

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Bucklebury Ferry** timber sale is located within sections 9 of T30N – R29W and 4, 9, and 10 of T30N – R30W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 8,837 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 **Monday, August 17th, 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 **\$5,750** 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).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

<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 Bucklebury Ferry			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	253-561-1200	Forester Jordyn Yardin	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau
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 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 underrun 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. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Bucklebury Ferry Timber Sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. **Mandatory pulp/roundwood removal is required in all harvest units.** In which, material that meets the minimum manufacturing and recovery standards for **Other Material shall be removed from the cutting unit, skidded to the landing areas. HAULING OF OTHER MATERIAL IS NOT REQUIRED**, if Purchaser elects to haul Other Material, such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1 in the GNA Baird-Harper Contract.
8. Forest Service Road 872 is closed and gated. A GNA combination lock will be on each gate with a combination of **2-7-1-1**.
9. The GNA Bucklebury Ferry sale is 192 acres of required harvest. Units 236, 238, and 238 are OPERATOR SELECT LEAVE TREES BASED UPON DESCRIPTION with 4 acres of sample leave tree marking in unit 236 and 2 acres of sample leave tree marking in unit 238. Unit 235 is LEAVE TREE MARKED as described in the GNA Bucklebury Ferry Timber Sale Contract section VII.F UNIT DESIGNATIONS and VII.G.2.
10. The Bucklebury Ferry Timber Sale will require **2.3 miles of road reconstruction and maintenance** to be completed pre and post haul, **0.1 miles of temporary road construction and obliteration**. Please refer to Attachment B GNA Bucklebury Ferry Timber Sale Road Log for full detail and contract specifications.
11. Road work includes working on private land. Access is granted through a Temporary Road Use Permit.
12. **Slashing is required for unit 237 which is 34 acres and is appraised for \$5,101.50** (light slashing at \$150/acre). **Excavator piling is also required for this unit and the southeast corner of unit 235 (12.5 acres). Piling is appraised for \$10,464.75** at \$225/acre as described in contract sections VII.G.4 and VII.G.5. Slashing and piling is required to be completed within 10 months of harvest completion in each unit.
13. **Unit 235 has mandatory in woods processing for the southeast portion of the unit due to powerlines, proximity to county roads, and private property.**
14. Unit 237 has EXCAVATED SKID TRAIL CONSTRUCTION and CONSTRUCTED SKID TRAIL RECLAMATION due to a large slope break within the unit. Due to this excavated skid trail, ADVERSE SKIDDING IS REQUIRED. See Attachments A, 3, Attachment B, and contract section VII.G.11-13.
15. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jordyn Yarid, (253) 561-1200.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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GNA Bucklebury Ferry												
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 - non PP												\$13.89
Minimum Bid per ton - PP												\$6.47
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5								40.0	
Estimated CF	36639.6	317253.1	2411.5								0.0	356,304 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	2796.6	29497.8	229.6								0.0	32,524 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	952	7831	54								0	8,837 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	74	725	5								0	804 tons
Gross MBF	189	1464	12								0	1,664 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	7.2	11.0	15.0								0.0	10.6%
Net MBF	176	1303	10								0	1,489 MBF
Average logs per MBF	14.5	20.4	24.5								0.0	19.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH	15.0	13.9	13.0								0.0	14.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												46 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												7.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												63
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,273 and 1,704 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									14.5%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	8,837 estimated tons / 1,489 Net MBF											5.94 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2028
Operating Period:	Operations may occur as soil conditions allow (Section VII. G. 1 and L. 1 & 2) or as directed by the Forest Officer

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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)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance Non-PP (paved)	57.0 miles
Estimated haul distance PP (paved)	110 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.5 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 environmental cost total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do environmental cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$28,114.88
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$3.18/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$28,458
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.22/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$19.12/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$16,502
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.87/ton
Miles of road temporary road construction	0.1 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	2.3 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.1 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.1 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	2.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
236	42.69	1940	327	October 1, 2028
235	87.25	4377	737	October 1, 2028
237	34.01	1324	223	October 1, 2028
238	28.43	1196	201	October 1, 2028
	192 Ac.	8,837 tons	1,489 MBF	