

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Pete's Ridge Blowdown Permit** timber sale is located within sections 25 & 36 of T30N – R23W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 702 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 **Friday, May 8th, 2026, at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry 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 **\$577.00** 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. 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

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<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Pete's Ridge Blowdown	
For specific sale information, contact: Max Solis	
Phone 406-314-2170	Kalispell Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: Brook Blakeley	
Phone 406-751-2248	NWLO

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 Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry 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. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Considering Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. The intent of this timber sale is to salvage blowdown from a wind event that occurred within the Pete's Ridge sale area.
4. Blowdown units are flagged but not painted. All units and logging activity will occur within the original sale polygons.

SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

5. **WHOLE TREE SKIDDING:** Purchaser will be required to whole tree skid. Trees will not be limbed or cut into log lengths before being skidded to the landings. If trees are too large to skid whole, an allowance will be made to buck the trees into log lengths with the limbs still attached to the log and skidded to the landings.

6. **PURCHASER CUT TREE SELECTION**

Trees that meet the Minimum Log Size of Trees Designated for Cutting in Table 2 are to be cut in each unit according to the following specifications:

- a. Trees that are blown down or are uprooted and leaning excessively as a result of wind. Root sprung trees have been marked with an orange dot.
 - b. Other standing trees that are individually designated for cutting by the Forest Officer.
 - c. **Leave all broken off tree segments over 10" in diameter standing for snags.** The broken off top segment should be salvaged if it meets the minimum log size in Table 2.
 - d. Some blowdown pockets exist outside of flagged boundaries and may be harvested upon Forest Officer approval.
 - e. All blowdown within 200 feet of Forest Service system roads 2950 & 2950B may be harvested within original sale area. These areas are not flagged but indicated on Attachment A-3: Sale Map.
7. **USE OF EXISTING SKID TRAILS REQUIRED:** Existing skid trails and roads shall be utilized for skidding unless otherwise approved by the Forest Officer.
 8. **USE OF EXISTING LANDINGS REQUIRED:** Existing landings shall be utilized unless otherwise approved by the Forest Officer.
 9. The sale is located on National Forest Road 2950 (Bowser Lake Road). This can be accessed via Lost Creek Drive off Farm to Market Road (State Route 424). For access to gates in the sale area, a combination lock will be installed with a combo of **2267**.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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Pete's Ridge												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Leave)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$16.42
Pounds per cubic foot		55.0	58.3									
Estimated CF												0 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material												0 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		669	33									702 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material												0 tons
Gross MBF		117	5									122 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		15.0	10.0									13.9%
Net MBF		100	5									105 MBF
Average logs per MBF		22.8	29.4									22.6 logs/MBF
Average DBH		13.5	10.4									13.1 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												9 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												1.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												8
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	84 and 126 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											22.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	702 estimated tons / 105 Net MBF											6.69 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	8/1/2027	
Operating Period:	April 16, 2026 - Nov 30, 2026	

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.

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	\$2.85/ton

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Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	13.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$0.00
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

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	4.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	26	94	14	November 30, 2026
2A	27	180	27	November 30, 2026
2B	28	114	17	November 30, 2026
2C	17	94	14	November 30, 2026
3A	14	40	6	November 30, 2026
3B	23	106	16	November 30, 2026
4	4	20	3	November 30, 2026
Roadside	74	54	8	November 30, 2026
	211 Ac.	702 tons	105 MBF	



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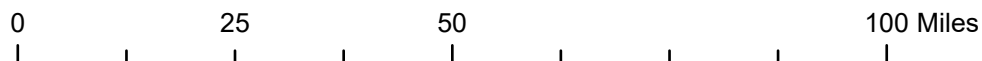
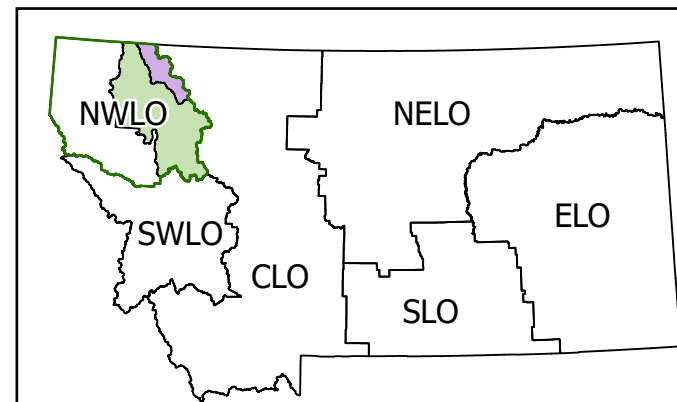
Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map



Pete's Ridge Blowdown sale is located approximately 10 miles north west of Kalispell. It is located on FS road 2590 off of Lost Creek Drive.



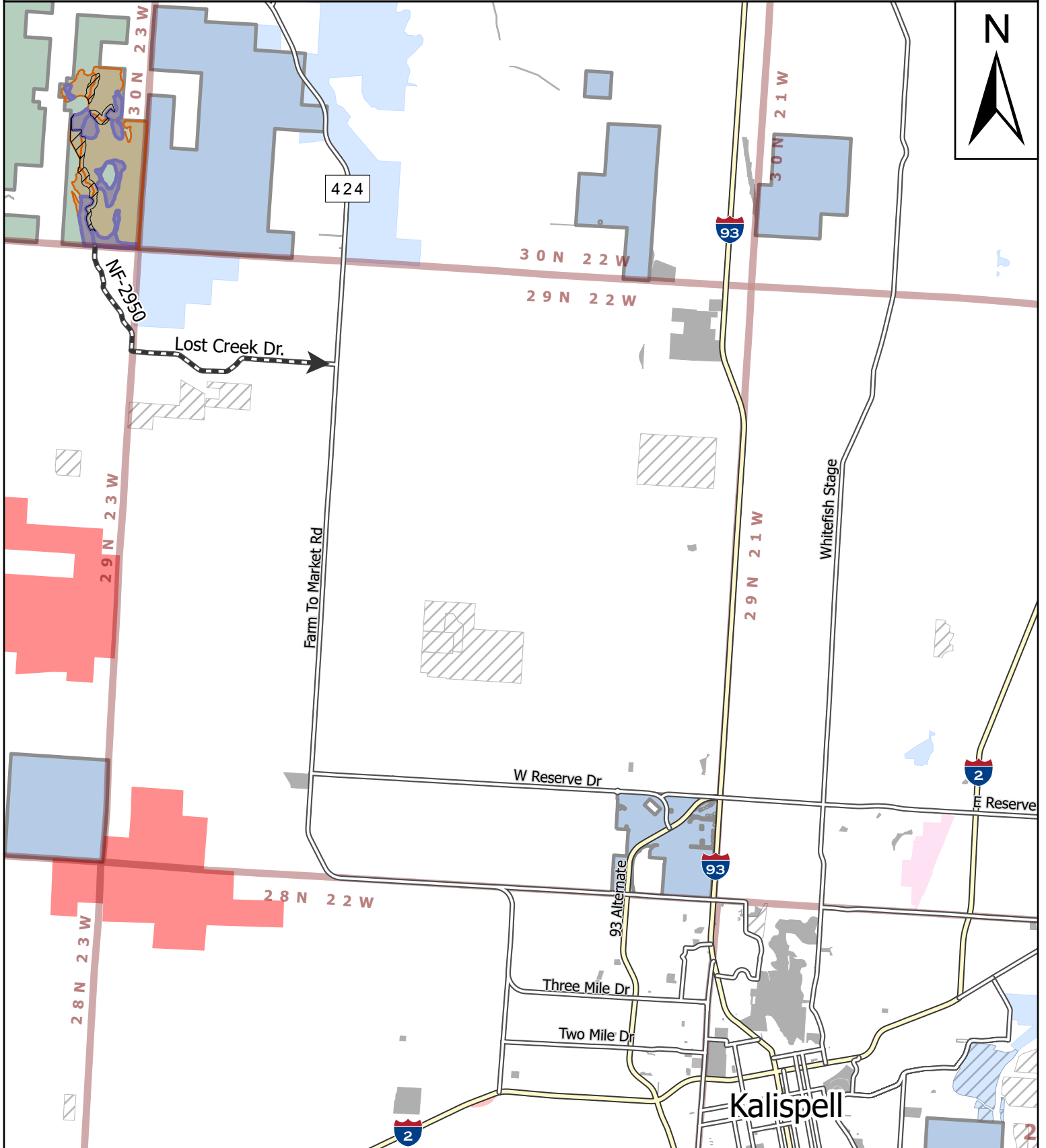
- Towns
- NWLO
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Flathead National Forest
- Glacier National Park
- Water Bodies





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Attachment A-2: Haul Map



- Haul Route
- Sale Area

From the sale area, the haul route will follow the Bowser Lake Road (NF-2950) to the intersection of Lost Creek Drive. Turn left and follow Lost Creek Dr. until you reach Farm to Market Road (424).



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Attachment A-3: Sale Map

