

GAME TIME TIMBER SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Game Time Timber Sale is located within Sections 6, 7, & 18, T15N-R13W and Sections 1, 12, & 13, T15N-R14W, on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 36,914 tons of sawlogs consisting primarily of Douglas-fir, western larch, Engelmann spruce, and lodgepole pine sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **June 26, 2014 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 **\$35,862.00**, 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 Southwestern Land Office, in Missoula (406-542-4200), or the Clearwater Unit office in Greenough, MT. (406-244-2386 or 406-244-2385).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/timber/bids.asp> for upcoming timber sales and bid results.

/s/ SONYA GERMANN, Chief
Forest Management Bureau
Trust Land Management Division

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TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Game Time			
Timber Sale Location: Sec. 6, 7, & 18, T15N-R13W Sec. 1, 12, & 13, T15N-R14W			
For specific sale information, contact: Craig Nelson/Cindy Super			
Phone	406-244-2386 406-244-2385 M-Th. 7am-5:30pm	Clearwater	Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office	Missoula

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on standard Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (Dept) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Dept reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The Dept 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, cashier's check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the Dept within a maximum of **30** days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 15% of the total 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. 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 be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be in the form of 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 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 Dept has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase 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 Dept 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 Dept strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.**
10. **The Dept 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 Dept 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 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. **SKIDDER PILES:** The Purchaser is required to redistribute logging slash by piling a majority of the landing slash in the unit using a grapple skidder. This will be done along unit boundaries totaling approximately 57 acres. These piles will be at least 8 feet tall and will be piled in a way as to promote burning (higher NOT wider). The piles will be placed in larger openings. If another operation is used, it is necessary for the Purchaser to get written approval from the Forest Officer. Approximately 70% of the slash shall be piled in the unit and 30% in landing piles in this area.
2. **SALE UNIT WILL BE DONE IN PORTIONS:** Approximately 1/3 of the sale must be harvested each year of the contract as shown in TABLE 3. HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE as stated in the contract. These areas must be congruent to each other, and any variations must be approved by the Forest Officer.
3. **SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** The Purchaser shall fell all sub-merchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches on the uphill side.
4. **PURCHASER LOPPING REQUIRED:** Purchaser shall buck and delimb all logging slash as required to reduce main stems to within 12 inches of the ground from bottom side, and reduce total slash depth, including branches, to within 18 inches of the ground.
5. **WARNING SIGNS REGARDING NEARBY HARVEST:** It will be necessary to have signs that warn potential recreationalists etc. of the harvest and potential danger.
6. **NON-SAWLOG REMOVAL:** Removal of pulp material will be **mandatory**. The material will be billed at a \$1.00/ton as shown in Table 1 of the contract.
7. **SEASON CLOSURE:** No logging, decking, loading or hauling will be permitted from **October 15 - November 30** and from **March 1 - June 14** of each year during the term of this contract.
8. **ROAD SEASON CLOSURE:** No road construction repairs or construction will occur from **October 15 - June 14**. *Given the usual break-up conditions, July 1 is a normal beginning time.*
9. **OCCUPIED GRIZZLY BEAR HABITAT:** Sale area is located within grizzly bear occupied habitat. Operations shall be in compliance with the Timber Sale Contract, Attachment D (Working in Bear Habitat).
10. **GAME RANGE CLOSURE:** This timber sale is located within the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area which is closed to the public on a seasonal basis. The Purchaser is authorized to enter areas closed by gates, barricades or berms with motorized vehicles **only for the purposes related to the performance of this contract**. Motorized vehicle entry for purposes other than contract performance, such as hunting, antler collection, or transporting game animals will be considered trespass and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law (Montana Code Annotated § 45-6-203).
11. **HERBICIDE APPLICATION:** Purchaser will be required to ensure application of herbicide on **13 miles** of roads in the sale area.
12. **GRASS SEEDING:** The Purchaser shall furnish and apply 917 pounds of specified certified noxious weed-free grass seed and 5,783 pounds of specified fertilizer for 1.5 applications on 36.5 acres.

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TIMBER SALE NAME										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$19.43/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58	56	57	55	N/A	N/A	40.0	58
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	95	27,938	6,150	1,010	1,491	184	N/A	N/A	46	36,914 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	5	500	155	60	25	15	N/A	N/A	100	860 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	17	4,061	1,129	159	246	27	N/A	N/A	25	5,664 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	10	14	18	11	13	19	N/A	N/A	67	15.1%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	14.8	3,470.0	923.5	141.1	213.5	22.1	N/A	N/A	24.9	4,810 MBF
Average logs per MBF	13.5	27.1	28.9	29.2	23.5	41.9	N/A	N/A	93.1	27.5 logs/M
Average DBH	18	12	11.3	9.3	12.4	8.6	N/A	N/A	8.9	11.7 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										39 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										5.0 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	4,400 and 5,219 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									8.5%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	36,914 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 4,810 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									7.67 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	10/15/2017
Contract length	40 months
Operating Season:	<u>ROADS</u> : June 15 - October 14 <u>HARVESTING</u> : June 15 - October 14 <u>and</u> December 1 - February 28

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by ground lead (jammer)	00%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	8.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	8.5 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$22.72/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$2.96/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$109,265.44
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$18,210.91
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$22,898
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.62/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton
Bid Guarantee (total \$)	\$35,862.00
Performance Bond	15% of bid value

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$67,828
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.84/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$14.10/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$6,825
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.18/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	8.9 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.6 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	3.7 miles

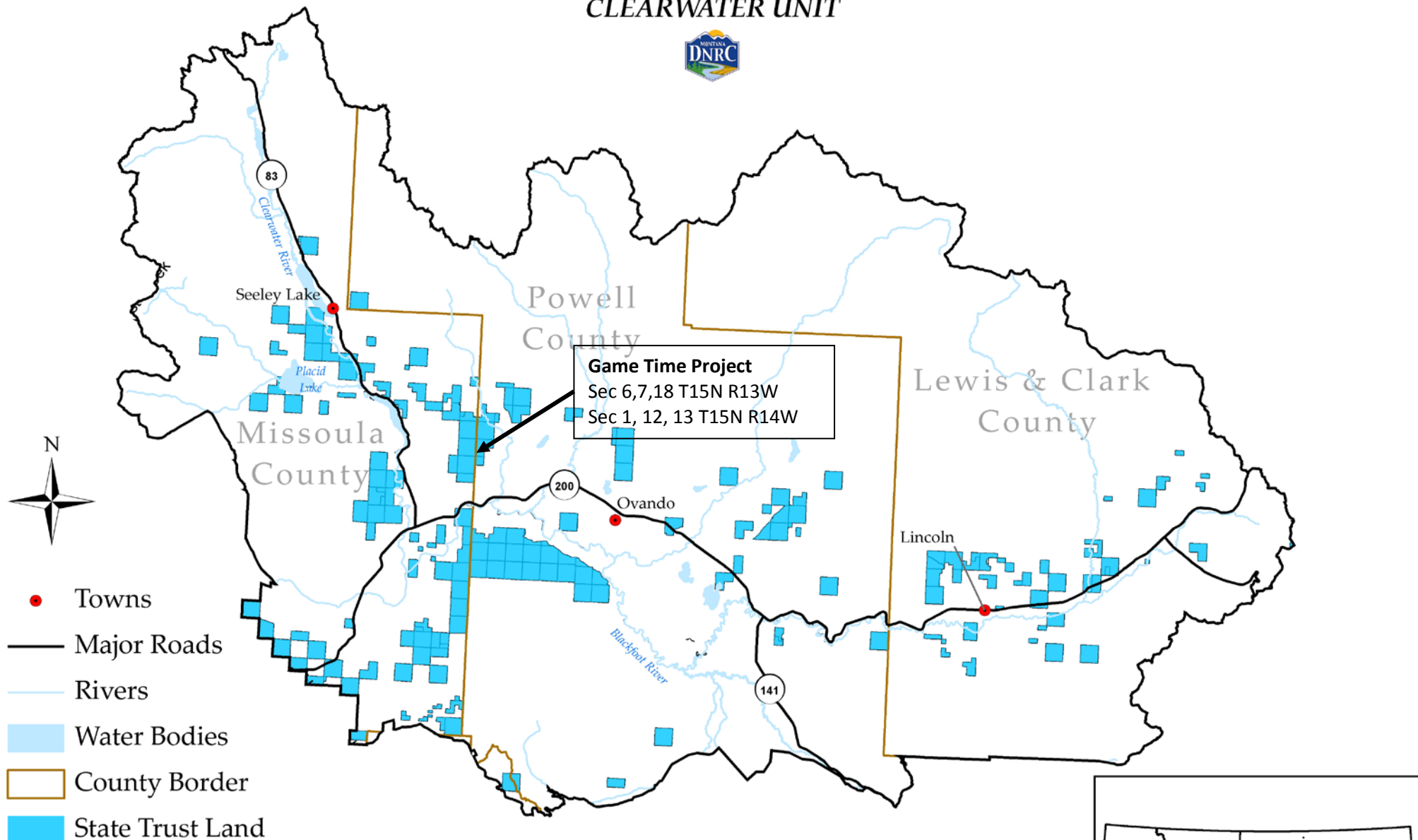
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest date
1	318	12,304	1,603	February 28, 2015
2	318	12,304	1,603	February 28, 2016
3	318	12,306	1,604	February 28, 2017
Totals	954	36,914	4,810	

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Legal description by trust					Unit harvest volume			
Legal description - subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge	Grant	Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
W1/2	6	15N	13W	C.S.	1	239 Ac.	9,228	1,202
W1/2	7	15N	13W	C.S.	1	143 Ac.	5,537	721
NW1/4 NW1/4	18	15N	13W	C.S.	1	10 Ac.	370	49
NE1/4 NE1/4	13	15N	14W	C.S.	1	9 Ac.	369	48
S1/2 and NE1/4	1	15N	14W	C.S.	1	286 Ac.	11,074	1,443
W1/2 NE1/4, E1/2, E1/2 SW1/4, and SE1/4	12	15N	14W	P.B.	1	267 Ac.	10,336	1,347
Totals						954 Ac.	36,914 T	4,810

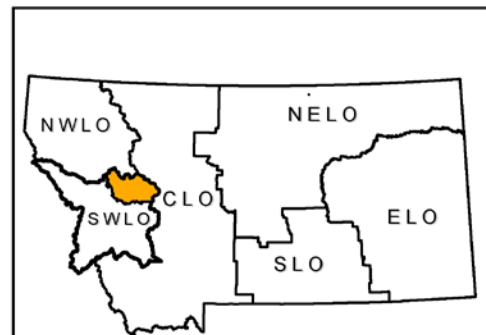
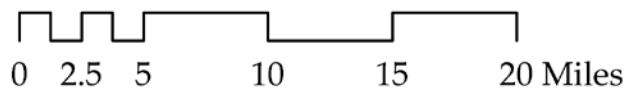
GAME TIME T.S. VICINITY MAP

CLEARWATER UNIT



Game Time Project
Sec 6,7,18 T15N R13W
Sec 1, 12, 13 T15N R14W

- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- County Border
- State Trust Land



Game Time Sale Area and Roads

Legend

- Game Time Roads
- Other Game Time Roads
- Game Time Sale Area

