

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SELL, BY COMPETITIVE SEALED BID, THE SUSITNA PARKWAY SALVAGE TIMBER HARVEST (MSB008091).

AGENDA OF: January 2, 2024

Assembly Action: Approved under the consent agenda 01/02/24 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	<div>11/21/2023</div> <div>X E m e r s o n K r u e g e r</div> <div>Signed by: Emerson Krueger</div>
Department Director	<div>11/21/2023</div> <div>X E r i c P h i l l i p s</div> <div>Signed by: Eric Phillips</div>
Finance Director	<div>11/21/2023</div> <div>X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</div> <div>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>11/27/2023</div> <div>X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Borough Manager	<div>11/27/2023</div> <div>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</div> <div>Signed by: Michael Brown</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>11/28/2023</div> <div>X B r e n d a J . H e n r y f o r</div> <div>Signed by: Brenda Henry</div>

ATTACHMENT (S): Susitna Parkway Salvage Timber Harvest Map (1 pp)
Public Comments (1 pp)
Resolution Serial No. 24-005 (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Land and Resource Management Division has identified a potential salvage timber sale on approximately 125 acres of Borough-owned forestland on Borough parcel Tax ID 16N04W06D001. The parcel is approximately 320 acres, but only 125 acres are included in the proposed harvest area. An over-the-counter, 31-acre salvage timber harvest on the same parcel was purchased by a local firewood producer in October 2023. No public comments were received in response to the 31-acre timber harvest and multiple operators expressed an interest in logging in the same area. Given the staff time invested in this particular parcel of borough forestland, only a few additional days were required to

expand the timber inventory and the forest management prescription.

This salvage sale is proposed to be offered by competitive sealed bid.

A salvage harvest within the subject Borough parcel was proposed because of its high stocking of over-mature or defective birch with minor components of dead and damaged spruce. Forest management activities will target the reduction of birch stocking and removal of salvageable dead and damaged spruce to promote natural regeneration, enhance growth of residual trees, reduce fire hazard, and improve overall forest health.

The proposal for the timber salvage sale was made in the best interest of the forest and the surrounding community. This larger sale will allow for the management of Matanuska-Susitna Borough forestland and reduce the risk of wildfire. There is an opportunity here to realize some value from the trees before more succumb to rot and other disturbances. Access to the timber is from Susitna Parkway.

Pursuant to MSB 23.05.025, the required 30-day public notice was completed November 20, 2023. One comment was received, that did not object to the proposed timber harvest.

Assembly approval of this sale will result in an invitation to bid being posted for a competitive sealed bid salvage timber sale. Bids would be opened in early spring 2024 to provide adequate time for all interested operators to inspect the harvest area. A timber harvest contract will be executed within five days of the bid opening with the highest, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adoption of Resolution Serial No. 24-005 authorizing the Borough Manager to sell the Susitna Parkway Salvage Timber Sale by competitive sealed bid (MSB008091).

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: 12/19/2023

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED *	FUNDING SOURCE Timber Harvest
FROM ACCOUNT #	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT : 203.000.000 3xx.xxx	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: 11/27/2023 <u>X Liesel Weiland</u> <small>Signed by: Liesel Weiland</small>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: 11/27/2023	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		*				
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other		*				
TOTAL		*				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) *Actual amount based on bid.

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

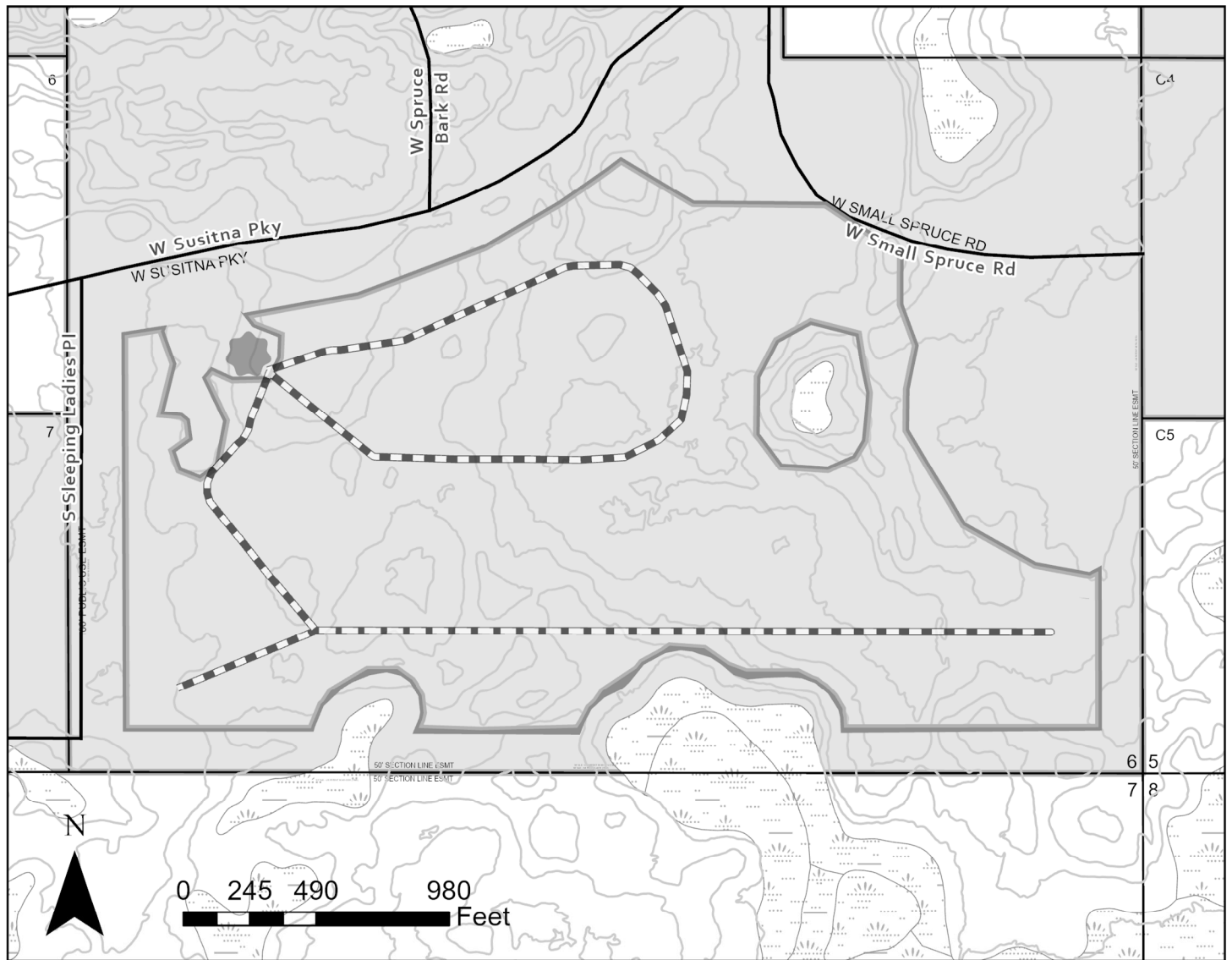
DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: _____

11/27/2023

APPROVED BY: X Cheyenne Heindel DATE: _____

Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel

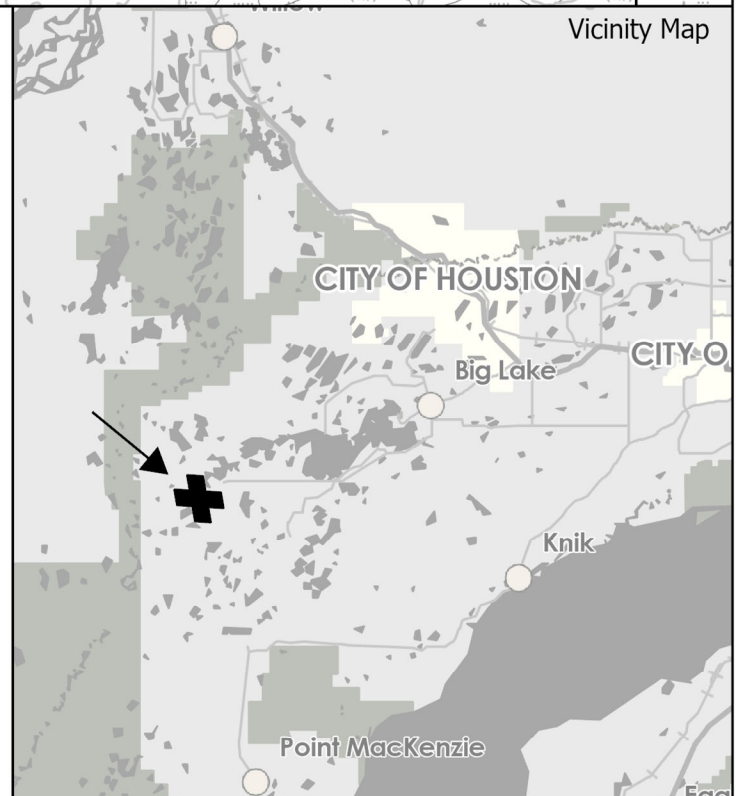
IM No. 24-008
Reso No. 24-005



W. Susitna Parkway Timber Harvest (125 ac)
MSB008091 - STH 23-007
T 16N, R 04W, Sec. 06

- Skid Road
- Landing Area
- Harvest Area Boundary
- Waterbody
- Infrastructure_Roads
- Wetland
- MatSu Borough

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Type: Proposed Timber Salvage Sale (MSB008091)

Tax ID: 16N04W06D001

The Borough Land & Resource Management Division is proposing an over-the-counter salvage timber sale on Borough owned parcel 16N04W06D001. This parcel is located southwest of Big Lake off W. Susitna Parkway, adjacent to the Small Spruce Road timber harvest area. Forest management activities will focus on approximately 125 acres targeting the removal of over-mature white birch and small amounts of beetle-killed spruce.

Tree species composition is highly comprised of over-mature white birch with minor components of white spruce and quaking aspen. The recommended treatment is a seed-tree cut (leaving 5-10 trees/acre) harvesting the over-mature white birch and dead spruce. This treatment aims to facilitate natural regeneration of hardwoods and enhance growing conditions for residual trees. An estimated volume of 1,000 cords of timber is expected to be available within the 125-acre timber harvest area.

Supporting material is available for public inspection during normal business hours on the 2nd floor of the Borough Building in the Land & Resource Management office or visit the Public Notice Section on the Borough's web page, www.matsugov.us. Public comment is invited on this proposal. If you have any comments please mail or deliver them to the Borough offices at the address indicated above, no later than **November 20th, 2023**. If you have questions about this request call Emerson Krueger at 907-861-7867 between 8 am - 5 pm or you can send an e-mail to: LMB@matsugov.us (please refer to Susitna Parkway 2024 Salvage Timber Sale when submitting comments).

Comments: *No objections If the area is carefully checked for bird nests (owls, hawks, falcons) and logging is done during non-nesting times for migrant birds (not from April 30 - July 20)*

Signature: _____

(If you need more space for comments please attach a separate sheet of paper.)