NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Warm Springs Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T11N-R10W, on the State's Anaconda Unit. Approximately 29,613 tons of sawlogs, consisting of beetle killed lodgepole pine is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on June 29, 2009 at 3:00 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 \$10,335.00, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon securing right-of-way access from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). 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 Anaconda Unit (406-563-6078).

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

/s/ Shawn Thomas, 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: Warm Springs Salvage
Timber Sale Location: Section 26, T11N-R10W

For specific sale information, contact: Brian Robbins

Phone 406-563-6078 Unit Office Anaconda

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 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon securing right-of-way from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- 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 **30** days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be a **minimum of \$15,000** or **5% 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 <u>are not guaranteed.</u>
- 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								
475	Net Sale Area (acres)	Sale Area (acres) 4.73 Miles of road construction						
September 1, 2011	Contract ending date	.30	Miles of road reconstruction					
N/A	Cable logging	0	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment					
Operating Season: July	Operating Season: July 1st – March 1st							
Charges and Appraised Costs								
\$10,335.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)							
\$15,000.00 minimum	Performance Bond (total \$)							
\$N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)							
\$4.75	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)							
\$23,443.63	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)							
\$57,560	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)							
\$10,000	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)							
\$N/A	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)							
\$N/A	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)							

TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	CE	Dead/Dry	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$6.98/ton
Pounds per cubic foot				40					40
Contract Tons				29,613					29,613
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)				5,895					5,895
%Cull and Breakage				24%					24%
Net MBF				4,493					4,493
Average logs per MBF				106					106
Average DBH				8.5					8.5
Average tons per acre harvested							62.34		
Average Net MBF cut per acre on the timber sale							9.4		
Calculated Sampling Error (net MBF): 10.6%									
The total cruised volume will fall between 4,016 and 4,969 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 6.59 tons per MBF (average all species)									

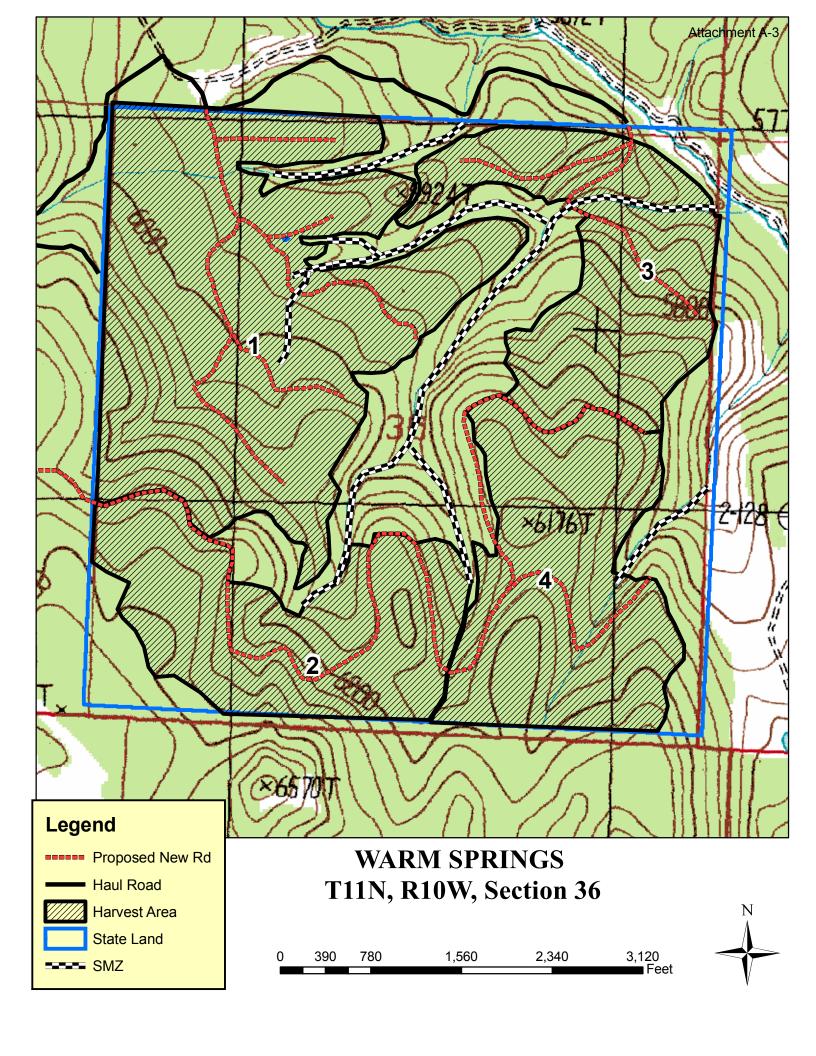
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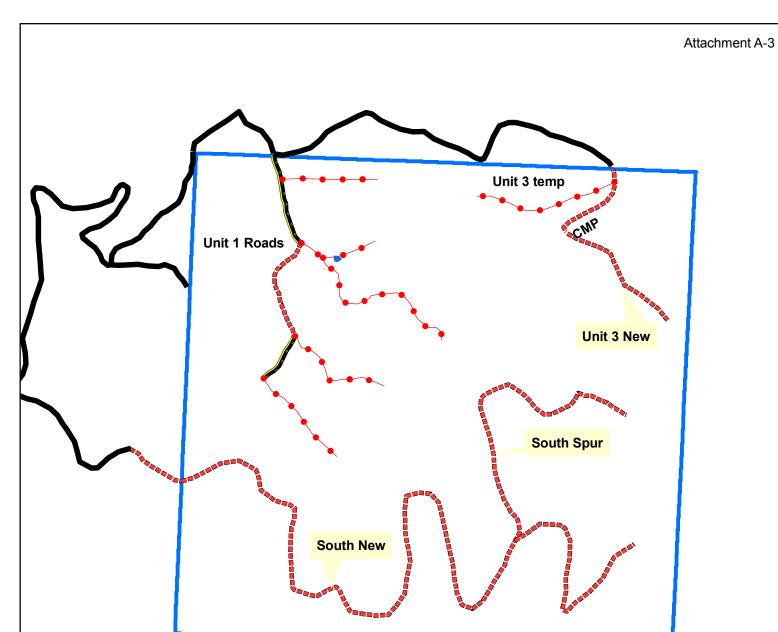
TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule						
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date	
3	36	87	5,424	823	October 1, 2009	
1,2,4	36	388	24,189	3,670	March 1, 2011	

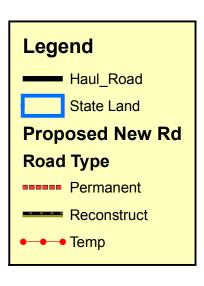
Additional Sale Information:

- 1. Non-Sawlog and Biomass Removal This timber sale contains approximately 3,000 tons of OPTIONAL biomass or non-sawlog product removal. This material can be removed at a rate of \$1.00/ton as stated in Table 1 of the contract.
- 2. A 24"x28' corrugated metal culvert is required to be installed on the creek crossing site in accordance with a 124 permit and timber sale contract provisions. Stream flow is to be diverted with a pump or visqueen lined ditch while the culvert is installed. The Forest Officer must be notified at least 48 hours prior to installation. The Forest Officer and contractor will agree to the location of the borrow site material for culvert fill prior to construction activities. The culvert is to be removed prior to the start of the 2009 General Big Game Hunting Season (rifle season) and before freezing conditions.
- 3. A significant amount of road work is required on the existing haul road in the Brock Creek drainage. Bidders are highly recommended to contact Brian Robbins (406-563-6078) for a detailed description of road work prior to submitting a bid. Specified road improvements to the haul route, as identified in the road log and/or by the Forest Officer, must be completed prior to hauling.
- 4. Access to the sale area is behind a BLM controlled gate which is seasonally locked between September 1 and December 1. Road use for timber sale activities will be prohibited during the first 8 days and last 9 days of the General Big Game Hunting Season (rifle season).

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WARM SPRINGS SALVAGE Road Systems T11N, R10W, Section 36



0 1,300 2,600 5,200 Feet

