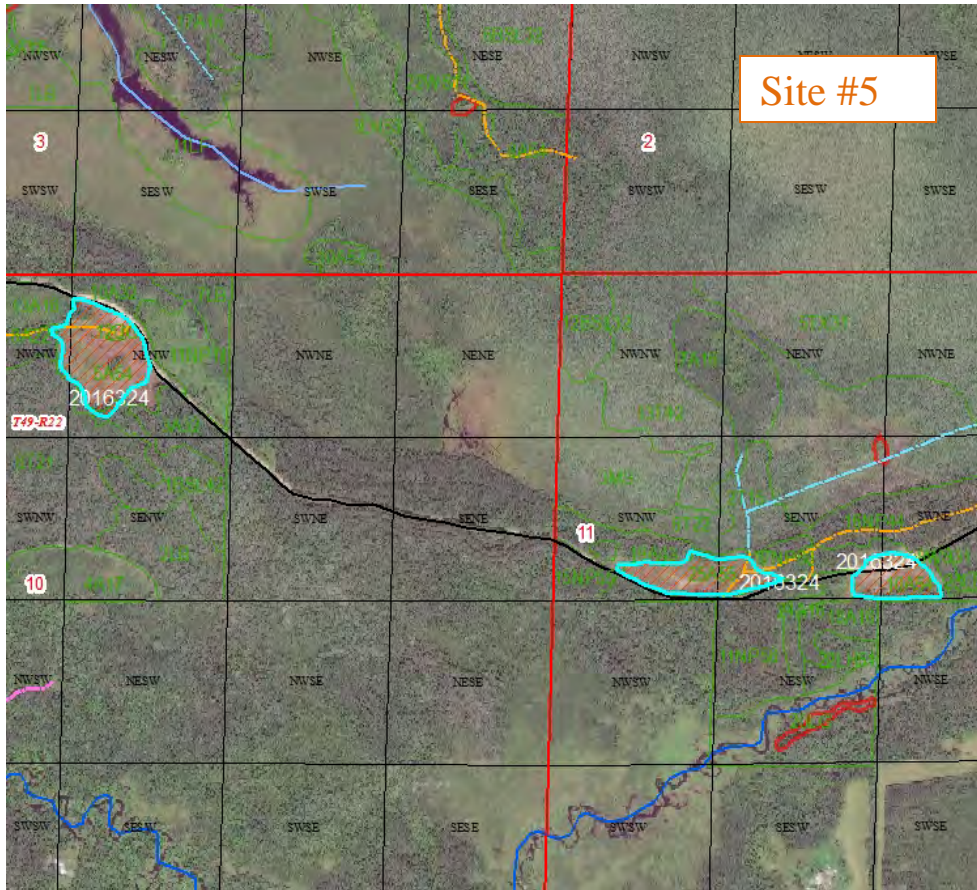


Site 3 : ≈26 ac, ≈ 14,500 trees. Section 23 of Twp 45 Rge 24



Site 4 : ≈12 ac, ≈ 6,700 trees. Section 15 of Twp 45 Rge 24

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Site 5 : ≈21.5 ac, ≈ 18,600 trees. Section 10 & 11 of Twp 49 Rge 22

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