NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Cliff Lake Timber Sale is located within Sections 19, 29, 30 and 31 of T30N-R22W on the State's Kalispell Unit. Approximately 32,023 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 30, 2024 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 \$44,899.00**, 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 first sale invoice 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 approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their April 15, 2024 meeting. 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).

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

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Cliff Lake

For specific sale information, contact: Pete Seigmund

Phone: 406-751-2266 Unit Office: Kalispell

For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:

Phone 406-542-4300 Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office

Phone 406-751-2240 Northwestern Land 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 sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale. 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 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 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.
- 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 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 sale. 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 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 State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
- 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</u> 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 Timber Sale 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 Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

- 1. Purchaser will select leave trees in Unit 2. Unit 1 is marked to leave.
- 2. Non-sawlog material is offered at \$1.00 per ton.
- 3. HIGH HAZARD SLASH REDUCTION: The Purchaser will be required to meet high hazard slash reduction standards in portions of harvest units adjacent to private property boundaries and open roads. In areas within 1,000 feet of a residence, the Purchaser will be required to treat 90% of the slash within 100 feet of the property boundary and open roads, and in powerline corridors.
- 4. SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED: The Purchaser shall fell all submerchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches on the uphill side.
- 5. Access to the sale area is through a gate located off Farm to Market Road. Gate combination is 2266.

Timber Sale Information Sheet Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

				(Cliff Lake							
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$28.04
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3		57.0						40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	136	26566	5079		194						49	32,023 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	0	418	102		17						0	538 tons
Gross MBF	24	4506	967		28						191	5,716 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	15.0	10.8	11.8		1.2						93.1	13.7%
Net MBF	21	4019	853		28						13	4,933 MBF
Average logs per MBF	17.3	19.4	19.8		26.2						10.4	19.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH	15.9	12.6	11.7		8.2						13.3	12.4 in.
Average tons to cut per acre						68 tons/ac						
Average MBF to cut per acre						10.4 MBF/ac						
Total Average TPA Cut						111						
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 4,488 and 5,378 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises						9.0%						
		Ton	s Per Thous	and Board	Feet							
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 32,023 estimated tons / 4,933 Net MBF						6.49 tons/MBF						

Contract Information					
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2027				
Operating Period:	When soil and site conditions allow.				

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Logging Information				
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%			
% of volume logged with tractors	100%			
% of volume logged by skyline	00%			
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%			
Yarding distance tractor (average)	450 ft.			
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.			
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.			
Estimated haul distance (paved)	14.0 miles			
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.0 miles			

Purchaser fees and estimated costs				
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF			
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.10/ton			
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$131,294.30			
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$21,882.38			
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	\$53,350			
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.67/ton			
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$10.81/MBF			
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$10,490			
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.33/ton			
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton			
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton			
Miles of road construction	1.0 miles			
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles			
Miles of road with site improvements	4.9 miles			
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles			
Miles of road maintenance and blading	5.9 miles			

Unit harvest volume						
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline		
Unit 1	247.27	14088	2170	March 1, 2027		
Unit 2	227.11	17935	2763	March 1, 2027		
	474 Ac.	32,023 tons	4,933 MBF			





