

NOTICE OF SALE

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Buick Divide Timber Sale is located within Sections 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16 of T25N - R34W and section 34 of T26N – R34W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 18,326 tons consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Friday December 3rd, 2021, at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.** Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$5,000.00**, in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the first sale invoice for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **30** calendar days from the date the sale is awarded, the bid deposit will be retained by the Department as liquidated damages. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prospective bidders can obtain the sale prospectus, sale contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), the Northwest Land Office in Kalispell (406-751-2240), the Libby Unit Office located in Libby (406-293-2711), or the Plains Unit Office located in Plains (406-826-4725).

Visit our website at <https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales> for upcoming sales and bid results.

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: GNA Buick Divide			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4371	Neil Simpson	Forestry Assistance Bureau
	406-293-2711	Jodi Turk	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern	Land Office

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Forestry Assistance Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State within 30 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the Timber Sale Contract. See the Timber Sale Contract for additional information.
6. The purchaser must submit an **Advance Stumpage Payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance stumpage payment will cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless otherwise specified, the price applies to all species, green and dead. Price may vary by product. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for each load hauled, regardless of product type.
8. The State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold under this Contract. Other products may be part of this sale. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The State recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the Timber Sale Contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
9. The State does not conduct detailed road appraisals. All appraised costs are gross estimates or averages, provided only to show the relative amount of work required, and not the true market value. The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements. Cost estimates provided are not guaranteed.
10. Bidders are encouraged to examine the complete Timber Sale Package and Sale Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
11. Estimates for sale volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Sale Contract are not guaranteed.
12. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

1. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. The sale is located on National Forest System Lands and the timber offered for sale is owned by the federal government.
2. Considering this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
3. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
4. Potential exists for concurrent contracts within the sale area. An ongoing project to improve .7 miles of NFSR East Fork Elk Creek #2273 is in progress. There may be delays traveling to and from the GNA Buick Divide project area prior to completion of this work. If operations proceed concurrently, the successful bidder for this contract shall be in direct and frequent communications with contractors to ensure safe and efficient execution for all operations.
5. **LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.**
6. All newly constructed roads are temporary roads and must be obliterated following hauling. The exact location of the road will be subject to agreement with the Forest Officer. A temporary closure or gate must be installed on evenings, weekends and when the road is not in use. See Attachment B for more details.
7. Weed spraying is required on main travel roads post-haul. See contract Attachment B for more information.
8. All equipment used in road construction and logging activity must be pressure-washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entering the sale area.
9. **HEMLOCK AND DEAD LODGEPOLE LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS:** The Purchaser shall cut and remove all Hemlock and Dead Lodgepole meeting trees designated for cutting standards in Table 2. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Hemlock and Dead Lodgepole shown in Table 1.
10. **HAND FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED:** Approximately **2.8 miles** total of fuelbreak and hand fireline will be constructed, see contract part VII.F UNIT DESIGNATIONS and VII.G.4 HAND FIRELINE DESIGNATION.
11. **SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** The Purchaser shall fell all submerchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 8 inches on the uphill side.
12. **PURCHASER SLASH PILING:** Hazard reduction of slash is required by piling in accordance with Section VII.G.6.
13. **WHOLE TREE SKIDDING:** Purchaser will be required to whole tree skid. Trees will not be limbed or cut into log lengths before being skidded to the landings. If trees are too large to skid whole, an allowance will be made to buck the trees into log lengths with the limbs still attached to the log and skidded to the landings.
14. **PROTECTION OF SUBMERCHANTABLE WHITEBARK PINE TREES:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to submerchantable Whitebark pine trees in unit 64.
15. **OPTIONAL UNIT:** The Purchaser has the option to harvest in unit 60 and unit 70. Operations in these units will follow the specification of this contract including those in Table 2. Purchaser must submit an operating plan to the Forest Officer for approval prior to operation in these units.
16. **PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION:** Leave trees in unit 60 shall be selected by the purchaser based on direction according to VII.G.9.
17. **HUNTING SEASON REQUIREMENT:** Some of the access roads on the timber sale are heavily used during hunting season and will not have a closure in effect during timber sale operations. If the purchaser elects to conduct operations during hunting season they will be responsible for posting "No through Traffic" as shown in Attachment A-4, and roads must be passable in the evening after operations commence and on the weekends. No Operations will be allowed on the weekends from October 15th to November 30th.
18. Units with Leave Tree Designations are shown in VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS and Table 4. UNIT DESIGNATION SUMMARY.
19. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.

20. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
21. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jodi Turk, 406-283-3528.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Buick Divide Timber Sale											
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)											
SPECIES		DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	AF	MH	WH	Dead LP	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per Ton											\$2.07
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	55.0	60.0	60.0	40.0	
Estimated tons of Sawlogs		8092	1827	4080	846	238	3243				18,326 tons
Estimated tons of Other Material (Dead Lodgepole)										1699	1,699 tons
Estimated tons of Other Material (Hemlock)								1557	1070		2,627 tons
Estimated tons of Required Material		8092	1827	4080	846	238	3243	1557	1070	1699	22,652 tons
Gross MBF		1299	291	653	130	37	538	177	145	479	3,749 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	17.0	3.0	1.0	25.0	12.4%
Net MBF		1179	254	583	116	33	445	172	143	359	3,284 MBF
Average logs per MBF		22.0	34.4	30.1	32.1	26.3	35.7	32.2	31.5	30.2	28.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.5	9.7	10.1	9.9	10.4	9.7	9.7	10.2	11.3	10.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→										81 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→										11.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→										228
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	28,464 and 3,722 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										13.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	22,652 estimated tons / 3,284 Net MBF										6.90 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2026
Operating Period:	June 16th - March 31st when conditions meet VII.L.1. a-c and VII.N

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	90%
% of volume logged with tractors	53%
% of volume logged by skyline	47%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	830 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	770 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	57.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	17.6 miles

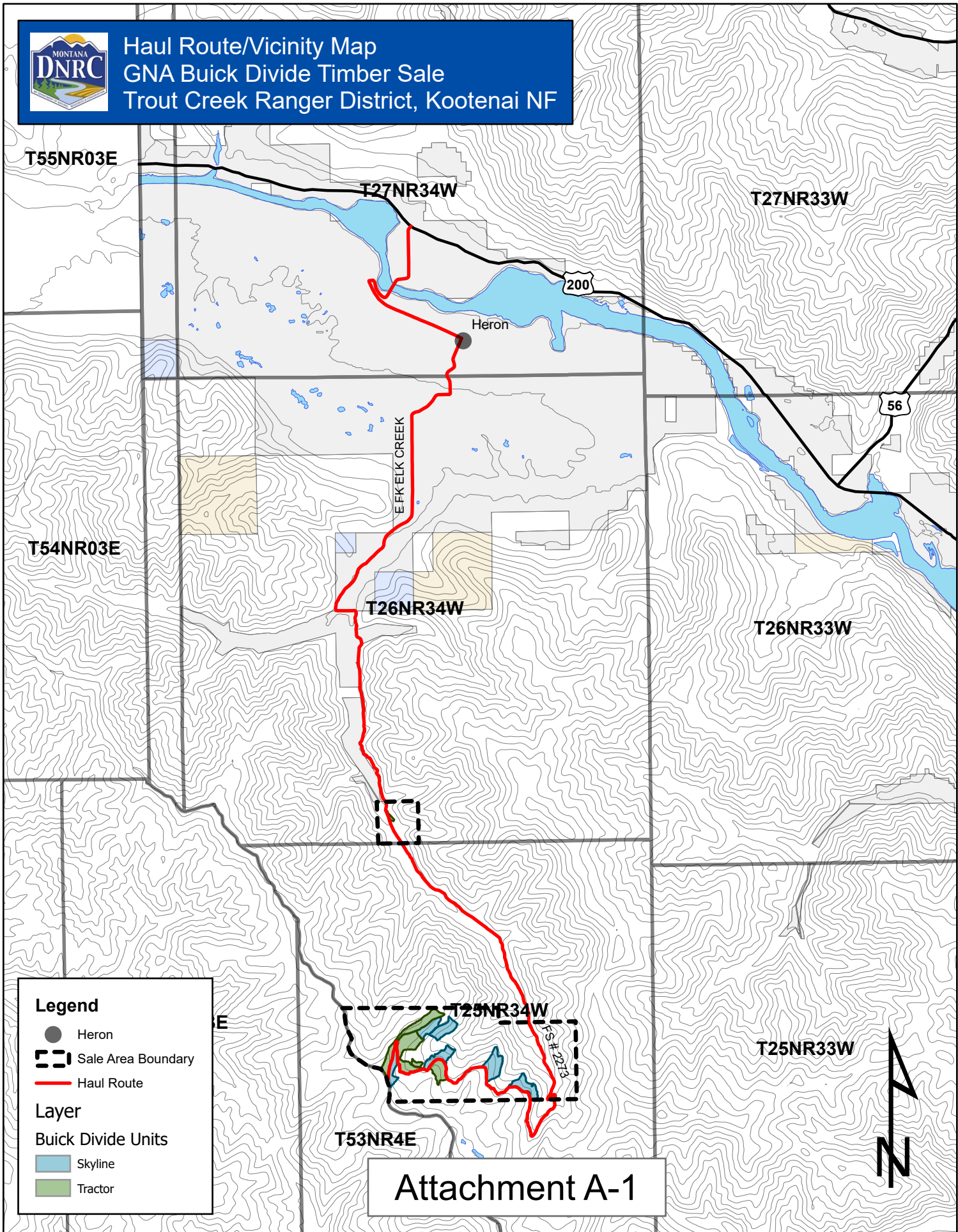
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost total \$	\$5,291
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.26/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$200,055.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$10.92/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$36,929
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.02/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$11.24/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$18,915
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.03/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temporary road construction	1.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	12.1 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	1.2 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	12.1 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
59	30	3647	529	9/30/2026
64	57	4765	691	9/30/2026
65	23	912	132	9/30/2026
66	23	2145	311	9/30/2026
67	29	3577	519	9/30/2026
68	28	949	138	9/30/2026
66T	59	3509	509	9/30/2026
67C	26	2576	373	9/30/2026
67B	5	572	83	9/30/2026
	280 Ac.	22,651 tons	3,284 MBF	



Haul Route/Vicinity Map
 GNA Buick Divide Timber Sale
 Trout Creek Ranger District, Kootenai NF



Legend

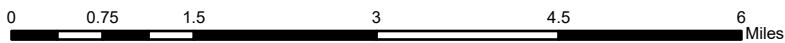
- Heron
- Sale Area Boundary
- Haul Route

Layer

Buick Divide Units

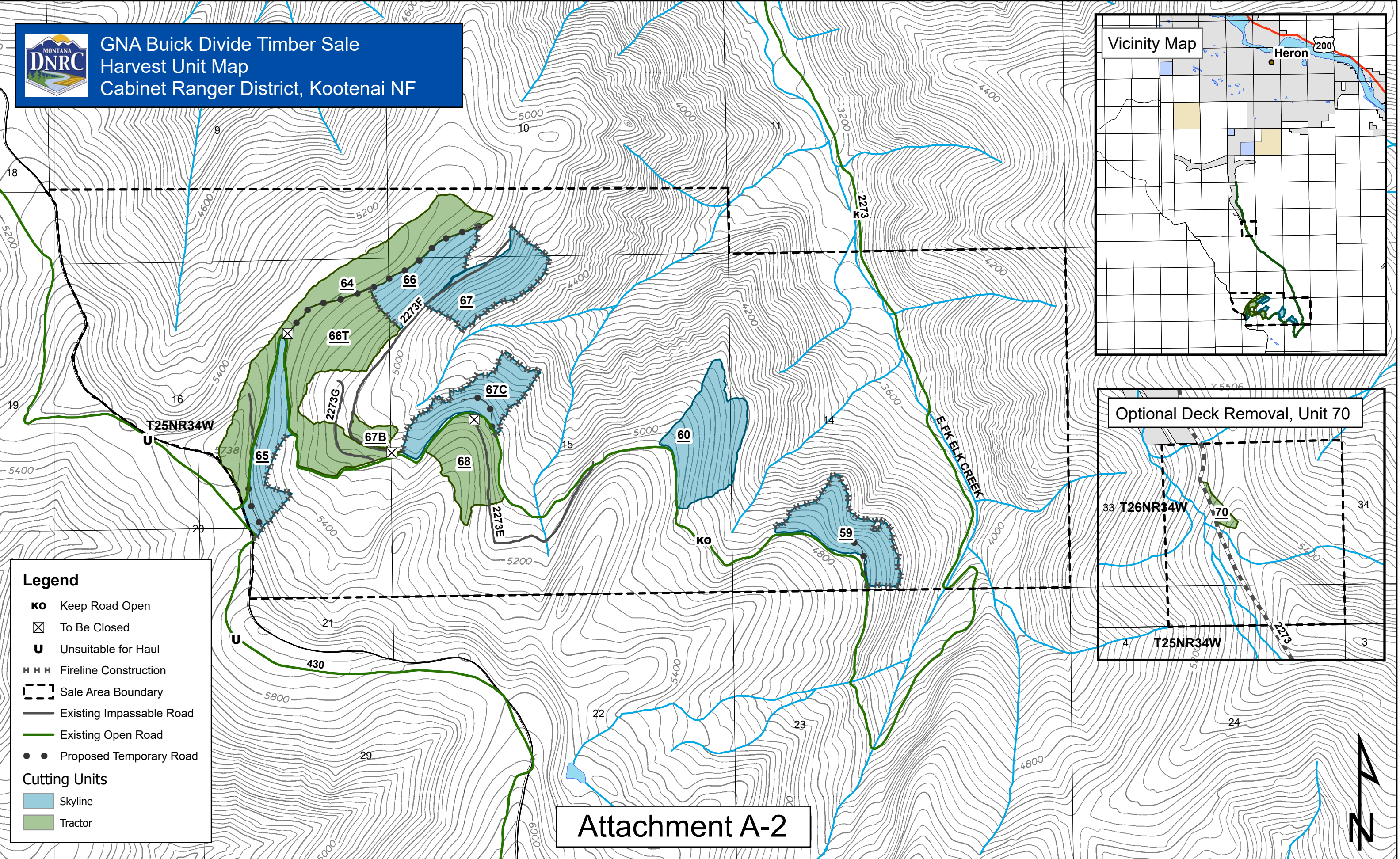
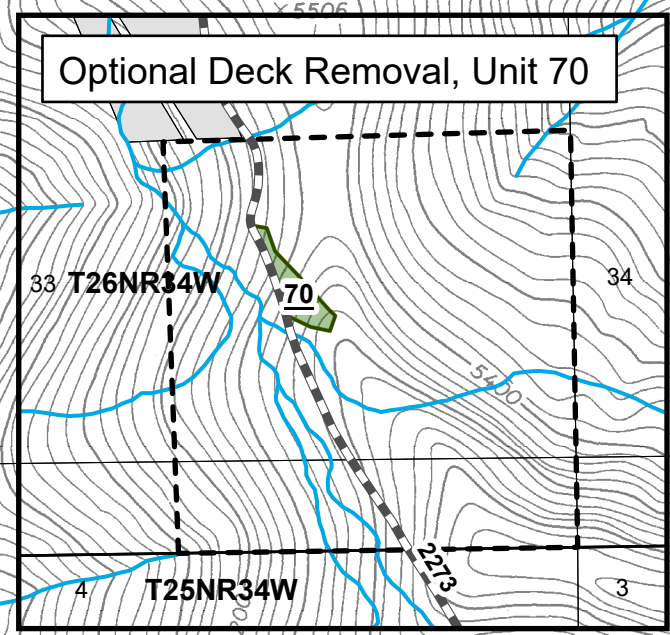
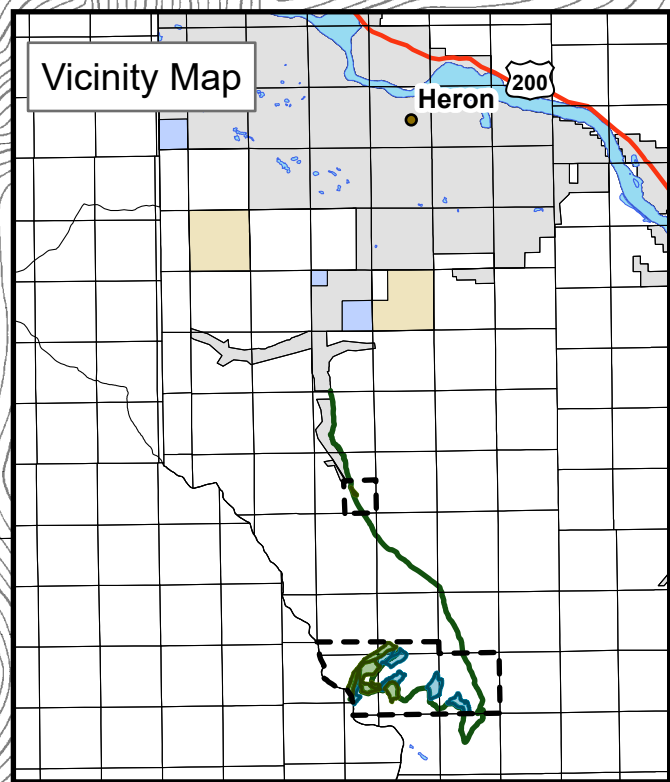
- Skyline
- Tractor

Attachment A-1





**GNA Buick Divide Timber Sale
Harvest Unit Map
Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai NF**



Legend

- KO** Keep Road Open
- X** To Be Closed
- U** Unsuitable for Haul
- HHH** Fireline Construction
- [Dashed Box]** Sale Area Boundary
- [Thick Black Line]** Existing Impassable Road
- [Green Line]** Existing Open Road
- [Dotted Line]** Proposed Temporary Road

Cutting Units

- [Blue Box]** Skyline
- [Green Box]** Tractor

Attachment A-2

