

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Slow Burr Timber Sale is located within Sections 20, 21, 28 & 29, T18N-R27W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 18,578 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 **September 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Trust Land Management 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 \$21,560.00**, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their August 17, 2020 meeting. 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: Slow Burr			
Timber Sale Location: Sections 20, 21, 28, 29 T18N R27W			
For specific sale information, contact: Lauren Wilson			
Phone	406-542-4319	Unit Office: Missoula	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office	Missoula 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 Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management 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. At rates specified in the Contract, the purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement Fees** on all sawlog volume. All applicable **Road Use and/or Maintenance fees** will also be paid by the Purchaser in addition to stumpage payments.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Unpaved portions of Mill Creek Road must be bladed, dust abatement applied prior to hauling, and weed spray applied post-hauling. The Purchaser shall be responsible for 1 (one) application of Milestone @ 7 ounces/acre with 1 qt. 2-4-D and surfactant on approximately 4 miles of all roads used under this contract or as specified by the Forest Officer. In addition, for areas with Houndstongue add 1 oz/acre Escort. The application shall be completed after harvest and prior to the contract termination date. Road spray width shall be 30 feet. Any change to the herbicides used must be approved by the Forest Officer.

The Purchaser is required to apply dust abatement on Mill Creek County Road from the end of the pavement extending 500 feet. Dust abatement shall be applied before hauling during dry conditions. Blading must take place before abatement is applied. Dust abatement shall be applied within 1 week of being notified by the Forest Officer. Magnesium Chloride shall be used for dust abatement.

There will be a total of approximately 3.4 miles of road maintenance

- 2. THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. 0.41 miles of new permanent road will need to be constructed.
- 3. ROAD RECLAMATION.** There is an unauthorized road in Section 20. The purchaser will be required to place slash and CWD on 0.48 miles of road to make it impassable.
- 4. PRESENCE OF BARBED WIRE.** Please be aware there is residual barbed wire throughout the timber sale area from old fencing.
- 5. RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to submerchantable trees. Old clearcuts with dense regeneration exist within the stand. Skid trails will be located through these areas only when necessary and at locations approved by the Forest Officer.
- 6. SKID TRAIL LOCATION:** Skid trails will not be located in draws and may only cross in areas approved by the Forest Officer.
- 7. PROTECTION OF RESIDUAL TIMBER:** Purchaser shall protect residual trees from felling and skidding damage. All skidding machinery will be limited to a width that can operate between residual trees without damaging them. Forest Officer may require log-length skidding, with log lengths not to exceed 43 feet, winch-line pulling from approved trails, or other methods to limit damage. The use of any harvesting equipment or system may be restricted or discontinued if, in the observations of the Forest Officer, damage is excessive.
- 8. PURCHASER LOPPING REQUIRED:** The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material damaged during harvest operations. 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. Purchaser shall buck and delimb all logging slash as required to reduce the total slash depth, including branches, to within 18 inches of the ground.
- 9. SALE ACCESS:** Potential bidders will need a gate key to access the sale by vehicle. Please contact Lauren Wilson at 542-4319 for information.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO BIDDING.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Slow Burr												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All Live Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE	
Minimum Bid per ton											\$23.21	
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0		60.0						
Estimated tons of sawlogs	693	12095	5456	126		209					18,578 tons	
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material											0 tons	
Gross MBF	139	2111	1036	19		30					3,335 MBF	
% Cull and Breakage	7.0	13.0	15.0	16.0		12.0					13.3%	
Net MBF	130	1836	883	16		27					2,891 MBF	
Average logs per MBF	9.4	22.5	24.3	39.9		32.3					22.6 logs/MBF	
Average DBH	18.3	12.2	12.0	8.9		9.9					12.1 in.	
Average tons to cut per acre	→										53 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre	→										8.3 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut	→										86	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,612 and 3,171 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										9.7%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	18,578 estimated tons / 2,891 Net MBF										6.43 tons/MBF	

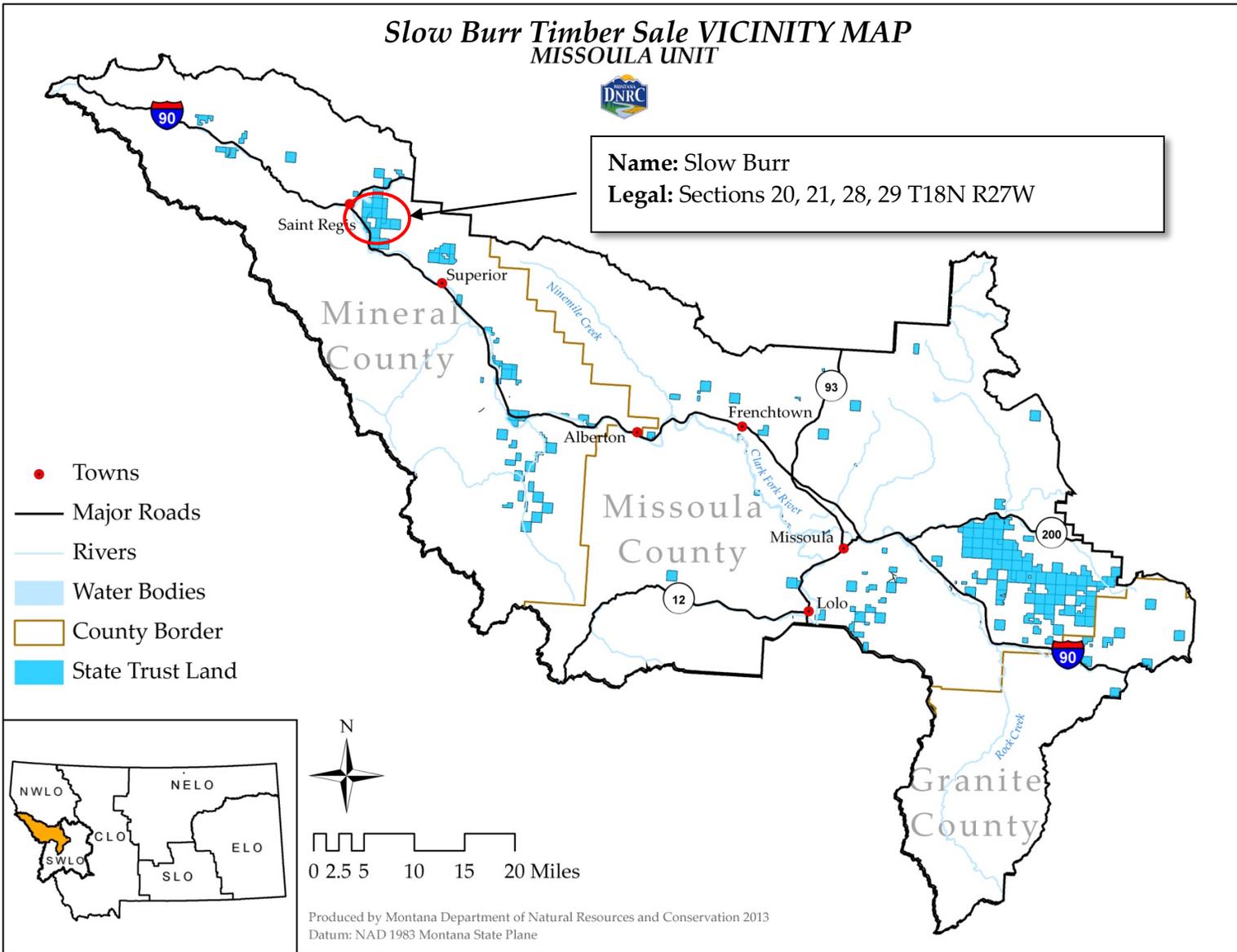
Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/15/2023
Operating Period:	Year-round when soil conditions allow

Slow Burr Timber Sale VICINITY MAP

MISSOULA UNIT

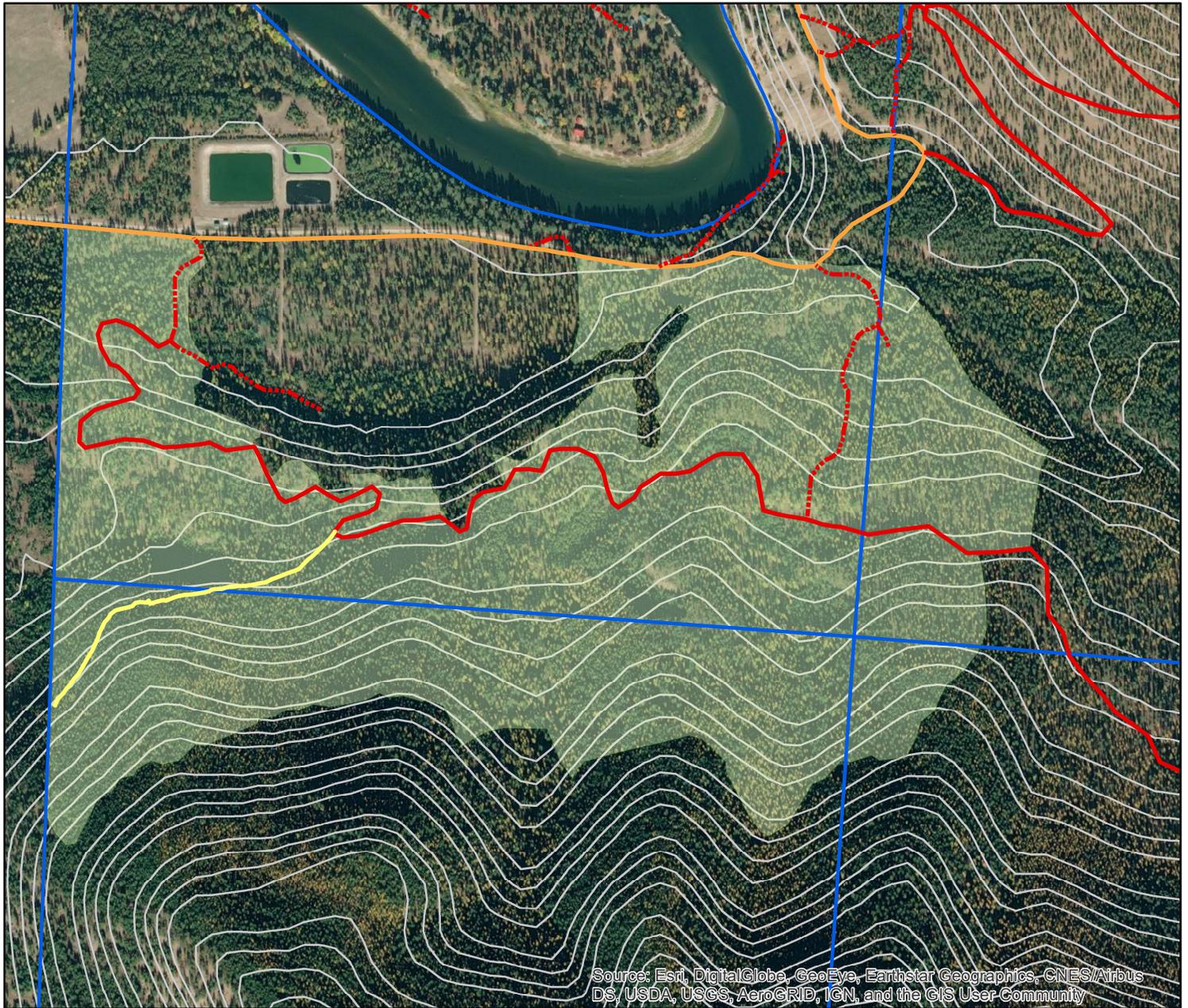


Name: Slow Burr
Legal: Sections 20, 21, 28, 29 T18N R27W

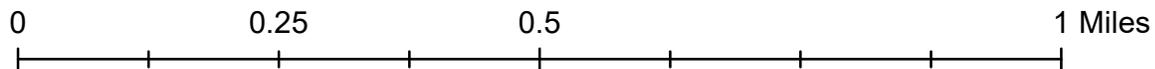




Slow Burr Timber Sale Sections 20, 21 28, 29 T18N R27W Missoula Unit



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



Harvest Unit: 348 Acres

All trees are mared to leave with a purple horizontal stripe around the bole of the tree. Trees marked with a purple "W" are wildlife trees and must be left. Protect the residual stand and regeneration during all aspects of harvest operations.

Use existing skid trails and landings when possible.

Harvest Boundaries: 3 purple stripes and blue flagging

Section Lines: 3 red stripes and red flagging

New Road Construction: Pink flagging and pink paint along centerline

Road Stations: Pink and red/white candy stripe flagging and pink paint

Legend

-  Harvest Unit
-  Section Line
-  New Road Construction
-  Open Road
-  County Road
-  Burr Saddle Rd 18524

L. Converse
6/15/2020



Slow Burr Haul Route Sections 20, 21, 28, 29 T18N R27W Missoula Unit

