

# **Timber Sale Agreement**

## Request for Bids Information Package

### **TSA-002-18 – Traverspine**

Forestry and Wildlife Branch  
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**Application Deadline: OPEN**

**Minimum Acceptable Bid: \$32 397**

**Please review the Timber Sale Agreement Application Guide  
for full details regarding applying for this TSA.**

A Timber Sale Agreement is a contractual agreement between government and a registered company, for the harvest and extraction of timber from forested parcels of crown land. Any registered business that qualifies and has an interest in harvesting these areas may bid in an open and fair, competitive bidding process. All TSA areas are approved through existing five-year Forestry and Annual Operating Plan approvals and have been vetted through Environmental Assessment.

The Province is seeking candidates to bid on standing timber with the intent to harvest and utilize the fibre for value added markets. Applications will be assessed and ranked using a predetermined evaluation matrix based on the following criteria:

- value of bid;
- commercial viability and value of manufacturing;
- applicants proximity to Timber Sale Agreement area;
- potential employment of the application;
- companies ability to meet regulatory compliance; and
- the applicant's operational capacity.

Fisheries and Land Resources hereby invite submissions of sealed bids for **TSA-002-18 Traverspine**

Companies are required to submit a suitable proposal that clearly demonstrates their ability to meet their plan objectives. To submit a bid, candidates must complete and submit a **Timber Sale Agreement Application Form** and provide any additional information to help support their bid. This may include further business information, a revised resource access plan, details on their proposed operations and harvesting schedule.

## TSA DESCRIPTION

TSA-002-18 Traverspine is located in Forest Management District 19 and is managed by the Northwest River Forestry and Wildlife District Office.

## ACCESS

To arrive at the TSA location, travel Southeast along the Trans-Labrador Highway (route 510) for 26 kilometers from Goose Bay, take a right at resource road and travel approximately 0.20 kilometers to arrive at beginning of approved harvest area.

**See Appendix A - Map of Timber Sale Agreement location.**

## TIMBER VOLUME

The total land area within the proposed block is an estimated 141 hectares with approximately 140 hectares being considered merchantable forest. For operational purposes, Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture identifies a merchantable stand as, achieving a volume greater than 60 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>) per hectare and generally greater than 60 years of age.

Within the estimated 140 hectares of merchantable forest area, the total net cruise is approximately 21 598 m<sup>3</sup> of mixed species.

The species breakdown within the merchantable forest area is roughly:

- 20 983 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of softwood (Swd), comprised of 9 727 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of Black Spruce (bS) and 11 256 m<sup>3</sup> more or less Balsam Fir (bF)
- 615 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of hardwood (Hwd)

**See Appendix B: Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area**

**See Appendix C: TSA Merchantable Volume Computation Sheet**

**Notes / Disclaimers:**

- The estimated timber volume is based on a cruise sample of the proposed cutting area. The actual timber volume may be higher or lower. A map indicating the cruised stands is included in this invitation.
- The estimated volumes are not based on taper equations or site specific conditions (rot, steep slopes).
- Timber Sale Agreement Areas may contain silviculturally treated stands (e.g. PCT, planting, etc.). These stands are generally not included in volume estimates are not approved for harvest.
- Applicants are strongly advised to verify all timber volumes in this invitation prior to submitting a bid.
- Regardless of the methods used in the cruising of timber, Fisheries and Land Resources does not guarantee timber volumes or species composition.
- Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture are not responsible for the profitability of timber harvesting operations carried out under this invitation.

## RESOURCE ROAD REQUIREMENTS

All activities related to resource access are the responsibility of the Company. All forestry operations on Crown land must comply with the *Forestry Act*, associated regulations, and all other municipal, provincial and federal laws and regulations. All road construction activities must be done so in accordance with the Department’s Environmental Management System and must follow standard operating procedures.

All resource road construction and maintenance must be in accordance with applicable legislation and follow the **Construction Standards for Resource Roads in Newfoundland and Labrador**.

### Overview of Resource Road Responsibilities

Component	TSA Operational Roads/Landings/Trails
Planning	FLR propose, applicant must accept or resubmit for approval
Layout	TSA Holder
Construction	TSA Holder
Maintenance	TSA Holder
Decommissioning / Rehabilitation	Not Applicable

Applicants are asked to review the suggested Resource Access Plan before submitting bids. All parties are encouraged to visit the TSA area to verify the information presented in this package. If the applicant determines that revisions are necessary to the suggested Resource Access Plan, then they must submit a revised Resource Access plan for review and consideration with their bid.

## SUGGESTED RESOURCE ACCESS PLAN

### 1. General Location

This Timber Sale Agreement (TSA) is located in Labrador near the general vicinity of the Town of Goose Bay.

To arrive at the TSA block, travel Southeast along Route 501 for approximately 26 kilometers to arrive at Resource road. Turn Right onto resource road and travel along the main road for approximately 0.20 kilometers (200 meters). This will be the start of the TSA block.

### 2. Intent and Scope of Work

The intent of these Road Construction Specifications is to identify and describe the following:

- i) The Maintaining of approximately 0.25 kilometers to the specifications for a Class D resource road.

All work will be inspected by the resource road inspector and have to meet the minimum Construction Standards for Resource Roads.

### 3. Road Specifications

The driving surface width of a Class D resource road is 3.5 - 4.5 metres.

### 4. Main Road (0.25 Kilometers)

The TSA holder shall maintain the first 0.25 kilometers of Resource road to a Class D specification. The resource road is presently in good condition. All wood within the TSA boundaries are accessible by this road with **no new construction necessary**. All road work required must be pre-approved by the District before construction can begin.

### Notes / Disclaimers:

- Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture are not responsible for access to the proposed cutting block.
- Approval of the application does not warrant unimpeded access to the proposed area as a result of natural occurrences or otherwise.
- Road construction is not to begin until TSA contract has been signed.
- All work will be monitored by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture.

## HOW TO SUBMIT BID:

Bid packages can be submitted anytime.

Packages may be submitted by:

1. Regular Mail:

TSA Selection Committee  
c/o Director Forestry Regional Services  
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
192 Wheelers Road  
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, NL A2H OJ1

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**Note:** If submitting by regular mail, please ensure you allow enough time for the application to be received before the closing date.

2. Electronic Mail:

Email complete applications to: [timbersaleagreement@gov.nl.ca](mailto:timbersaleagreement@gov.nl.ca)  
Subject Line: **TSA-002-18 Traverspine**

3. Delivered in Person:

TSA Selection Committee  
c/o Director Forestry Regional Services  
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
192 Wheelers Road  
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, NL A2H OJ1

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Completed Applications will **not** be accepted:

- via Facsimile Transmission (FAX); or
- at local Forest Management District Offices.

### Notes/Disclaimers:

- An applicant must comply with the requirements of this invitation.
- An applicant cannot withdraw its application after the deadline for submitting applications has passed.
- An applicant may withdraw its application prior to the deadline for submitting applications, by submitting a letter requesting the withdrawal. This letter must be:
  - received before the deadline of submission; and
  - signed by the applicant.
- An applicant is not required to submit a down payment at the time of bid submission.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all relevant information is supplied at the time of submission.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the Director, Forestry Regional Services of their bid acceptance within 30 days of the application deadline.
- All documents submitted to Fisheries and Land Resources, become the property of the Province, and will be subject to the disclosure provisions under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A - Map of Timber Sale Agreement Location
- Appendix B - Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area
- Appendix C - TSA Merchantable Volume Computation Sheet

## TSA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- I have read and understood the Timber Sale Agreement Application Guide.
- I have included a completed TSA Application Form.
- I have included additional business information (if applicable).
- I have included a revised resource access plan (if applicable).
- I have included a proposed harvesting schedule (if applicable).

## Appendix A

### Map of Timber Sale Agreement Location





# Traverspine River

Location Map

Timber Sale Agreement (TSA)  
Forest Management District: 19A

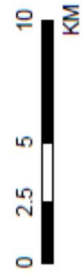
### Legend

- Trans Labrador Highway
- Public Roads
- Block CC19011 (19-S-11)
- District 19A

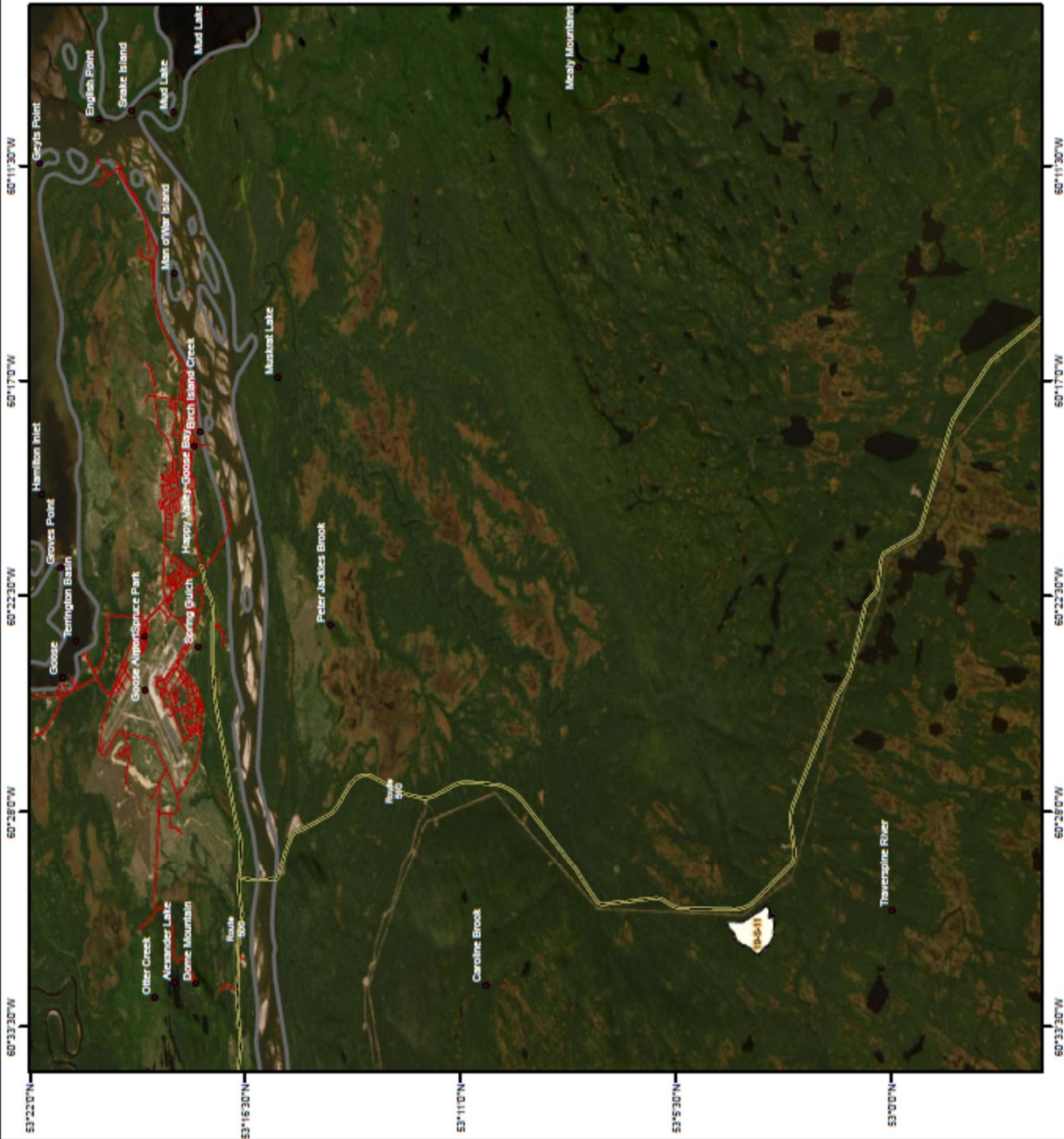
Distances (KM)

HVGB - Block CC19011 (19-S-11):  
Approx. 37 KM

Port - Block CC19011 (19-S-11):  
Approx. 43.46 KM



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## Appendix B

### Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area



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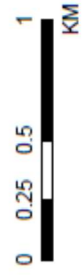
#### Legend

- Trans Labrador Highway
- Public Roads
- 19\_S\_11 Pit and Road
- Allocated Area
- Block CC19011 (19-S-11)
- District 19A



#### TSA Data Summary:

Number of Stands: 15  
 Block Area (ha): 140 ha  
 Softwood Volume: 20,983 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Hardwood Volume: 615 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Total Volume: 21,598 m<sup>3</sup>



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## Appendix C

### TSA Merchantable Volume Compilation Sheet

**Volume Report: TSA-002-18 – Traverspine River**

<b>Stand ID</b>	<b>Stand Type</b>	<b>Softwood Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Hardwood Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Total Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
1	bSbF852G	997.36	46.08	1043.44	14.05
2	bS842M	460.71	3.74	464.45	4.25
3	bFbS863G	1009.78	24.24	1034.02	7.6
4	bFbS852G	379.22	5.68	384.9	2.3
5	bFbS862G	5848.48	207.59	6056.07	27.03
6	bFbS852G	934.1	14.01	948.11	5.19
8	bSbF842M	886.96	7.34	894.3	8.34
10	bSbF862G	809.24	35.71	844.95	3.84
11	bFwSbS872G	2811.65	155.46	2967.11	10.59
12	bFbSwS862G	272.63	9.68	282.31	1.26
13	bSbF842M	280.76	2.32	283.09	2.64
14	bSbF852M	3137.28	67.7	3204.98	20.64
15	bS842P	2420.53	20.03	2440.56	22.76
16	bS852M	338.73	8.99	347.72	2.74
17	bSbF842M	395.36	6.7	402.06	7.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>20983</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>21598</b>	<b>140</b>

<b>Total Merchantable Forest</b>		<b>140ha</b>
<b>Total Average Softwood m3/ha</b>	<b>150</b>	
<b>Total Average Estimated m<sup>3</sup>/ha</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>Total m<sup>3</sup> For Block</b>	<b>21,598 m<sup>3</sup></b>	