

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, & 16, of T25N – R34W; and Section 34, of T25N – R34W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 22,581 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 October 10, 2019 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 **\$13,435.00**, 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) the Northwestern 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 <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/good-neighbor-authority-current-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. An ongoing project to improve and re-align .7 miles of NFSR East Fork Elk Creek #2273 is in progress. Roadwork completion is scheduled for September 30, 2019. There may be delays traveling to and from the GNA Buick Divide project area prior to this date.
5. All newly constructed roads are temporary roads and must be obliterated following hauling. 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.
6. Weed spraying is required on main travel roads post-haul. See contract Attachment B for more information.
7. 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.
8. **HAND FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED:** Approximately **2.8 miles** total of fuelbreak and hand fireline will be constructed see contract part VII. F. Unit Designations.
9. **SLASHING REQUIRED:** The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material taller than 3 feet except large cull trees and snags after harvest operations are complete and approved in each unit identified. This includes leaners and pushovers. Stems shall be completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side. Slashed material must be felled directionally so that it remains totally within the harvest unit.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **OPTIONAL UNIT:** Purchaser has the option to remove unit 70. This unit is composed of an un-estimated amount of volume in decked timber from the East Fork Elk Creek road re-route right-of-way.
13. **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.
14. Units with Leave Tree Designations are shown in VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS and Table 4. UNIT DESIGNATION SUMMARY.
15. Removal of Dead Lodgepole is required at the contract rates shown in Table 1.
16. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
17. 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.
18. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jodi Turk, 406-293-2711 ex.3
19. If determined to be in the best interest of the state and Forest Service, the DNRC may authorize hauling of small lodgepole pine sawlogs on mixed loads with other material if it will result in improved utilization of top wood and/ or other small diameter material. The State and the Purchaser shall agree to a method of measurement and payment to ensure all sawlogs are accounted for and paid pursuant to bid rates and log utilization standards. The DNRC shall determine the appropriate method for authorization, which may include an increased rate on other material and a contract amendment.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

TIMBER SALE NAME										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	HEM	AF	Dead LP	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										
Pounds per cubic foot		62	58	56	57	60	60.0	55.0	40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		8,949	1,850	4,181	857	241	2,782	3,721		22,581 tons
Estimated tons of other material (dead lodgepole)									1,819	1,819 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)										0 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10	13	11	11	11	3	17	22	11.0%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		1,290	258	599	117	33	334	513	0	3,144 MBF
Average logs per MBF		22.9	34.4	30.1	32.1	26.3	34	35.2	0	28.7 logs/M
Average DBH		12.1	9.7	10.1	9.9	10.4	10.2	9.7	11.3	10.9 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										71 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units										0 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										9.9 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										0
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			2,677 and 3,612 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises							14.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet		22,581 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 3,144 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB								7.18 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2022
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	89%
% of volume logged with tractors	37%
% of volume logged by skyline	63%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	n/a
Yarding distance tractor (average)	576 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	539 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	n/a
Estimated haul distance (paved)	57.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	17.6 miles

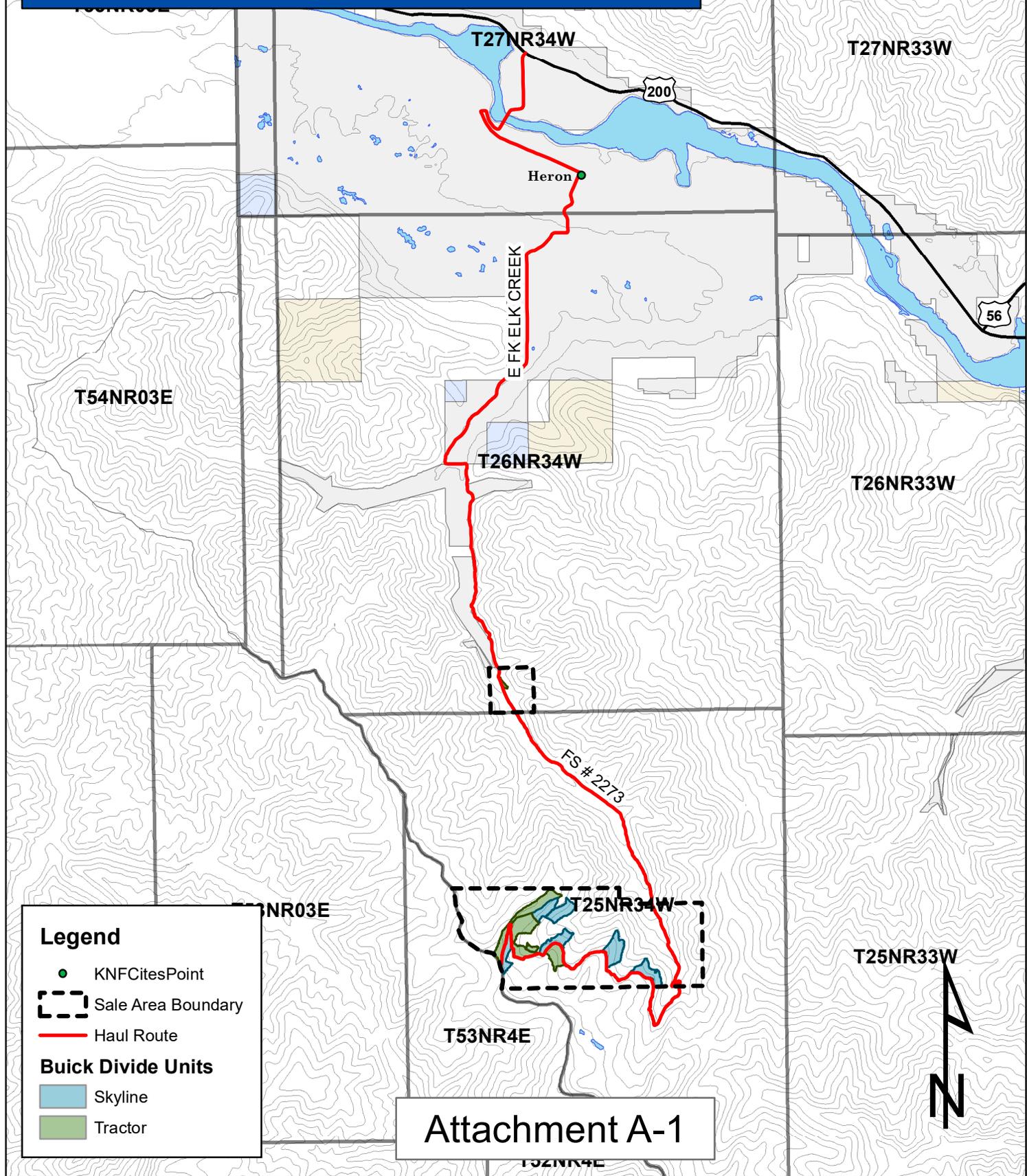
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$31,905
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.41/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$10.15/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$12,794
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.57/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temporary road construction	0.8 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	11.8 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.8 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	12.5 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 \$	\$5,784
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.26/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$56,720.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$2.51/ton

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
59	30	3,645	508	July 31, 2022
60	39	1,473	205	July 31, 2022
64	57	3,638	507	July 31, 2022
65	23	714	99	July 31, 2022
66	23	2,041	284	July 31, 2022
67	29	3,603	502	July 31, 2022
68	28	944	131	July 31, 2022
66T	59	3,354	467	July 31, 2022
67C	26	2,594	361	July 31, 2022
67B	5	576	80	July 31, 2022
70	1	Un-estimated		July 31, 2022
	320 Ac.	22,581 tons	3,144 MBF	



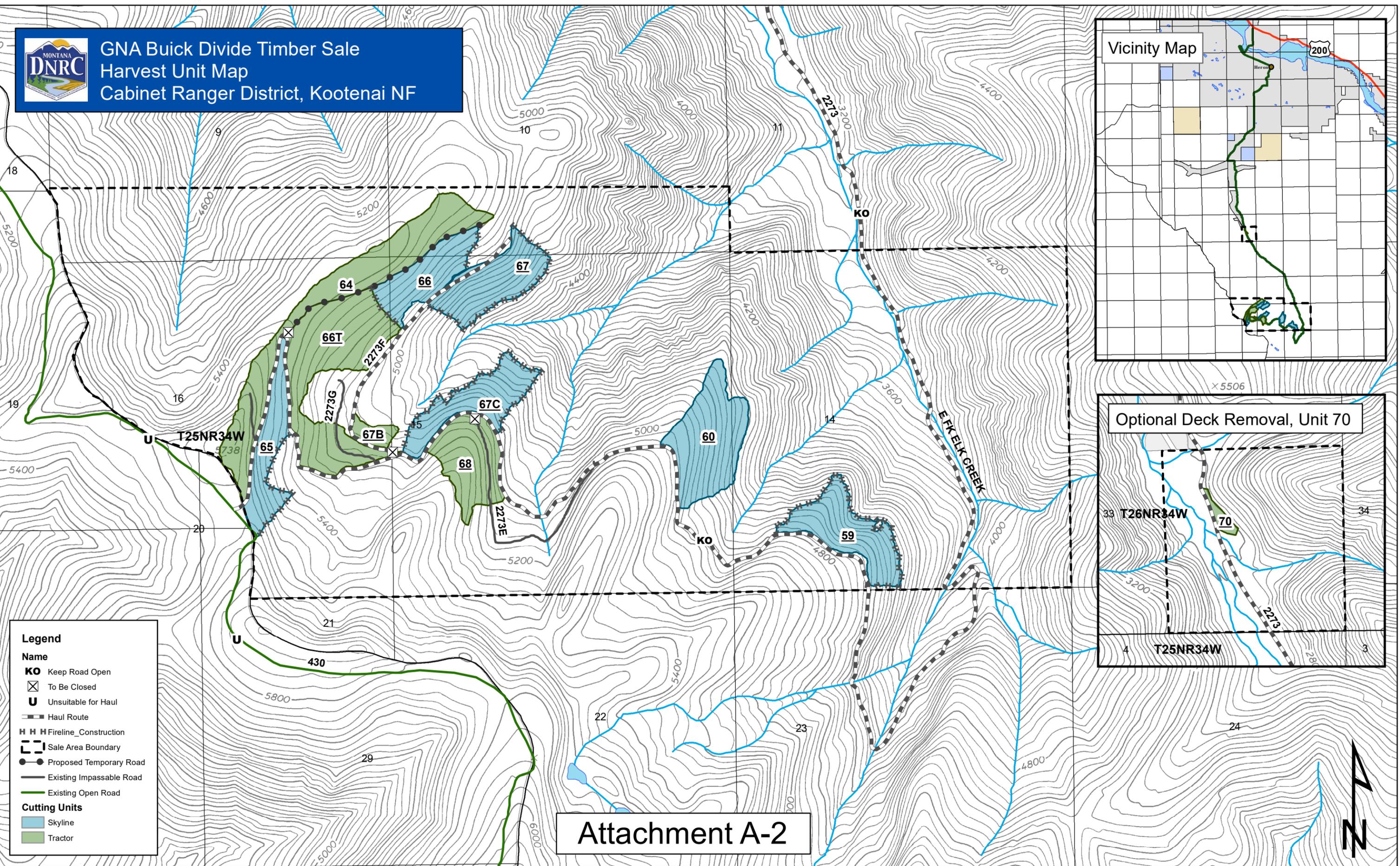
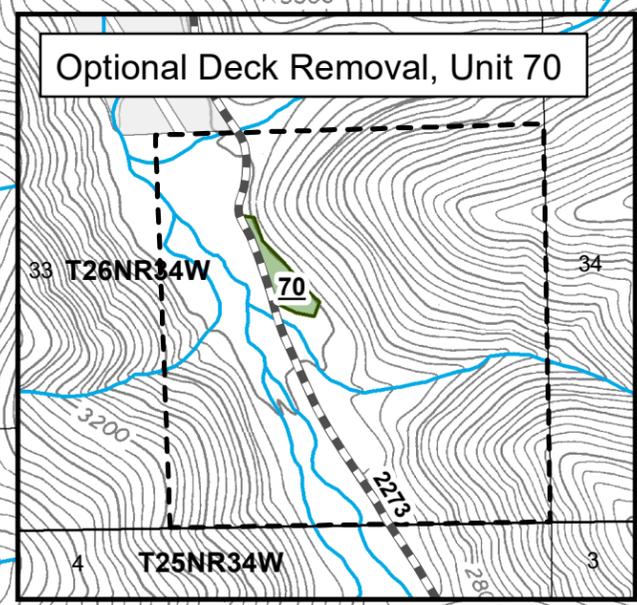
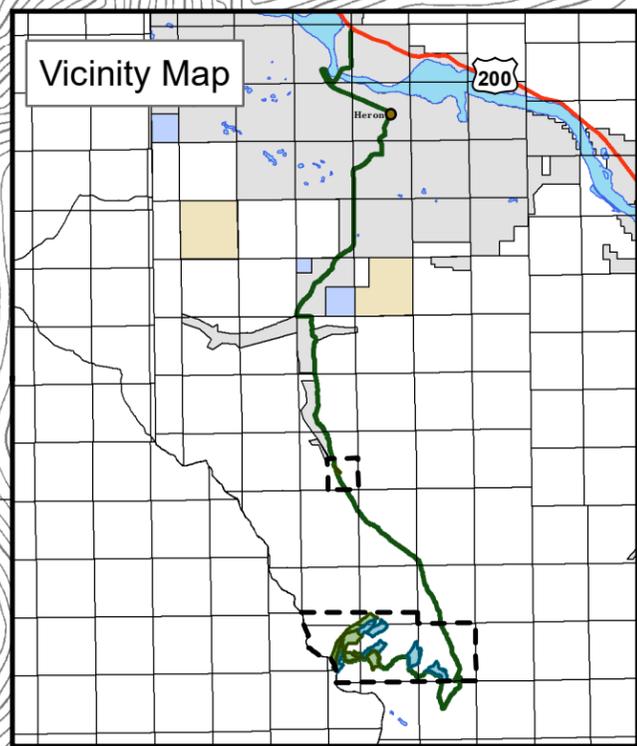
Haul Route/Vicinity Map
 GNA Buick Divide Timber Sale
 Trout Creek Ranger District, Kootenai NF



Attachment A-1



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



Legend

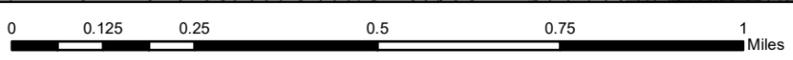
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- KO** Keep Road Open
- To Be Closed
- U** Unsuitable for Haul
- Haul Route
- Fireline_Construction
- Sale Area Boundary
- Proposed Temporary Road
- Existing Impassable Road
- Existing Open Road

Cutting Units

- Skyline
- Tractor

Attachment A-2

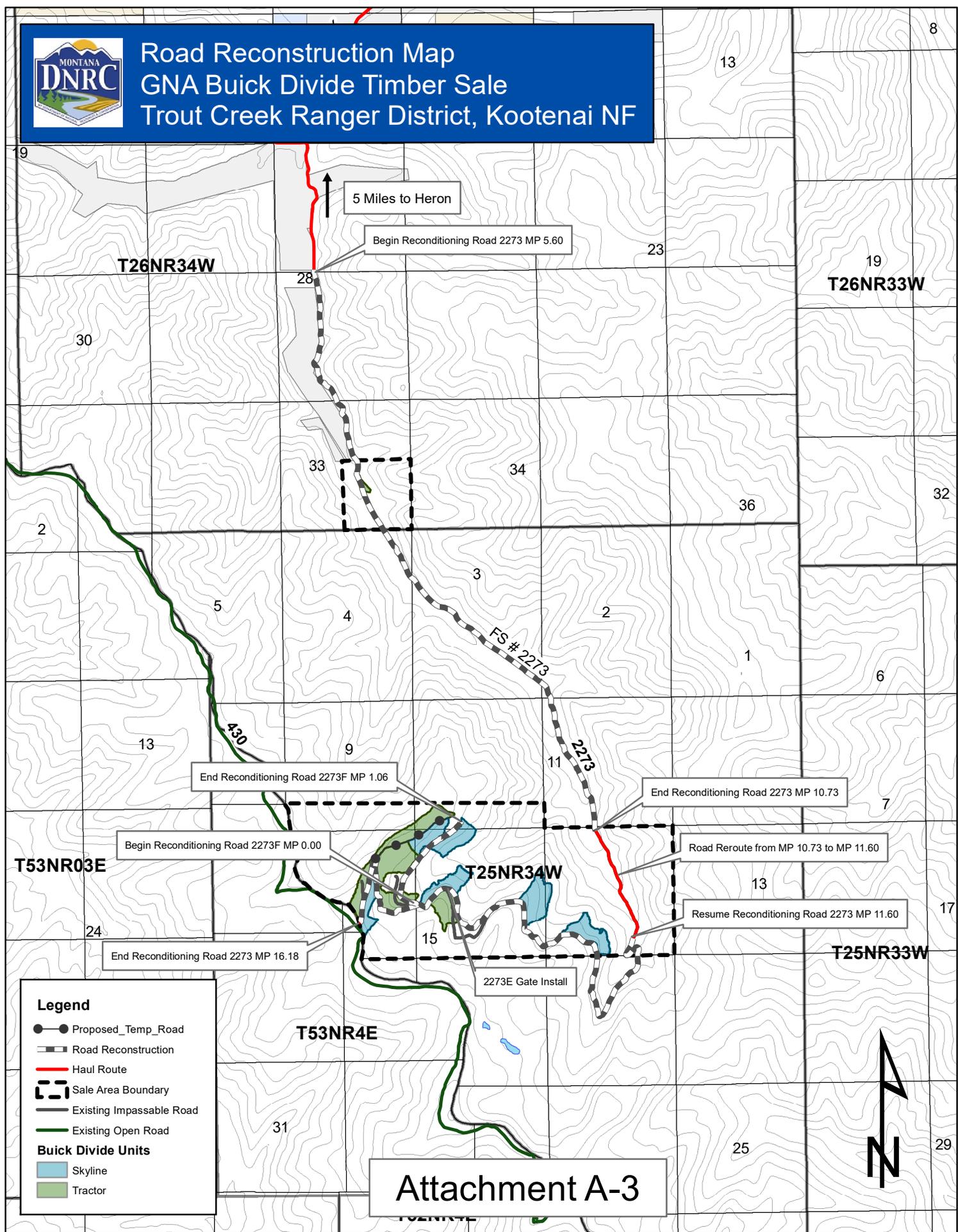




Road Reconstruction Map

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Attachment A-3

