

**NOTICE OF SALE  
(10 DAY AD)**

**Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The East Sarpy Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T2N-R37E, on the State's Southern Land Office. Approximately 4,283 tons, consisting of ponderosa pine sawlogs is offered for sale approximately 2,910 of the total tons is considered fire killed salvage and the remaining 1,373 tons will be harvested from unburned units.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 27, 2006 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 **\$1,392.00** 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 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 **14** 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 Southern Land Office in Billings (406-247-4401), or the Eastern Land Office in Miles City, MT (406-232-2034).

Visit our website at [www.dnrc.mt.gov](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov) Online Services for upcoming timber sales and bid results.

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

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

<b>Timber Sale Name:</b>	East Sarpy Salvage		
<b>Timber Sale Location:</b>	Sec 36, T2N-R37E Approximately 25 air miles Northeast of Hardin MT.		
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Chris Pileski</b>			
Phone	406-232-2034		Unit Office: Eastern
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-232-2034	Chris Pileski	Land Office: Eastern

**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 **14** 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** and any special **Road Use and Maintenance fees** in addition to stumpage payments.
8. The successful bidder must sign an agreement that prohibits exporting State logs.
9. 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.
10. The Department has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase under this contract. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed 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 vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. DNRC strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
11. 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 should make their own estimates based on contract requirements.
12. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
13. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates in the sale contract are not guaranteed.
14. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the contract governs.

<b>TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications</b>			
<b>Sale Data</b>			
297	Net Sale Area (acres)	1.5	Miles of Temporary Spur Road Construction
Jan. 31, 2007	Contract ending date	3.3	Miles of road reconstruction Existing Two-Tracks
N/A	Cable logging required (% of volume)	1.5	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: May 1-December 31			
<b>Charges and Appraised Costs</b>			
\$1392.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20%of Bid Value	Performance Bond		
\$ N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$0.40	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton) <b>Concurrent with stumpage</b>		
\$ N/A	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$ N/A	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$ N/A	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ N/A	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ N/A	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

<b>TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids</b>									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	DD	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									<b>\$6.50/ton</b>
Gross Cubic Feet (in thousands)									
% Cull and Breakage	15%							15%	15%
Net Cubic Feet (in thousands)									
Pounds per cubic foot									
Net tons	1373							2910	4283
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)									
%Cull and Breakage									
Net MBF									
Average logs per MBF	14							14.2	14.1
Average DBH	12.97							13.77	13.37
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units									14.42
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units									N/A
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale									N/A
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									28.5
Calculated Sampling Error ( <i>net</i> MBF): 14.5									
The total cruised volume will fall between 491 and 651 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 7.5 tons per MBF									

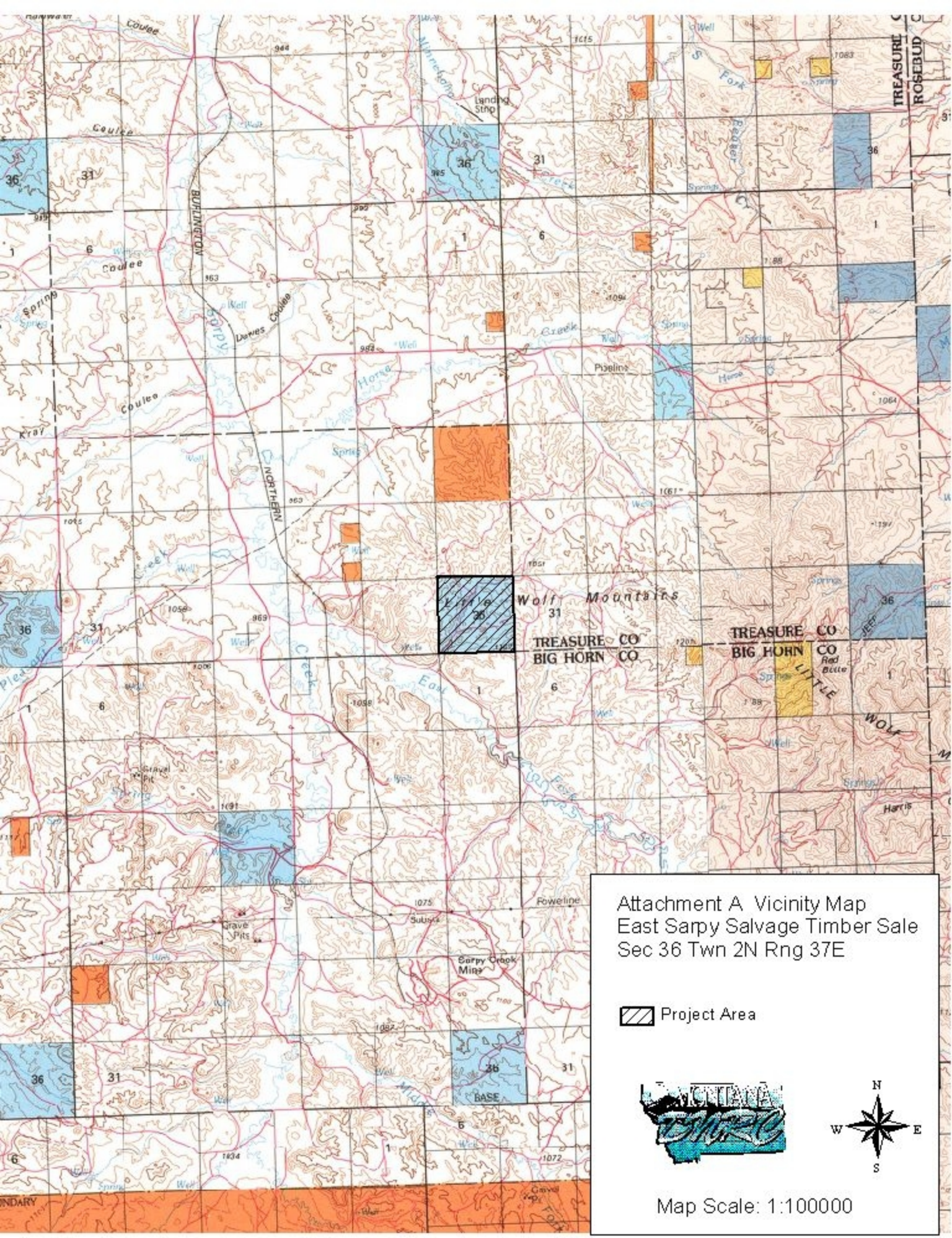
TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	36	201	2,910	388	Prior to starting Unit 2
2	36	96	1,373	183	Dec. 31, 2006

**Additional Sale Information:**

1. A temporary Right-of-Way agreement has been secured from the Booth Ranch to access this sale. Signed Right-of-Way documents and maps are included in the Timber Sale Contract. The Purchaser is responsible for the terms of the Right-of-Way agreement.
2. **This sale is a combination of salvage timber and green timber and is to be bid at ONE price on a per ton basis**
3. The Forest Improvement fee for this sale will be \$.40/ton. Forest Improvement payments will be made concurrent with stumpage. The Department of Natural Resources personnel will burn the piles.
4. Unit 1 of the sale is a salvage unit, all fire killed ponderosa pine 10" DBH and bigger with a 16'6" log to an 8" top dib are considered merchantable and must be cut. Any tree with greater than 50% unburned crown within this unit shall be considered a leave tree.
5. Unit 2 of the sale is unburned, cut and leave trees in this unit will be Purchaser select based on the following criteria: Trees selected to leave must be dominant or co-dominant with good form and vigor with leave trees being spaced approximately every 40-60 feet. Leave trees should be selected from all size classes. All other trees not designated as leave trees 8" DBH and greater with a 16'6" log to a 6" top dib shall be considered cut trees. The Forest Officer may sample mark a portion of this unit.
6. Purchaser and road builder/contractor must meet with the Forest Officer for on-the-ground review prior to commencement of work. Erosion control measures (drain dips, outslopes, and inslopes, etc.) must be built during initial road construction. All Temporary Spur Roads must be mechanically ripped, using a blade with a minimum of eight teeth or an equivalent piece of equipment, immediately after haul use is completed and no later than January 31, 2007. DNRC personnel will seed the temporary spur roads at the time of ripping. In addition to ripping of Temporary Spur Roads the purchaser will be responsible for pulling berms on approximately a half mile of fireline.
7. Purchaser is required to buy 50 pounds of pure live seed and all the seed must be delivered to the Eastern Land Office on or before the commencement of any road building activity. The seed species mix is listed in Attachment B in the sale contract.
8. No mechanical equipment or log hauling equipment may operate when the ground is wet and rutting of the unit and road surface may occur.
9. All harvested trees will be whole tree skidded to a landing and tops will be cut at the landing and piled. All piles will be as large and tall as possible and tightly compacted. On areas of the sale with steep adverse skids, trees may be limbed in the woods and slash lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface. No slash of any kind will be piled at the obvious head of any draw. Equipment used to pile slash must have a brush blade attached. All slash piles will be located next to a road. Any small trees that are knocked over or broken tops of trees that cannot be piled must be lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface.
10. Purchaser is responsible to ensure the mill sends the Eastern Land Office the load reports (Truck Weight Tickets) on a bi-monthly basis and the DNRC will bill the Purchaser approximately every two weeks for the total tonnage delivered to the mill.
11. All logs must be hauled no later than 30 days after they have been decked. The date of decking must be painted on several of the decked logs.
12. Any and all fences damaged during harvest activity must be repaired immediately at the time of damage.







Attachment A Vicinity Map  
East Sarpy Salvage Timber Sale  
Sec 36 Twn 2N Rng 37E

 Project Area



Map Scale: 1:100000