NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Boy Scout 2 timber sale is located within sections 28, and 33 of T17N – R15W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 5,518 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 Wednesday October 30th 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 \$730.00 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).

Visit our website at 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 Boy Scout 2

For specific sale information, contact:

Phone 406-542-4218 GNA Forester: Ben Hebert Southwest Land Office

Email Ben.Hebert@MT.gov

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

Phone 406-542-4300 Forestry Division DNRC Missoula Office

Phone

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. <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 into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
- 3. This project will involve work in developed recreation sites such as leased cabin sites, developed campgrounds etc. as well as near overhead power lines and buried utilities such as septic systems. This project will require technical falling by hand or with equipment to remove trees near structures and other improvements. The purchaser will be responsible for any damage to improvements caused by harvest-related activities.
- 4. 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 of the timber sale contract.
- 5. Winter Harvest Units: In units 2, 3A and 3B the operating period is limited to winter conditions when the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.L 1 and VII. G. 3).
- 6. The Purchaser will be required to utilize in-woods processing methods (see Section VII.G 1).
- 7. The purchaser will be required to mechanically pile all logging slash concurrent with harvesting and forwarding in all harvest units. (see Section VII.G 2).
- 8. The purchaser shall be required to utilize hand-felling to remove trees designated to cut that exceed the size limit of mechanical felling equipment (See Section VII. G. 4).
- 9. Overhead powerlines: Portions of unit 2 contain overhead powerlines. There are trees designated to cut within powerline right-of-ways which will require lines to be dropped to facilitate harvest operations. Coordination with Forest Officer and Missoula Electric Co-op will be required to drop the lines. (See Section VII. G. 5).
- 10. To obtain electronic GPS compatible maps, contact Ben Hebert at ben.hebert@mt.gov.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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. Our cruising system generally estimates sawlog volume fairly accurately but does not estimate non-sawlog products such as post and rail as well. Significant effort was made to provide bidders with good estimates of all products offered. Due to the nature of this project area and significant stand variability found throughout, our calculated sampling error is higher than desirable. Calculated sampling error was found to be +/- 14.59% on volume estimates, see timber sale information sheet below for more cruise information and statistics.
- 13. This prospectus is provided for informational purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Permit Contract, the Contract governs.
- 14. An optional pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on 10/10/24 @9AM; Meet at River Point Campground, Seeley Lake, MT. Please RSVP to Ben Hebert at <u>Ben.Hebert@mt.gov</u> or Aaron Kim at <u>Aaron.Kim@mt.gov</u> by 5PM on 10/3/24. If no-one responds by this date the field tour will be cancelled.

Project Summary:

Project involves hazard tree removal in USFS leased cabin sites along the West shore of Seeley Lake. Commercial thin and hazard tree removal will also occur throughout River Point Campground and nearby natural areas with moderate to high recreation use. There are many structures and improvements throughout the project area including seasonal residences and outbuildings, campground sites, overhead powerlines and buried utilities such as septic and drain fields. The purchaser must take great care not to damage any buildings or improvements during harvest or post-harvest operations. Significant amount of technical hand-felling will be required to complete the project. Overhead powerlines in Unit 2 will be able to be dropped by Missoula Electric Co-op during harvesting period to mitigate operational hazards however, powerlines cannot be dropped for extended periods of time during freezing conditions to ensure damage is not done to any of the residences.

	Boyscout2											
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												\$2.64
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0			55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF		144406.2	49328.2	12364.4	12283.2			1428.2			21758.3	241,569 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		758.0	204.3	128.1	222.7			55.0			120.3	1,488 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		3840	1006	307	307			33			23	5,518 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		21	5	3	6			1			0	36 tons
Gross MBF		790	296	61	59			6			122	1,333 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		13.9	31.5	11.4	12.0			15.0			94.6	25.0%
Net MBF		680	203	54	52			5			7	1,000 MBF
Average logs per MBF		12.3	10.8	17.4	19.5			31.9			19.0	12.8 logs/MBF
Average DBH		16.7	19.5	13.1	11.7			9.6			17.3	16.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre							36 tons/ac					
Average MBF to cut per acre						6.5 MBF/ac						
Total Average TPA Cut						33						
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 854 and 1,146 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises						14.6%						
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per 5,518 estimated tons / 1,000 Net MBF thousand Scribner board feet						5.52 tons/MBF						

Contract Information					
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2025				
Operating Period:					

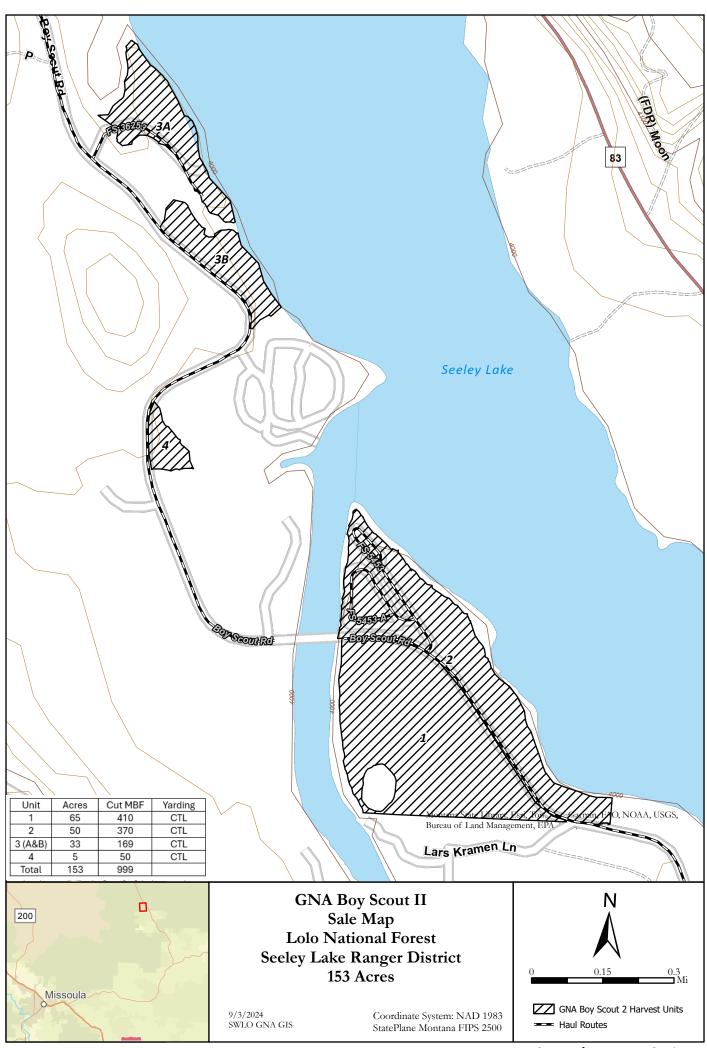
Logging Information				
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%			
% of volume logged with tractors	00%			
% of volume logged by skyline	00%			
% of volume logged by other system (Cut to length)	100%			
Yarding distance tractor (average)	0 ft.			
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.			
Yarding distance other system (specify)	500 ft.			
Estimated haul distance (paved)	97.0 miles			
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	0.0 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*	\$30,600.00				
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$5.55/ton				

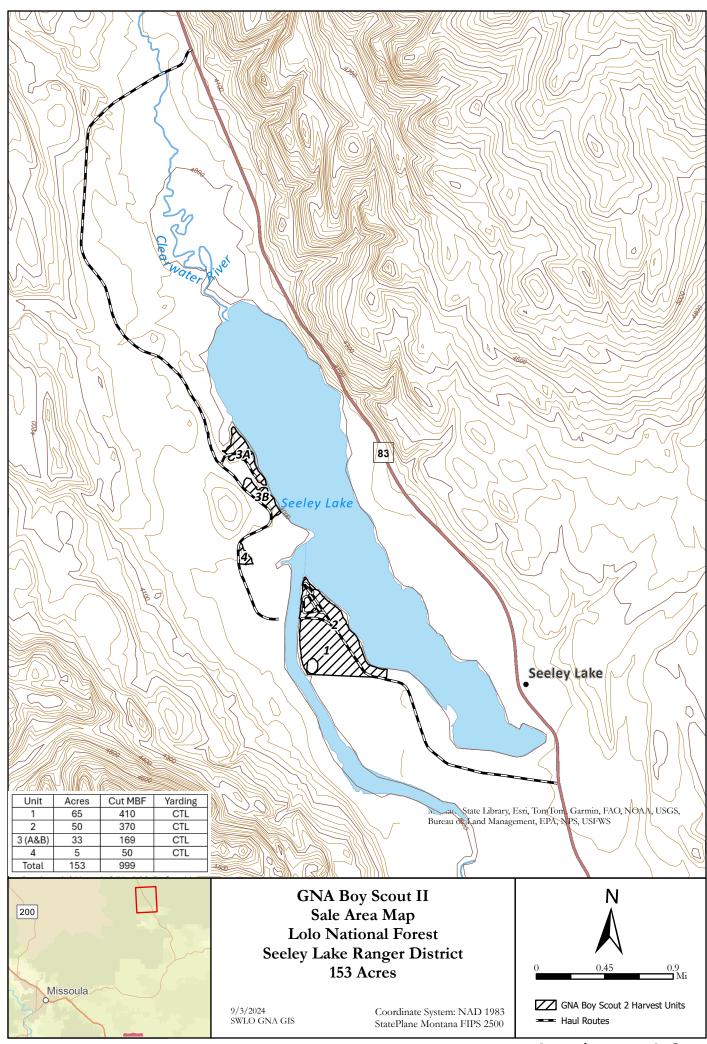
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates					
Estimated road development cost total	\$0				
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$1,000				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.18/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	0.4 miles				

Unit harvest volume							
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline			
1	64.90	2181	395	March 15, 2025			
2	50.45	2143	388	March 15, 2025			
3	33.12	953	173	March 15, 2025			
4	4.79	241	44	March 15, 2025			
	153 Ac.	5,518 tons	1,000 MBF				

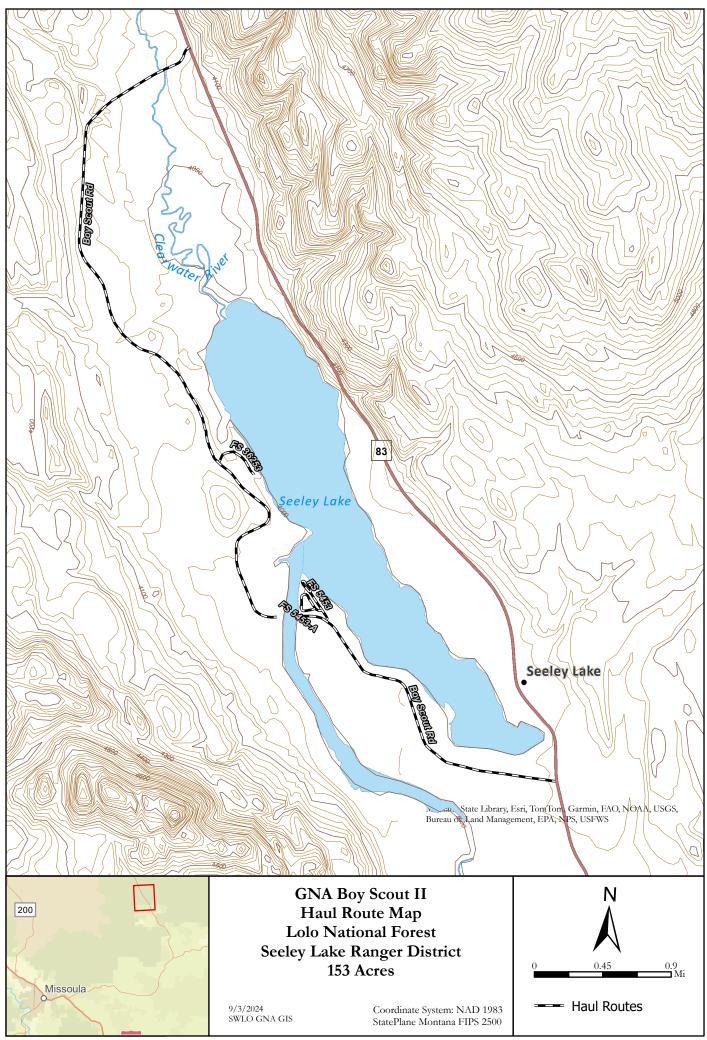
^{*}Post harvest piling @ \$200/acre x 153 acres



Attachment A-1



Attachment A-2



Attachment A-3