

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Rancho Deluxe timber sale is located within sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 of T08N – R11W on the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest. Approximately 38,431 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 **July 23rd 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 **\$42,946.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the sale 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), Anaconda Unit, in Anaconda (406-563-6078).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results at:

<https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/c1a5a0e6ad7e4faead7c8e21d37cabf6>

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Rancho Deluxe		
For specific sale information, contact: Ann Parks		
Phone	406-542-4371 406-702-5148	Unit: Anaconda Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:		
Phone	406-542-4300 Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern 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 Good Neighbor Authority 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. Considering 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.
2. 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.
3. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using Forest Service Procedures and computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet.
 - Some information that is usually provided on DNRC's Timber Sale information sheets is not available, this is denoted by a strikethrough of the original text on the sheet.
 - Some rounding errors will be noticeable
4. The timber sale was cruised in August and September 2020. Cruise data reflects the merchantability of trees at the time of the cruise.
5. **Dead/Down Trees:** The Purchaser is required to cut and remove to a landing, at current contract rates, dead/down trees that meet the standards of trees designated for cutting
6. **Other Material:** The Purchaser is required to cut, skid and dispose of approximately **37,882 tons of Other Material**. The Purchaser may elect to remove Other Material as approved by the Forest Officer. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1. If the Purchaser elects not to remove other material, the purchaser will be required to deck or pile the material as directed by the Forest Officer.
7. The Purchaser is required to **pay a lump sum amount of \$28,411.50 for other Material**. This rate will be billed on the final invoice regardless of actual other material tons hauled.
8. **Designation By Description (DXD):** Approximately 705 acres of the timber sale are Designation by Description units in which the purchaser shall select leave trees based on contract criteria. The State encourages purchasers to familiarize themselves with designation criteria before bidding.
9. **Roadwork:** The contract requires 11.89 miles of road maintenance, 1.42 miles of maintenance on temporary roads, 2.39 miles of heavy maintenance and 5.3 miles of temporary road construction and obliteration. General road maintenance requirements include but are not limited to items such as surface blading, ditch cleaning, culvert maintenance and roadside vegetation maintenance. Road requirements and general maintenance specifications can be found in attachment B VI.
10. There is a pre-bid tour scheduled for Thursday July 1st at 9:00 am. Meet at the Fishing Access located at Exit 166 of Interstate 90. **Please RSVP to Ann Parks 406) 702-5148** if you plan to attend the tour.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Rancho Deluxe										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	AF	DF	Green LP	ES	Dead LP					TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										
Pounds per cubic foot	49	61	57	57	40					
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	460	13,717	10,208	852	13,194					38,431 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	65	2872	14112	100	20773					37,922 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	113	2,255	2,747	164	3,496					8,775 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	20%	4%	26%	7%	25%					22.5%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	90	1,895	2,034	153	2,628					6,800 MBF
Average logs per MBF										
Average DBH	10.5	11.7	8.9	10	8.9					
Average tons per acre harvested in leave tree marked units										
Average tons per acre harvested in cut tree marked units										
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										6.5 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between										
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	38,431 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 6,800 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									5.65 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	10/31/2025
Operating Season:	July 1 - March 1

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	73%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by ground lead (jammer)	
% of volume logged by skyline	
Yarding distance tractor (average)	900 ft.
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	
Yarding distance skyline (average)	
Estimated haul distance (paved)	28.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	8.0 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 FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$221,306.25
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$5.76/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$111,936
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.91/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$16.46/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$129,463
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$3.37/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temp road construction	5.3 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	18.3 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	5.3 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	18.3 miles

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Unit harvest volume			
Unit #	Acres	Total Est Tons*	Est Net MBF
T200	78.2	4,221	447
T210	41.3	2,229	236
T220	37.8	2,040	216
T230	53.6	2,893	306
T240	41.7	2,251	238
T250	33.2	1,792	190
T255	30.4	772	81
T260	2.8	151	16
T270	13.1	707	75
T290	13.4	723	77
S410	14.1	1,151	97
S420	45.5	3,717	312
S440	225.2	18,398	1546
S450	18.9	1,544	130
S460	4.9	401	34
S470	62.3	5,089	428
S480	12.7	1,038	87
S490	9.8	800	67
S500	3.3	270	23
S510	8.7	711	60
S520	11.2	915	77
S530	18	1,471	124
S540	17.7	1,446	122
S550	26.9	2,197	185
S560	15.7	1,282	108
S570	24.5	2,002	168
S580	35.4	2,892	243
S600	136.2	11,127	935
S610	25.6	2,092	176
	1,062 Ac.	76,322 tons	6,804 MBF

*Total Est. tons is sawlog and other material volume

Attachment A-2 Rancho Deluxe GNA

