NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Pete Ridge Timber Sale is located within sections 25 and 36 of T30N – R23W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 8,518 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 April 27th 2022, 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 \$9,153.00, 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), or the DNRC Northwestern Land Office / Kalispell Unit (406-751-2240)

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Pete Ridge

For specific sale information, contact: Pete Evans

Phone 406-751-2267 Kalispell Unit

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

Phone 406-751-2248 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 under-run of the estimated tonnage. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
- 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. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own</u>
 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 <u>are not guaranteed.</u>
- 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 this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, 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.
- 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 Timber sale was cruised and compiled using a combination of DNRC and Forest Service Procedures and computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet.
 - Some rounding errors will be noticeable
- 4. Due to whitetail winter range restrictions this timber sale can only be operated on April 16- November 31 for the duration of the contract.
- 5. This sale uses both marking and purchaser select methods for denoting cut timber. Potential purchasers should familiarize themselves with the designations in the contact (VII.F&G)
- 6. Access to the timber sale area during advertisement will be provided using combination locks. Both locks will use 2267 as a combination. Gates must be kept closed and locked during advertisement.

Timber Sale Information Sheet Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Pete Ridge											
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)											
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	HEM	AF	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton											\$21.49/ton
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3							40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		7178	1340							0	8,518 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		4158	1241		32		58			0	5,489 tons
Gross MBF		1346	257							0	1,603 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		17.0	15.0							0.0	14.3%
Net MBF		1151	223							0	1,374 MBF
Average logs per MBF		39.8	52.3							0.0	41.8 logs/MBF
Average DBH		8.9	7.7							0.0	8.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre										\longrightarrow	13 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre											1.9 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut										\longrightarrow	101
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 1,036 and 1,347 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises						13.0%					
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 8,518 estimated tons / 1,374 Net MBF						6.20 tons/MBF					

Contract Information					
Contract Termination Date:	November 31, 2024				
Operating Period:	April 16, 2022-November 3	1, 2022. April 16 2023-November 31, 2023. April 16, 2024-November 31, 2024.			

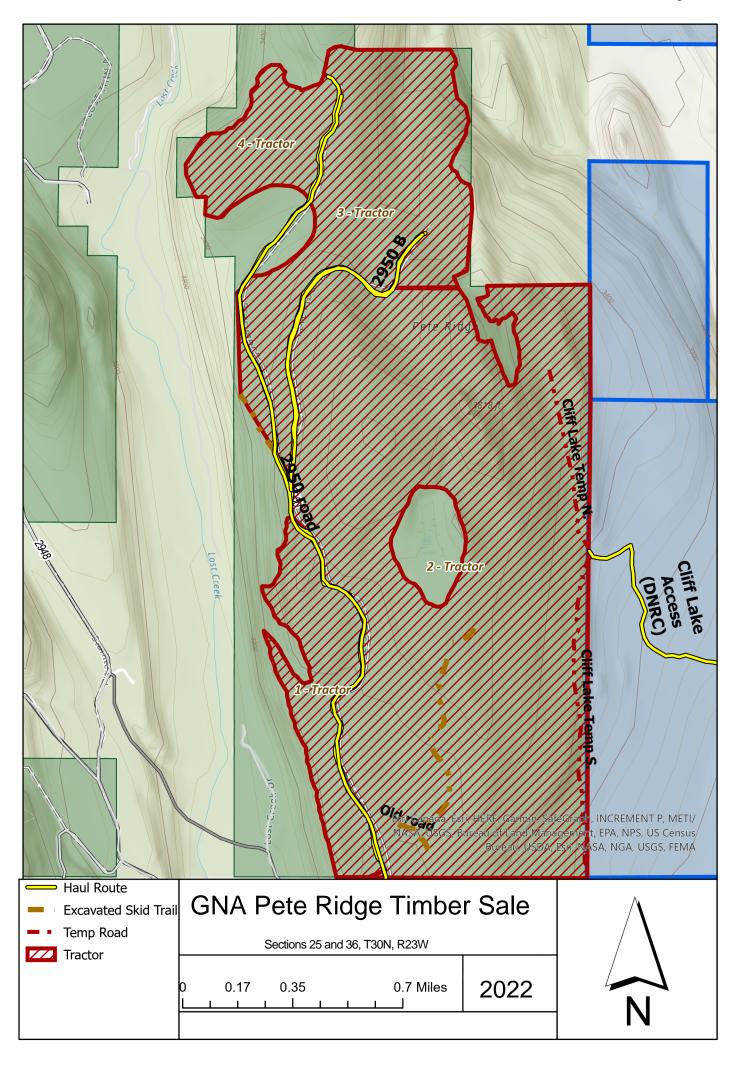
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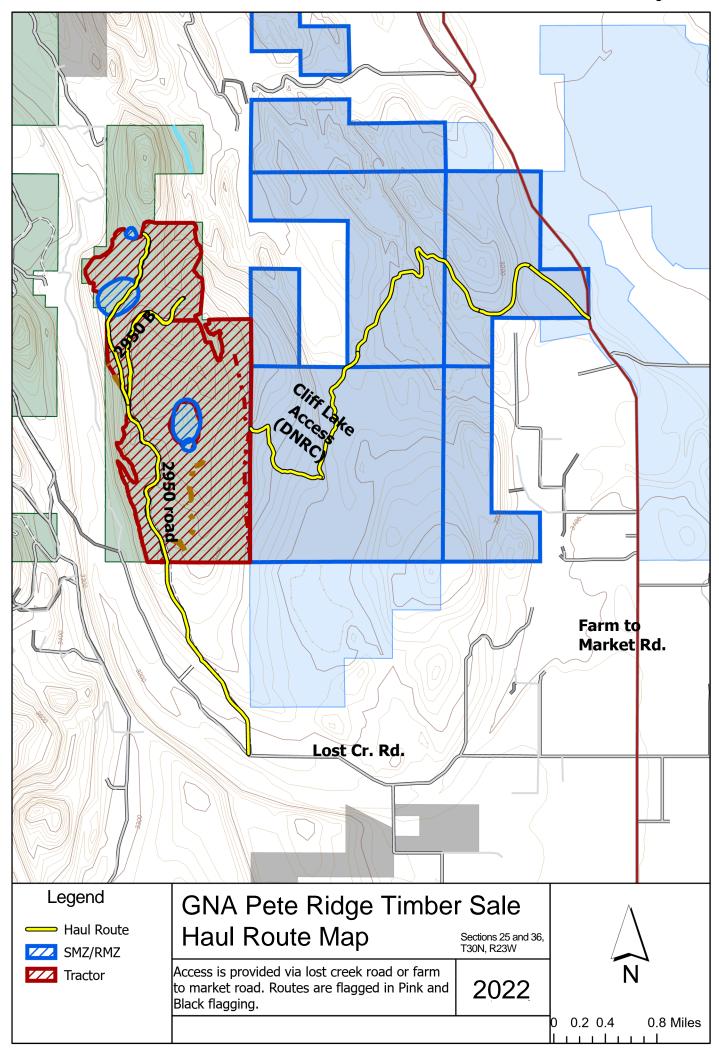
Logging Information				
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%			
% of volume logged with tractors	100%			
% of volume logged by skyline	00%			
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%			
Yarding distance tractor (average)	900 ft.			
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.			
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.			
Estimated haul distance (paved)	15.0 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	\$31,550.00			
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$3.70/ton			

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates			
Estimated road development cost total	\$29,521		
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.47/ton		
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$21.49/MBF		
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,449		
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.29/ton		
Estimated Purchaser-do road abandonment cost total	\$2,992		
Estimated Purchaser-do road abandonment cost per ton	\$0.35/ton		
Miles of road construction	1.1 miles		
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles		
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles		
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	1.1 miles		
Miles of road maintenance and blading	0.0 miles		

Unit harvest volume						
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline		
Cutting Unit 1	50.90	709	114	October 31, 2024		
Cutting Unit 2	420.61	5702	919	October 31, 2024		
Cutting Unit 3	122.45	1781	287	October 31, 2024		
Cutting Unit 4	37.10	327	53	October 31, 2024		
	631 Ac.	8,518 tons	1,373 MBF			





GNA Pete Ridge Timber Sale Vicinity Map



