

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Checkerboard Timber Permit is located within Section 16, of T9N-R10E, on the State's Helena Unit. Approximately 2,110 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir, sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 8001 N Montana Ave, Helena, Montana 59602 on **February 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.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 Central Land Office (406-594-5880) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received. **Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of \$586.00**, 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 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 **30** 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 (406-594-5880).

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: Checkerboard Timber Permit	
For specific sale information, contact: Brian Krott	
Phone 406-594-5880	Unit Office Helena
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:	
Phone 406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office
Phone 406-594-5880	Brian Krott Central 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.
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 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. The State 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 Timber 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.

Additional Sale Information:

1. This Timber Permit is located approximately 4.5 miles east of Checkerboard, MT on Hwy 12.
2. The permit area is accessible by an existing access route on Trust Land that connects to Hwy 12.
3. The permit area is approximately 87 acres in size, and an estimated 268 MBF will be harvested as a part of this permit. Please note, approximately 30% of the volume on this permit is comprised of Ponderosa Pine.
4. **Please Note** Cable skidding or yarding will be required on this project. There are portions of Unit 1 and Unit 3 that will need to be skidded with a machine that can winch trees off steep slopes and then skid logs to the nearest landing. It is recommended that the purchaser can cable skid distances up to 300'. It is strongly recommended that interested bidders visit the project area prior to bidding to ensure they are aware of conditions on the ground.
5. There is an irrigation ditch that runs along the northern boundary of Unit 1. This irrigation ditch may require full protection. If damaged, the irrigation ditch must be restored to the condition in which it was found.
6. When the project is completed, new roads that were constructed in rangeland will need to be partially decommissioned. This means any large debris or loose sidecast material shall be bladed or rolled back into the road surface. The intent is to reduce the impact of new roads that were constructed in rangeland, and to discourage future illegal motorized use on this section.

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Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All All)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton	\$3.72											\$6.35
Pounds per cubic foot	53.0	52.0									40.0	
Estimated CF	30984.9	62954.9									0.0	93,940 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	331.4	1095.6									0.0	1,427 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	657	1453									0	2,110 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	7	25									0	32 tons
Gross MBF	97	211									0	308 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	17.1	11.2									0.0	13.0%
Net MBF	81	187									0	268 MBF
Average logs per MBF	28.6	30.0									0.0	29.6 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.2	12.2									0.0	12.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												25 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												3.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												76
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	191 and 345 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											28.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	2,110 estimated tons / 268 Net MBF											7.88 tons/MBF

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Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	3/1/2028	
Operating Period:	Year round when soil conditions allow.	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	60%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system: Cable Skidding	40%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system: Cable Skidding	300 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	95.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$8.20/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$1.04/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$2,194.40
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$365.73
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	\$24,840
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$11.77/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$92.72/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$3,000
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.42/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	1.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	1.4 miles

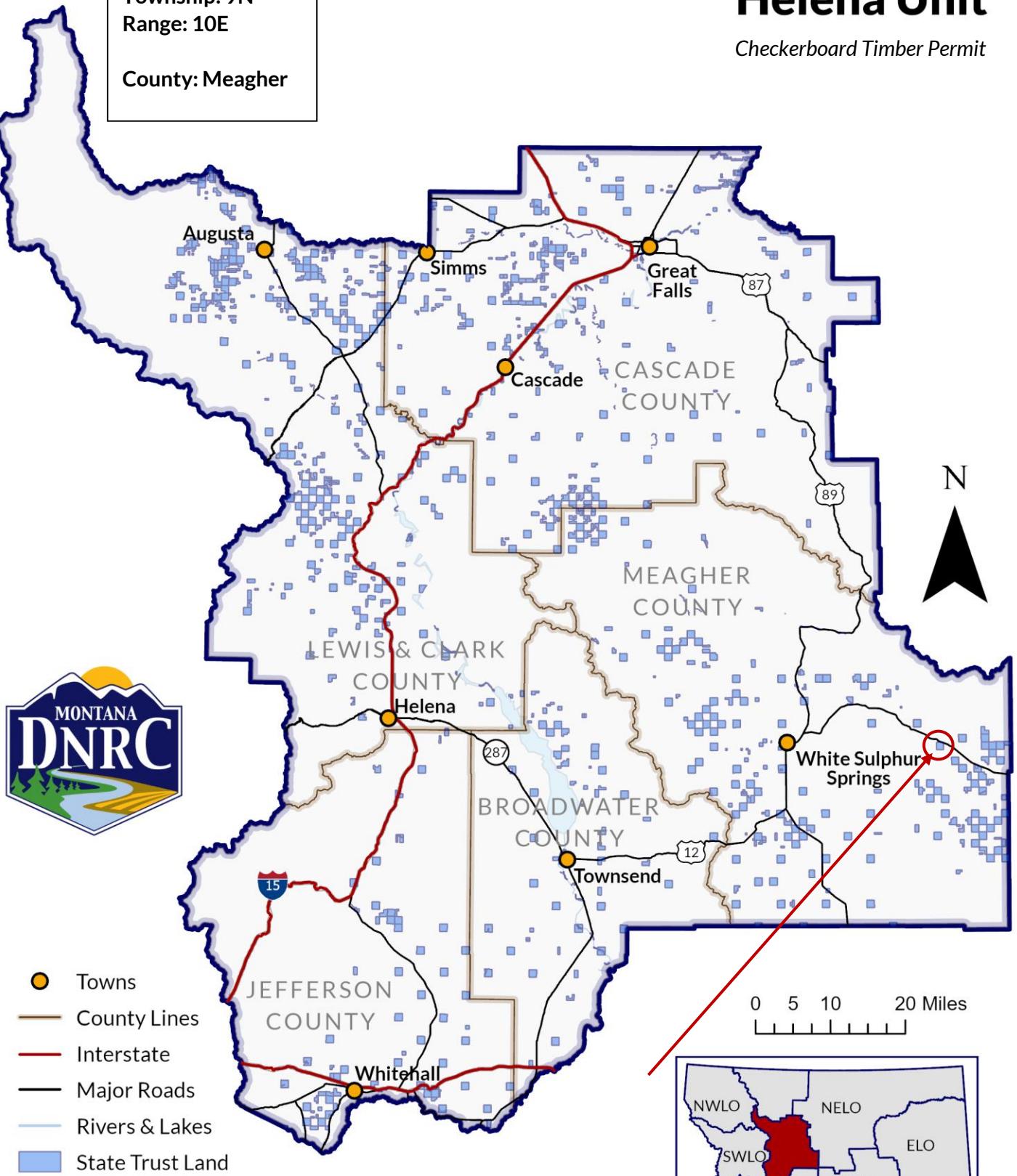
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 3	40.45	945	120	
Unit 4	4.80	59	7	
Unit 2	6.64	136	17	
Unit 1	30.96	970	123	
	83 Ac.	2,110 tons	268 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Helena Unit

Checkerboard Timber Permit

Section: 09
Township: 9N
Range: 10E
County: Meagher





**Attachment A - Sale Map
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Section 16, T9N 10E, Meagher County**

