NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Davis Mountain Timber Sale is located within Sections 36 of T27N-R28W on the State's Kalispell Unit. Approximately 16,251 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **November 4, 2025 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 \$15,201.00**, 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 October 20, 2025 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: Davis Mountain

For specific sale information, contact:

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.
- 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. <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 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. Purchasers will be required to designate cut and leave trees based on contract specifications.
- 2. 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.
- 3. STEEP SLOPE YARDING: The harvest unit contains some short sections of steeper ground (40% and greater). The Purchaser is required to develop a yarding plan for these steep sections that minimize erosion, displacement and compaction. Yarding plans may include, but are not limited to, directional hand felling and winchline skidding, designated go-back trails, compacted snow trails, shovel logging, or a combination of methods. The unit contains numerous existing excavated skid trails that can be utilized.
 - a. The Purchaser and Forest Officer must mutually agree on any proposed method before felling and skidding begin.
 - b. The Forest Officer reserves the right to require another method of yarding if it is determined that excessive soil erosion, displacement or compaction occurs.
 - c. If no practicable plan can be developed for some areas, the Forest Officer may exclude small portions of the unit from harvest.
- 4. Non-sawlog material is offered at \$1.00 per ton.
- 5. Access to the timber sale is through two gates located at mile posts 1.5 and 2.75 on the Main Haul Road. A combination lock will be put on the gates to allow access. The combination will be 2266.

Timber Sale Information Sheet Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Davis Mountain												
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												\$18.72
Pounds per cubic foot	60.0	56.0	56.0	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0		60.0	40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	1637	8039	1620	4150	513	226		41		27	0	16,251 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	38	234	68	216	3	17		0		7	0	583 tons
Gross MBF	205	1206	270	603	92	53		13		3	0	2,445 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	3.8	9.0	7.9	5.3	6.6	53.6		50.0		20.0	0.0	8.6%
Net MBF	197	1098	249	571	86	25		6		2	0	2,234 MBF
Average logs per MBF	29.6	29.7	27.9	31.5	16.3	63.8		47.5		97.0	0.0	29.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH	10.9	10.6	9.8	9.3	14.6	9.0		13.0		7.0	0.0	10.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre							32 tons/ac					
Average MBF to cut per acre							4.3 MBF/ac					
Total Average TPA Cut							104					
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 1,976 and 2,492 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises						11.6%						
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 16,251 estimated tons / 2,234 Net MBF							7.27 tons/MBF					

Contract Information				
Contract Termination Date:	11/1/2027			
Operating Period:	When soil and site conditions allow.			

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Logging Information						
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	100%					
% of volume logged with tractors	100%					
% of volume logged by skyline	00%					
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%					
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.					
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.					
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.					
Estimated haul distance (paved)	52.0 miles					
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 miles					

Purchaser fees and estimated costs						
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF					
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.66/ton					
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$59,478.66					
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$9,913.11					
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	\$47,569				
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.93/ton				
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$21.29/MBF				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$12,190				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.75/ton				
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Miles of road construction	0.0 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	9.2 miles				

Unit harvest volume							
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline			
Cutting Unit 1	514	16251	2234	October 1, 2027			
	514 Ac.	16,251 tons	2,234 MBF				







