NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Allen Post & Pole Timber Permit is located within sections 29, PB41, PB 42, PB 43 of T13N – R7E, on the Helena/Lewis and Clark National Forest. Approximately 1,424 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, August 13th 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 **\$71.00** 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 SALE PROSPECTUS STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: GNA Allen Post and Pole

For specific sale information, contact:

Phone 406-502-8480 Scott MacDonald GNA Forester, DNRC Central

Land Office

For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:

Phone 406-542-4300 Missoula DNRC Main Office GNA Bureau

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.

- 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 quaranteed.
- 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. <u>This prospectus is provided for information purposes only.</u> 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 in 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 Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
- 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. **OPERATING PERIOD:** Operating period is limited to periods when the ground is frozen or snow covered in units 191 and 199 to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.M.4 a-g, Section VII.F, and Section VII.G) and when conditions meet VII.M.1 and VII.M.2. Logging activities including hauling will not occur during the first 2 weeks of big game rifle hunting season (approximately October 26th November 9th). Logging activities including hauling will not occur on weekends and holidays during the winter (December 1-May 15).
- 8. Forest Service Timber Sale Rocking Chair will be using a portion of FSR 119 and hauling may occur simultaneously with GNA Allen Post and Pole hauling.
- 9. If any vehicles exceed Federal Bridge Formula Weight Limits or exceed 120,000 lbs., the DNRC must be notified to apply for an overload weight permit.
- 10. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov or (406) 502-8480.
- 11. An optional pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on 7/31/2025 at 0830. We will meet at the Sheep Creek Fishing Access parking lot on 119-Sheep Creek Road just past the turnoff for 204-Moose Creek Road. From White Sulphur Springs, MT, travel approximately 15 miles North on Hwy 89 to 119-Sheep Creek Road. Travel approximately 5 miles on 119-Sheep Creek Road. The Sheep Creek Fishing Access will be on the left. Please RSVP to Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov by COB 7/30/2025.

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Allen P P Sawlog												
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												
Pounds per cubic foot				50.4				49.5			40.0	
Estimated CF				47898.3				8616.0			17581.5	74,096 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material				2472.2				107.5			754.2	3,334 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs				1045				176			202	1,424 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material				55				2			10	66 tons
Gross MBF				166				33			63	263 MBF
% Cull and Breakage				13.6				17.2			43.3	21.2%
Net MBF				143				28			36	207 MBF
Average logs per MBF				43.6				23.8			60.5	43.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH				9.3				13.5			9.8	9.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												13 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre						1.9 MBF/ac						
Total Average TPA Cut						69						
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 134 and 280 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises						35.2%						
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 1,424 estimated tons / 207 Net MBF					6.88 tons/MBF							

Contract Information						
Contract Termination Date:	12/15/2029					
Operating Period:		II.L.1&2 and VII.N. Logging activities including hauling will not occur during the first 2 weeks of big game rifle hunting season (approximately 9). Logging activities will not occur on weekends and holidays during the winter (December 1 – May 15). Unit 191 and 199 require winter .				

Logging Information					
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%				
% of volume logged with tractors	100%				
% of volume logged by skyline	00%				

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates				
Estimated road development cost total	\$0			
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton			

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% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	89.6 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	12.4 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	\$1,487.00				
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$1.04/ton				

Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$56,064
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$39.37/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	11.3 miles

Unit harvest volume							
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline			
191	18.09	488	71				
194	76.64	795	116				
199	15.94	140	20				
	111 Ac.	1,424 tons	207 MBF				







