

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Meadow Timber Sale is located within sections 17 & 20 of T35N – R26W, sections 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, & 25 of T34N – R26W, and sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 23 of T34N – R27W, on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 28,569 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 **May 18th 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 **\$31,747.00** 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 Northwest Land Office in Kalispell (406-751-2240), the Libby Unit Office located in Libby (406-293-2711).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales>

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Meadow			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-283-3528	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 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. 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. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. 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.
5. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. 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.
7. OPERATING PERIOD: Operating period is limited to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2). **Unit 162 has a limited operating period from July 16 – February 28** and when conditions meet VII.M.1 and VII.M.2.
8. The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale as shown in VII.E. TABLE 3 HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE. Unit **59** must be harvested prior to cutting in other units. Units **58 and 172** must be completed prior to cutting in the remainder of the units.
9. OPTIONAL UNIT: The Purchaser has the option to harvest in units **205, 207 and 231** and must submit an operating plan to the Forest Officer for agreement and written approval. The Purchaser must inform the Forest Officer by **6/30/2023** if they elect to pursue or decline operating within the optional unit.
10. Cut and skid of Other Material is required in accordance with contract section VII.C.2 and TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING and LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2.A and Table 2.B. If removed, such material shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1.
11. 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.
12. Lease coordination is required in units **29 and 205** in accordance with VII.G.10.
13. Units **103, 104, 182 and 206** are not marked. Leave trees shall be selected by the purchaser according to contract section VII.G.1 PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION.
14. The purchaser will be required to slash and pile with an excavator equipped with a bucket and thumb in units **30, 58 and 59** according to operating requirements under VII.G.7 in order to meet hazard reduction standards.
15. FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED: Approximately **3.4 total miles** of fuelbreak and fireline will be constructed within units **30, 31, 172, 203 and 206**, as shown in VII.F Unit Designations.
16. The Purchaser is required to apply dust abatement on road 855 (0.25 miles), 15269 (0.50 miles), 15269A (0.50 miles), 15082 (0.70 miles) and 413A (0.20 miles) according to Contract Attachment B.VIII.ROAD LOG AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS. Dust abatement shall be applied prior to haul.
17. KEEP ROADS CLOSED: Yearlong, seasonal and temporary roads shall be closed to restrict public motor vehicle access during nights, weekends and periods of inactivity.
18. Access to portions of this timber Sale are authorized by Temporary Road Use Permits (TRUP) through a third party landowners. The TRUPs, and its requirements are incorporated into the contract as Attachment G. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these requirements.
19. To access gated roads during advertisement and/or obtain electronic GPS compatible maps, contact Jodi Turk at 406-283-3528.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Meadow Timber Sale											
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)											
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per Ton											\$22.22
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0		44.0	55.0		40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		22738	4375	744	459		91	162		0	28,569 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		496	186	76	16		3	6		0	782 tons
Gross MBF		3835	754	101	83		22	30		0	4,824 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		16.0	16.0	8.0	17.0		23.0	24.0		0.0	16.4%
Net MBF		3203	631	93	69		17	23		0	4,035 MBF
Average logs per MBF		25.5	32.9	44.0	28.9		30.8	34.5		0.0	27.3 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.6	9.7	8.1	10.3		11.5	10.7		0.0	11.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	—————→										43 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	—————→										6.1 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	—————→										104
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	3,673 and 4,396 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										9.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	28,569 estimated tons / 4,035 Net MBF										7.08 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2025
Operating Period:	When conditions meet VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	07%
% of volume logged with tractors	98%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system	02%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	975 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system	200 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	54.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 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 Environmental Cost total \$	\$3,516
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.12/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$59,860
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$2.10/ton

Optional Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
205	25.85	555	77	8/30/2025
207	22.14	398	55	8/30/2025
231	38.87	795	110	8/30/2025
	87 Ac.	1,748 tons	242 MBF	

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$82,729
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.90/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.50/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$7,514
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.26/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temporary road construction	2.8 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	18.1 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	2.8 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	20.9 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
29	28.43	1005	142	8/30/2025
30	33.56	2149	304	8/30/2025
31	13.64	312	44	8/30/2025
58	40.60	1828	258	8/30/2025
59	43.95	1849	261	8/30/2025
63	97.65	5450	770	8/30/2025
103	42.57	1024	145	8/30/2025
104	7.31	251	35	8/30/2025
162	126.68	5111	722	8/30/2025
172	146.57	6996	988	8/30/2025
182	10.07	251	35	8/30/2025
203	8.38	265	37	8/30/2025
206	62.01	2079	294	8/30/2025
	661 Ac.	28,569 tons	4,035 MBF	

