

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Harlow Dump Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T22N-R30W and Section 22, T23N-R30W, on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 15,599 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, and western larch sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **March 25, 2010 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 **\$15,778.00**, 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 45 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 Northwest Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2240), or the Unit Office in Plains, MT (406-826-4725).

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

/s/ Shawn Thomas, 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: Harlow Dump			
Timber Sale Location: Section 36, T22N-R30W and Section 22, T23N-R30W			
For specific sale information, contact: Kyle Johnson			
Phone	406-826-4725	DNRC, Plains Unit, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859	DNRC Plains Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern Land Office	DNRC Kalispell Office

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 (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, 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 45 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, **at a minimum of \$25,000.00 or 10% of the total bid value of the sale, whichever is greater**. 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.
14. **Pulp Log and Biomass Bids** – When a bid is submitted for pulp logs and/or biomass, the bids will be considered as part of the total bid and the amount bid will be added to other bid items to determine the total bid price. This total bid price will be used when determining the successful bidder. If a bid price is submitted and the bidder is awarded the sale, the removal of these products is mandatory.

Additional Sale Information:

- 1) Sawlog top sizes for all species will be 5.6" DIB.
- 2) Material other than as described above may be purchased if approved by the Forest Officer. This material will be billed at a negotiated rate detailed in a contract modification.
- 3) Northwestern Land Office has changed its method of estimating road development costs. Contact Plains Unit for more information about appraised costs for this sale.
- 4) Road work including gate installations is to be completed prior to initiating harvest activities. **All road work shall be completed by November 1, 2010.**

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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Harlow Dump Timber Sale Cruise Data											
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WH	GF	Dead LP	Dead DF	Dead PP	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid											\$20.23/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58	56	57	60	60	40	40	40	
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	2,903	7,599	2,722	168	114	214	1,675	60	127	17	15,599 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	32	561	223	29	2	15	76	21	5	1	965 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	487	1,241	447	27	20	35	284	17	32	4	2,594 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	1	1	1	0	1	1	7	34	1	40	2.0%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	484	1,223	444	26	20	35	264	11	32	3	2,542 MBF
Average logs per MBF	12	16	20	23	15	10	17	53	16	56	16.0 logs/M
Average DBH	17	14	12	10	15	12	13	8	13	12	13.4 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units											50 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units											31 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale											11.2 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise											28 - 106
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,270 and 2,812 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										10.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	15,599 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 2,542 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB										6.14 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	6/30/2013
Contract length	39 months
Operating Season:	Year round when soil condition requirements are met.

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Legal description by trust					Unit harvest volume				
Legal description - subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge	Grant	Unit #	Acres		Est Tons	Est MBF
N 1/2, NE 1/4	36	22N	30W	CS	36-1	69		5,903	972
W 1/2, SW 1/4	36	22N	30W	CS	36-2	40		2,018	286
W 1/2, NW 1/4	36	22N	30W	CS	36-3	19		694	101
W 1/2, NW 1/4	36	22N	30W	CS	36-4	19		484	75
N 1/2, NE 1/4	36	22N	30W	CS	ROW	1		82	14
N 1/2, NW 1/4	22	23N	30W	DB	22-5	34		2,827	482
N 1/2, NW 1/4	22	23N	30W	DB	22-6	42		3,424	583
N 1/2, NW 1/4	22	23N	30W	DB	ROW	2		166.8	29
See Instructions for how to fill in this table									
Totals						226 Ac.		15,599 T	2,542 M











