

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **East Fork Dean Creek Timber Permit** is located within Sections 36, of T6N-R24E on the State's Southern Land office. Approximately 4,712 tons, consisting 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 **June 30, 2026, at 2 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 \$415.00**, 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.

DNRC has not secured all legal access rights across non-state lands necessary to conduct harvest and haul operations under this Permit Application. Therefore, prior to contract execution, the following must be completed within the specified timeframes:

Date or timeline	Provided to high bidder	Submitted to DNRC
June 30, 2026	✓ Permit Application Template	
On or before July 31, 2026		✓ Completed Permit Application ✓ Documentation of acquired private access
Upon receipt of Permit Application and the legal access documentation from the high bidder, DNRC will review. After acceptance of the application, DNRC will prompt the high bidder to sign the Permit Contract and provide Performance Bond and Insurance Documents.		
Thirty (30) days following accepted Permit Application.		✓ Signed Contract ✓ Performance Bond ✓ Insurance Documents

If the above submittal requirements and timeline are not met, DNRC may retain the bid deposit as liquidated damages. DNRC reserves the right 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 <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Permit Name: East Fork Dean Creek			
For specific permit information, contact:			
Phone	406- 247- 4404	Noah Willson Area Forester	Southern Land Office
For copies of the Timber Permit Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-247-4409		Southern Land Office

General and Custom Bidding Information for this Permit

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. **Permit Application – Contingent Access Permit.** For this contingent access permit, the highest responsible bidder will be notified of the permit award following bid opening. Within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of permit award, the highest responsible bidder must submit to the State a complete Permit Application on State forms describing the access proposed for the permit and providing any required supporting documentation. Approval of a Permit Application is a condition precedent to issuance of a Timber Permit Contract and to commencement of any operations.
6. **Department review of Permit Application.** If the highest responsible bidder fails to submit a complete Permit Application within the time allowed, or if the State determines that the Permit Application does not provide adequate legal access acceptable to the State, the State may, in its sole discretion: (a) reject that bidder's Permit Application or decline to proceed with that bidder; (b) grant that bidder a written extension of time to secure acceptable access; or (c) proceed to the next highest responsible bidder, subject to that bidder's submission of a Permit Application and acceptance of the same access-related conditions and deadlines.
7. **Contract execution, bond, and insurance following Permit approval.** Once the State approves a Permit Application, the successful bidder must, within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of Permit Application approval, sign and return the Timber Permit Contract, submit the Performance Bond to the State, and provide required insurance documentation (as listed in the sample Permit Contract). If the successful bidder is unable to execute the Timber Permit Contract and meet these requirements within thirty (30) calendar days of notice of Permit Application approval, the bid deposit may be retained as liquidated damages, and the State may reject the bid and proceed in any manner authorized by law and the bid documents.
8. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State in accordance with paragraph 7 and the Sample Permit. See the Timber Permit Contract for additional information.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. Estimates for permit volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Permit Contract are not guaranteed.
16. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Permit Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Permit Information:

- 1. Optional field tours available June 18 and June 23, with a 9am meet time. Please contact the Forest Officer a minimum of one (1) day before the June 18 or 23 dates if you plan to attend. Access to the permit area outside of these tours is not available.**
2. The haul route includes approximately 3 miles of private roads. Prior to contract execution, the successful bidder will be required to submit the following:
 - a. Proof of commercial general liability insurance, automotive liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance or exemption (see Section I.M. and N.).
 - b. A performance bond worth 5% of the bid value of the permit contract or \$1,000, whichever is greater (see Section II.A. 1-3).
 - c. **A signed access agreement between the purchaser and the landowner demonstrating permission for use of the 3 miles of private road for the duration of the harvest and hauling activities required under this Timber Permit. The agreement may require additional insurance and bonding requirements as negotiated with the landowner. A sample agreement will be provided to the successful bidder to aid in negotiation with the landowner.**

The highest bid will be a conditional award. If, by July 31, 2027, these documents are not provided by the successful bidder, then this contract may be offered to the next highest bidder.

3. Key permit features: No new road construction required. Minimum road maintenance required (likely spot blading/grading). All ground-based yarding with short distances to landings.
4. Four private gates lead to the State Trust Lands parcel. Two gates are along the main haul route and the two other gates lead into the cutting units. The center gate on the northern boundary is next to a stock tank so be sure NOT to damage the stock tank. Roads within the State Trust Lands parcel may need intermediate blading. See Section VIII.B. of the contract for further explanation.
5. All harvest, haul, and road maintenance must be completed by August 30, 2027. The contract expires September 30, 2027.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

East Fork Dean Creek												
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												\$1.76
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0										40.0	
Estimated CF	158404.9										0.0	158,405 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	2706.0										0.0	2,706 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	4712										0	4,712 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	80										0	80 tons
Gross MBF	497										0	497 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	4.1										0.0	4.1%
Net MBF	477										0	477 MBF
Average logs per MBF	32.4										0.0	32.4 logs/MBF
Average DBH	11.8										0.0	11.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												26 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												2.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												68
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	354 and 599 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											25.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	4,712 estimated tons / 477 Net MBF											9.89 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2027
Operating Period:	Year Round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2)

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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)	500 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	50.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$17.48/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$1.77/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$8,340
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	NA with stumpage
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$44,500.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$9.44/ton

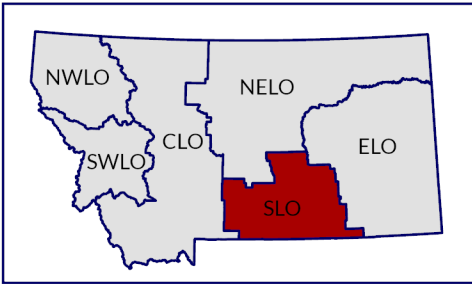
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,000
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.42/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	6.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	98.88	2875	291	
2	79.20	1836	186	
	178 Ac.	4,712 tons	477 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

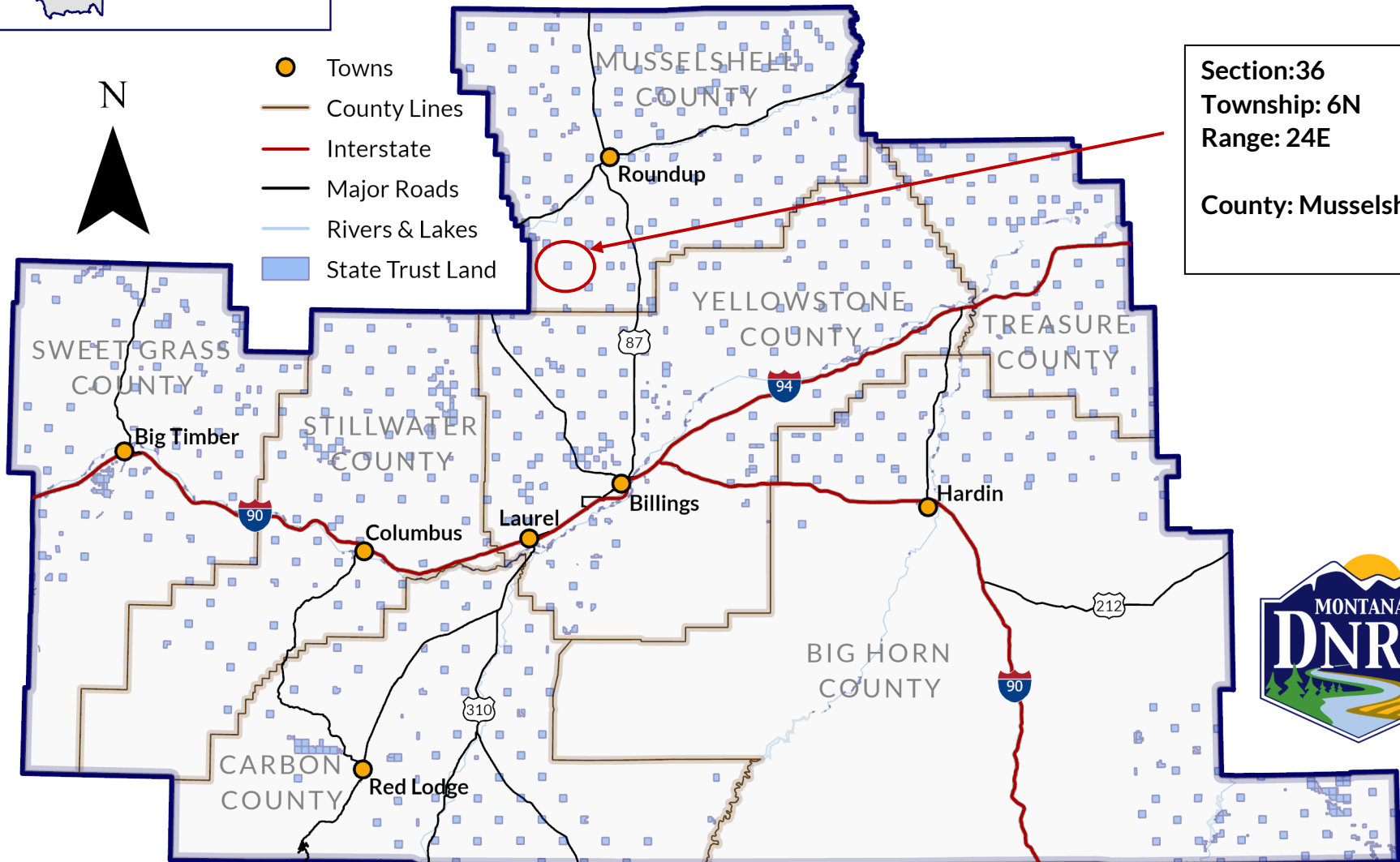
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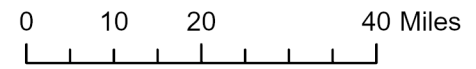


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- County Lines
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Section: 36
Township: 6N
Range: 24E
County: Musselshell



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Unit Map

Attachment A

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