

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



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Forest Products Sale Notice

Belfast Wildlife Management Area
Newberry/Laurens County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will accept sealed, per ton bids for the sale of approximately 27,846 tons of pine pulpwood, 1,677 tons of pine chip-n-saw, and 539 tons of pine sawtimber to be selectively thinned from approximately 957 acres of planted loblolly pine. Removals will include all trees designated with a blue paint mark at eye level in a stand of 285 acres around the shooting range. The remainder of the sale units, 672 acres, will be operator-select fourth-row and between thinning. SCDNR does not guarantee these advertised volumes or acreages, and bidders are encouraged to make their own determinations.

The sale areas are part of, and located on SCDNR's Belfast Wildlife Management Area, situated ten miles northwest of the city of Newberry near the community of Kinards, SC (https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/directions?p_id=65) on the Newberry/Laurens County line. The northern sale area can be accessed from SC Hwy 560 and the southern sale area can be accessed from Silver Gate Road off of SC Hwy 56. **Deer hunts will be taking place Nov. 10-12, 17-19, and 24-26 and buyers are asked not to view sale areas during these times. After Nov. 26, gates will be open, allowing access to the sale areas by vehicle.** The areas to be thinned are generally delineated by property lines, roads, firebreaks, and/or distinct changes in timber type. The attached sale maps are believed to be reliable and accurate, but are not absolutely guaranteed.

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on December 10, 2014 at SCDNR Headquarters, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC – Room 202, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be delivered to the opening; mailed to Gary Burger, Statewide Forester, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; or e-mailed to burgerg@dnr.sc.gov. All bids should be signed by the bidder and clearly marked "Belfast WMA 2014 Timber Sale". **NO VERBAL or FAX BIDS will be ACCEPTED.** Mailed bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 9, 2014. SCDNR reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The successful bidder will have 18 months to remove the timber, but harvesting will not be allowed during scheduled turkey hunts (March 20-May 1) or deer hunts (Sept. 1-Nov. 30). A \$10,000 performance bond in the form of a cashier's check or company check will be required within 10 days of notification of award. The performance bond will be held by SCDNR in a non-interest bearing account until satisfactory completion of the harvesting operation. Payments for timber removed, mill tickets, and settlement accountings will be mailed or delivered to Gary Burger (SCDNR in Columbia) on a weekly basis. For further information contact Gary Burger at (803) 429-3900 or at the e-mail address above.

A pre-harvest conference between the successful bidder and SCDNR will be held prior to the commencement of harvest, and BMP compliance will be required. SCDNR advises bidders of their interest in protecting the plants, wildlife, educational, cultural, and aesthetic values that exist on the tract. All logging decks, equipment, felled trees, and debris will be confined to the sale area. Damage to adjoining areas and/or excessive damage to residual trees may incur assessment of damages to the buyer. No logging will be allowed when the ground is subject to rutting, but wet weather extensions may be granted for extensive delays. Existing internal roads will be utilized but must be left free of logging debris and in good condition. The return of the performance bond will be contingent on SCDNR's inspection of these conditions.

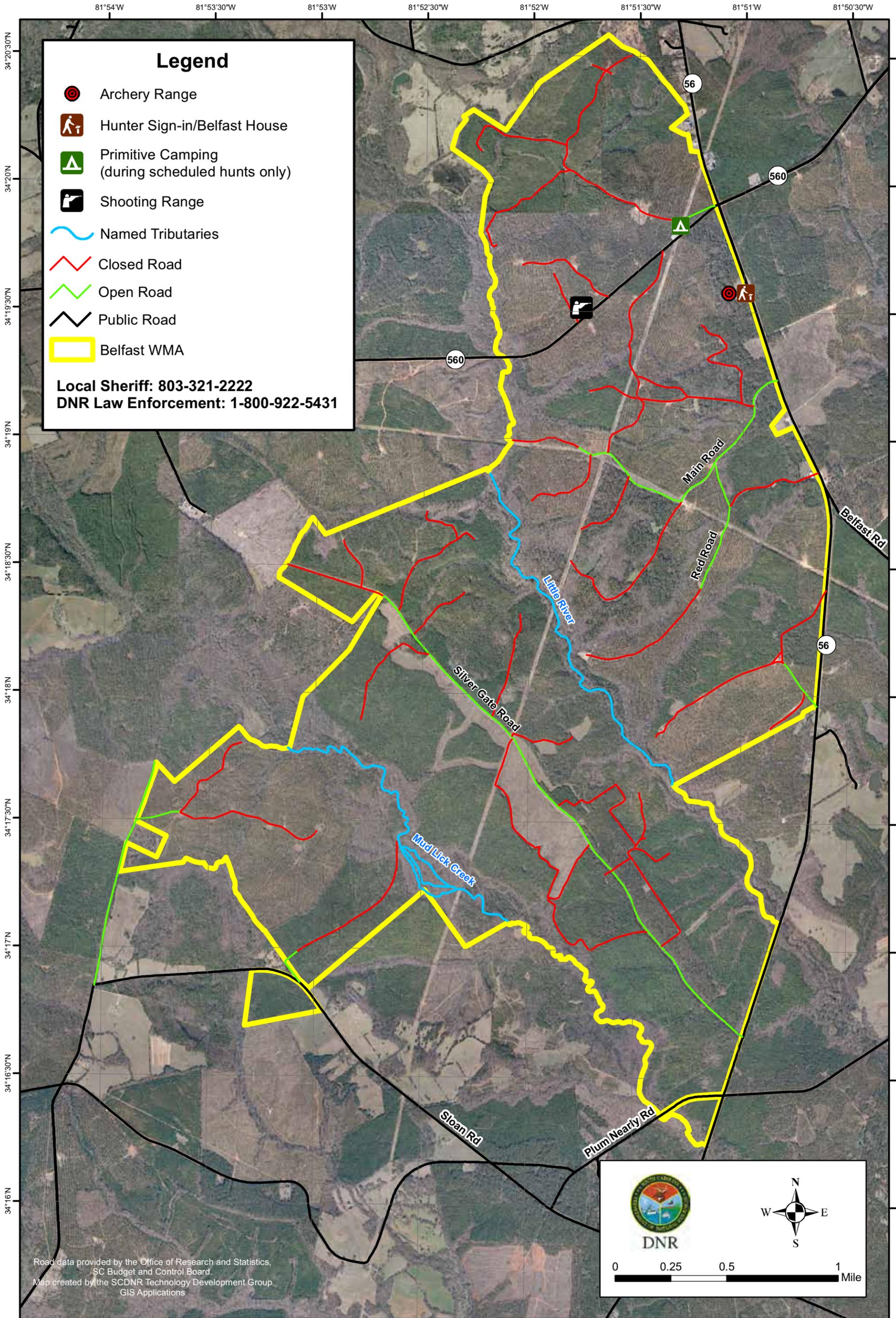
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BELFAST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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Legend

- Archery Range
- Hunter Sign-in/Belfast House
- Primitive Camping (during scheduled hunts only)
- Shooting Range
- Named Tributaries
- Closed Road
- Open Road
- Public Road
- Belfast WMA

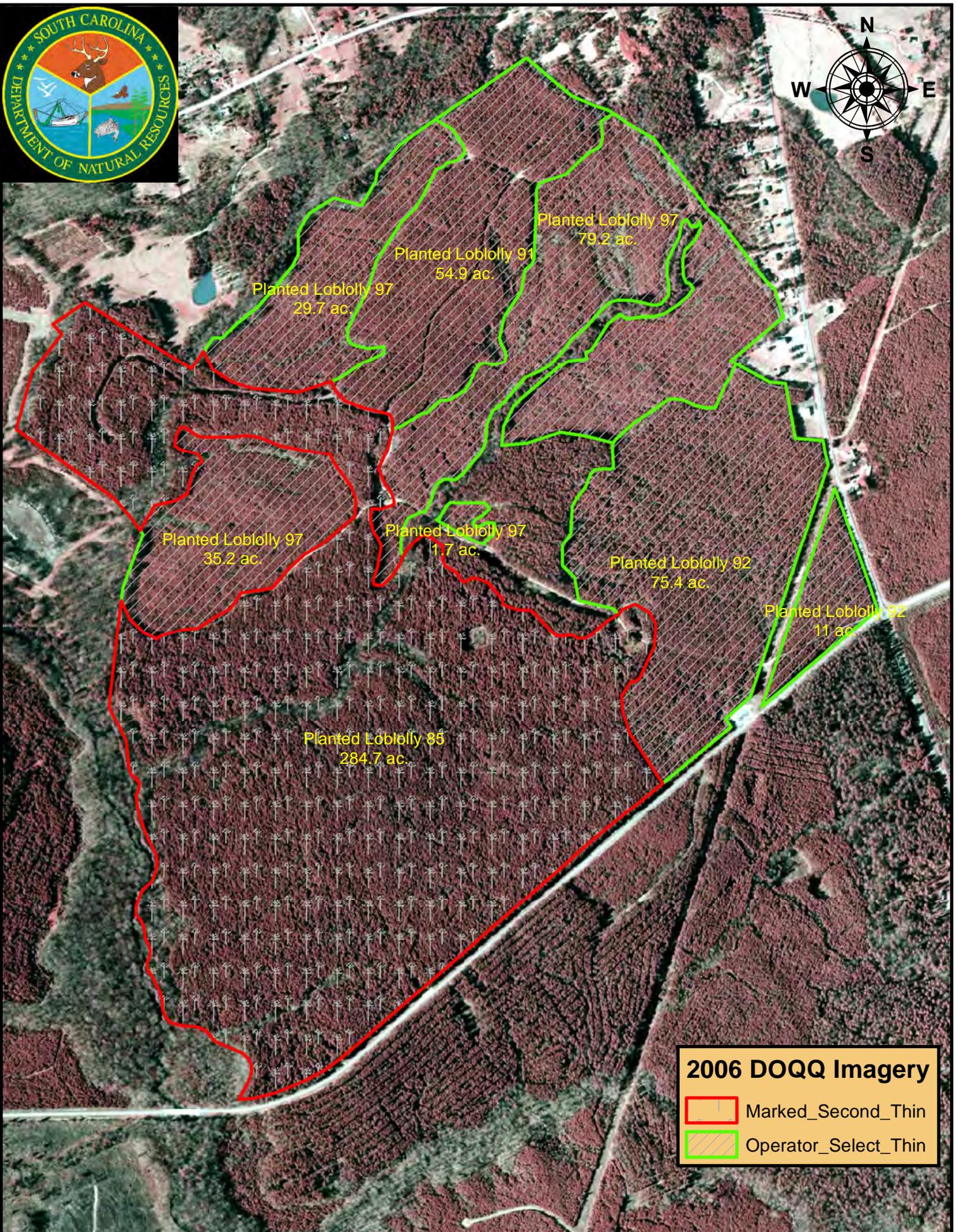
Local Sheriff: 803-321-2222
DNR Law Enforcement: 1-800-922-5431




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Road data provided by the Office of Research and Statistics,
 SC Budget and Control Board.
 Map created by the SCDNR Technology Development Group,
 GIS Applications

Belfast WMA 2014 Timber Sale - North



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Belfast WMA 2014 Timber Sale - South

