

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Baker Draw Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 22, T3S-R12E, on the State's Bozeman Unit. Approximately 8,374 tons (helicopter yarding) and 1,890 tons (tractor yarding) of fire salvage Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine and spruce sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 27, 2007 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 **\$5,500.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the stumpage 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), the Central Land Office in Helena (406-458-3500), or the Bozeman Unit Office, 2273 Boot Hill Court #110, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406-586-5243 or 556-4506).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov> Online Services for upcoming sales and bid results

/s/ David A. Groeschl, Chief
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Trust Land Mgmt Division

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TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Baker Draw Salvage			
Timber Sale Location: Section 22, T3S-R12E, Park County			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-556-4506	Curt Tesmer	Bozeman Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-458-3500		Central Land Office

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on standard DNRC bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. DNRC 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 guarantee** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, bank money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **performance bond** within **30** days of the sale award. It will amount to 20% or more of the bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be in the form of 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 sale contract.
6. The Purchaser must submit an **advance stumpage payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance will be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. The Purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement fees** in addition to stumpage payments.
8. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price is per ton. The price is for all species, green and dead. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for every load.
9. **The Department has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase under this contract. All delivered wood is required to be weighed. Payment will be at per ton bid rates. The Department 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 the tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may also vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. DNRC strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding. Cost adjustments and stumpage credits/debits requested by the Purchaser based on actual vs. harvested volumes will not be granted.**
10. **DNRC 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 its market value. Purchasers are strongly encouraged to make their own estimates based on contract requirements. Cost adjustments and stumpage credits/debits requested by the Purchaser will not be granted when based on actual vs. estimated costs.**
11. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above. **A tour of the sale area is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., April 12, 2007. Meet at the Bozeman Unit Office. If you are interested in attending the tour please contact Curt Tesmer at the Bozeman Unit Field Office 406-556-4506.**
12. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates in the 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.

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications

Sale Data			
234	Net Sale Area (acres)		
November 1, 2007	Contract ending date	-1.7 mile	Road blading and reconstruction
1,890 tons	Tractor logging required (18% of volume)	1,043	Feet of road slashing
8,374 tons	Helicopter logging required (82% of volume)		
Operating Season: Dry or frozen ground conditions only or as directed by the Forest Officer.			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$5,500.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond (total \$)		
\$1.60	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton) – Payable concurrent with stumpage payments.		
\$3,765.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		

TABLE 2: Estimated Timber Data

SPECIES	Douglas-fir, Lodgepole pine, Spruce		TOTAL or AVE
	Tractor	Helicopter	
HARVEST METHOD			
Minimum Acceptable Bid			\$10.72/ton
Estimated net tons	1,890	8,374	10,264
%Cull and Breakage	10	10	10
Net MBF	360	1,595	1,955
Average DBH	14		14
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale			8.35
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 10,264 estimated tons per 1,955 net MBF = 5.25 tons per MBF			

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule

Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1H	22	174	7,875	1,500	September 30, 2007
2H	22	7	289	55	September 30, 2007
3H	22	5	210	40	September 30, 2007
1T	22	48	1890	360	September 30, 2007

Additional Sale Information:

1. The Purchaser will be required to lop and scatter slash to an 18" height on the helicopter units and trample, return skid and/or spot pile slash on the tractor unit to meet slash requirements.
2. The Purchaser will be required to purchase and deliver to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation 200 pounds of pure live grass seed in the following mixture:

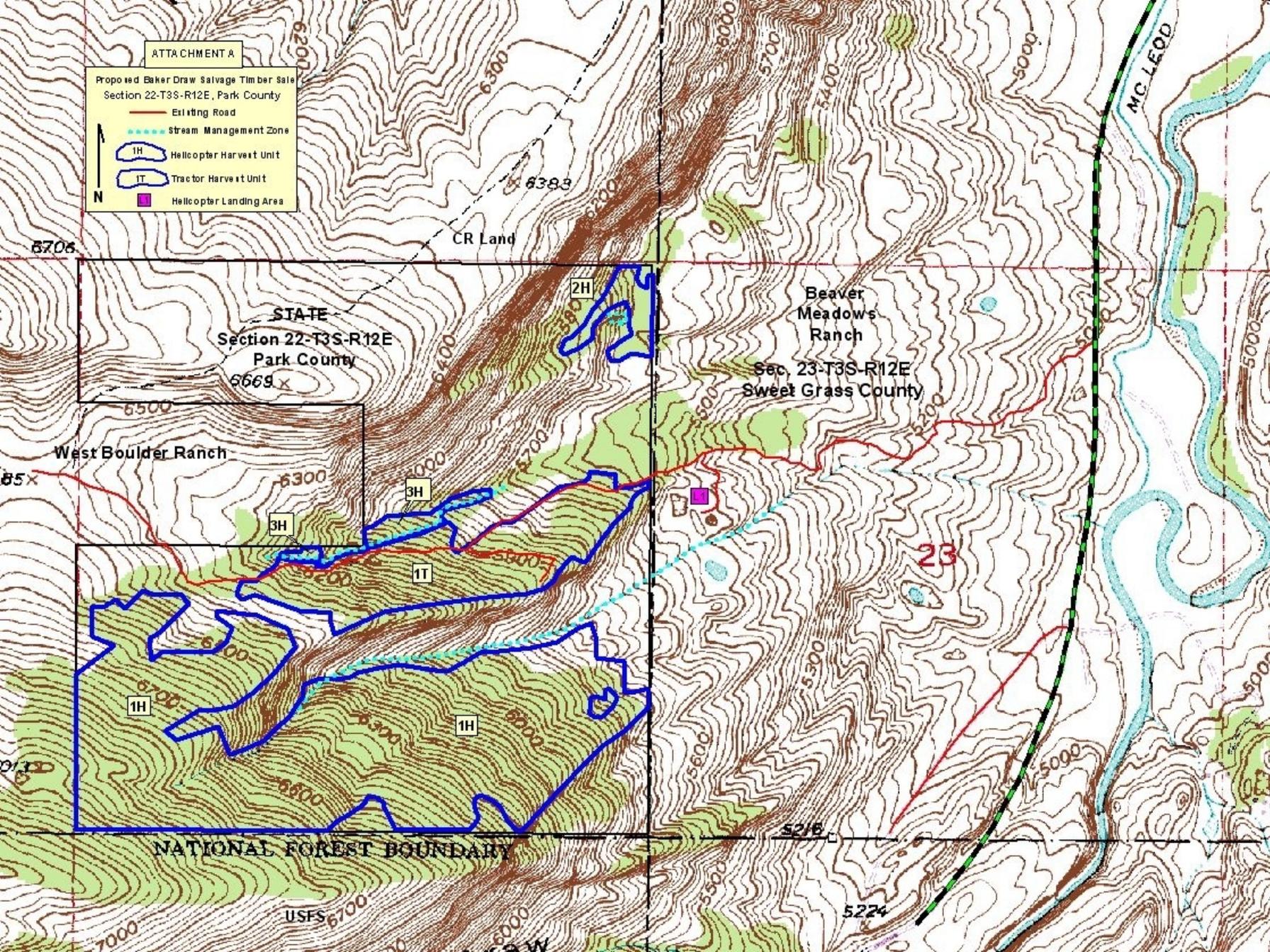
<u>SEED MIX (all ownerships)</u>	
Pubescent Wheatgrass	48 lbs
“Revenue or Primar” Slender Wheatgrass	58 lbs
“Durar or Whitmar” Hard Fescue	38 lbs
“Ruebens” Canada Bluegrass	28 lbs
“Bromar” Mountain Brome	<u>28 lbs</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	200 LBS

3. The Purchaser will be required to blade and perform road alignment/reconstruction as needed on ~1.7 miles of existing road. The Purchaser will be required to purchase and install one 18” X 26’ CMP.
4. Skid trails and selected spur roads will be effectively closed through placement of slash and debris. Locations and type of work will be identified by the Forest Officer prior to closure phase of the project.
5. All logging and heavy equipment must be power washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entry to the sale area.
6. Recurrent maintenance of all roads (~1.7 miles) is required.

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Baker Draw Salvage Timber Sale
Section 22-T3S-R12E, Park County

- Existing Road
- Stream Management Zone
- 1H Helicopter Harvest Unit
- 1T Tractor Harvest Unit
- Helicopter Landing Area



Attachment B
Baker Draw Salvage Timber Sale Vicinity Map

- Legend**
- towns
 - intermittent
 - perennial
 - Interstate
 - U.S. Route
 - ▭ County Boundary
 - ▭ Tribal Lands
 - ▭ Local Government
 - ▭ Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
 - ▭ Other State Lands
 - ▭ Montana State Trust Lands
 - ▭ National Park Service
 - ▭ Plum Creek Timber Company
 - ▭ Private Land Trusts
 - ▭ US Forest Service
 - ▭ US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - ▭ US Bureau of Land Management

