

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **Short Star Blowdown Timber Permit** is located within Sections 13, 14, & 24, of T31N-R24W, on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 2,490 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 59804 on **September 1, 2026 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 \$1,495.00**, 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 (406-542-4300).

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: Short Star Blowdown		
For specific sale information, contact: Cullen O'Brien		
Phone	406-881-2371	Unit Office Stillwater, Olney, MT
For copies of the Timber Permit Contract and bid forms, contact:		
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwest 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, 5% of total bid value or \$1000.00 (whichever is greater), 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. Highlight key sale features here

Units 1,3,4,5,7&8 have a higher standard slash piling requirement within 100 feet of the DNRC property line (for a total of 10.6 acres).

Access information /gate information.

Sale is accessed off the Star Meadows road, go through gate, (gate combo 2371). The first 630' of road goes through a private easement. Then go through the second gate to the NE (gate combo 2371). Please contact the Stillwater Unit for any access questions at 406-881-2371.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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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												\$12.00	
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5	50.4	51.3			49.5			40.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs	26	1520	846	64	20			15			0	2,490 tons	
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	128	63	35	11			9			0	247 tons	
Gross MBF	5	302	199	11	3			3			0	522 MBF	
% Cull and Breakage	0.0	11.5	13.7	5.8	11.3			18.9			0.0	12.2%	
Net MBF	5	267	172	10	3			2			0	459 MBF	
Average logs per MBF	14.7	16.5	15.4	36.8	45.1			46.2			0.0	16.8 logs/MBF	
Average DBH	16.0	15.3	15.3	8.7	8.8			8.4			0.0	14.3 in.	
Average tons to cut per acre												13 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre												2.3 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut												16	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			374 and 544 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									18.5%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet													
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	2,490 estimated tons / 459 Net MBF											5.43 tons/MBF	

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	9/1/2027	
Operating Period:	June 16 - March 31 when soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1&2)	

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)	800 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	28.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.9 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.90/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$12,201.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$2,033.50
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$1,590.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.64/ton

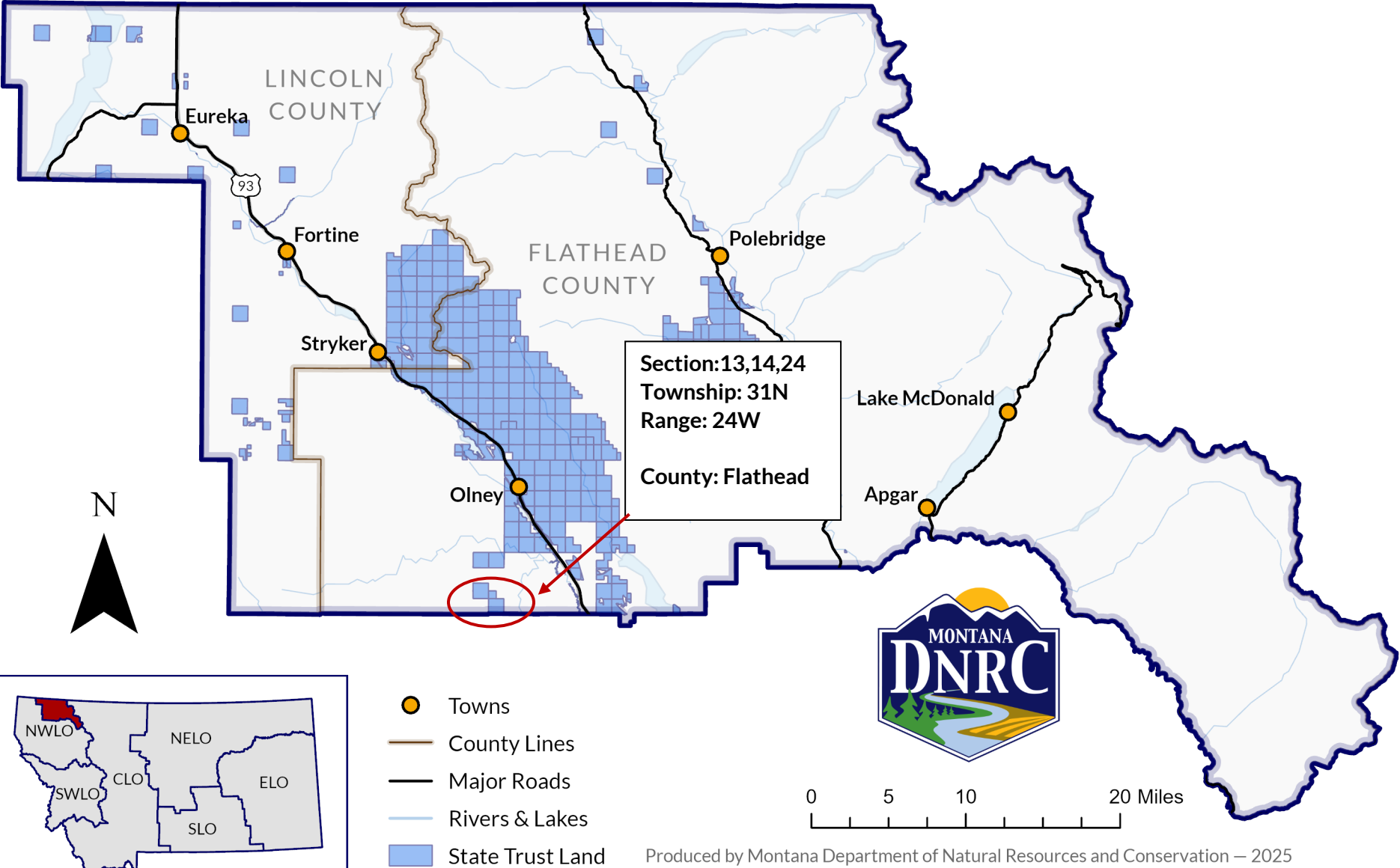
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$3,984
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.60/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	4.9 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	40.13	326	60	August 1, 2027
Unit 2	31.62	420	77	August 1, 2027
Unit 3	29.31	229	42	August 1, 2027
Unit 4	4.44	27	5	August 1, 2027
Unit 5	10.95	169	31	August 1, 2027
Unit 6	13.37	172	32	August 1, 2027
Unit 7	11.36	180	33	August 1, 2027
Unit 8	56.43	967	178	August 1, 2027
	198 Ac.	2,490 tons	459 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

Short Star Blowdown Timber Permit



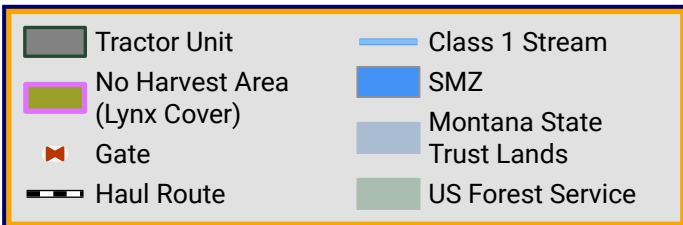
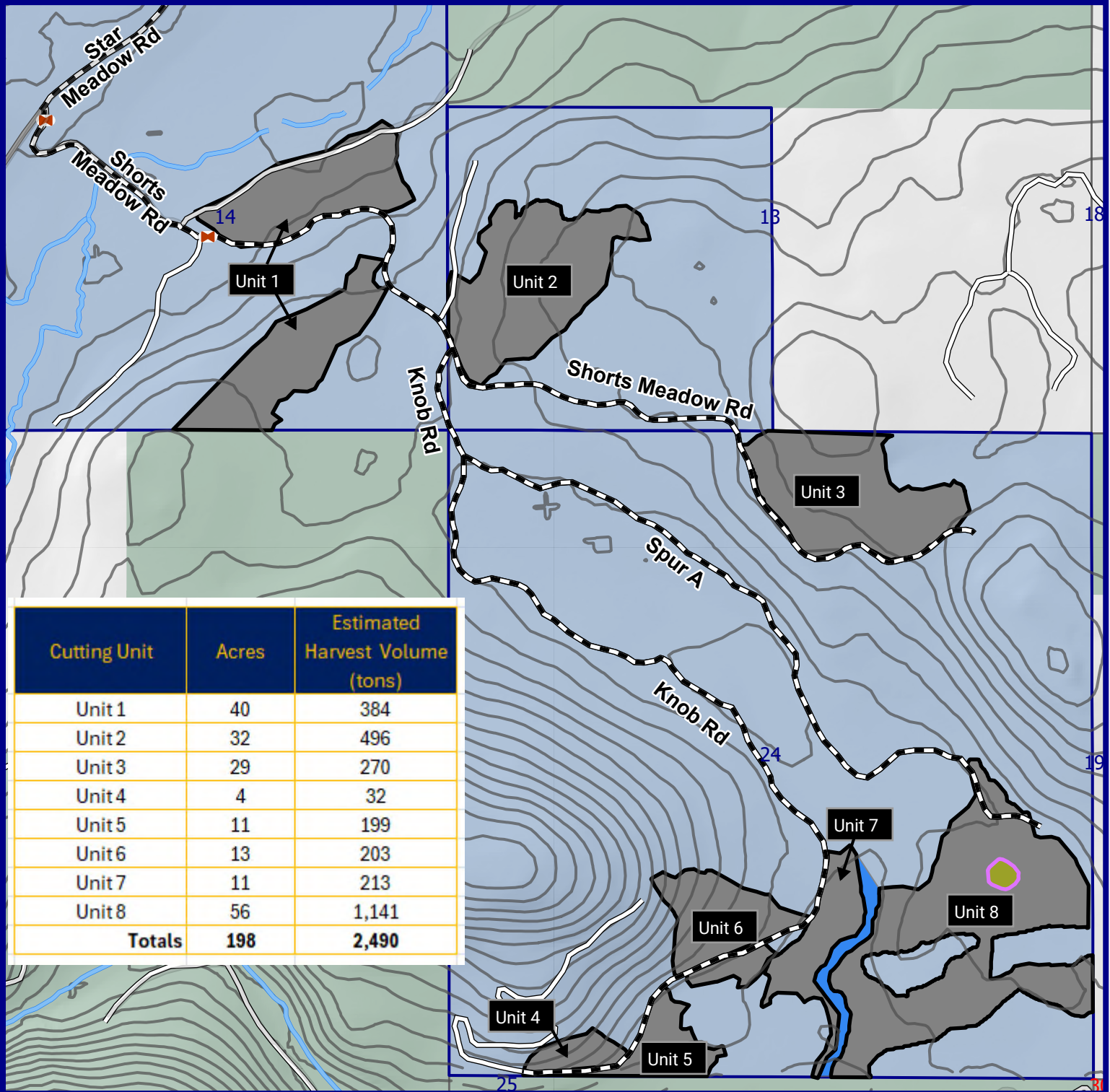


Short Star Blowdown Timber Permit

Unit Map

Attachment A-2

T31N R24W Section(s): 13, 14 & 24



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Haul Map

Attachment A-3

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