

SLEEPING CHILD TIMBER SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Sleeping Child Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T5N-R20W on the State's Hamilton Unit. Approximately 2,622 tons, consisting of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **June 20, 2008 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 **\$1,311.00**, 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 **21** 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 Hamilton Unit Office in Hamilton, MT (406-375-0412).

Visit our website at www.dnrc.mt.gov Online Services for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Sleeping Child			
Timber Sale Location: Section 36, T5N-R20W			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406- 375-0412	Kurt Gelderman	Hamilton 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

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, 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 **21** days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% 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.
14. **Pulp Log and Biomass Bids – N/A**

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications			
Sale Data			
202	Net Sale Area (acres)	.14	Miles of road construction
June 15, 2009	Contract ending date	0	Miles of road reconstruction
47	Cable logging required (% of volume)	.03	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Harvest Operations: June 15 – Oct. 15, Dec. 1 – Feb. 28; Road Construction: June 1 – Aug. 31			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$1,311.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$ 3.20	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton) Concurrent with stumpage.		
N/A	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$3,020	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$1.19	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ 0	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ 0	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

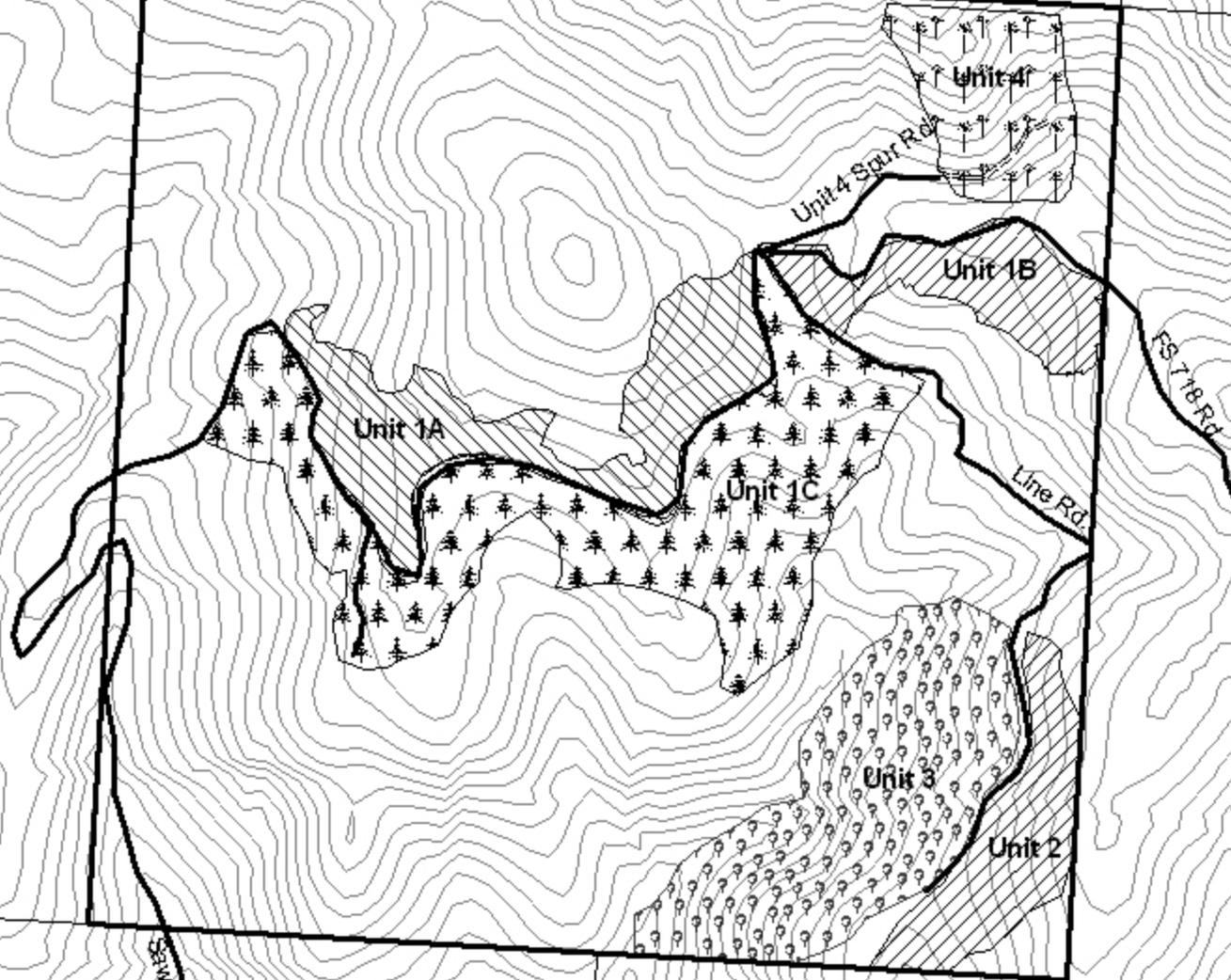
TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	Dead/Dry	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$10.00/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62							62
Contract Tons	1,448	1,174							2,622
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)	253	182							435
%Cull and Breakage	15	15							15
Net MBF	215	154							369
Average logs per MBF	10.6	23.8							16.1
Average DBH	16.1	13.2							14.5
Average tons per acre harvested									13.0
Average MBF cut per acre on the timber sale									1.82
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									17.8
Calculated Sampling Error (<i>net</i> MBF): 13.6 %									
The total cruised volume will fall between 319 and 419 thousand net board feet in 8 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 2,622 net tons per 369 net MBF = 7.11 tons per MBF									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1A	36	34	366	53	February 28, 2009
1B	36	17	183	26	February 28, 2009
1C	36	66	710	103	February 28, 2009
2	36	18	193	28	February 28, 2009
3	36	48	516	75	February 28, 2009
4	36	19	654	85	February 28, 2009

Additional Sale Information:

- 1. Non-sawlog Products** - Non-sawlog material removal is optional. The Purchaser may harvest the non-sawlog material at the rate of \$1.00/ton upon approval by the Forest Officer.
- 2. Excaline Harvesting** – Approximately 90 acres will require the use of an excaline type cable machine with approximately 1,200 feet external yarding capability. The carriage on this machine must be capable of maintaining a fixed position while lateral yarding.
- 3. New Road Construction** – New road construction will require the use of a tracked excavator.
- 4. Road Maintenance** – Purchaser shall be responsible for maintaining approximately 14 miles of existing road on State and US Forest Service property in accordance with the timber sale contract and the USFS Road Use Permit (Attachment D).
- 5. Haul Route** – Log hauling is restricted to USFS Roads 718 & 720. Limited use of the Sawdust Gulch Road #512 may be authorized by the Forest Officer.

Sleeping Child Timber Sale
Section 36, T5N,R20W
202 Acres



Legend 0 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 Miles

Sale Area Roads	Unit 1 C Tractor 36 acres
New Construction 750'	Unit 2 Tractor 18 acres
Unit 1A Tractor 34 Acres	Unit 3 Excaltine 48 acres
Unit 1B Tractor 17 acres	Unit 4 Excaltine 19 acres

Vicinity Map
Sleeping Child T.S.
Ravalli County



Hamilton

Sale Area

Little Sleeping Child Rd.

