NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Permit

The Cow Creek Salvage Timber Permit is located within Section 16, T1N, R42E, on the State's Eastern Land Office. Approximately 3,750 tons of ponderosa pine sawlogs are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **November 23, 2021 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 **\$500.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the permit in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the first permit invoice for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Permit Contract and Timber Permit Bond.

The permit will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **15** calendar days from the date the permit 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 Permit prospectus, permit contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at <u>http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information</u> for upcoming sales and bid results.

TIMBER PERMIT PROSPECTUS

STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Permit Name: Cow Creek Salvage Permit							
For specific permit information, contact: Andy Miller							
Phone	406-232-2034		Eastern Land Office				
For copies of the Timber Permit Contract and bid forms, contact:							
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office				

General Bidding Information

- 1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
- 2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
- 3. The State 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 Deposit** 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 State within 30 days of notification of permit award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the permit. The performance bond may be 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 Timber Permit Contract. See the Timber Permit 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 cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be 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 permit is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless otherwise 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 State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold under this Contract. Other products may be part of this permit. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The State recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the Timber Permit Contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and tree conditions in the permit area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.</u>
- 10. The State 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. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements</u>. Cost estimates provided are not guaranteed.
- 11. Bidders are encouraged to examine the complete Timber Permit Package and Permit Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
- 12. Estimates for permit volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Permit Contract <u>are not guaranteed</u>.
- 13. <u>This prospectus is provided for information purposes only.</u> If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Permit Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Permit Information:

- 1. Purchaser Leave Tree Selection: The Purchaser shall be responsible for selecting leave trees. Leave tree selection criteria and requirements are specified in the Special Operating Requirements of the Timber Permit Contract.
- 2. Temporary Rights-of-Way: Agreements have been secured by the DNRC for access to the permit areas. Signed rights-of-way documents and maps are included in the Timber Permit Contract. The Purchaser is responsible for adhering to the terms and stipulations of the Right-of-Way Agreements.
- 3. Unit boundaries are designated on the maps attached to the Timber Permit Contract. In all areas indicated on the attached map where the harvest unit boundary follows the forest/meadow edge, that edge is the boundary. Any area where the harvest unit boundary is not the forest/meadow edge that boundary is painted and flagged in blue paint.
- 4. Purchaser and road builder/contractor must meet with the Forest Officer for on-the-ground review prior to commencement of work. Erosion control measures (drain dips, outslopes, and inslopes, etc.) must be built during initial road construction. All Temporary Spur Roads must be mechanically ripped, using a blade with a minimum of eight teeth or an equivalent piece of equipment, immediately after haul use is completed and no later than October 18, 2023. DNRC personnel will seed the temporary spur roads at the time of ripping.
- 5. Purchaser is required to buy 100 pounds of pure live seed and all the seed must be delivered to the Eastern Land Office on or before the commencement of any road building activity. The seed species mix is listed in the permit contract.
- 6. No mechanical equipment or log hauling equipment may operate when the ground is wet and rutting of the unit and road surface may occur.
- 7. All harvested trees will be whole tree skidded to a landing and tops will be cut at the landing and piled. All piles will be as large and tall as possible and tightly compacted. On areas of the permit with steep adverse skids, trees may be limbed in the woods and slash lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface. No slash of any kind will be piled at the obvious head of any draw. Equipment used to pile slash must have a brush blade attached. All slash piles will be located next to a road. Any small trees that are knocked over or broken tops of trees that cannot be piled must be lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface.
- 8. Purchaser is responsible to ensure the mill sends the Eastern Land Office the load reports (Truck Weight Tickets) on a bi-weekly basis and the DNRC will bill the Purchaser approximately every two weeks for the total tonnage delivered to the mill.
- 9. All logs must be hauled no later than 30 days after they have been decked. The date of decking must be painted on several of the decked logs.
- 10. Any and all fences damaged during harvest activity must be repaired immediately at the time of damage.

Timber Sale Information Sheet Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Cow Creek Salvage Timber Permit										
	Timber Sale Cruise Data									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$2.70
Pounds per cubic foot										
Total estimated tons sawlogs (10" top DIB)	3,750									3,750 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF Scribner	500									625 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	26									26.0%
Net MBF Scribner	500									500 MBF
Average DBH	13.6									13.6 in.
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale						2.0 MBF/ac				
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 3,750 estimated tons / 500 Net MBF Scribner					7.50 tons/MBF					

Contract Information				
Contract ending date	10/18/2023			
Contract length	3 years			
Operating Season:	Dry or Forzen			

Logging Information						
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%					
% of volume logged with tractors	100%					
% of volume logged by ground lead (jammer)	00%					
% of volume logged by skyline	00%					
Yarding distance tractor (average)	300 ft.					
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	0 ft.					
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.					
Estimated haul distance (paved)	175.0 miles					
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 miles					

Purchaser fees and estimated costs					
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$1.00/MBF				
Forest Improvement fee per ton - concurrent with stumpage	\$0.13/ton				
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$487.50				
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	N/A				
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0				
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00				
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton				

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates					
Estimated road development cost total	\$10,000				
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.67/ton				
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.00/MBF				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Miles of road construction	3.0 miles				
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles				
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles				
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	3.0 miles				
Miles of road maintenance and blading	0.0 miles				

Unit harvest volume							
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest date			
1	50	750	100	Oct 18th 2023			
2	40	600	80	Oct 18th 2023			
3	77	1,155	154	Oct 18th 2023			
4	28	420	56	Oct 18th 2023			
5	23	345	46	Oct 18th 2023			
6	18	45	6	Oct 18th 2023			
7	29	435	58	Oct 18th 2023			
	265 Ac.	3,750 tons	500 MBF				



