

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Timber Permit is located within sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36 of T31N – R34W and sections 1, 2 of T30N – R34W, on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 1,555 tons, consisting of sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Wednesday, July 9th 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 **\$1,744.00** 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) and the DNRC Libby Unit (406-283-3525).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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

Timber Permit Name: GNA Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Permit			
For specific permit information, contact:			
Phone	406-290-3691	Forester: Jeremy Akin	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Permit Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau
Phone	406-751-2240		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 permit award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the permit. 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 Permit Contract. See the Timber Permit 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 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.
8. 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.
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 Permit Package and Permit Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
11. 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.
12. 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. This timber permit is a State of Montana Timber Permit 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 permit. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber permit and we will encourage active involvement by the timber permit 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 GNA Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Permit requires the processing, loading, and hauling of logs that are decked at various locations along four new road segments. All trees were cut and decked in the Summer / Fall of 2024 during road construction. All trees have been bucked off the stump, limbed, and topped (if logs were too large to handle, they were processed into 33' foot pieces).
4. There is no roadwork associated with this project. See the Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Permit Contract, **Section VIII. Roads** for further details.
5. All units (which are the road segments themselves) are required to be processed and hauled during the period of **August 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025**.
6. The sale area can't be accessed until June 16.
7. All units will require access through gate closures, combination lock in place starting June 16, code **2-7-1-1**. Final roadwork may be occurring during the advertisement period. For questions on access please contact Jeremy Akin at **(406)-291-3691**.
8. How volume was estimated:
 - a. To estimate volume, the acreage of each road segment was determined, the sections of road segments where no volume was generated were subtracted from each roads overall length to better define road acres encumbered.
 - b. Cruise plots were then taken outside of the new roads right-of-way, to get an estimate of species composition, defect, and volume per acre. This is assuming that what exists outside of the new road is similar to what was within the right-of-way prior to construction.
 - c. Due to the age of timber and potential for mis-manufacturing during road construction, the unseen-cull and breakage was increased, and lbs/cu. ft was reduced to drop tons/mbf.
9. Purchasers should be aware of a landowner adjacent to Unit N4 and the ongoing history of the area. The following was provided by the Forest Service LEI Police Captain, Will Chambers: *An adjacent landowner has been disputing the private/ FS boundary line for many years. He has sent numerous letters and made vague threats in the past, a number of which have been in the last two years as we've performed work closer to the property line that he disputes. FS LEI Patrol Captain, Will Chambers, the Lincoln County Sheriff, Lincoln County undersheriff, and a deputy went to the landowner's residence and spoke with him on multiple occasions. Most recently on March 26, 2025, they advised him of what work will be occurring on the adjacent timber sale units and of the likely consequences of his actions if he decided to interfere in any manner with the sale preparation or sale operations. Since then, we have not had any issues with him. He was advised that no timber in the adjacent unit would be cut until the survey on the south end of the unit was completed, excluding the right-of-way timber that was cut during the road construction activities*
10. Prospective bidders should be aware that the N1 road segment has a section of road that is not passable by vehicle as of May 2025. USFS personnel and road contractors are in the process of getting this road issue resolved, however there is a likelihood that the decks behind this barrier will not be haulable under this permit due to the roadwork not being completed within the timeframe of this contract, estimated to be 5 loads of ROW wood decked. If this occurs, those decks behind the road barrier will not haulable under this contract and will also not hinder completion of this contract. Please contact Jeremy Akin (406)-291-3691 with any further questions regarding this matter.

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GNA Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Permit												
Timber Permit Cruise Data												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$22.43
Pounds per cubic foot	59.3	56.2	55.4	54.7		60.0	44.0				40.0	
Estimated CF	5399.2	51684.7	5899.3	942.2		1116.6	3643.8				0.0	68,686 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	27.1	881.7	105.8	57.0		39.1	24.2				0.0	1,135 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	136	1160	135	24		29	71				0	1,555 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	20	2	1		1	0				0	27 tons
Gross MBF	26	249	28	3		4	16				0	327 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	15.3	20.5	17.1	7.0		12.0	11.8				0.0	19.1%
Net MBF	22	198	23	3		4	14				0	264 MBF
Average logs per MBF	19.9	23.9	25.6	32.5		32.0	22.5				0.0	23.8 logs/MBF
Average DBH	14.7	12.3	11.8	9.0		10.0	14.0				0.0	12.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												86 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												14.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												154
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			222 and 307 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									16.2%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	1,555 estimated tons / 264 Net MBF											5.88 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/15/2025	
Operating Period:	August 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025; and as soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1 & 2) or as directed by the Forest Officer.	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	100%
% of volume logged with tractors	00%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (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 per MBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser do road maintenance cost total	\$0

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Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	29.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 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

Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost 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	0.0 miles

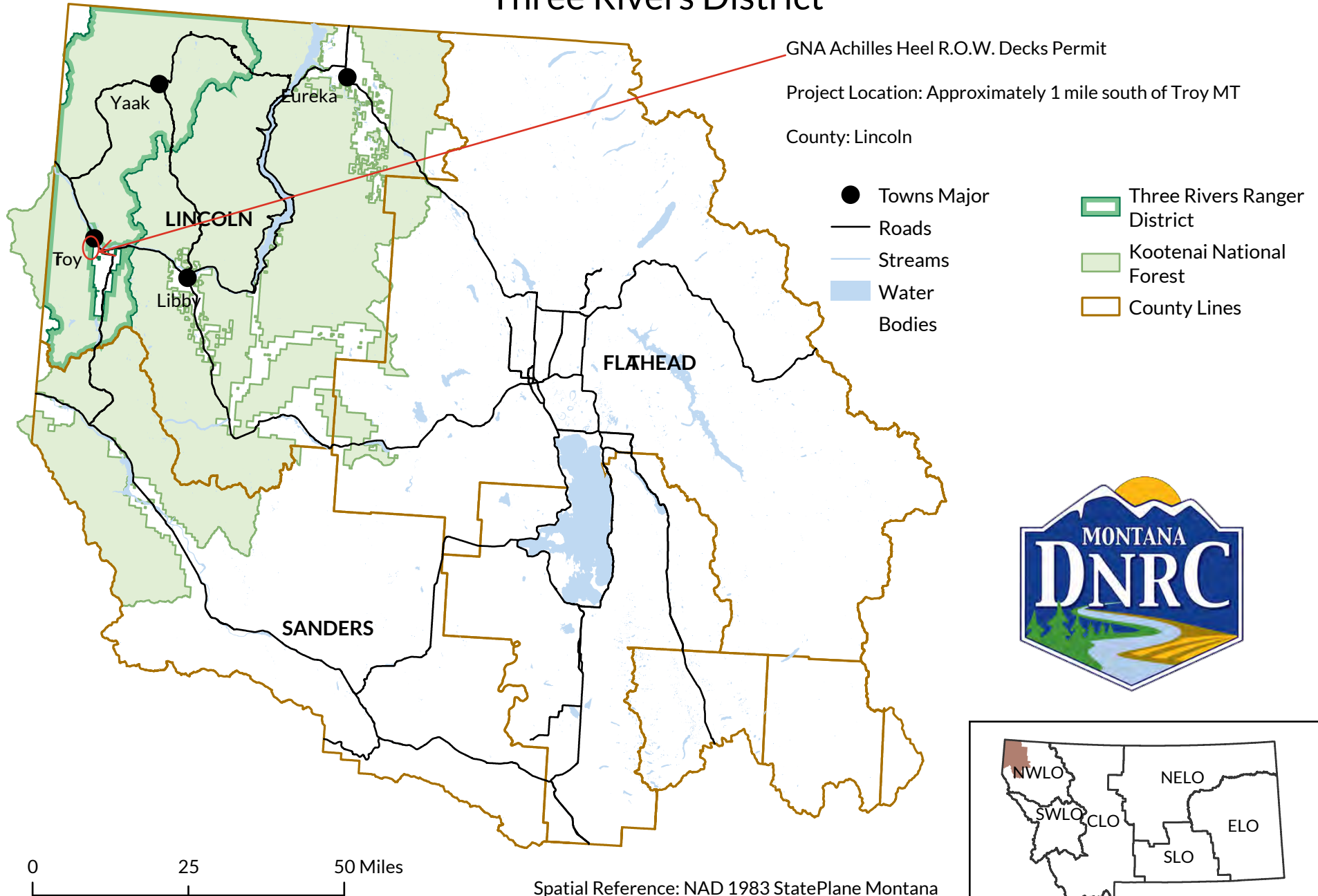
Unit Harvest Volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
N1	5.10	432	73	September 30, 2025
N2	7.76	642	109	
N3	3.20	276	47	
N4	1.94	205	35	
TOTAL	18 Ac.	1,555 tons	264 MBF	

Good Neighbor Authority Vicinity Map Three Rivers District

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Project Location: Approximately 1 mile south of Troy MT

County: Lincoln



Achilles Heel R.O.W. Decks Permit Map

Section 1 & 2 T30N R34W; Section 23 - 26, 35, & 36 T31N R34W

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