

## NOTICE OF SALE

### 10-DAY AD

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

The Hidden Bugs Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 18, T16N-R15W, on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 3,500 tons, consisting of lodgepole pine sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **July 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 **\$4,375.00**, 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. **Award of this timber sale is conditional upon project approval by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their July 16, 2007 meeting.** If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **15** 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 Southwest Land Office in Missoula (406-542-5200), or the Clearwater Unit Office in Greenough, MT (406-244-5857).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov> Online Services for upcoming 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: Hidden Bugs Salvage</b>			
<b>Timber Sale Location: Section 18, T16N-R15W</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Sarah Pierce</b>			
Phone	406-244-5857	Clearwater	Unit Office
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern	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. **Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at the July 16, 2007 meeting.**
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 **15 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 **and concurrent with** 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.
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.

<b>TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications</b>			
<b>Sale Data</b>			
108.5	Net Sale Area (acres)	0.54	Miles of road construction
December 31, 2008	Contract ending date	2.83	Miles of re-condition
0%	Cable logging required (% of volume)	N/A	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: <b>Unit 4: August 1 – October 19; December 1 – March 1. All other units: award date – October 19, 2007</b>			
<b>Charges and Appraised Costs</b>			
\$4,375.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
\$ N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$ 2.94	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton, paid concurrent with stumpage)		
\$ 12,290.00	Estimated Total of Forest Improvement Payments		
\$ 12,557.05	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$ 0.65	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton) on roads within sale area and easement Roads		
\$ 0.65	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ N/A	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

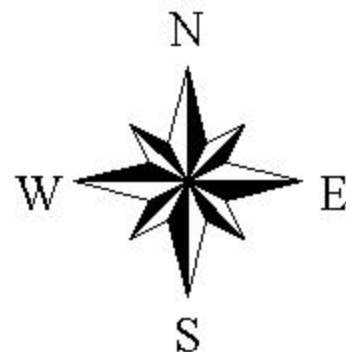
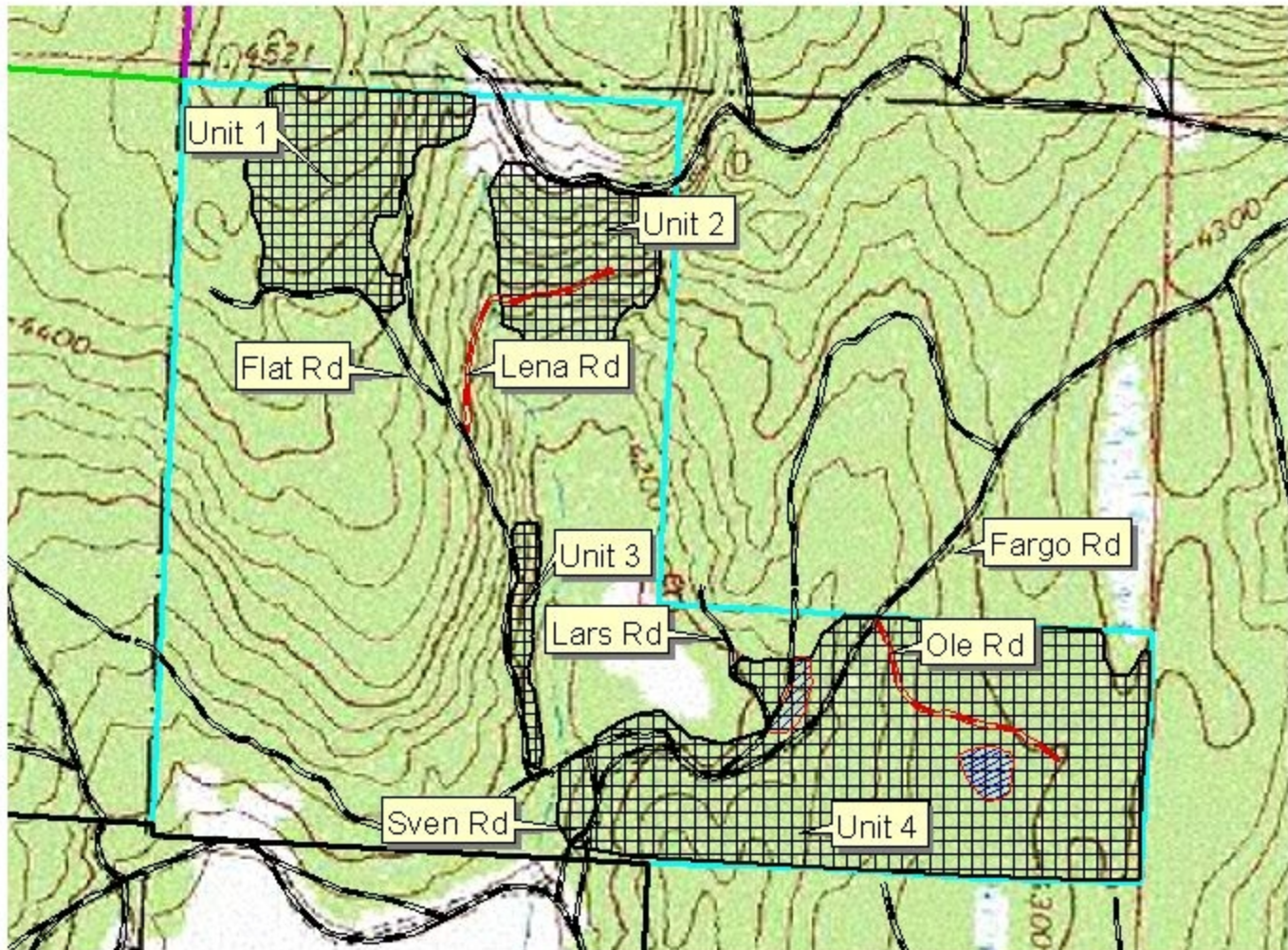
<b>TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids</b>									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	DD	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$25.00/ton
Pounds per cubic foot				49					49
Net tons				3500					3500
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)				758.5					758.5
%Cull and Breakage				19.7					19.7
Net MBF				633.4					633.4
Average logs per MBF				31.4					31.4
Average DBH				10.9					10.9
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units									32.25
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units									
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale									5.83
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									15-101 (avg 93)
Calculated Sampling Error ( <i>net</i> MBF): 11 %									
The total cruised volume will fall between 564 and 703 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 3500 net tons per 633.4 net MBF = 5.53 tons per MBF									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	18	18	100	17.9	October 19, 2007
2	18	14.5	196	35.2	October 19, 2007
3	18	3.5	237	42.5	October 19, 2007
4	18	72.5	2967	537.8	March 1, 2008

**Additional Sale Information:**

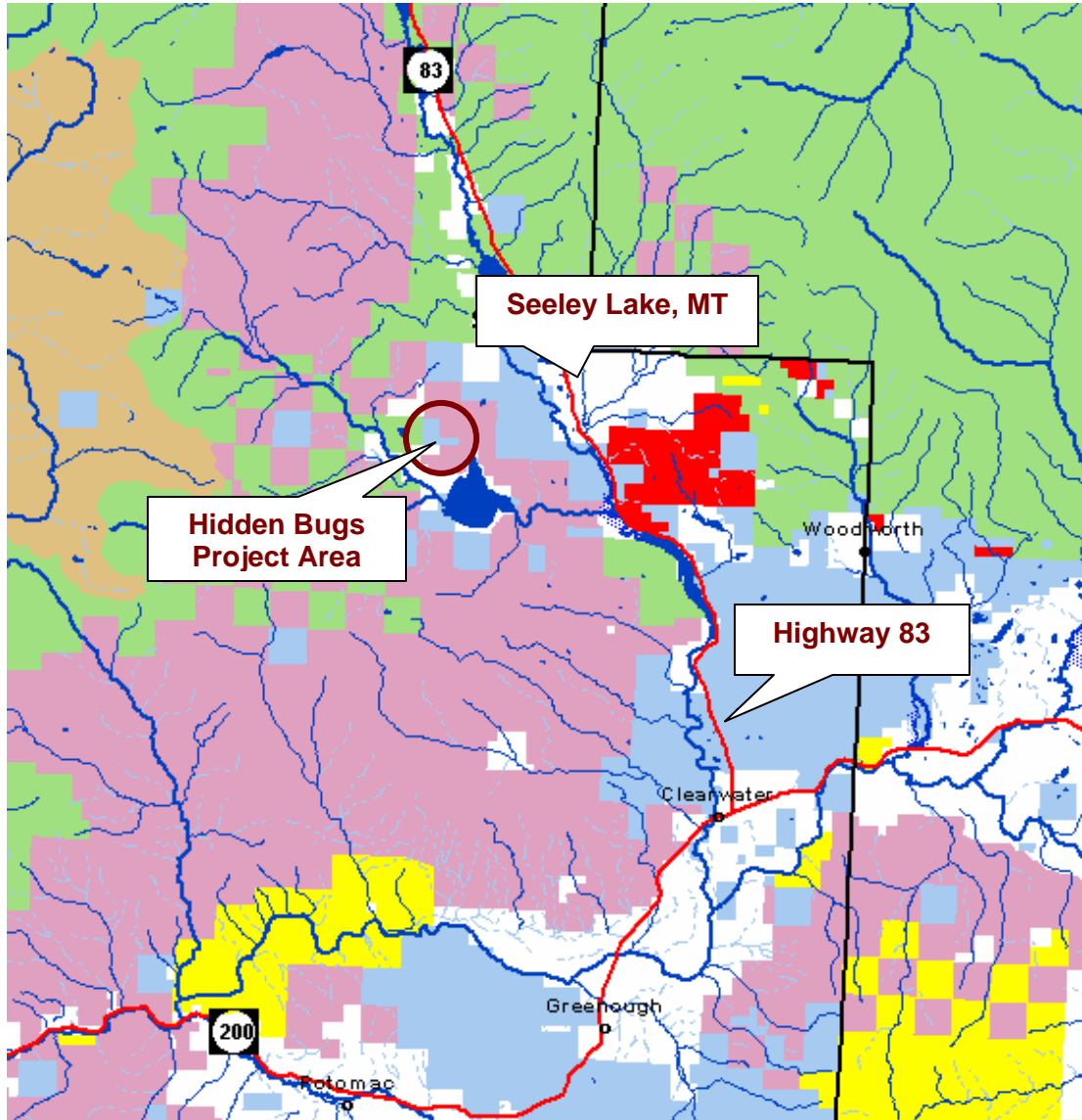
1. Units 1, 2, and 3 (36 acres total) are first priority and logging should commence immediately upon execution of the contract. Harvesting in these units is required to be completed by October 19, 2007.
2. Blue Heron and Osprey nests have been located near Unit 4. Operation periods within Unit 4 are limited to August 1 – October 19 and December 1-March 1.
3. The Purchaser will be responsible for grass seeding and herbicide application on 3.4 miles of road. Grass seeding will be completed following road work and then again after harvesting has been completed.
4. The Purchaser will supply and install 2 (two) Plum Creek style gates and 3 CMP culverts. See Attachment B of the contract.
5. The Purchaser shall post warning signs on roads and control traffic as necessary while harvest operations are adjacent to county roads and private access roads.
6. Road work including gate installation is to be completed prior to initiating harvest activities. All road work **must be completed by September 28, 2007**.
7. The Purchaser shall be required to return skid logging slash to harvest units as directed by the Forest Officer.
8. The Purchaser shall be required to lop slash to within 18” of the ground within harvest units as directed by the Forest Officer.
9. The Purchaser shall be required to cut and remove non-sawlog lodgepole pine exceeding 16.5’ length to a 2.5” top inside diameter. Volume of this material is estimated to be 992 tons.

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# Hidden Bugs Salvage Timber Sale Vicinity Map



### LEGEND

- Lake
- Stream
- Land Ownership
  - US Forest Service
  - National Park Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - US Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Other Federal Land
  - State Trust Land
  - Other State Land
  - Local Government
  - Tribal Land
  - Plum Creek Timber Co
  - Private Conservation
  - Other Private Land
  - Water
- Highways
  - Interstate Route
  - U.S. Route
  - Montana Route
  - Secondary Route

← 5 Miles →

A compass rose with a star-like center, indicating the cardinal directions: North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).