

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

APPLICANT NAME: Great Northern Logging - Tom Kruschek

PROPERTY LOCATION: NENE, NWNE, SWNE, NENW, NWNW of Sec. 5 of Fifty Lakes Township and NENE of Sec. 6 Fifty Lakes Township.

APPLICANT REQUEST: Access timber sale permit # 2289 in the Fall/Summer to start harvesting operations.

ISSUE: When Permit # 2289 was sold at auction on 4/3/2015, it was sold under the assumption that it was to be harvested in the winter.


FACTS:

- When permit # 2289 was set up back in 2015, summer access was not a viable option because access was limited to winter only trails.
- During the summer of 2016, a timber sale was conducted in the surrounding area and this timber sale greatly improved access routes.
- On 3/16/17 Mr. Kruschek inquired about a possible summer harvest via the new upgraded access routes.
- On 3/17/17 an onsite walk through of the improved access roads and the timber permit was conducted by Natural Resource Manager (NRM) Tom Strack. It was determined there may be a possibility of a summer harvest if the timber permit holder was willing to make further improvements to existing trails.

ANALYSIS: With the improvements to a forest trail during a previous timber harvest and the willingness of the permit holder to invest his time and labor to further improve access, a summer timber harvest of permit # 2289 is a viable option.

DECISION: Mr. Kruschek will be allowed to harvest this particular sale in the fall/summer of 2017. It will also be noted that if conditions become non favorable for timber harvesting, Mr. Kruschek will halt operations until the NRM approves the site for continued harvest.

This administrative decision is limited to the facts of this particular property.

Chris Pence 
Land Services Supervisor

3-20-17

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