

TIMBER CREEK TIMBER SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Timber Creek Timber Sale is located within Section 16, T19N-R30W, on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 9,209 tons, consisting of Douglas-fir and 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 30, 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 **\$10,361.00**, 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 Southwest Land Office, in Missoula (406-542-4200), or the Unit Office in Missoula, MT (406-542-4245).

Visit our website at <http://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: Timber Creek			
Timber Sale Location: Section 16, T19N-R30W			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4245	Wayne Lyngholm	Missoula 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	Trust Land Management Division	Southwest 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.
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 **45** 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. 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. **A tour of the sale area for prospective Purchasers is set for 9:00 a.m. July 11, 2007. Meet at the Silverdollar Bar, Haugan Exit off of Interstate 90.**
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.

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications			
Sale Data			
243	Net Sale Area (acres)	1.5	Miles of road construction
October 31, 2009	Contract ending date	.80	Miles of road recondition/improvement
29%	Cable logging required (% of volume)	0	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Road Construction: July 1 – October 31; Harvest: July 1 – February 28.			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$10,361.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond (total \$)		
\$0	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$2.68	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton).		
\$4,113.35	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$29,496	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$0.16	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)		

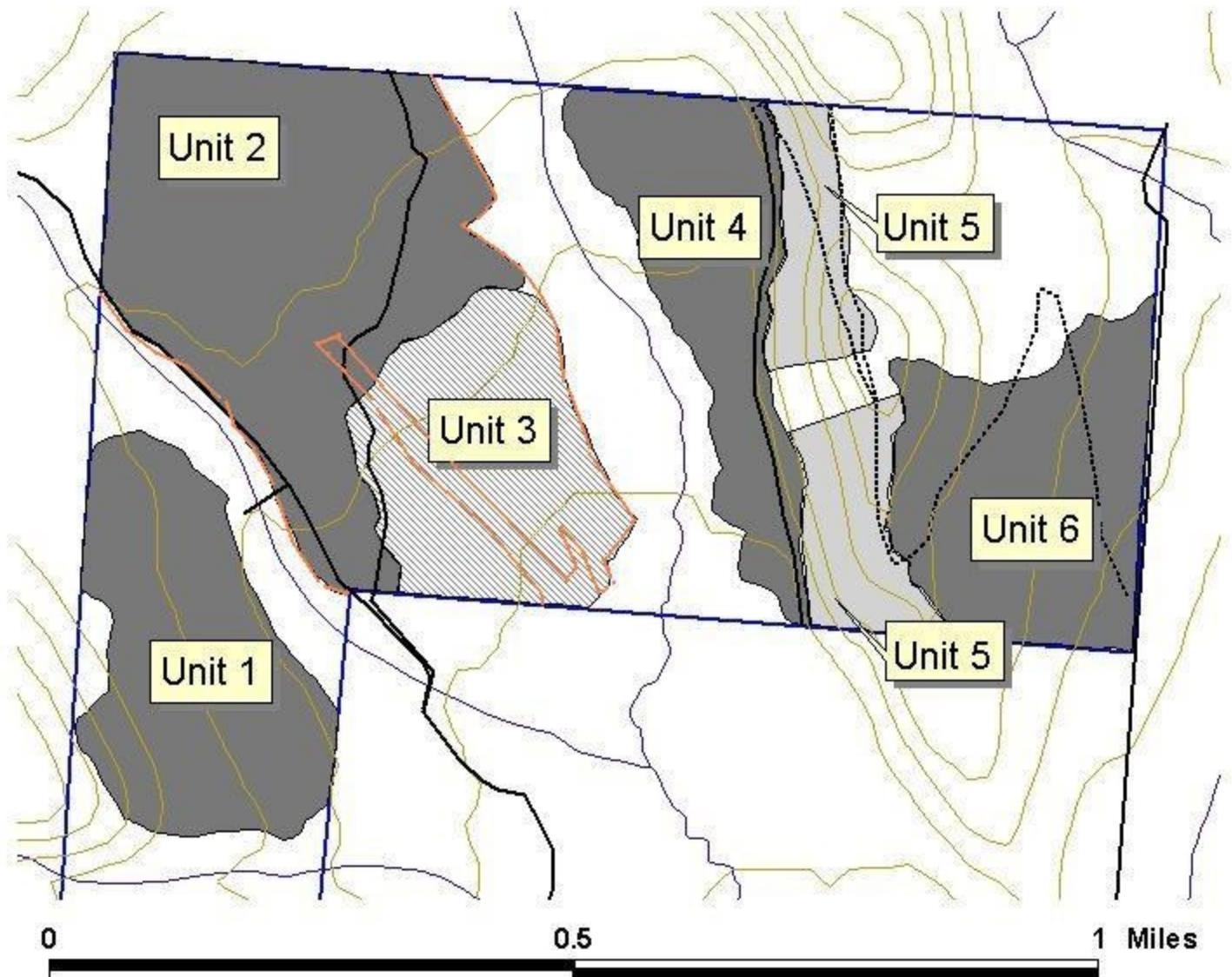
TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	DD	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$22.50/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58	56					58
Tons	445	2217	58	6489					9209
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)	89	340	9	1334					1772
% Cull and Breakage	23	8	0	15					14
Net MBF	69	314	9	1128					1520
Average logs per MBF	17.1	25.6	31.6	18.6					20
Average DBH	14	11	10	12					12
Average tons per acre harvested in cable harvest unit	18	96	0	3					117
Average tons per acre harvested in tractor harvest units									30
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale									6.3
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									41-246
Calculated Sampling Error (tons): 15.2 %									
The total cruised volume will fall between 7,809 and 10,609 tons in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 9,209 tons per 1,520 net MBF = 6.06 tons per MBF									

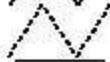
TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	16	41	1099	192	October 1, 2008
2	16	75	2010	351	October 1, 2008
3	16	32	1487	250	October 1, 2008
4	16	32	858	150	October 1, 2008
5	16	23	2683	388	September 1, 2009
6	16	40	1072	188	October 1, 2008

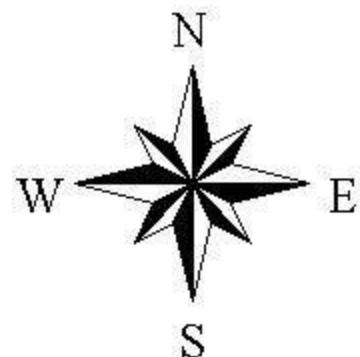
Additional Sale Information:

1. Purchaser will be required to supply & install 3 each 18" X 30' CMP's and 1 each 18" X 46' CMP in accordance with contract specifications. Purchaser would be required to remove the 18" X 46' CMP and restore the existing ditch upon project completion.
2. Purchaser will be required to supply and install 10 cubic yards of 6" plus angular rock for culvert inlet/outlet armoring in accordance with contract specifications.
3. Purchaser will be required to load, haul and install approximately 630 cubic yards of pit run gravel in accordance with contract specifications. Gravel will be removed from the DNRC owned Deborgia gravel pit approximately five paved miles from the project site.
4. Purchaser will be required to supply and install 1 each pipe gate at the DNRC Deborgia gravel pit and perform reclamation work in the pit following gravel removal.
5. Purchaser will be required to transport, install and remove a temporary bridge in accordance with contract specifications. Purchaser has the option to use a 14' X 24' portable "Big R" steel bridge located at the DNRC Clearwater Unit and would be required to deliver the bridge back to the Clearwater Unit upon completion of the sale.
6. Purchaser will be required to excavate and construct 4 each 30' X 4' X 4' earthen tank trap vehicle barriers and 8 each 50' X 8' X 8' slash berm vehicle barriers upon completion of harvest activities.
7. Approximately 23 acres will require use of cable logging equipment capable of suspending the leading edge of the logs free of the ground during skidding. Equipment must include a carriage capable of maintaining a fixed position on the skyline while lateral yarding. Whole tree skidding will not be allowed within the cable unit. Tops and branches are to be left well distributed within the unit and slash must be treated to meet the State hazard reduction laws.
8. Hot decking will be required at landings in Units 1, 2, and 6 to minimize landing size and maintain access to open public roads.
9. Log length skidding or return skidding of slash will be required in tractor units. Slash will be uniformly distributed, placed on active skid trails and will be treated to meet State hazard reduction laws.
10. Road work must be completed in snow free conditions prior to September 30, 2008.
11. Purchaser shall be required to treat noxious weed infestations along sale area roads with herbicide as specified in the timber sale contract on approximately 4.8 acres (1 mile of road R/W).
12. Purchaser shall be required to deliver #168 of a certified noxious weed free grass seed mixture as specified in the timber sale contract prior to beginning road work.
13. Purchaser may remove lodgepole pine material not meeting sawlog specifications at the fixed rate of \$5.00/ton.
14. Purchaser may be required to apply dust control measures to unpaved roads adjacent to residences at the direction of the Forest Officer.
15. Purchaser will be required to post signs limiting truck speed to 25 mph in residential areas. Use of compression brakes will be prohibited in residential areas.

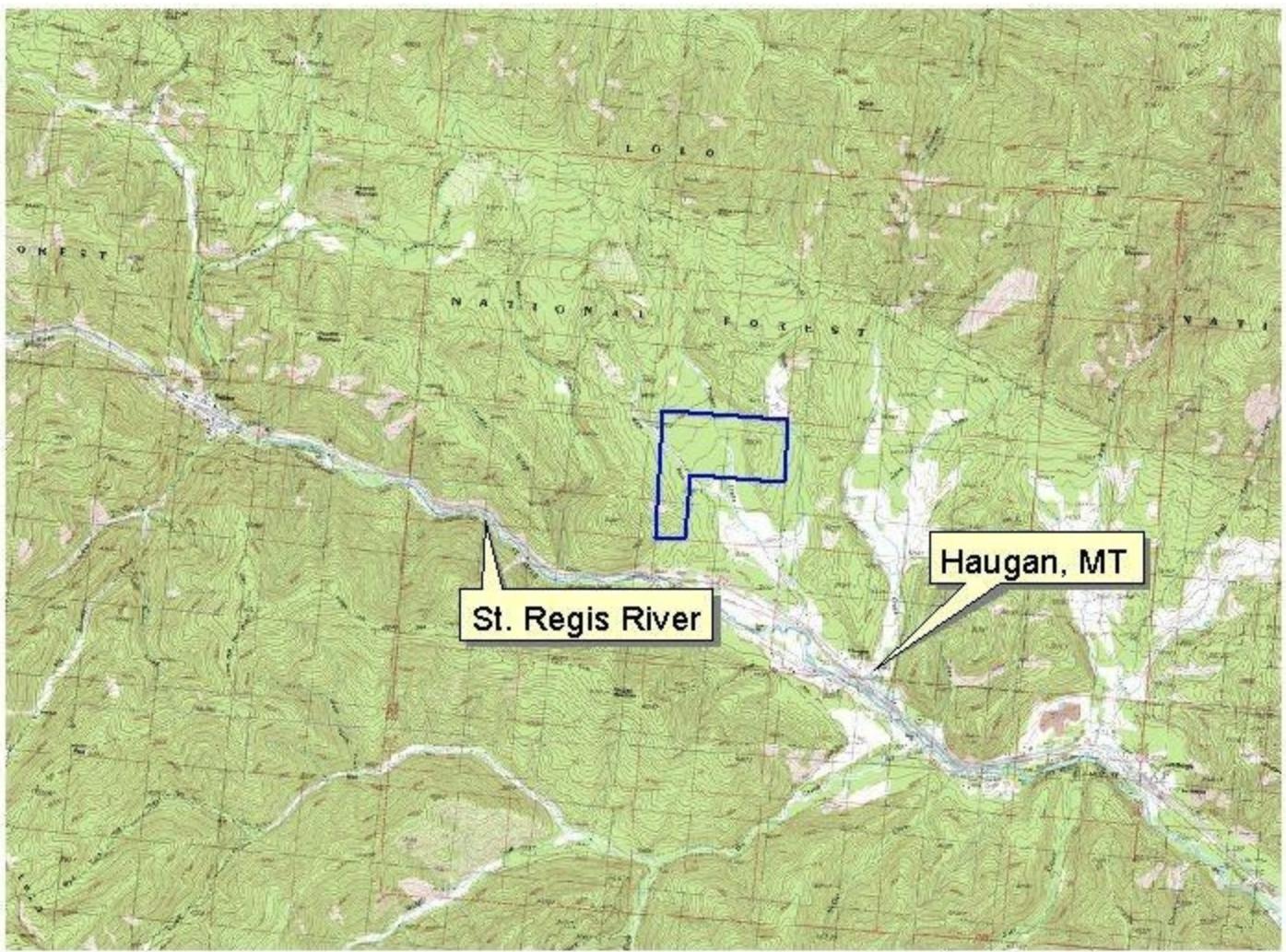
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-  Existing roads.shp
-  Proposed New Road
-  Tractor/ITS - Units 1,2,4and 6: 188 acres
-  Tractor/OR - Unit 3: 32 acres
-  Cable/CT - Unit 5: 23 acres
-  Streamside Management Zones



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 Timber Creek Project Area

