

# STATE OF MONTANA

## GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY - TIMBER SALE CONTRACT FOR STUMPAGE SOLD BY THE TON

VERSION 17 – JANUARY 2015

<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; CONSERVATION</b> 2705 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804	<b>NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF PURCHASER:</b>	
	<b>Tax I.D. Number</b>	
<b>Land Office</b> Northwestern	<b>SALE NAME</b> GNA WarHorse	<b>SALE NUMBER</b>
<b>Unit</b> Libby	<b>AWARD DATE</b>	<b>TERMINATION DATE</b> 10/31/2025

THIS TIMBER SALE CONTRACT (hereinafter called Contract or agreement) IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO by and between the State of Montana, acting through its Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division (hereinafter called the State) and ( , a sole proprietorship; or , a partnership; or , Inc. a corporation) (hereinafter called Purchaser) having an office and principal place of business at the address shown above. Purchaser's bid for all timber and timber products described in this Contract has been accepted by the State after having been estimated, appraised and advertised for sale as required by law. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, the State agrees to sell and the Purchaser agrees to purchase the designated timber located on the areas described in this Contract at the specified rates of payment and in strict conformity with the requirements, standards, specifications and conditions set forth in this Contract.

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<b>TABLE 1 - LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GROSS SALE AREA</b>			
The timber designated for sale under this Contract is within the following sale area			
<b>Subdivisions</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Tw</b>	<b>Rge</b>
<b>Portions of</b>	1, 2	31N	29W
	25, 26, 35, 36	32N	29W
<b>Total approximate acres in gross sale area:</b>	513 Acres		
<b>Number of harvest units (Including Right-of-Way):</b>	6 Units		
<b>Total acres in harvest units (Including Right-of-Way):</b>	240 Acres		

<b>TABLE 1 (continued) - ESTIMATED SALE VOLUME</b>	
The state does not guarantee the product weight, by species or in total, to equal the estimated advertised weight in quantity or product designation.	
<b>Product</b>	<b>Estimated Quantity (Tons)</b>
<b>Sawlogs</b>	<b>14,689</b>
<b>Other Material</b>	<b>Not estimated</b>
<b>Total Estimated Volume</b>	<b>14,965</b>

<b>TABLE 1 (continued) - PAYMENT RATES</b>			
<b>Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Requirements</b>
Performance Bond Amount:	20% of bid value		See Section II.A.1-3.
	<b>Product</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Stumpage Rate per ton:	<b>Sawlogs</b>	<b>Bid Rate</b>	See Section II.B.1-3.
	<b>Other Material</b>	<b>\$0.50/ton</b>	

## I. GENERAL TERMS

### A. DEFINITION OF CONTRACT LANGUAGE: The following definitions apply to terms used in this Contract:

1. Administrator – The Good Neighbor Authority Bureau Chief, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
2. Draw – A swale or drainageway that may not have perceptible or definite beds or banks.
3. Environmental Law – Includes, but is not limited to, the following laws and any regulations promulgated under these laws: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*), as amended; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) (42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 – 6987), as amended; the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401, *et seq.*), as amended; the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f *et seq.*), as amended; the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1401 *et seq.*), as amended; the Clean Air Act of Montana (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-2-101 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Water Quality Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-5-101 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Solid Waste Management Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-201 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Hazardous Waste Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-401 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-701 *et seq.*) as amended; and the Montana Underground Storage Tank Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-11-501 *et seq.*) as amended.
4. Forest Officer – The State field representative assigned the job of contract administration for this timber sale Contract. Except as otherwise expressly stated in the Contract, the Forest Officer is not authorized to modify the contract on behalf of the State.
5. Hazardous or deleterious substance – Means a substance that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may pose an imminent and substantial threat to public health, safety, or welfare or the environment, and is:
  - a. A substance that is defined as a hazardous substance by section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), as amended.
  - b. A substance identified by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a hazardous substance pursuant to section 102 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602, as amended.
  - c. A substance that is defined as a hazardous waste pursuant to section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(5), as amended, including a substance listed or identified in 40 CFR 261.
  - d. Any petroleum product.
6. Operating period – The annual time period during which field activities (logging, hauling, construction, etc.) may be conducted.
7. Paid or payment – Except as otherwise expressly stated in the Contract, full remuneration by either cash, money order or certified check.
8. Purchaser – The signatory party to this Contract other than the Administrator. Purchaser is also defined to include employees and agents of the Purchaser authorized to conduct activities as required for execution of the timber sale Contract. As an independent contractor, neither the Purchaser, its employees or agents shall be considered employees of the State of Montana or the United States Forest Service pursuant to work performed under this Contract.
9. Sawlog – A green or dead log as further defined under Section VII.C.

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10. State – The State of Montana and its agents and employees, including but not limited to the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation.
11. USFS - The United States Forest Service and its agents and employees.
12. Stream – A stream is a natural watercourse of perceptible extent that has a sandy or rocky bottom or definite banks and confines and conducts continuously or intermittently flowing water.
13. Stumpage – The rate paid in dollars per ton as specified in Table 1 for Sawlogs and/or Other Material.
14. Supervisor – A person designated by the Purchaser in charge of operations on site at the sale area at all times when construction or harvesting operations are in progress. The Supervisor shall have authorization to receive notices from the Forest Officer and take appropriate action with regard to breach and/or violations of the terms of the contract.

**B. REMOVAL OF TIMBER AND TITLE TRANSFER:**

1. Provided the Purchaser has paid for timber as required in Section II.B.1, ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENT, the Purchaser has the right to cut and remove timber from the sale area provided all Contract requirements related to the commencement of operations have been met.
2. Title to all timber included in this contract shall be retained by the USFS until:
  - a. The timber has been paid for.
  - b. The timber has been measured, as described in Section III.A. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY.
  - c. The timber has been properly marked, branded and ticketed as described in Section III.C & E. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY and Attachment E, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and removed from the gross sale area.
3. Title to timber remaining on the gross sale area at termination of the contract shall remain with the USFS.
4. As documented in this contract, or otherwise agreed to, all roads and other improvements become the property of the USFS as they are constructed.

**C. TERM OF CONTRACT:** This Contract is effective upon approval and execution by the Administrator and shall terminate on the Termination Date shown on page 1 unless terminated sooner for successful completion or for gross or persistent breach and/or failure to promptly and properly remedy contract violations of the Contract terms pursuant to Section IV. B, TERMINATION.

**D. PRE-OPERATIONS MEETING:** No activity may occur on the sale area until a pre-operations meeting is conducted between the Purchaser and the State. The Purchaser shall notify the Forest Officer at least seven (7) days prior to the start of operations to schedule the pre-operations meeting. The Forest Officer will specify to the Purchaser what information the Purchaser must provide to the State at the pre-operations meeting.

**E. ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN:** Purchaser may be required to submit a written annual operating plan, as specified by, and at the request of the Forest Officer.

**F. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION:**

1. In the event that Purchaser's operations are delayed and Purchaser is not able to complete the requirements of this Contract prior to the harvest completion date or the termination date, the State may grant an extension of the term of this Contract. An extension will be considered by the State under only the following circumstances:

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- a. The State determines an extension is in the USFS and State's best interests;
  - b. Purchaser applies for the extension in writing at least 30 days prior to the termination date.
  - c. The State notifies the Purchaser that an extension is required.
  - d. Purchaser has provided the State with written notice from the surety that the performance bond on this contract has been extended for a period commensurate with the requested contract extension.
  - e. Purchaser has made a good faith effort to complete the sale.
  - f. The extension request is not based on poor log and/or market conditions.
2. If the contract term extension is granted, Purchaser shall conduct continuous operations through the operating periods and/or resume operations at the start of the next operating period until the requirements of this Contract are completed. No extension shall be granted for a period longer than eighteen (18) months after the termination date as provided herein unless a longer extension is determined to be in the State's and USFS's best interest.
  3. If the extension is requested and granted because of delays resulting from matters within Purchaser's control, the following will apply:
    - a. Purchaser shall pay an extension fee of \$ 500.00.
    - b. Stumpage rates for any volume cut, skidded or hauled during the extension period will be escalated a minimum of 10%.
    - c. No de-escalation will occur from the time the extension is granted by the Administrator, as documented in a signed modification, through the remainder of the Contract.
  4. An extension may be granted to the Purchaser without penalty if the State prohibits logging activity for more than 2 weeks during the operating period described in this Contract.
  5. All conditions of this contract shall remain in force during any period of extension, unless those conditions are amended by the terms of the extension.
  6. In the event the Contract terminates pursuant to Section I.C, TERM OF CONTRACT due to expiration of the time period within which its performance shall have been completed, and the State has not granted an extension, the Purchaser shall immediately cease all operations within the Gross Sale Area as shown in Table 1. Operations beyond the contract termination date for which the State has not granted an extension will be treated as trespass.
- G. LIABILITY FOR LOSS:** The Purchaser is responsible for loss, degradation, or damage to timber while the timber is in his, her or its custody, including but not limited to, timber which has been felled, skidded or decked and/or timber which has been lost, damaged or stolen after removal from the sale area but before scaling or weight is recorded.
- H. SUPERVISION:** When construction or harvesting operations are in progress, the Purchaser shall have exclusive control over the manner in which the Contract is executed if, as determined by the State, the Purchaser has and is complying with all terms and conditions provided herein. Purchaser is required to have a supervisor(s) in charge of operations on the sale area at all times. Such supervisor(s) shall have authorization to receive notices from the Forest Officer and take appropriate action with regard to breach and/or violations of the terms and conditions of the Contract.
- I. COMPLAINTS:**

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1. Complaints by the Purchaser concerning any action or decision of a Forest Officer, including suspension orders, must be made in writing to the Administrator postmarked within 30 days of the disputed action or decision. In the interim, Purchaser must comply with the directions of the Forest Officer.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator, or a designated representative, shall promptly hold an informal conference with the Purchaser and the Forest Officer to review the disputed action. The Purchaser shall be given adequate notice of the conference and shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and an argument to rebut the reasons given by the Forest Officer for the disputed action. After review, the Administrator shall notify the Purchaser in writing of his decision. The decision of the Administrator is final on behalf of the State, except regarding termination of the contract.

**J. ASSIGNMENT:** This contract shall not be assigned in whole or in part unless approved in writing by the Administrator. Any person or entity that is currently suspended or debarred from bidding on or operating government contracts is also suspended or debarred from bidding or operating (including as a sub-contractor) on this contract.

**K. MODIFICATIONS:**

1. This Contract, together with the attachments listed herein, contains the entire agreement of the parties and no statements, promises or inducements made by either party, or agents of either party, that are not contained in such written Contract shall be valid or binding. This Contract, except as described in Section I.K.2 below, cannot be enlarged, modified or altered except upon written agreement signed by all parties to this contract. Only the Administrator, his successor, or his designated representative is authorized to enter into such modification on behalf of the State.
2. To protect cultural or natural resources the State may modify provisions of the Contract without prior agreement by the Purchaser.

**L. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Pursuant to Section 49-3-207, MCA, any hiring by the Purchaser under this agreement must be on the basis of merit and qualifications and there must be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, political ideas, sex, marital status, physical or mental handicap, national origin or ancestry by any person performing this Contract.

**M. LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

1. Prior to the execution of this Contract, the Purchaser or their agents shall obtain, carry and keep in good standing for the remainder of the Contract period, with any extensions:
  - a. Comprehensive general liability insurance coverage to the limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 per aggregate. Each such policy shall include endorsements, which shall name the State, US Forest Service, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees as additional insured and shall provide that the State shall be given 30 days written notice, at the address stated above, prior to cancellation or any material change in such policy.
  - b. Automobile Liability Insurance: The Purchaser shall purchase and maintain coverage with split limits of \$500,000 per person (personal injury), \$1,000,000 per accident occurrence (personal injury), and \$100,000 per accident occurrence (property damage), OR combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, or negligence of the contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors.
2. In lieu of such coverage, the Purchaser may provide proof of self-insurance in at least an amount equal to that provided above.

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3. Prior to the execution of this Contract, Purchaser shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance from the insurer(s) of the Purchaser or their agents certifying that coverage in at least the amounts stated above is in force. Such certificate shall be submitted to the State for approval of the insurer(s), the amount, and the form. The State reserves the right to require a certified copy of any such policy or to examine the policy itself.
4. A self-insured Purchaser shall provide an equivalent certificate of insurance subject to the approval of the State.
5. It is further understood and agreed that this Contract shall terminate immediately in the event that the mandatory liability insurance coverage required under this part is for any reason not obtained or is discontinued.

**N. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:**

1. Prior to the commencement of any work under this Contract, Purchaser shall provide written verification to the Administrator that any and all individuals who are to be engaged in work under this Contract, including but not limited to employees, agents or independent contractors of the Purchaser or of its subcontractors, are either insured for workers' compensation coverage or are exempted from such coverage as certified independent contractors pursuant to § 39-71-401 MCA.
2. It is expressly understood and agreed that no such individual may engage in work in furtherance of this Contract at any time during its period unless either insured for workers' compensation coverage or exempted from such coverage as indicated above.
3. It is understood and agreed that this Contract shall terminate immediately in the event that workers' compensation coverage or exemptions required under this part is discontinued for any individuals engaged in work under this Contract.

- O. SAFETY:** The Purchaser, employees, subcontractors and their employees shall conduct their activities in a safe and workmanlike manner, shall cooperate in making it possible for the Forest Officer to safely, efficiently, and economically perform his, her or its administrative duties, and shall comply with federal and State safety standards for logging operations as established by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA; 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1910 and any other such applicable regulations promulgated by OSHA) and as required by Title 50, Chapter 71 of the Montana Code Annotated, and any regulations promulgated to implement the statutes found in that Title and Chapter of the Montana Code Annotated. The Purchaser, and not the State, is responsible for instituting and maintaining all precautions, procedures and programs for the safety of all persons on the project site, and the State hereby disclaims any and all responsibility for injuries or accidents occurring at the site.

- P. SAWMILLS PROHIBITED:** No sawmills shall be allowed to operate on the gross sale area.

- Q. LOG CHIPPERS OR GRINDERS:** No log chippers or grinders shall be allowed to operate on the gross sale area unless written approval to do so is granted by the Forest Officer. In order for approval to be granted, the Purchaser shall identify a method acceptable to the State for the measurement of all wood to be ground or chipped. If the Purchaser intends to operate a log chipper outside of the gross sale area, provisions must be made for obtaining certified weights of either the material removed from the sale or of the resultant products.

**R. SALE DELAYED OR PRECLUDED BY JUDICIAL ACTION OR GOVERNMENT REGULATORY ACTION:**

1. In the event judicial action, change in applicable law, or implementation of government regulatory action renders proceeding with this Contract unlawful, the State will suspend or terminate the Contract in whole or in part. Upon notice of such suspension or termination, Purchaser shall

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immediately cease all or any portion of such operations under the Contract as directed by the State. If a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final judgment rendering further proceeding with this Contract unlawful, or government regulatory action takes effect, the State may terminate the Contract or, at the State's option, suspend the Contract in whole or in part, pending appeal of the court's final judgment. If the Contract is suspended, the State shall not be liable to the Purchaser for damages or losses resulting from the delay. In the event the Contract is terminated due to judicial action, a change in law, or government regulations, the State shall be liable to Purchaser only as follows:

- a. The State shall refund any portion of advance stumpage payments or down payments not needed to compensate the State for timber removed.
- b. The State shall release any portion of the performance bond not needed to compensate the State for timber removed or other losses suffered by the State due to breach of contract by the Purchaser.

**S. VENUE AND CHOICE OF LAW:** In the event of litigation concerning this agreement, venue shall be in the First Judicial District, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, and this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana both as to interpretation and performance.

**T. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER:** The Purchaser is authorized to enter the sale area only for purposes related to the performance of this Contract. Any person or entity that is currently suspended or debarred from bidding on or operating government contracts is also suspended or debarred from bidding or operating (including as a sub-contractor) on this Contract.

**U. OTHER OPERATIONS BY THE STATE:** The State or USFS reserves the right to at any time conduct within the gross sale area forest management operations including, but not limited to, slash piling, burning, handwork, broadcast burning, mop-up, patrolling, thinning and tree planting during the term of this Contract.

**V. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY:**

1. The Purchaser agrees to indemnify the State and the USFS, its officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties and hold the State harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense, arising in favor of the Purchaser's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death or damage to property arising out of services performed, goods or rights to intellectual property provided or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts or omission of the Purchaser and/or its agents, employees, subcontractors or its representatives while engaged in work under this Contract, all to the extent of the Purchaser's negligence.
2. The Purchaser shall be responsible for, indemnify, defend and hold the State and the USFS harmless from and against any loss, cost (including, without limitation, reasonable legal, accounting, consulting, engineering and similar expenses), damage, claim, fine or liability, including the necessity for tests, inspections or other work, and any damage, claim, fine or liability arising as a result of such tests, inspections or other work, the State must perform:
  - a. Based upon an actual or alleged violation by the Purchaser of, or failure by the Purchaser to comply with, any Environmental Law during the term of this Contract;
  - b. Arising from the discharge, release, threatened release, handling, storage, treatment, deposit or disposal of any Hazardous or Deleterious Substances caused or exacerbated by the activities of the Purchaser on or in the gross sale area during the term of this Contract; or
  - c. Otherwise arising out of or in connection with any environmental condition or action caused or created by the Purchaser.



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- W. OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** This Contract is subject to all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations in effect at the date of this Contract or which may, from time to time, be adopted, and which do not impair the obligations of this Contract and which do not deprive the Purchaser of an existing property right recognized by law. A violation by the Purchaser of any federal, state, county, and/or municipal laws, ordinances and/or regulations while conducting operations under the terms of this Contract, shall, in the discretion of the State, constitute sufficient reason for the suspension or termination of this Contract. If any part of the lands or premises under this Contract are used or allowed or permitted to be used for any purpose contrary to the laws of this state or the United States, such unlawful use shall, in the discretion of the State, constitute sufficient reason for the suspension or termination of this Contract.
- X. FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party shall be responsible for failure to fulfill its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts or omissions of government or military authority, acts of God, materials shortages, transportation delays, fires, floods, labor disturbances, riots, wars, terrorist acts, or any other causes, directly or indirectly beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party, so long as such party is using its best efforts to remedy such failure or delays. Force majeure will not relieve the Purchaser from liability for damage or otherwise excuse performance of this Contract should the Purchaser cause a fire for which they would be liable under § 50-63-103, MCA.
- Y. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:** The Purchaser must complete and deliver to the State form AD-1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary covered transactions and form AD-1048 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower tier Covered Transactions.

## II. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

### A. PERFORMANCE BOND:

1. As a guarantee of the faithful performance of this Contract, Purchaser shall furnish a bond, with sufficient sureties, to the State in an amount equal to the potential loss to the State in the event of Purchaser's breach or default under the terms of this Contract as determined by the Administrator. The performance bond may be in cash, bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of deposit with sufficient sureties. A letter of credit must be automatically renewable without amendment for the term of the Contract. The bond shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the estimated value of the timber sold. The performance bond the Purchaser must submit for this Contract is shown in Table 1.
2. Upon full performance of the terms of the Contract, the State shall release the performance bond.
3. Upon substantial performance of the terms of the Contract, the Administrator may release a portion of the performance bond not needed to compensate the State for any remaining timber to be removed or any other losses that may be suffered by the State due to breach of Contract by the Purchaser. The bond shall not be reduced to less than five percent (5%) of the estimated value of the total Contract volume.

### B. PAYMENTS:

The Purchaser agrees to make payments to the Treasurer of the State of Montana as follows:

1. **ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENTS:** The Purchaser is required to pay for all timber in advance of cutting at the rates shown in Table 1. Advance stumpage payments will be held by the State to cover the Purchaser's estimated timber cutting for at least six (6) weeks of operations. Advance stumpage payments may be reduced just before completion of the sale or when cutting requirements are to be suspended for at least 3 months. Advance stumpage payments may be in cash, bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of deposit with sufficient sureties.

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2. INITIAL ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENT: The initial advance payment will be made by the Purchaser prior to the start of timber cutting operations.
3. PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Payments in full for individual invoices will be made by the Purchaser as called for by the Administrator; in no event will payments be made by the Purchaser more than 14 days from the date of billing.

**C. ROAD USE AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS:**

1. PAYMENTS: The Purchaser is required to make payments for road use and maintenance at the rates listed in Table 1 or as amended by revisions to road use permits. Payments will be made as called for by the Administrator or as otherwise directed in this Contract.
2. ALTERNATE HAUL ROUTES: The Purchaser is authorized by the State to use the haul route described in this Contract and attachments. If the Purchaser chooses to use an alternate haul route, that haul route must be approved by the State. Road use charges, maintenance requirements and payments may be adjusted to reflect the haul route used by the Purchaser. The Purchaser is responsible for obtaining any right-of-way required for an alternate haul route and for meeting all requirements of any agreements associated with that right-of-way. Proof of any such agreement must be provided to the State prior to use. Stumpage fees are not subject to a downward adjustment under this clause.

**III. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY****A. PRODUCT MEASUREMENT:**

1. The State will determine the value of products removed from the sale based on the total gross weight of material hauled. Weight tickets will be used to obtain the total value.
2. When mixed products with different payment rates per ton are hauled on one load, the entire load will be charged at the rate of the product with the highest value contained in the load.
3. Upon request by the State, the most recent load delivered to a receiving mill must be made available for inspection by the State or their representatives. The weight ticket identifying the load must remain affixed to the load.

**B. WEIGHT TICKETS:** The Purchaser is required to furnish weight tickets to the State as agreed to by the Forest Officer and the Purchaser.

1. All weight tickets shall be mailed or delivered with corresponding load tickets, as outlined below, directly to the DNRC Unit or Land Office administering this Contract. In this case, send truck tickets to (Name and address of Unit or Land Office). This requirement may be waived or changed by the Forest Officer.
2. Weight tickets shall show gross, tare and net weights and the corresponding load ticket number of each product load. Weight tickets must be from State of Montana certified scales, and all weight tickets must have mechanically stamped weights for the gross and tare weights unless otherwise permitted in writing by the Forest Officer. Weight tickets will be mailed or delivered to the State on a bi-weekly basis or as otherwise agreed to by the Forest Officer. A weight ticket will be considered as missing if not furnished within 4 weeks of the load delivery date. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
3. Truck ticket information may be provided to DNRC electronically if all required ticket information is provided. The information must be provided to the State on a bi-weekly basis prior to the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) of each month. The paper copy of the weight tickets must also

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continue to be provided to the State. The requirement to supply the paper copy of the weight tickets may be waived by the Administrator.

- C. LOAD TICKETS:** The Purchaser will be issued load ticket books with consecutively numbered tickets for uniquely identifying truckloads of logs. A load ticket shall be attached to the driver's side bunk log of each product load prior to hauling, with the Scaler's copy given to the State from the delivery point. The Purchaser shall complete each ticket with the sale information required by the State. The Purchaser shall provide to the Forest Officer a complete list of destinations to which loads will be delivered. The State, at its discretion, may require a separate ticket book for each destination. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- D. SORTING OF PRODUCTS:** The State may require separate ticket books for any loads sorted by the Purchaser by size or species or by specific products intended for different delivery points. Load tickets designated for a specific product must only be used for that specific product. When a load ticket is used with an incorrect product the State may treat such misuse as a contract violation
- E. LOAD MARKING:** The Purchaser is required to mark all loads of logs before removal from the loading area to assist in identification while in transit or at the point of delivery. Marking shall be accomplished by painting "GNA" in blue paint and the last three digits of the truck load ticket number on log ends of at least three logs on each load, both front and back. The driver's side bunk log shall be one of the marked logs. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- F. PROMPT DELIVERY:** The Purchaser will deliver loads from the timber sale area to a receiving log yard directly without diversion. "Over-nighting" loads during transit are expressly forbidden unless approved by Forest Officer prior to hauling. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- G. SCALE RULE:**
1. Any sawlogs scaled by the State shall be scaled using the Scribner Decimal "C" log rule. Log scaling will follow the procedures listed in the National Forest Log Scaling Handbook (FSH 2409.11) excluding Region 1 supplements.
  2. In cases where conversion is required, a conversion factor of **6.35 tons** per thousand board feet will be used for sawlogs.
- H. 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.

## IV. CONTRACT VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

### A. SUSPENSION:

1. **FAILURE TO PAY ADVANCE STUMPAGE:** If Purchaser fails to submit advance stumpage payments as directed by the Administrator pursuant to the terms of this Contract within 30 days of the request for such payments, all operations covered by this Contract shall immediately cease upon written or oral order from the State until all required advance stumpage payments, or guarantee of payment satisfactory to the State, have been made. The cutting and removal of timber may resume only upon receipt of written notice to the Purchaser from the State that acknowledges adequate payment or guarantee.
2. **LOSS OF BOND:** If the surety bond or other bond securing performance of this Contract is canceled or otherwise becomes ineffective, operations covered by this Contract shall immediately

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cease upon written or oral order from the State to the Purchaser. Cutting and removal of timber may resume only upon receipt of written notice from the State that acknowledges adequate bond.

**3. OTHER CONTRACT VIOLATIONS:**

- a. Should the Forest Officer observe a condition that violates the terms of this Contract, the Forest Officer may verbally notify the Purchaser or its employees or subcontractors of such condition and immediately suspend all or part of the operations in the sale area to prevent harm to the interests of the State or the public. Should the Purchaser or its employees or subcontractors fail to comply with any verbal suspension order, the Administrator may terminate the Contract pursuant to Section IV. B. Termination. The Forest Officer may rescind his/her verbal suspension order upon satisfactory cure of the Purchaser's violation and operations may resume.
- b. Suspension orders may be given in writing or verbally to the Purchaser, or to his, her or its employees or subcontractors. Once given, the Purchaser, and his, her or its employees or subcontractors shall immediately comply with such order of suspension and failure to do so shall constitute grounds for termination of this Contract. Suspension orders are reviewable under the provisions described in Section I.I. COMPLAINTS.
- c. The Administrator may issue a written notice of suspension depending upon the severity of the violation and Purchaser's ability to cure. Such notice shall contain information regarding: 1. The breach observed and harm anticipated; 2. The Contract provisions violated; 3. If possible, the measures required to cure the violation and allow operations to resume; and 4. The deadline within which the Purchaser must cure the violation. Should the Purchaser fail to cure the violation as required, or to obtain a written variance from the Administrator, the Administrator may charge the Purchaser a \$250 per day penalty for every day that the violation persists. Operations may resume only upon written notice from the Administrator. If satisfactory measures or remedies cannot be found to cure the violation, the Administrator may immediately terminate the Contract pursuant to Section IV.B. TERMINATION.

**B. TERMINATION:**

1. Gross or persistent Contract violations and/or failure to promptly and properly remedy Contract violations by the Purchaser pursuant to the terms of this Contract shall be grounds for termination of the Contract by the State.
2. If this Contract is terminated by the State, the Administrator shall immediately notify the Purchaser of the termination and the reasons for it by certified mail. Such notice shall describe in what respects the Contract has been breached, the means, if any, by which the breach can be remedied and the consequences of such termination. The Contract shall be terminated 18 days from the date the notice is mailed to the Purchaser at the address stated in this Contract.
3. Upon receipt of the notice of termination the Purchaser shall immediately cease all operations pursuant to and permitted by the Contract until the termination is resolved as provided pursuant to this Section of the Contract, Section IV.B. TERMINATION.
4. If the Contract is reinstated the Purchaser will not be penalized for any delays that resulted from the appeal.
5. If the Contract is terminated for breach, it is understood that the State may refuse to accept bids or proposals submitted under 77-5-212 MCA from the Purchaser on future State timber sales and permits for a minimum period of 2 years.

**C. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES:**

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1. The Purchaser shall be liable for any damages sustained by the State arising from Purchaser's breach of the terms of this Contract and the State may cause all or part of the performance bond to be forfeited to recover such damages.
2. In the event that a portion of the timber sale under this Contract is resold as a result of the Purchaser's forfeiture and the stumpage rate pursuant to the resold contract is lower than the stumpage rate provided herein, the difference between the original rate and the new rate shall be considered damages and the Purchaser shall be liable to the State for those damages. The State may cause all or part of the Purchaser's performance bond to be forfeited to recover such damages.

**D. STATE'S OPTION TO COMPLETE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:** If the Purchaser fails to complete the requirements described in this Contract in a timely manner or if the Contract is terminated pursuant to Section IV.B. TERMINATION, the State reserves the right to complete the work itself or through a contractor. The Purchaser will be billed for any additional costs incurred by the State due to the Purchaser's failure to perform the requirements of this Contract. These additional costs may include State employee time and expenses that were extraordinary to the normal administration of the Contract, such as time and expenses incurred to hire a replacement contractor. Purchaser's failure to make payment within 14 days from the date of billing may cause all or part of the performance bond to be forfeited to recover such costs.

**E. WAIVER OF PENALTIES:** The penalties specified in this section shall be regarded as liquidated damages and may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Administrator in exceptional cases.

**F. FOREST PRACTICES LAWS:** The Purchaser shall conduct logging operations in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and laws relating to forest practices in the State of Montana. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all reclamation and penalties that result from violations of applicable forest practices rules and laws.

**G. LOGGING REQUIREMENT VIOLATIONS:**

1. **HIGH STUMPS:** The Purchaser may be charged \$25.00 for each tree stump cut higher than 12 inches on the side adjacent to the highest ground except in unusual cases when this height is not considered practical.
2. **LONG BUTTS:** The Purchaser may be required to pay \$25.00 per long butt for cutting long butts that contain useable material in excess of the minimum net scale in percentage of gross shown in Table 2.
3. **LARGE TOPS:** The Purchaser may be required to pay for cutting tops larger than the Top Diameter Inside Bark (DIB) shown in Table 2. This charge will be at the current contract rate for the net volume by species, or \$25.00 per large top, whichever is greater.
4. **UNDESIGNATED TREES:**
  - a. Undesignated or reserve trees that are cut or damaged as a result of Purchaser's operations shall be considered cut in trespass and the Purchaser may be charged three times the highest Contract stumpage rate (minimum \$10.00/ton) for the Contract product class(es) the tree contains.
  - b. If the Forest Officer determines that a suitable replacement for a reserve tree as described above is not available, Purchaser agrees to pay the State \$500.00 per tree, in addition to the rates charged in Section IV.G.4.a. UNDESIGNATED TREES.
5. **FAILURE TO REMOVE:** The State may charge the Purchaser for trees that are designated for cutting under the terms of this Contract and/or logs that meet the Manufacturing and Recovery Standards shown in Table 2 that are not removed from the sale area or presented for

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measurement. This charge may be up to triple the Contract stumpage rate plus the Forest Improvement rate for the class of material contained in those trees fixed in accordance with the terms of this Contract. If the State removes such material from the sale area, the Purchaser will be required to reimburse the State for all applicable cutting, yarding, processing, loading and hauling costs.

6. **LOSS IN WEIGHT DUE TO PURCHASER DELAY:** A 15% increase in net weight of logs may be added by the State for loss in weight due to delay by the Purchaser in delivering cut logs to the manufacturing point. A delay is defined as in excess of 30 days after felling.

#### H. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY VIOLATIONS:

1. **MISSING LOAD TICKETS:** The Purchaser will be charged up to \$500.00 for each unused load ticket that the Purchaser has lost or misplaced while in his, her or its possession. An unused ticket is defined as a ticket that is not turned into the State with an associated truckload weight.
  2. **FAILURE TO ATTACH OR COMPLETE LOAD TICKET:** The Purchaser may be charged \$500.00 per load for failure to attach a load ticket to each product load prior to hauling, or for failure to complete the load ticket with all required information.
  3. **MISSING WEIGHT TICKETS:**
    - a. The Purchaser may be charged triple the Contract stumpage rate [stumpage x 3 = penalty] for each truck weight ticket not furnished to the State.
    - b. The Forest Officer will notify the Purchaser of each missing weight ticket.
    - c. The load weight will be determined by averaging weights from other loads hauled by the Purchaser to the same mill within the same billing period, or 30 tons for single loads and 38 tons for loads with a pup trailer attached.
    - d. For Other Material, as defined by this Contract, the minimum stumpage for purposes of penalty shall be \$10.00 per ton or the Contract stumpage rate multiplied by 3, whichever is higher.
  4. **IMPROPERLY LABELED PRODUCT:** The Purchaser may be charged up to \$1,500.00 per load for loads with an incorrect load ticket for the product (Sawlog or Other Material) in the load. In addition, the stumpage paid for an improperly ticketed load shall be at the highest Contract stumpage rate for products hauled pursuant to this Contract.
  5. **IMPROPERLY MARKED LOADS:** The Purchaser may be charged forty dollars (\$40.00) per load for each load not marked in accordance with Section III.E. LOAD MARKING.
- I. FAILURE TO MEET COMPLETION DATES:** The Purchaser may be charged \$100.00 for each complete calendar day the Purchaser fails to meet the deadlines shown in Table 3 and Table B1.
- J. LATE PAYMENTS:** The Purchaser may be charged \$100.00 per day beginning the 15th day after the billing date for failure to pay for forest products, pursuant to Section II.B PAYMENTS.

## V. FIRE PROTECTION

- A. FIRE REGULATIONS:** The Purchaser is required to conduct all operations in accordance with the Montana Forest Fire Regulations, Attachment C, which by this reference is made a part of this Contract.

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- B. FIRE PREVENTION:** During the time that this Contract remains in force, the Purchaser shall, to the greatest extent practicable, prevent forest fires on the area described in this Contract and in its vicinity, and shall require all employees, contractors and employees of contractors to do likewise.
- C. OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS:** The Purchaser is required to conduct any burning of slash or other debris in accordance with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality open burning restrictions. The Forest Officer must be notified prior to the start of any burning operations.
- D. FIRE SUPPRESSION:** Unless prevented by circumstances over which he, she or it has no control, the Purchaser shall place qualified employees, contractors and employees of contractors and all equipment at the disposal of any authorized State, County, or Federal Forest Officer for the purpose of fighting forest fires. Payment for such services shall be made at rates to be determined by the Forest Officer, which shall be within a range of payment rates shown in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, NWCG Handbook 2. Any employees or equipment furnished by the Purchaser, contractors or employees of contractors, shall be relieved from fire fighting as soon as it is practicable for the Forest Officer to obtain other adequate labor or equipment.
- E. FIRE COSTS:** The costs borne by the Protecting Agency for suppressing fires that are intentionally lit by the Purchaser or that are caused by negligence or fault in the Purchaser's operations shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Protecting Agency. The Purchaser shall also be liable for property and resource damage resulting from these fires.
- F. FIRE REPORTING:** Any wildfires, which the Purchaser detects or suppresses, must be reported as soon as possible to the responsible fire protection agency and the State.
- G. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS:** When fire danger reaches extreme levels that cause operations to be curtailed through Stage II, Hoot Owl requirements or other measures, the State may suspend operations until fire conditions in and/or around the sale area improve. The State will grant a contract extension to compensate for the time suspended.
- H. CONTACT INFORMATION:** The Purchaser will provide the Forest Officer with phone numbers of the Purchaser and their employees and contractors when logging operations are in progress (including nights and weekends), in order to establish contact if a wildfire occurs within the sale area or on other lands accessed by road systems associated with the sale.

## VI. RESOURCE PROTECTION

- A. DAMAGE PREVENTION:** The Purchaser shall use reasonable skill and care in all operations to prevent damage to soils, trails, meadows, stream banks, stream channels, wetlands, lakeshores or other natural features of the sale area.
- B. STREAM PROTECTION:**
1. Construction and logging equipment will not be operated in Streamside Management Zones. An exception may be provided for, under this Contract, through the procurement of an Alternative Practice (with approval of the Forest Officer). Additional protection measures may be required in Section VII.G, SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS and in Contract Attachments.
  2. The Purchaser shall notify the Forest Officer immediately if debris from logging or construction enters a stream or stream channel.
  3. Under the direction of the Forest Officer, the Purchaser shall remove any debris in a stream resulting from logging or construction operations. This work will be completed in a manner that causes the least disturbance to the streams.

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4. Logs shall not be hauled, skidded or yarded across streams unless the logs are fully suspended, or otherwise yarded as specified in this Contract. An approved Alternative Practice must be in place. The Forest Officer must approve all logging and construction plans, including changes, before implementation.
  5. All operations shall be conducted in a manner to comply with Montana Water Quality Standards, the Streamside Management Zone Law, and all applicable permits.
- C. CULTURAL RESOURCES:** If a cultural resource is discovered, the Purchaser shall immediately suspend all operations in the vicinity of the cultural resource and notify the Forest Officer. Operations may only resume if authorized by the Forest Officer. Cultural resources identified and protected elsewhere in this Contract are exempted from this clause. Cultural resources, once discovered or identified, are not to be disturbed by the Purchaser, or his, her or its employees and/or sub-contractors.
- D. DISCOVERY OF SENSITIVE, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:**
1. If a specific habitat feature for a federally listed sensitive, threatened or endangered species is encountered, the Purchaser shall suspend all operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery and immediately notify the Forest Officer. Operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer. Habitat features identified and protected elsewhere in this Contract are exempted from this clause.
  2. If a federally listed sensitive, threatened or endangered species is encountered, the Purchaser shall immediately notify the Forest Officer. The Purchaser may be required to suspend operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery. If suspended, operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer.
- E. SANITATION:** The Purchaser's operations, as described by this Contract, shall comply with all applicable State laws, rules and regulations concerning sanitation in operations. Refuse resulting from the Purchaser's activities, including the use, servicing, repair, or abandonment of equipment, shall be removed, buried or otherwise disposed of in a manner that complies with all State laws and meets the approval of the Forest Officer. The Purchaser shall not service tractors, trucks and similar pieces of equipment on lands that directly drain into or are within 100 feet of lakes, streams or recreational facilities. No logging camp will be located on the gross sale area without prior approval by the Forest Officer.
- F. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:** In addition to the indemnification provided in Section I.W.2. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY, with respect to Hazardous Substances, the following duties shall apply:
1. The Purchaser shall know and comply with regulations governing the storage, handling, application, disposal, and reporting of pesticides, herbicides, containers, biological waste, petroleum products, dust abatement compounds, and other hazardous substances. The Purchaser shall obtain the approval of the Forest Officer to store, handle, apply or dispose of these substances on the gross sale area.
  2. The Purchaser shall not transport, handle, store, load, apply, or dispose of any hazardous substance in such a manner as to pollute water supplies or waterways, or cause damage or injury to people, land, desirable plants, and animals.
  3. **Contractors will have spill prevention and containment materials on site to minimize the risk of an accidental spill of petroleum products.**
  4. **The Purchaser and/or Contractor shall notify the Forest Officer immediately of Hazardous Material Spills.**



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- G. PROTECTION OF IMPROVEMENTS:** The Purchaser shall to the greatest extent practicable protect from damage all gates, signs, telephone lines, power lines, fences, irrigation ditches, cattle guards, drainage structures, road improvements, and any other improvements or infrastructure within the gross sale area and/or along haul routes. Damages caused by the Purchaser, his, her or its employees or subcontractors, and expenses associated with the repair or replacement of damaged structures and improvements are the sole responsibility of the Purchaser.
- H. PROPERTY CORNER RESTORATION:** The Purchaser is required to replace any General Land Office township, section, quarter or meander corners, monuments or witness trees on or adjacent to the timber sale area which may have been moved, disturbed or lost, as a result of the Purchaser's logging or construction operations. Any necessary replacements must be carried out by a licensed surveyor at the Purchaser's expense.
- I. PASSABLE ROADS:** The Purchaser will leave all roads and trails free from obstruction by logs, brush or debris following the completion of logging operations. Temporary or permanent obstructions may be acceptable if approved by the Forest Officer.
- J. NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT:** All equipment used in road construction and off-road logging activity must be pressure-washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and material that may carry noxious weed seeds into the sale area. Other equipment and vehicles entering and leaving the sale area shall be cleaned prior to start up and kept reasonably clean during the course of operations. All subsequent move-ins of logging and construction equipment shall be treated the same as the initial move-in.
- K. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT:** All equipment operated in or adjacent to streams, lakes, or other bodies of water must be pressure washed by the purchaser and inspected by the forest officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and other material that may carry aquatic invasive species. Drafting from water sources with known aquatic invasive species is prohibited. When drafting, intake hoses must be fitted with a screen mesh equal to or smaller than 3/32 inches. If drafting from streams occurs place intake hoses in low velocity portions of the stream channel.
- L. WILDLIFE PROTECTION:**
1. The Purchaser is authorized to enter areas closed by gates, barricades or berms with motorized vehicles only for the purposes related to the performance of this Contract. Motorized vehicle entry for purposes other than contract performance, such as hunting or transporting game animals will be considered trespass and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law (Montana Code Annotated § 45-6-203).
  2. The Purchaser is prohibited from carrying firearms while conducting contract operations [ARM 36.11.432(1)(m); 36.11.433(1)(d); 36.11.443(2)].
  3. The Purchaser will store human or pet food, livestock food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner.
  4. The Purchaser will not bury or discard attractants in the sale area, or burn attractants (such as food leftovers) in an open campfire.
  5. The Purchaser will provide each employee with a copy of Attachment D "Working in Bear Habitat" Brochure.
  6. The Purchaser will comply with Attachment F, the Kootenai National Forest Food Storage Order F14-083-L-11.

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**M. PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE PLANTS:** If previously undocumented populations of sensitive plants listed on the Regional Forester's Sensitive Species List are encountered, the Purchaser shall immediately notify the Forest Officer. The Purchaser may be required to suspend operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery. If suspended, operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer.

## VII. LOGGING

**A. TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING:** All trees meeting the following requirements must be cut by the Purchaser.

1. **TREES IN UNITS:** Trees that meet the Minimum Log Size of Trees Designated for Cutting in Table 2 are to be cut in each unit according to the Marking specifications shown in Section VII.F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS.
2. **RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES:** All trees within road right-of-way boundaries must be cut.
3. **DAMAGED TREES:** Reserved trees, which are root-cut, damaged by felling or skidding, uprooted or broken off by the Purchaser's operations may be designated for cutting by the Forest Officer. The Forest Officer may mark additional reserve trees to replace those that have been cut or damaged.
4. **FIRE KILL, INSECT INFESTATIONS AND WIND THROWN:** The Purchaser may be required to cut and remove at current contract rates, fire-killed, high hazard, disease infected, insect-infested or wind thrown (defined as blown down or wind-damaged to the extent that the tree is expected to fall or is dying) trees that occur in any part of the gross sale area while this Contract is in effect, if the Forest Officer determines that the stumpage value per ton of the additional timber is approximately equal to the value of the timber being harvested under this Contract .

**B. TREES RESERVED FROM CUTTING:**

1. **LEAVE TREES:** Trees, both live and dead, marked to leave or otherwise described to leave are reserved from cutting. Any trees not specifically required to be cut are reserved from cutting.
2. **BOUNDARY AND BEARING TREES:** Trees marking the boundaries of ownership, logging units, equipment restriction zones, streamside management zones, road rights-of-way, and bearing trees, are reserved from cutting unless otherwise designated by this Contract or by the Forest Officer.
3. **VALID CLAIMS:** Timber to which there exists a claim under valid contracts with the State of Montana is exempted from this sale.

**C. LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS:**

1. **SAWLOG STANDARDS:** Trees cut by the Purchaser shall be manufactured to secure the maximum utilization of forest products according to III.G.1. All logs that meet or exceed the Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 and this section shall be skidded to landings and hauled by the Purchaser.
  - a. Logs shall be bucked to utilize the entire length of the tree to the top diameter specified under Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2.
  - b. Logs meeting utilization specifications in Table 2 shall be manufactured in such a manner as to minimize waste during bucking operations.

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- c. A tree or log larger than 5.6" top DIB is considered to be a sawlog if it contains Scribner Decimal C Net Scale  $\geq$  33% of Gross.
2. **OTHER MATERIAL:** The Purchaser **is required to cut and skid Other Material** to the landing that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 but meet or exceed the Other Material manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 of this section. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1. Trees cut by the Purchaser shall be manufactured to secure the maximum utilization of Sawlog forest products according to III.G.1 and VII.C.1.
- a. All contract provisions apply to the removal of Other Material.
- b. Other Material that has been manufactured by the Purchaser shall be decked and hauled separately from sawlogs. All decked non-sawlog material must be hauled, or disposed of by the Purchaser in accordance with instructions of the Forest Officer. All hauled loads will have a truck ticket assigned and will meet the specifications in Section III, MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY.
- c. Butt cut logs (the first log cut above the stump) that meet LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2, but do not meet TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING minimum top DIB and length, may be considered as Other Material, not sawlogs.
3. **DOWN WOODY MATERIAL:** A desired range of **5-8 tons per acre** of downed woody material larger than 3 inches in diameter shall be left scattered throughout the sale units where it exists. Where found, leave existing large down woody logs greater than 14" diameter and 20' in length. The Forest Officer will determine the appropriate amount of material and may designate pieces to be left for this purpose that would otherwise be skidded and hauled under Sections VII.C.1 or VII.C.2, LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS.
4. **SNAGS:** Where they exist, retain **8-10 snags per acre** that are both greater than 10 inches DBH and greater than 10 feet tall. Where vegetation management activities occur and snags (or live trees for future snags) are retained, the following direction should be followed:
- a. Group snags where possible.
- b. Retain snags far enough away from roads or other areas open to public access to reduce the potential for removal (generally more than 150 feet).
- c. Emphasize retention of the largest snags and live trees as well as those species that tend to be the most persistent, such as ponderosa pine, and western larch. All down wood material from snags to remain on site, except for smaller diameter debris (<3 inches diameter) that can be piled as activity slash.
- d. Favor snags or live trees with existing cavities or evidence of use by woodpeckers or other wildlife.
5. **HARDWOODS AND WESTERN REDCEDAR:** The purchaser will retain all hardwood and western redcedar tree species. Trees cut for safety purposes shall remain in the unit.

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TABLE 2.					
PRODUCT	TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING		SAWLOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS		
	The Purchaser must fell all trees marked or designated for cutting that contain a log of this minimum size.		The Purchaser must skid all material meeting this minimum specification.		
	Diameter at Breast Height	Length	Top DIB	Length	Sawlogs meeting standards in Section VII.C.1.b through c
Sawlogs	7.0"	16.5'	5.6" - 8.5"	10.5'	
			8.6"+	8.5'	
Other Material	4.0"	16.5'	3.0" +	16.5'	Other material products meeting standards in Section VII.C.2

**D. TREE AND BOUNDARY MARKING:**

1. TREES MARKED TO CUT: **N/A**
2. TREES MARKED TO LEAVE: Marked with a horizontal **blue** paint mark at Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) and a mark below stump height.
3. HARVEST UNIT BOUNDARIES: Marked with three vertical **blue** paint stripes and a mark below stump height. One vertical strip faces into the unit and the other stripes are perpendicular to the unit boundary.
4. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARIES: **N/A**
5. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES: Marked with posts, signs, **Red** blazes and **Pink** flagging.

- E. HARVEST SCHEDULE:** The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale or portions of the sale, such as units, by the dates shown on the HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE, Table 3:

TABLE 3. HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE		
Priority	Unit or Portion of Sale	Completion Date
1	Unit 22 Sample Tree Marking	Prior to cutting in other units
2	ALL	08/30/2025

- F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS:** The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in the harvest units listed below and as shown on the sale map, Attachment A. Paragraph headings refer to paragraphs listed in Section VII.G, SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS.

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons Sawlogs)
15	20	1,105
YARDING METHOD: Tractor		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection VII.G.1.a and VII.G.1.c-d.		
OPERATING PERIOD: Winter Logging Required - When the ground is frozen or snow covered as required in VII.G.7, VII.L.1.b-c and VII.L.2.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION (a) 2. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED 3. CLOSE ROADS 4. SLASHING REQUIRED 5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING 7. WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons Sawlogs)
16	27	1,807
YARDING METHOD: Tractor		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection VII.G.1.a and VII.G.1.c-d.		
OPERATING PERIOD: When soil conditions are dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered as required in VII.L.1 a-c and VII.L.2.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION (a) 4. SLASHING REQUIRED 5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING 6. EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREA		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons Sawlogs)
17	60	5,483
YARDING METHOD: Tractor		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection VII.G.1.a and VII.G.1.c-d.		
OPERATING PERIOD: Winter Logging Required - When the ground is frozen or snow covered as required in VII.G.7, VII.L.1.b-c and VII.L.2.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION (a) 2. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED 3. CLOSE ROADS 4. SLASHING REQUIRED 5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING 7. WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED 8. FENCELINE		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons Sawlogs)
22	92	4,484
YARDING METHOD: Tractor		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection VII.G.1.a and VII.G.1.c-d. – This unit has sample tree marking in blue leave tree paint (approximately 25 acres).		
OPERATING PERIOD: When soil conditions are dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered as required in VII.L.1 a-c and VII.L.2.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION (a) 2. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED 3. CLOSE ROADS 4. SLASHING REQUIRED 5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING 6. EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREA		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons Sawlogs)
183A and 183B	41	1,810
YARDING METHOD: Tractor		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection VII.G.1.b-d.		
OPERATING PERIOD: Winter Logging Required - When the ground is frozen or snow covered as required in VII.G.7, VII.L.1.b-c and VII.L.2.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION 4. SLASHING REQUIRED 5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING 7. WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED		

UNIT	ACRES	1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION	2. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED	3. CLOSE ROADS	4. SLASHING REQUIRED	5. PURCHASER SLASH PILING	6. EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREA	7. WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED	8. FENCE LINE
15	20	X	X	X	X	X		X	
16	27	X			X	X	X		
17	60	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
22	92	X	X	X	X	X	X		
183A	17	X			X	X		X	
183B	24	X			X	X		X	


**G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS:** The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

1. PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION: Leave trees are not marked. All high-quality wildlife snags (DF, WL, PP snags > 15" DBH), western redcedar and hardwood trees are designated as leave trees. Leave trees will be selected by the purchaser based on direction and approval by the Forest Officer as follows:
  - a. The Purchaser will select healthy and vigorous ponderosa pine, western larch and douglas fir to be left on a variable spacing, averaging approximately 35 feet of stem spacing. Spacing can vary between 20-50 feet to retain an irregular distribution and must leave a minimum of 5 feet between driplines. Stocking post-treatment will leave a target basal area of 60 ft<sup>2</sup> and

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approximately 35-45 trees per acre. Thinning will retain the highest quality, dominant and codominant PP, WL, DF, ES and LP, listed in preferential order.

- i. Select well-formed trees free of insect and disease problems such as bark beetle attacks, dwarf mistletoe, blister rust and root rot infection. Retain damage-free trees with the best crown formation.
  - ii. Thinning will retain superior leave-trees that are the tallest and largest in diameter.
  - iii. Remove western larch with a mistletoe rating greater than 3. Refer to the Hawksworth rating scale below.
  - iv. Select dominant leave trees with the highest live crown ratios, 30% or greater.
- b. The Purchaser will select healthy and vigorous ponderosa pine, western larch and douglas fir to be left on a variable spacing, averaging approximately 30 feet of stem spacing. Spacing can vary between 15-40 feet to retain an irregular distribution and must leave a minimum of 5 feet between driplines. Stocking post-treatment will leave a target basal area of 60 ft<sup>2</sup> and approximately 45-50 trees per acre. Thinning will retain the highest quality, dominant and codominant PP, WL, DF, ES and LP, listed in preferential order.
- i. Select well-formed trees free of insect and disease problems such as bark beetle attacks, dwarf mistletoe, blister rust and root rot infection. Retain damage-free trees with the best crown formation.
  - ii. Thinning will retain superior leave-trees that are the tallest and largest in diameter.
  - iii. Remove western larch with a mistletoe rating greater than 3. Refer to the Hawksworth rating scale below.
  - iv. Select dominant leave trees with the highest live crown ratios, 30% or greater.
- c. All purchaser leave tree selection and cutting must occur during daylight hours with adequate visibility.
- d. If the Purchaser fails to meet the cutting prescription, cutting operations will be suspended and the Forest Officer will require leave trees to be marked by the Purchaser, and the marking to be approved by the Forest Officer prior to harvest.

Instructions		Example
<b>Step 1</b> Divide live crown into thirds.		If this third has no visible infections, its rating is (0).
<b>Step 2</b> Rate each third separately. Each third should be given a rating of 0, 1, or 2 as described below: (0) no visible infections (1) light infection (1/2 or less of total number of branches in the third infected) (2) heavy infection (more than 1/2 total number of branches in the third infected).		If this third is lightly infected, its rating is (1).  If this third is heavily infected, its rating is (2).
<b>Step 3</b> Add ratings of thirds to obtain rating for total tree.		The tree in this example gets a rating of: 0 + 1 + 2 = 3.



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2. **TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED:** Purchaser is permitted to construct a temporary spur road for access to this unit. Location of the road must be approved by the Forest Officer. The road must be constructed and reclaimed to specifications in Attachment B.
  3. **CLOSE ROADS:** Temporary roads and/or existing roads will be closed using various methods that include constructing earthen berms; trampling slash within the travel way; reshaping excavated material; and grass seeding. Closure methods and placement will be as directed by the Forest Officer.
  4. **SLASHING REQUIRED:** The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material taller than 3 feet except large cull trees and snags. This includes leaners and pushovers. Stems shall be completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side. Slashed material must be felled directionally so that it remains totally within the harvest unit.
  5. **PURCHASER SLASH PILING:** In areas where hazard reduction by slash piling is required by the Forest Officer, the following requirements and specifications apply:
    - a. Piling will be completed with an excavator equipped with a bucket and thumb or other attachment approved by the Forest Officer.
    - b. Prior to operation, the Purchaser's Supervisor and Forest Officer will visit each harvest unit and agree to a plan for slash hazard reduction.
    - c. Operations will be conducted under dry or frozen soil conditions only. The Forest Officer may temporarily suspend operations under unfavorable operating conditions.
    - d. **5 - 15 tons/acre** of woody debris 3 inches or larger in diameter will be left on site and meet requirements under VII.C.3.
    - e. All piles will be clean, 6 feet or greater in height and not more than 15 feet in width. All piles will be compacted with piling equipment to a sufficient degree to allow complete burning.
    - f. No piles will be constructed within 20 feet of residual trees, or underneath any portion of the crown of a residual tree. If spacing of residual trees makes this impractical, piles will be constructed in the largest openings available.
    - g. The operator will avoid damaging residual trees and will avoid displacement of soil during piling operations.
    - h. Machine piling equipment shall remain on existing skid trails to the extent practicable.
  6. **EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREA:** Heavy equipment shall not operate in designated areas without approval from the Forest Officer and an agreed-upon Logging Operations Plan. The Purchaser must use designated crossings and/or alternative felling and yarding methods where slopes exceed 40%. The Forest Officer will only approve alternatives that are consistent with planned mitigation and resource protection measures.
  7. **WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED:** Tractor skidding is allowed only over a minimum frost depth of 4 inches or a minimum snow depth of 18 inches, loose, or 12 inches, packed.
  8. **FENCE LINE:** Purchaser will be required to work around existing fence line. The fence is no longer in use and can be cut to work around the posts/barbed wire for felling and skidding operations.
- H. LOGGING OPERATIONS PLAN:** The Forest Officer shall approve a plan for felling, yarding, and landing logs (both Sawlogs and Other Material) in each harvest unit prior to the start of operations in that unit.

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**I. SKID TRAIL LAYOUT AND YARDING PLAN:** The Purchaser must follow these requirements along with those shown under VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS when developing a yarding plan for each unit. The Forest Officer may approve exceptions to these requirements in writing.

1. The Purchaser shall lay out skid trails and have locations approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling trees.
2. All skid trails will be located within the harvest unit boundaries.
3. Any constructed skid trails shall be completed and approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling timber.
4. Skid trails will not be located in draws, and may only cross draws at locations flagged and approved by the Forest Officer.

**J. LANDINGS AND LOG DECKS:**

1. The Purchaser shall construct landings at locations approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling timber.
2. Landings shall be kept to the minimum size necessary to allow the safe handling of logs. The Forest Officer must approve landing size.
3. All deck locations shall be approved by the Forest Officer prior to clearing or use. Decks shall be located so as to minimize the number of trees cut for construction of the deck area.

**K. FELLING:**

1. In each harvest unit, a felling pattern shall be used which conforms to the logging operations plan and causes the least damage to reserve trees and other resources.
2. Felling shall be systematic and continuous to avoid lost logs and minimize the number of skidding trips.
3. Trees shall be directionally felled away from features requiring protection within or adjacent to harvest units. Features requiring protection include streams, meadows, wet areas, and areas specified under Section VII.F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS. Wedges, jacks, winches, or other special equipment may be required to direct trees when felling. Trees falling into protection areas shall be winch-line skidded out of protected features. All necessary mitigation for damage caused by improper and/or non-approved felling into a protected zone is the responsibility of the Purchaser. The Forest Officer must approve all mitigation work.
4. Traffic Control Required For Felling along Roads: If felling operations occur along public roads, traffic guards with "STOP" signs shall be posted 500 feet in both directions from the units on open roads, providing a safety zone to warn oncoming traffic that logging operations are in progress. All traffic shall be stopped when tree felling is in progress. Traffic stops should not exceed 15 minutes at any one time. All saws will be shut off when traffic is moving through the safety zone. Wedges and/or jacks shall be used to ensure trees do not fall onto the roadway. In the event a tree falls across the roadway, all debris shall be removed immediately from the roadway and right-of-way. The Forest Officer must approve any extended road closures for logging operations.

**L. YARDING AND MECHANICAL FELLING:** The Purchaser must follow these requirements during logging operations, along with those shown under Section VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS. The Forest Officer will determine when restrictive conditions apply, and may approve exceptions to these requirements in writing.

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1. Soil Compaction Restrictions: In order to prevent soil resource impacts, ground-based mechanical felling and yarding are restricted to periods when one or more of the following conditions occur:
  - a. Soil moisture content at 4-inch depth less than 20% oven-dry weight.
  - b. Minimum frost depth of 4 inches.
  - c. Minimum snow depth of 18 inches, loose, or 12 inches, packed.
2. Suspended Operations for Soil Compaction and Displacement: The Purchaser will be required to restrict or suspend logging operations when soils are subject to compaction or displacement by heavy equipment.
3. Equipment Restrictions:
  - a. Equipment shall not be operated in areas designated as EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION ZONES, WETLAND MANAGEMENT ZONES or STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONES as shown in Section VII.D.6 and 7, unless authorized by this Contract or the Forest Officer.
  - b. Equipment shall not be operated in soft soils, boggy areas or areas where skidding would cause excessive compaction and displacement.
  - c. Any trees designated for harvest within such zones shall be winchline skidded to skid trails outside the zone.
  - d. Slash will not be piled in or pushed into these zones.
  - e. The Forest Officer must approve any designated crossings of restricted areas.
4. Protection of Reserved Trees: The Purchaser shall exercise reasonable care to prevent damage to trees reserved from cutting during logging operations.

**M. CLEAN-UP AND COMPLETION:** The Purchaser must follow these requirements and those shown under Section VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS during logging operations. The Forest Officer will determine when restrictive conditions apply, specifications and dates to meet these requirements and may approve exceptions in writing. The Forest Officer must approve all designated work prior to the removal of Purchaser's equipment.

1. Logging Debris Confined To Units: All debris from logging shall be confined within the harvest unit boundaries. Any logging debris outside a harvest unit must be returned to within the unit boundary.
2. Skidding Debris on Roads: The Purchaser shall remove logging slash remaining on any portion of a road cutbank or traveled way. Cut and fill slopes, ditches, or road surfaces damaged by skidding operations shall be restored to original conditions. Reseeding is required if vegetation is damaged by skidding.
3. Repair of Improvements: Damage caused by the Purchaser's operations to culverts, waterlines, fences, roads, bridges, gates, cattleguards, signs, and all other improvements must be adequately repaired or replaced.
4. Erosion Control:
  - a. The Purchaser shall construct slash and debris erosion barriers, dips, water bars or ditches in skid trails and landings as directed by the Forest Officer.

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- b. The kinds and frequency of erosion control structures shall be adjusted to soil types, topography and climatic conditions as directed by the Forest Officer.
  - c. The Purchaser is required to recontour any excavated skid trails, and provide for effective erosion control in the trail location as directed by the Forest Officer.
  - d. Erosion control work shall commence as soon as skidding is completed on each skid trail or landing, and must be kept current with unit operations.
  - e. Erosion control work shall be completed and approved by the Forest Officer in unfinished units before operations cease for inactive periods including heavy winter snowfall, spring breakup and restricted dates.
  - f. All erosion control work in each unit shall be completed prior to notification pursuant to Section VII.M.7. Acceptance of Completed Harvest Units.
  - g. The Purchaser shall maintain erosion control structures in active sale areas throughout the contract period or extensions thereof.
5. Landing and Decking Area Cleanup: The Purchaser is required to pile logging residues on landings and log-decking areas. Proper equipment (e.g. brush blade, log loader) shall be used to ensure that no dirt is incorporated into the piles. Mechanical scarification of landing and decking areas may be required. Where logs have been decked on the downhill or fill side of a road, the Purchaser may be required to pile residue with a log loader or by hand. Residue piles shall be a minimum of 15 feet away from any live trees. Piles shall be located and constructed as directed by the Forest Officer.
6. Systematic Harvest Unit Operations: When harvest operations are begun on a designated harvest unit, the harvest operations on that unit shall be fully completed before cutting may begin on other harvest units.
7. Acceptance of Completed Harvest Units: The Forest Officer shall notify the Purchaser in writing when all contract requirements for each specified harvest unit or area have been met. After notice has been received, the Purchaser is not required to do additional work on the specified area except as provided in Section VII.A.4. FIRE KILL, INSECT INFESTATION, AND WIND THROWN.
8. Reseeding: The purchaser shall apply seed to skid trails, landings, obliterated roads and other areas disturbed by logging as directed by Forest Officer. Appropriate seed mix specified per ATTACHMENT B, Table B-2 and Grass Seeding Specifications.
- N. HAULING RESTRICTIONS:** The Purchaser will be required to restrict or suspend hauling during periods when the compacted road surface would be damaged, as directed by the Forest Officer. Restrictions are required when hauling would cause rutting into the subgrade, or surfacing materials would be displaced, such as during heavy rainfall or spring breakup freezing and thawing cycles
- O. LOGGING OPERATIONS SAFETY SIGNS:** Road signs warning of logging and road construction operations shall be posted 500 feet from the operations. When log hauling is in progress, warning signs shall be posted at major road junctions as directed by the Forest Officer. Warning signs must comply with specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- R. HAZARD REDUCTION AND SITE PREPARATION DEADLINES:** Purchasers timing of product removal and other contractual requirements shall not unnecessarily delay USFS slash disposal, site preparation, and reforestation. DNRC may require a schedule for completion of slash treatment and fireline construction as part of the annual operating plan. Purchaser shall perform all hazard reduction, site preparation work and fireline construction in accordance with following timelines.

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1. In cutting units in which logging is substantially complete **between July 16<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>**, the purchaser's responsibilities shall be completed by **October 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year**.
2. In cutting units which logging is substantially completed **between October 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and July 16<sup>th</sup>**, purchasers slash responsibilities shall be completed **September 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year**.

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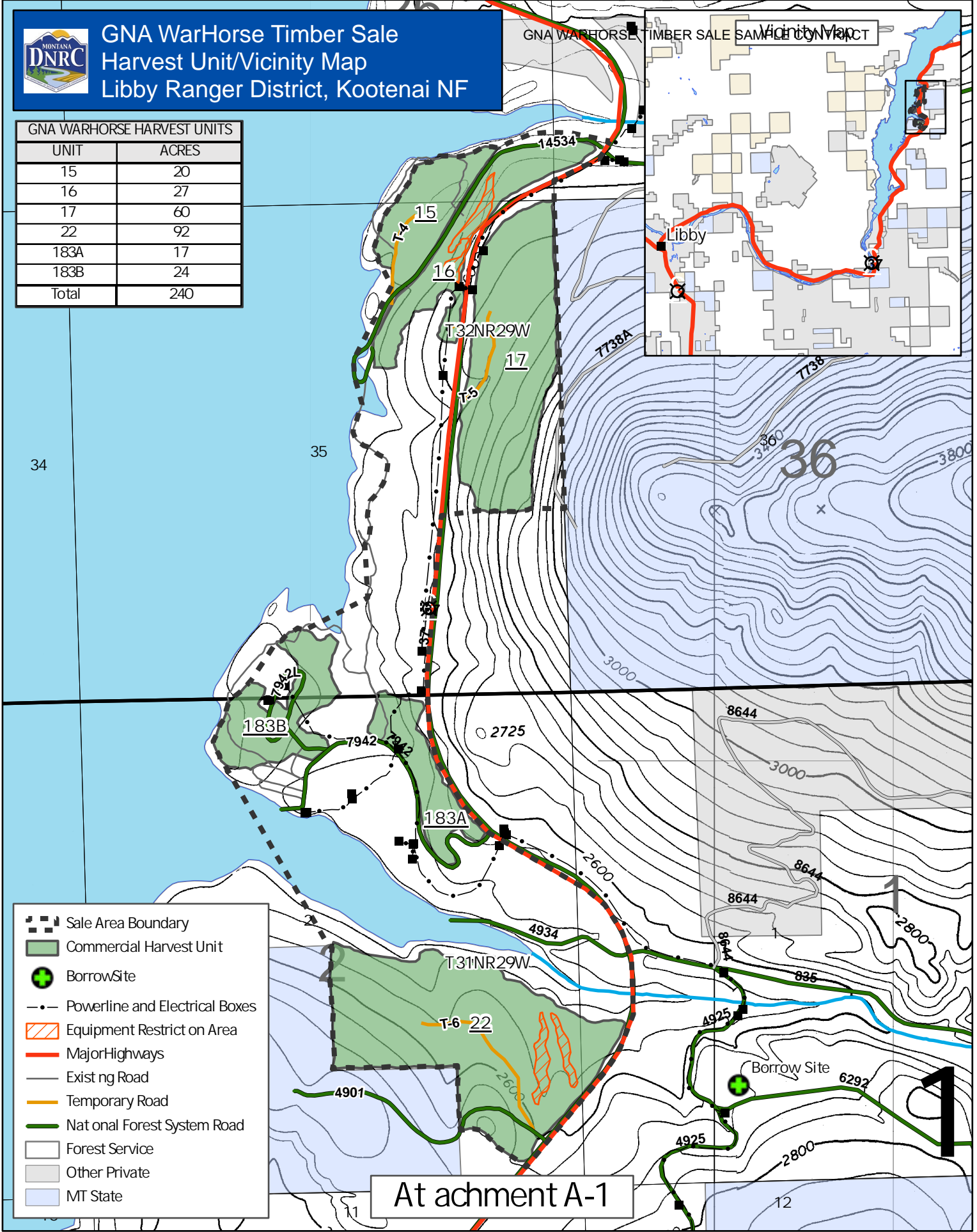
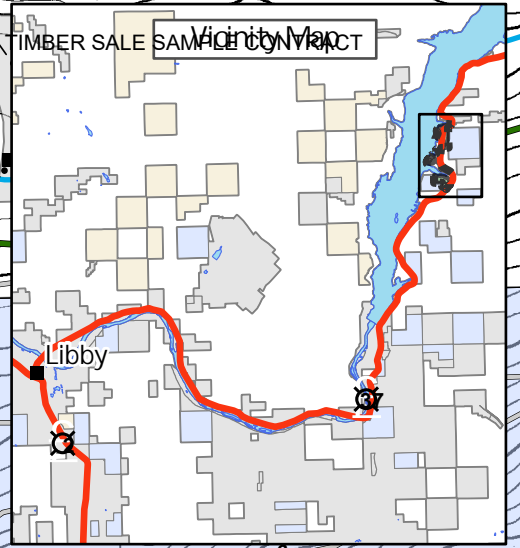
# GNA WarHorse Timber Sale Harvest Unit/Vicinity Map

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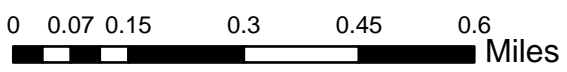
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GNA WARHORSE HARVEST UNITS	
UNIT	ACRES
15	20
16	27
17	60
22	92
183A	17
183B	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>



- Sale Area Boundary
- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Borrow Site
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Equipment Restriction Area
- Major Highways
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road
- Forest Service
- Other Private
- MT State

Attachment A-1





GNA WarHorse Timber Sale  
 Unit 183B Infrastructure Map  
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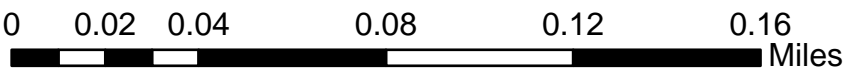
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- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Facilities
- Facility Points
- Facility Lines
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road

Attachment A-2

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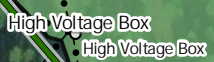




GNA WarHorse Timber Sale  
 Unit 183A Infrastructure Map  
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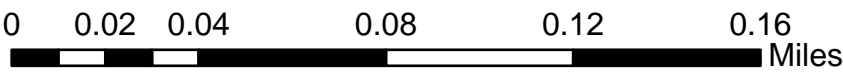
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Attachment A-3

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- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Facilities
- Facility Points
- Facility Lines
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road





**STATE OF MONTANA  
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT  
ATTACHMENT B**

<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE, RECONSTRUCTION &amp; TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>SALE NAME</b> GNA WarHorse	<b>SALE NUMBER</b>

**I. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. ROADS:** The Purchaser is required to construct, improve and maintain the roads shown in Table B-1 per the schedules stated, as shown on the Sale Map, Attachment A, and to the specifications and drawings in Attachment B and other applicable attachments. All work must be completed when soil conditions meet requirements in Timber Sale Contract Section VII.M.1 SOIL COMPACTION RESTRICTIONS.

<b>TABLE B-1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS</b>				
Road Name and/or Number	Approximate Length (Miles)	Type of Construction	Operation Period	Completion Date or Requirement
Cripple Horse Knob Road #4901	0.2	Maintenance	Dry, non-frozen conditions meeting Timber Sale Contract requirements in Section VII.M.1.	Prior to Logging in units and as needed
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942	0.79	Maintenance		Prior to Logging in units and as needed
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942L	0.45	Maintenance		Prior to Logging in units and as needed
Warland Flats Access Road #14534	0.80	Reconstruction/ Maintenance		Prior to Logging in units and as needed
Temporary Road T-6 (Unit 22)	0.38	Temporary Construction		Prior to logging
		Obliteration		Following Completion of Unit Requirements
Temporary Road T-5 (Unit 17)	0.16	Temporary Construction		Prior to logging
		Obliteration		Following Completion of Unit Requirements
Temporary Road T-4 (Unit 15)	0.33	Temporary Construction		Prior to logging
		Obliteration		Following Completion of Unit Requirements

**B. ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ESTIMATE:**

<b>TABLE B-2: MATERIALS FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY THE PURCHASER:</b>					
The Purchaser is required to furnish the described material and install as required in Attachment B. Quantities are estimated, and the Attachment B requirements and specifications must be met regardless of the estimated amounts. All materials furnished by the Purchaser become the property of the State when installed. If, due to a minor design change, material is not installed, the material will be delivered to the nearest DNRC Unit Office and become property of the State upon delivery.					
Corrugated Metal Pipe				Other Materials	
No.	Diameter	Length	Gauge	Amount	Description
1	18"	60'	16	40.7 oz	Milestone (Aminopyralid) Herbicide
				130.2 oz	2, 4-D (Amine) Herbicide
				Varies	Surfactant and blue dye to accompany herbicide at manufacturer specified rates
Fill Material					
Cu. Yards	Type			Delivery Location	
38	3/4" minus crushed gravel (certified weed-free)			See VIII. Road Log and Site Descriptions – exact placement may adjust during reconstruction.	
1	Rock Armor (certified weed-free)				

<b>TABLE B-2 (CONTINUED): SEED AND FERTILIZER REQUIREMENTS</b>			
The Purchaser is required to furnish and apply certified noxious weed-free, pure live seed mixture(s) and fertilizer in the amounts shown. Total pounds mixed seed are pure live seed, corrected for germination and purity. Germination and purity tests must have been conducted within the last 12 months prior to delivery. Purchaser shall furnish documentation of germination and purity tests to the Forest Officer prior to application.			
Certified Noxious Weed-Free Seed		Fertilizer	
Pounds	Description	Pounds	Analysis (N-P-K)
8	<i>Elymus glaucus</i> , Blue Wildrye	N/A	
4	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicate</i> , Bluebunch Wheatgrass	N/A	
4	<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i> , Slender Wheatgrass	N/A	
4	<i>Bromus marginatus</i> , Mountain Brome	N/A	
6	<i>Lolium multifolrum</i> , Cover Crop of Annual Rye	N/A	
<b>26</b>	<b>Pounds of seed per acre</b>		
<b>106</b>	<b>Total pounds seed mix according to IX.C. GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS, concurrent with road reconstruction, temporary road obliteration and final blading</b>		

**C. MINOR CHANGES:** The Forest Officer may require minor changes in location, design or specifications of road construction, improvement or maintenance requirements. Such changes must be within the

scope of Attachment B requirements, and must not result in a significant (one thousand dollars [\$1,000.00] or greater) increase or decrease in cost as agreed to by the Forest Officer and the Purchaser.

- D. ADJUSTMENT FOR CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS:** If the State requests a change in road construction, improvement or maintenance specifications and the State in its discretion determines that the change would significantly increase the cost to the Purchaser, then the State must compensate the Purchaser. If the Purchaser requests a change in road construction, improvement or maintenance specifications and the State in its discretion determines that the change is acceptable and would significantly reduce the cost to the Purchaser, then the Purchaser must compensate the State. Compensation to the Purchaser will be in the form of stumpage credit. Compensation to the State will be in cash and will be billed as a supplement to the stumpage bill. All significant changes and compensation will be described in a contract modification.

**II. RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING**

- A. CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS** are shown in Section IX. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS.

**B. CLEAR LIMIT MARKING:**

1. Clear limits for existing roads are not marked.

<b>TABLE B-3: CLEARING LIMITS</b>			
<b>SIDESLOPE</b> <i>PERCENT</i>	<b>UPHILL R/W (FT)</b>	<b>DOWNHILL R/W (FT)</b>	<b>ROAD WIDTH, SHAPE</b>
0-5	20	20	12 FT, turnpike
0-5	12	12	14 FT, non-turnpike
0-5	10	10	12 FT, non-turnpike

**C. CLEARING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Brush or trees on existing roads may be removed by sawing individual stems, cutting with a rotary brush cutter, uprooting with an excavator or other methods approved by the Forest Officer.
2. Inside the clear limits, but outside the road prism, trees and brush less than 20 feet tall and less than 3 inches in diameter that do not interfere with visibility or slope stability may be left as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. All merchantable timber within the clear limits on all roads to be constructed under the terms of this Contract shall be cut to the specifications in the timber sale contract and skidded to decks, or decked with an excavator, prior to earth moving.
4. Clearing procedures shall protect residual stands, prevent incorporation of construction slash into the road prism, and protect roadside appearance outside clear limits.
5. Grubbing will be limited to only those stumps and large roots within the road prism.

**III. TREATMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING MATERIALS**

**A. GENERAL TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Road construction slash more than 3 inches in diameter and 6 feet long and all concentrations of slash which would adversely affect the stability of the road shall be disposed of by the methods

described in this section.

2. Slash and debris shall not be placed in drainages, roadside ditches or heads of culverts where the flow of water may be obstructed and shall be removed if placed therein.
3. Lopping and scattering is defined as delimiting and sawing slash materials into lengths which will easily scatter to a maximum depth of 18 inches. Materials shall be scattered outside the road prism.
4. All slash to be disposed of by piling and burning shall be piled in burn bays to be burned at locations approved by the Forest Officer. Construction of piles will be of such size and at a sufficient distance from trees so that burning does not result in unnecessary damage to remaining trees. The Purchaser may be required to remove any trees damaged by burning operations at current contract rates. If burning is incomplete the residue must be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.

**B. SIDESLOPES OF 35% OR LESS AND EXISTING ROADS:**

1. Disposal will be by hand or machine piling for burning as directed by the Forest Officer.
2. Minor concentrations of slash or individual trees may be disposed of outside of the road prism by lopping and scattering as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. Tree stumps, large boulders and cull logs may be scattered outside the road right-of-way clear limits if approved in writing by the Forest Officer. Scattered stumps and boulders shall be placed away from trees and positioned so they will not roll.

**C. SIDESLOPES OF 35% AND GREATER:**

1. Treatment will be by excavator only, or by whole tree skidding to a decking area.
2. Where topography and timber types permit, piling for burning will be required as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. Where piling is not practical, treatment will be by windrowing at the toe of the fill. Slash will be windrowed on a trail constructed at the bottom of the right-of-way. Slash will be trampled and covered with organic surface material taken from the road prism as directed by the Forest Officer. Fill material may butt up against but not cover or bury the windrow.
4. Minor concentrations of slash or individual trees may be disposed of by lopping and scattering as directed by the Forest Officer.
5. Tree stumps, large boulders and cull logs may be scattered outside the road right-of-way clear limits if approved in writing by the Forest Officer. Scattered stumps and boulders shall be placed away from trees and positioned so they will not roll.

**IV. EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT OF FILL MATERIALS**

**A. EXCAVATION OF ROAD CROSS SECTION:**

1. All grubbing and clearing shall be completed prior to the beginning of any excavation.
2. Surface organic layer and ash cap (surface reddish-brown soils with low gravel content) will be bladed to the side of the road and not incorporated into fills.
3. Wasted soils and organic layer will be shaped and spread to natural contours at locations approved by the Forest Officer.

- When excavating on tangents and when balanced section construction is indicated, the following table will be used as a guideline to determine if sufficient excavation of road solid has occurred. Tolerances for road solid will be +1.0 feet and -0.5 feet.

<b>TABLE B-3: EXCAVATION OF ROAD SOLID</b>			
<b>SIDESLOPE PERCENT</b>	<b>ROAD WIDTH</b>		
	<b>12 FT.</b>	<b>14 FT.</b>	<b>16 FT.</b>
	<b>FEET OF ROAD SOLID</b>		
5	8.7	10.1	11.4
10	8.8	10.2	11.5
15	8.9	10.2	11.6
20	8.3	9.5	10.8
25	7.8	8.9	10.1
30	7.6	8.9	10.1
35	7.8	9.0	10.2
40	8.1	9.2	10.6
45	8.5	9.4	11.0
50	8.8	9.8	11.6
55	9.4	10.2	12.2
60	10.1	11.7	13.3
65 & over	12.0	14.0	16.0

**B. EMBANKMENT OF FILL MATERIALS:**

- Fill materials shall be unfrozen and free of snow and ice.
- Fill materials shall be sorted to remove large rocks over 6 inches in diameter near the surface, which may interfere with surface blading.
- Where possible all fill materials shall be applied in layers not to exceed 18 inches and each layer compacted with heavy equipment prior to application of the next layer.
- If fill materials are too dry to allow compaction, the Forest Officer may require watering of layers followed by heavy equipment compaction.
- Gravel used for surfacing shall be compacted into place using loaded dump trucks or a vibratory drum roller if specified in the Road Log.

**C. PIT DEVELOPMENT AND RECLAMATION:**

- While the gravel pit or borrow area is open the surface of the pit shall be kept clean of noxious weeds. The Purchaser shall remove any weeds found growing at the pit by pulling, cultivating, covering with plastic, spraying, or other methods as directed by the Forest Officer.
- At completion of use, the pit area will be reshaped to as near natural contours as possible. Backslope ratios shall not exceed 3:1. Purchaser may be required to save topsoil, recontour the pit wall, and reclaim the disturbed portion of pit. All disturbed portions of the pit shall be grass seeded and fertilized.
- At completion of use, talus slopes shall be backsloped and reshaped as directed by the Forest Officer. Grass seeding and fertilizing are required on any disturbed areas with exposed soil.

## **V. DRAINAGE STRUCTURES**

**A. CORRUGATED METAL PIPE:** The corrugated metal pipe required in Table B-2 will be installed as follows:

1. All pipes shall be installed with a backhoe or excavator. The exact locations shall be determined and approved by the Forest Officer after the right-of-way is brushed and cleared.
2. The excavation trench for culvert installation shall not be wider than necessary to permit satisfactory jointing and thorough tamping of the bedding material under and around the pipe.
3. The bedding surface shall be constructed to provide a firm foundation of uniform density through the entire length of the culvert and shall be slightly cambered along the centerline to correct for expected settlement.
4. Where the bedding surface is not firm at the grade established, all unstable soil under the pipe and for a width of at least one diameter on each side of the pipe shall be removed and replaced with suitable selected material. Rock encountered in the bedding foundation will be removed to at least 12 inches below the bottom of the pipe and one diameter on each side. The final bedding area shall consist of fine, compacted granular material.
5. Selected material shall be placed alongside the pipe for backfill in alternating layers not exceeding six inches in depth and thoroughly compacted by a hand held mechanical tamper (wacker packer). Special care must be taken to compact the fill thoroughly under the haunches of the pipe. Wacker packer compaction of backfill must be done for a horizontal distance on each side of the pipe equal to either one pipe diameter or to the outside limits of the trench, whichever is less. The depth of wacker packer compaction must extend at least to the top of the pipe.
6. Selected native fill material will be free from rocks and hard earth clods larger than 3 inches in size. Frozen material, sod or a high percentage of organic matter is not permitted.
7. The remainder of the fill above the top of the pipe may be compacted by tractor or rubber-tired roller. Fill is to extend above each pipe at least one-half the pipe diameter or a minimum of 12 inches, whichever is greater.
8. The pipe shall be protected by adequate fill cover before heavy equipment is permitted to cross during roadway construction.
9. Pipe that is damaged or improperly installed shall be repaired or replaced at Purchaser expense as directed by the Forest Officer.
10. The Forest Officer must be contacted two days before any culvert installation and must be present at any wet site culvert installation.
11. Riprap consisting of angular native rock of graded sizes 6 to 12 inches in diameter shall be installed to armor cuts and fills at both ends of all culverts installed in streams.
12. Energy dissipators consisting of native rock at least 24 inches in diameter with flat cross section shall be installed below culvert outlets in all perennial streams.

**B. WET SITE CULVERT INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site specific sediment and erosion control plan that meets the requirements of all attachments and permits for each wet installation prior to any construction. Sediment and erosion control features may include any or all of the following at each site:

- a. Filter Fabric Sediment Traps.
  - b. Sediment Control Fence.
  - c. Slash Filter Windrows.
  - d. Other measures as directed by Forest Officer.
2. The Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site specific water diversion plan for each wet installation. Diversions may include: by-pass ditches, plastic lined by-pass ditches, plastic or metal pipe by-passes or other methods as directed by the Forest Officer. Pumping with discharge back into the channel is not permitted.
  3. All wet site culvert installations require seeding of all disturbed areas with Quick Cover Mix the same day as installation is completed.
  4. Any equipment operated within the high-water level of any stream or river channel shall be free of oil and fluid leaks and shall be clean of mud. Said equipment must be inspected by the Forest Officer and approved prior to any use.
  5. Filter fabric sediment traps shall be installed prior to any construction activities on all wet culvert installations.

## **VI. ROAD MAINTENANCE**

### **A. ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Road maintenance may be required on all native material or gravel roads designated for hauling purposes.
2. Road maintenance is defined to include all operations listed under Section VI. of Attachment B.
3. Initial maintenance of the roads shall be completed prior to use for logging and hauling.
4. The Forest Officer will determine the number, type, extent and frequency of intermediate maintenance operations. Road maintenance shall be repeated as needed to facilitate traffic and proper road drainage. The Purchaser will be advised of the time limitations to complete each maintenance project.
5. Final maintenance of the road system is required after all logging and hauling and prior to termination of the Timber Sale Contract.

### **B. SURFACE BLADING:**

1. Description: Surface blading is keeping a native or aggregate roadbed in a condition to facilitate traffic and provide proper drainage. It includes maintaining the crown or slope, shoulder, drainage dips, leadoff ditches, berms and turnouts, and provides a level of smoothness appropriate for the amount and kind of traffic served and consistent with existing surfacing.
2. Specifications:
  - a. The existing roadbeds, including turnouts, shall be bladed and shaped to reasonably conform to the designed cross section, and to eliminate ruts. Existing aggregate surfacing shall be bladed to conserve material and to prevent segregation of particle sizes. Rocks or other material remaining on the traveled way surface after final blading which are 4 inches or larger in size shall be removed from the road surface.

- b. Roadside cutslopes should not be undercut when cleaning ditches or removing road sloughs. Berms shall be removed from road shoulders when blading, except where berms are located as part of road design.
- c. Cutslopes that have been undercut may require backsloping, seeding and fertilizing.
- d. At intersections, the roadbeds at side roads shall be graded for a reasonable distance to assure proper blending of the two riding surfaces.
- e. Drainage dips and leadoff ditches shall be cleaned and graded to form their previous line and grade.
- f. Crowned roads should slope towards shoulders at least 2-5% (1/4-1/2 inch per foot road width) on native and gravel roads.
- g. At intersections where side roads enter the main road and the entering side road exceeds +3%, shallow ditching across the side road may be required to divert surface runoff and protect the main road's stability.
- h. The side-casting of road material into a stream, lake, wetland, or other body of water during road maintenance operations is prohibited in the SMZ.

**C. DITCH CLEANING:**

- 1. Description: Ditch cleaning is removing and disposing of all foreign and slough material from roadside ditches to provide an unobstructed waterway conforming reasonably to previous line, grade and cross section.
- 2. Specifications:
  - a. Slough material removed from the ditch may be blended into existing native road surface or shoulder only if it is the same material as the road surface. Slough material that is not suitable for blending should be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.
  - b. Live vegetation and other organic material shall be removed and disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.
  - c. Unstable stumps, rocks, leaning trees or other debris shall be removed from the cutslope as directed by the Forest Officer.

**D. CULVERT MAINTENANCE:**

- 1. Description: Maintenance is work performed on inlets, outlets, catch basins, related channels, existing riprap, trash racks and any other facilities related to the drainage structure.
- 2. Specifications: Catch basins, outlets and energy dissipaters shall be kept functioning and cleaned of debris. Ends of culverts shall be kept straight and undamaged. Any washing alongside or underneath the culvert shall be repaired.

**E. ROADSIDE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE:**

- 1. Description: Maintenance of roadside vegetation includes removal of brush, tree growth, deadfall or other obstructions to passage, safety or visibility, as such obstructions are present or develop during the contract period.
- 2. Specifications:



- a. All trees that have fallen across the road shall be removed from the road prism unless otherwise agreed upon. Merchantable timber, if any, shall be cut in appropriate lengths and decked along the roadside in locations where traveled way width or sight distances will not be impaired.
  - b. Brush and seedling trees that encroach upon the original road clear limits shall be removed when they reduce safe sight distances. Low shrubs and brush that do not restrict sight distance but provide cover and reduce erosion shall not be removed. Brush and seedling trees removed shall be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.
- F. SNOWPLOWING:** If hauling occurs during the winter months, the Purchaser will be required to plow snow to the following guidelines on all State and private roads.
1. Snow should be windrowed beyond the fill shoulder line.
  2. To protect the road surface, a 1 to 4-inch cushion of snow may be left on the road.
  3. At termination of use, the road will be prepared for spring runoff by opening drainage outlets through the plowed berms and by installing a snow-berm road closure.
  4. Tracked equipment will not be used to plow snow without prior written approval from the Forest Officer.
  5. The side-casting of road material into a stream, lake, wetland, or other body of water during snow plowing operations is prohibited in the SMZ.
- G. DUST ABATEMENT:** The Purchaser may be required to perform dust abatement on any of the roads designated as part of the haul route. Any dust abatement must conform to current standards of the owner of the road.
1. If the Purchaser applies Magnesium Chloride or Calcium Chloride for dust abatement, the following specifications will be followed:
    - a. Dust abatement will be applied prior to summer hauling of logs.
    - b. Scarify road surface and grade to final grading specifications. A minimum of two inches of loose material is required on the road surface prior to applying the abatement.
    - c. The road surface will be moist to a minimum of depth of two inches or watered uniformly to moisten the road. If the road is watered, it will be done twelve to twenty-four hours prior to application of the abatement.
    - d. The abatement will be applied at the rate of 0.25 gallons Magnesium Chloride per square yard or 0.20 gallons Calcium Chloride per square yard, followed immediately by another application at the same rate, for a total of 0.5 gallons Magnesium Chloride per square yard or 0.4 gallons Calcium Chloride per square yard. If Calcium Chloride flake is applied, application rate is 2 pounds per square yard.
    - e. Chemical abatement will not be applied for 50 feet on either side of any stream crossing.
    - f. Additional treatments using water may be required if deemed necessary by the Forest Officer.
  2. The Purchaser is **NA**.
- H. NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT:** The Purchaser may be required to perform noxious weed management on any of the roads designated as part of the haul route and on landings. Noxious weed management may include grass seeding, equipment washing and herbicide spraying.

1. Grass seeding, if required, is shown in Section IX, GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS.
2. All road construction equipment and equipment used in off-road logging activity must be pressure-washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and material that may carry noxious weed seeds into the sale area. Other equipment and vehicles entering and leaving the sale area shall be cleaned prior to start up and kept reasonably clean during the course of operations. All subsequent move-ins of logging and construction equipment shall be treated the same as the initial move-in.
3. If spraying is required in Attachment B, it shall be done by a commercial applicator licensed by the State of Montana or by personnel under the direct supervision of the licensed applicator. All herbicide applications shall follow EPA label requirements. Any weed control must comply with the current standards of the County Weed Board and as directed by the Forest Officer.
4. The Purchaser is **required to spray herbicide along 1.45 miles of unpaved haul roads and 0.79 miles of paved road to remove seedbearing noxious weeds post-haul**. Spraying must occur between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Herbicide spraying requirements are shown in Section B.IX.C, HERBICIDE SPECIFICATIONS.

## VII. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD SPECIFICATIONS:** Temporary spur roads are defined as any roads constructed by the Purchaser to access a harvest unit or landing which is not an existing road and may not be shown as a required road to be constructed in Table B-1. All temporary roads will be constructed to the following specifications:
1. Forest Officer shall approve the location prior to any construction.
  2. Clearing and excavation shall be kept to the absolute minimum for safe truck hauling and to prevent erosion and water quality impacts. Some sidehill excavation, minor through cuts, ditching and tumpiking may be required.
  3. Temporary culverts may be required at ditch crossings, wet areas or other locations as directed by the Forest Officer.
  4. Temporary erosion control measures may be required to meet BMP standards on the road and/or the landing area while being used.
  5. At the completion of use the road shall be shaped back to natural contours, temporary culverts removed, erosion control measures installed, the disturbed areas grass seeded and the access closed to all vehicular traffic. The Forest Officer may require scarification or ripping of compacted landings and temporary spur roads.
- B. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY APPROACH PERMIT:** When using the Highway to access the timber sale, the purchaser shall adhere the approach permit specifications as outlined in Attachment G.
- C. GRID ROLLING ROAD PRISMS:** Grid rolling the road prism is required to reconstruct and compact the Warland Flats Access Road #14534. May require water.
- D. TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WARNING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS:**
1. The Purchaser shall furnish, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to properly control and direct traffic as requested by the Forest Officer.

2. All road barricades, warning signs, lights, temporary signals, flagger and pilot car operations and equipment, and other protective devices, shall conform with the specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

**E. KEEP ROADS CLOSED:** Yearlong, seasonal and temporary roads shall be closed to restrict public motor vehicle access during nights, weekends and periods of inactivity.

**VIII. ROAD LOG AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS**

Station	Work description	Materials or type of work	type or size	length or amount	Units
<b>Cripple Horse Knob Road #4901 - Maintenance</b>					
0.00	Begin maintenance on existing Cripple Horse Knob Road #4901 (0.2mi). This segment of existing road is outsloped native surface approximately 14 feet wide. Make all existing drainage features functional and maintain. Seed all disturbed areas.				
	Steel roundbar gate with cost share lock, keep closed nights, weekends and during periods of inactivity.				
		blading		0.2	miles
	Temporary Road T6 to right				
0.10	Widen turnaround area	earthwork		1	each
0.20	End #4901 roadwork at end of Unit 22 at the property boundary				
	Purchaser-do road maintenance blading	blading	final	0.2	miles
<b>Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942 - Maintenance</b>					
0.00	Begin maintenance and protection of existing Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942 (0.97mi). This segment of existing road is a ditched double-lane paved road approximately 24 feet wide. Powerlines are buried along road (see map attachment). Make all existing drainage features functional and maintain. Seed all disturbed areas.				
	Protect pavement, keep tracked equipment off surfaced road. Protect powerlines, power boxes, signs, mailboxes and existing infrastructure along haul route.				
	Place gravel for any approaches on/off the pavement to protect road surface. Use material from Borrow Site.	gravel		10	cu. yds.
0.31	18" CMP, maintain				
0.79	End #7942 maintenance				
<b>Warland Flats Access Road #14534 - Reconstruction and Maintenance</b>					
0.00	Begin reconstruction and maintenance of existing Warland Flats Access Road #14534 (0.80mi). This segment of existing road is an aggregate surface approximately 14 feet wide. Majority of road is insloped to ditch and material has been side-cast to plug CMPs. This road will require ditch pulling and road shaping. Make all existing drainage features functional and maintain. Seed all disturbed areas.				
	Begin pulling ditches and reconstructing road to 14' width. Use generated cut material to slope road to ditch line. Compact using grid roller. May require water.	reshaping		0.8	miles
0.06	Maintain CMP inlet and outlet functionality, remove large rock from inlet				
0.10	Clean CMP inlet and outlet, create catch basin to make functional	earthwork		2	each

	Provide and place rock armor	rock armor		1	cu. yds.
0.50	Buried CMP, make functional	earthwork		1	each
	Shape to drain				
0.53	End unit 15, begin Temporary Road T-4 to right				
0.70	End of unit 16 to left				
0.80	End #14534 road work				
	Purchaser-do road maintenance blading	blading	final	0.8	miles
<b>Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942L - Maintenance</b>					
0.00	Begin maintenance and of existing Cripple Horse Campground Loop Road #7942L (0.45mi). This segment of existing road is a one-way aggregate surface road approximately 12 feet wide. Powerlines are buried along road (see map attachment). Make all existing drainage features functional and maintain. Seed all disturbed areas.				
	Protect powerlines, power boxes, cabins, septic, signs and existing infrastructure along haul route.				
	Shape road for best drainage	blading		0.45	miles
	create wing ditches for drainage	earthwork		4	each
0.45	End #7942L road work				
	Purchaser-do road maintenance blading	blading	final	0.45	miles
<b>Temporary Road T-6 (Unit 22) - Construction (0.38mi)</b>					
0.00	Begin temporary road construction at approximately 0.02 miles off Cripple Horse Knob Road #4901. Exact location will be agreed upon and drainage features constructed as directed by Forest Officer.				
	Dispose of slash generated from Right of Way clearing using disposal method F	construction	per mile	0.38	miles
0.38	End temporary road T-6				
	Scarify and rehabilitate temporary road following haul. New construction shall be recontoured; existing prisms must be placed in a stable condition. Apply available slash and large woody material to the recontour surface. Construct earth berm to restrict vehicular traffic. Seed all disturbed areas.	obliterate		0.38	miles
<b>Temporary Road T-5 (Unit 17) - Construction (0.16mi)</b>					
0.00	Begin temporary road construction and build approach off Hwy 37 according to MT Department of Transportation Highway Approach Permit (attachment G). Exact location will be agreed upon and drainage features constructed as directed by Forest Officer.				
	Dispose of slash generated from Right of Way clearing using disposal method F	construction	per mile	0.16	miles
	Construct approach with material from Borrow Site, bed CMP and place 3/4" minus crush at highway approach: 24' wide, 100' length, 6" depth	gravel	pit run	40	cu. yds.
		gravel	3/4"	20	cu. yds.
	Install 18"x60' CMP according to Permit	CMP	18"	60	feet
0.16	End temporary road T-5				
	Scarify and rehabilitate temporary road following haul. New construction shall be recontoured; existing prisms must be placed in a stable condition. Apply available slash and large woody material to the recontour surface. Keep road approach and CMP in place and construct earth berm to restrict vehicular traffic past that point. Seed all disturbed areas.	obliterate		0.16	miles
<b>Temporary Road T-4 (Unit 15) - Construction (0.33mi)</b>					

0.00	Begin temporary road construction at approximately 0.53 miles off Warland Flats Access Road #14534 to the right. Exact location will be agreed upon and drainage features constructed as directed by Forest Officer.  Dispose of slash generated from Right of Way clearing using disposal method F	construction	per mile	0.33	miles
0.33	End temporary road T-4				
	Rehabilitate temporary road following haul. New construction shall be recontoured; existing prisms must be placed in a stable condition with drainage features. Seed all disturbed areas.	obliterate		0.33	miles

**IX. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS**

**A. REQUIREMENTS:** Any construction requirements or structures shown in the Timber Sale Contract or Attachment B shall be constructed and installed by the Purchaser to specifications in this section. Structures shall be constructed at locations shown in the Road Log and as specified or staked by the Forest Officer.

**B. SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Road Construction Fabric: When road construction fabric is required the following specifications shall be met: minimum twenty mills thick with minimum trapezoid tear strength (ASTMD-1117-80) of 110 and mullen burst strength (ASTMD-3786-80) of minimum 375 psi; (e.g. Mirafi 500x or AMOCO 200208).

**C. SPECIFICATION TABLES AND DRAWINGS:**

- GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
- GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS
- HERBICIDE SPECIFICATIONS
- GRAVEL AND ROCK SPECIFICATIONS
- CULVERT INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS
- CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS FOR EXISTING ROADS
- CLEAR LIMITS AND TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS
- TURNPIKE TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
- EARTH BERM CONSTRUCTION DETAIL
- HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS
- WARNING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

<b>GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALIGNMENT</b></p> <p>Minimum Curve Radius:</p> <p>Switchbacks: 50 Feet</p> <p>Curves: As marked on the ground</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CUT SLOPE RATIO</b></p> <p>Common excavation: 1:1            Angular Rock: 3/4:1            Solid Rock: 1/4:1</p> <p>Maximum tolerance: plus 15%            minus 0%</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROAD GRADE MAXIMUM</b></p> <p>Favorable: 12%</p> <p>Adverse: 8%</p> <p>Grades as shown in the Road Log</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FILL SLOPE RATIO</b></p> <p>Common material: 1-1/2:1            Angular rock: 1-1/3:1</p> <p>Maximum tolerance: plus 15%            minus 0%</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DITCHES</b></p> <p>Width: 3 feet</p> <p>Depth: 1 foot</p> <p>Located as shown in the Road Log or as directed by the Forest Officer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TURNOUTS</b></p> <p>Length: 75 feet</p> <p>Width: 7 feet</p> <p>Located by Purchaser and approved by the Forest Officer. Spacing will be intervisible as topography allows.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>USABLE ROAD SURFACE</b></p> <p>Tangents: 14 feet</p> <p>Curves: 16 feet (radius over 75 feet)            20 feet (radius under 75 feet)</p> <p>Switchbacks: 22 feet</p> <p>Slough widening: Tangents: 1 foot            (in addition to usable road surface) Curves and all fills over 6 feet height: 2 feet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TURNAROUNDS</b></p> <p>Dimensions: large enough to safely turn around a long wheel base 2-wheel-drive pickup.</p> <p>Location: at or near the end of all dead end roads as approved by the Forest Officer.</p>

## **GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. SEED REQUIREMENTS:** The Purchaser shall furnish certified noxious weed-free, pure live seed mixture(s) and fertilizer in the amounts shown in Table B-2.

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**Seed Mix Must Have:**

1. Blue tags, or copies of blue tags from each seed lot used in the specified mix. Only certified Blue-tagged seed shall be used. The blue tag represents a field certification and serves as evidence of the genetic purity and varietal identity of the seed contained in the seed lot.
2. Labels which indicate the percentage composition of the various species in the seed mix.
3. Copies of Seed Analysis Reports from a certified seed analyst for each seed lot used in the specified mix. Contractor will obtain this report from the seed provider. Seed Analysis Reports must include, at a minimum, content of any noxious weed seeds listed on the current "State of Montana Noxious Weeds List". In addition, the labels should indicate that no cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) seed is present in the seed mix.

Only after the Forest Officer has verified the above will the seed be accepted and used.

Fertilizer may not be needed if soils are intact and not disturbed. However a bio-based, slow-release fertilizer is recommended for native seed mixes if soils are disturbed, the top horizon has been removed, and/or planting will occur in subsurface soils (such as cut and fill slopes, skid trails, and landings). Slow release fertilizers have a N-P-K ratio of 7-(1-2)-(1-2). Chemical fertilizers such as ammonium nitrate (N=20 or greater) should not be used as they encourage the establishment of weeds over native plants.

**B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Fertilizer and seed may be applied with a hand spreader or power blower, which adjusts to distribute seed evenly at the specified rate while limiting application to the desired area. Seed and fertilizer shall be applied separately. Mixing of seed and fertilizer is prohibited.
2. Seed and fertilizer shall be applied as listed in the following tables. In the event weather conditions or time of year are not conducive for successful seed establishment, the Forest Officer may require a different application schedule from the ones stated.
3. Application estimates are approximate figures only to be used for estimating purposes.

**SEEDING ESTIMATES CONCURRENT WITH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Areas shown in this table shall be seeded and fertilized concurrent with initial road construction according to the following schedule:

Cut slopes shall be seeded within 7 calendar days of the day that each segment of cut slope is rough shaped with the dozer or excavator. A cut slope segment is defined as one day's work regardless of the amount of work accomplished or the length of the cut slope. Even if the driving portion of the road is not shaped, graded or drivable, cut slope seeding is still required.

**FILL SLOPES, DITCHES, SHOULDERS OF THE ROAD AND OTHER DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE SEEDED WITHIN 15 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF EACH ROAD SEGMENT.**

Road Name	Length (Miles)	Seed Pounds Per Acre	Width (Feet)	Estimated Acres
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942L	0.45	26	10	0.55
Warland Flats Access Road #14534	0.80	26	10	0.97
Total Acres:				1.52

**SEEDING ESTIMATES FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ROAD OBLITERATION AND FINAL BLADING**

Areas shown in this table shall be seeded and fertilized within 15 calendar days after completion of final road blading and shaping.

Road Name	Length (Miles)	Seed Pounds Per Acre	Width (Feet)	Estimated Acres
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942L	0.45	26	10	0.55
Warland Flats Access Road #14534	0.80	26	10	0.97
Temporary Road T-4 (Unit 15)	0.33	26	10	0.40
Temporary Road T-5 (Unit 17)	0.16	26	10	0.19
Temporary Road T-6 (Unit 22)	0.38	26	10	0.46
Total Acres:				2.57



**HERBICIDE SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. HERBICIDE REQUIREMENTS:** The Purchaser must furnish herbicide in the amounts shown in Table B-2.
- B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** The roads shown in the table below shall be treated with herbicide to remove seed-bearing noxious weeds.
1. The Purchaser shall include a schedule for herbicide treatment of noxious weeds as part of the Annual Operating Plan.
  2. Applicators will complete a daily pesticide application report as required by the Montana Department of Agriculture. Applicators will use the daily pesticide application report form provided by the Forest Officer and submit within 10 days of application.
  3. No spraying of Milestone and 2, 4-D will take place within 25 feet of water or come in contact with open water at any time.
  4. No spraying shall occur when rain is expected within six (6) hours of completion of the treatment.
  5. Weather conditions shall be monitored before and during all spraying projects. Spraying is NOT allowed when any of the following conditions exist:
    - a. Hand-held equipment: temperature greater than 95 degrees F.; humidity less than 20 percent, or wind greater than 5 MPH.
    - b. Truck-mounted equipment: temperature greater than 95 degrees F.; humidity less than 20 percent; or wind greater than 5 MPH.
  6. Travelled roadway, cut and fill slopes must be treated for noxious weeds.
  7. The use of surfactants and blue dye is required at the rates recommended by the manufacturer.
  8. Application rates are shown in the following table. Application estimates are approximate figures only to be used for estimating purposes.

<b>HERBICIDE APPLICATION ESTIMATES</b>						
Areas shown in this table shall be sprayed with herbicide as described. The roads shall be sprayed from top of cut to toe of fill.						
Area Name	Length (miles)	Width (feet)	Milestone (Aminopyr alid) rate	2, 4-D (Amine)	Number of applications	Acres
Cripple Horse Knob Road #4901	0.20	30	5 oz/ac	16 oz/ac	1 (post haul)	0.72
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942	0.79	30	5 oz/ac	16 oz/ac	1 (post haul)	2.87
Cripple Horse Campground Road #7942L	0.45	30	5 oz/ac	16 oz/ac	1 (post haul)	1.64
Warland Flats Access Road #14534	0.80	30	5 oz/ac	16 oz/ac	1 (post haul)	2.91
Total acres to be sprayed:			8.14			
Total oz. of herbicide:			40.7 oz Milestone 130.2 oz 2, 4-D			

<b>GRAVEL AND ROCK SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>Material</b>	<b>Specifications</b>
3/4" minus crushed gravel	Crushed gravel. Well graded. Fine fraction (minus 200 sieve) not to exceed 15%
Pit run gravel	Native gravel, well graded, with binder, compactable and not containing any rocks over 4" diameter.
Drain rock	1"- 3" diameter, screened clean rock.
<b>General Large Rock Requirements</b> Stone shall be hard, durable, angular in shape, resistant to weathering and weather action, and free from overburden, soil, and organic matter. Stone must be hard enough so pieces do not fracture or break during the loading, hauling, or placement activities. Neither breadth nor thickness of stone shall be less than one-third its length. Rounded stone or boulders from a streambed will not be accepted unless authorized by the State.	
Rock armor	Large rock with most sizes ranging from 6" to 12" diameter, used to armor fill slopes and catch basins.
Talus rock	Large rock of variable sizes used as load-bearing fill or drainage rock in soft areas or French drains, as approved by Forest Officer.
Energy dissipators	Large rock 18-24" diameter placed in streams at culvert outlets.

## CULVERT REQUIREMENTS

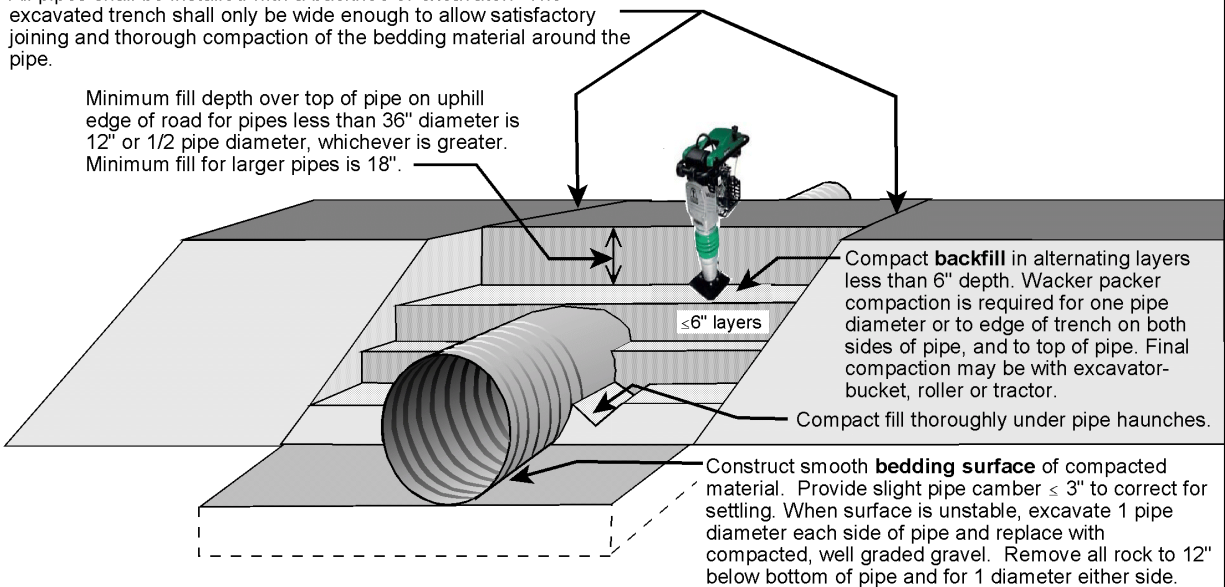
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- ▶ Exact locations for pipes shall be determined by the Forest Officer after right of way has been cleared.
- ▶ Backfill shall be select, sorted material. Gravel may be required in road log. If native backfill is used, rocks over 3 inches diameter, organic or frozen materials are not permitted.
- ▶ Pipe shall be protected by adequate fill before equipment is allowed to cross.
- ▶ Pipe that is damaged or improperly installed shall be repaired or replaced at purchaser's expense.
- ▶ The Forest Officer must be contacted two days before any culvert installation and must be present for any wet site culvert installation.
- ▶ Wet site installations will have additional requirements for timing, erosion control and management.

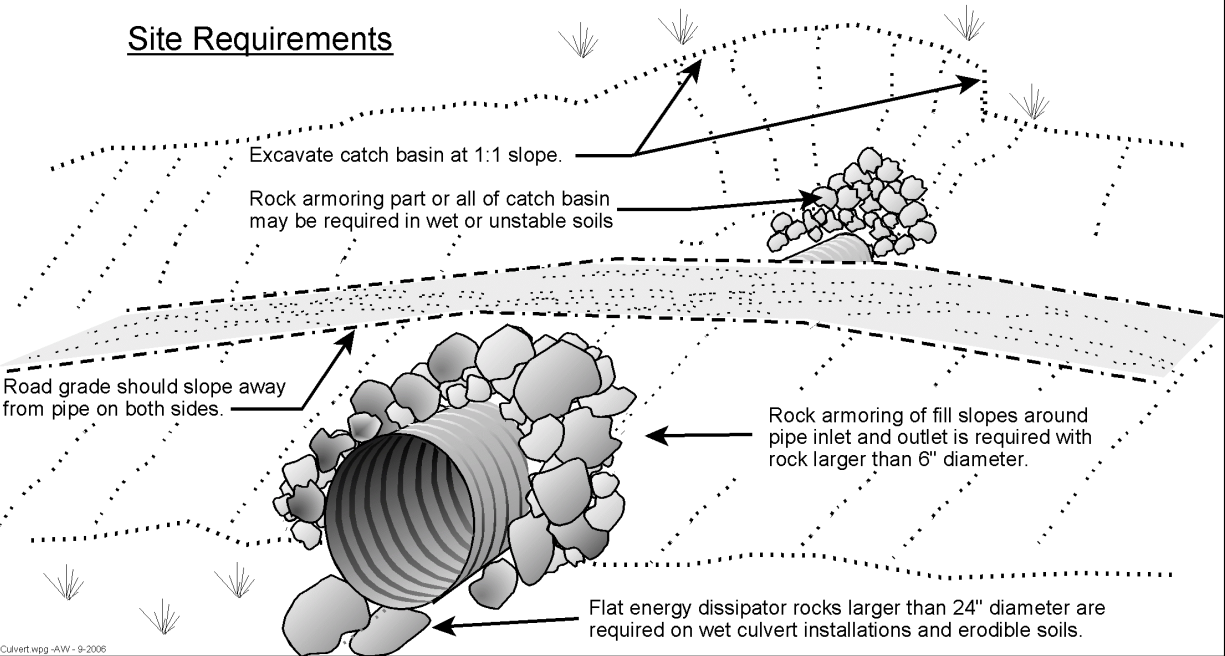
### Installation Requirements

All pipes shall be installed with a backhoe or excavator. The excavated trench shall only be wide enough to allow satisfactory joining and thorough compaction of the bedding material around the pipe.

Minimum fill depth over top of pipe on uphill edge of road for pipes less than 36" diameter is 12" or 1/2 pipe diameter, whichever is greater. Minimum fill for larger pipes is 18".

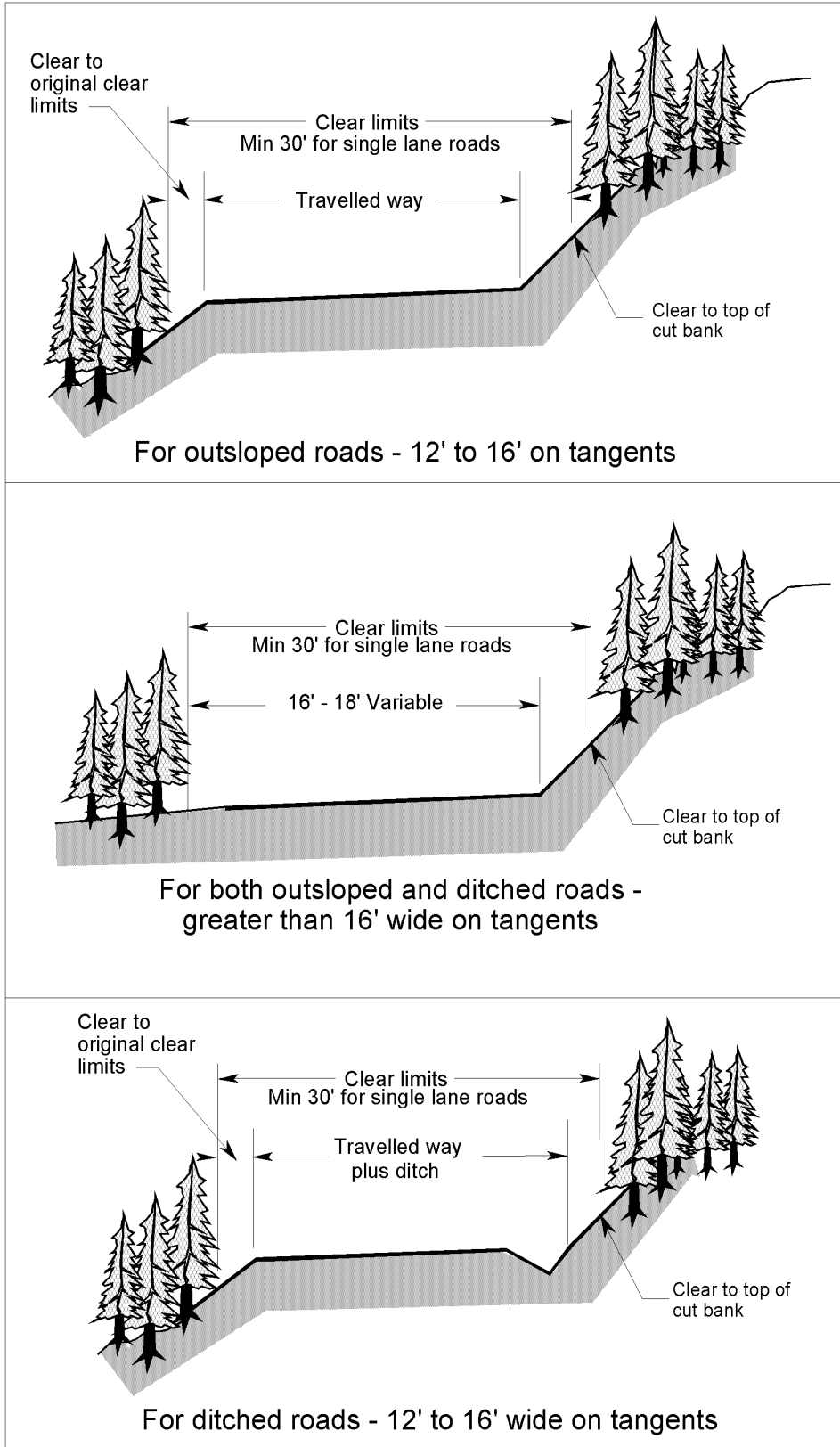


### Site Requirements



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## CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS FOR EXISTING ROADS



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# SPECIFICATION DRAWINGS

## Clear Limits and Typical Cross Sections

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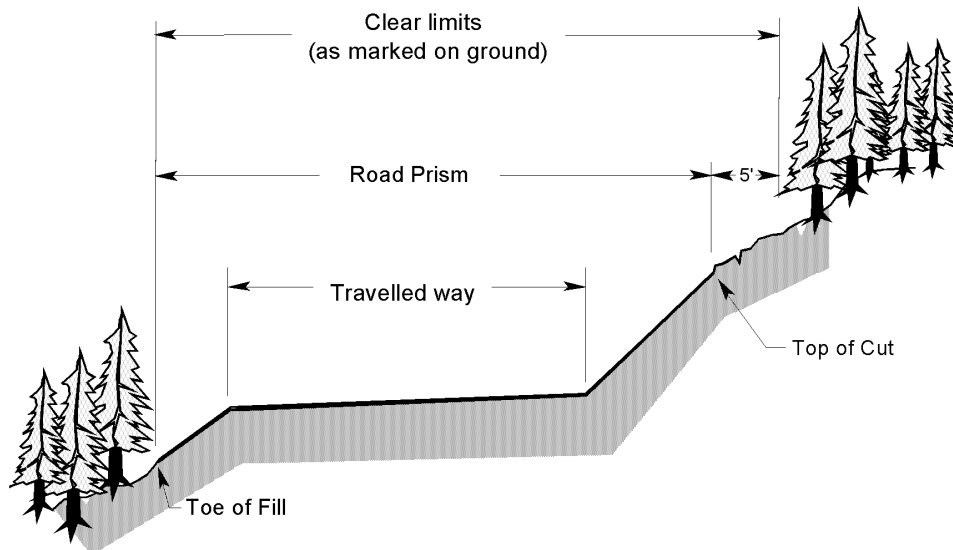


Figure I: Clear limits for New Construction

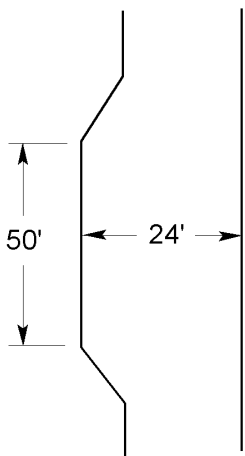


Figure II:  
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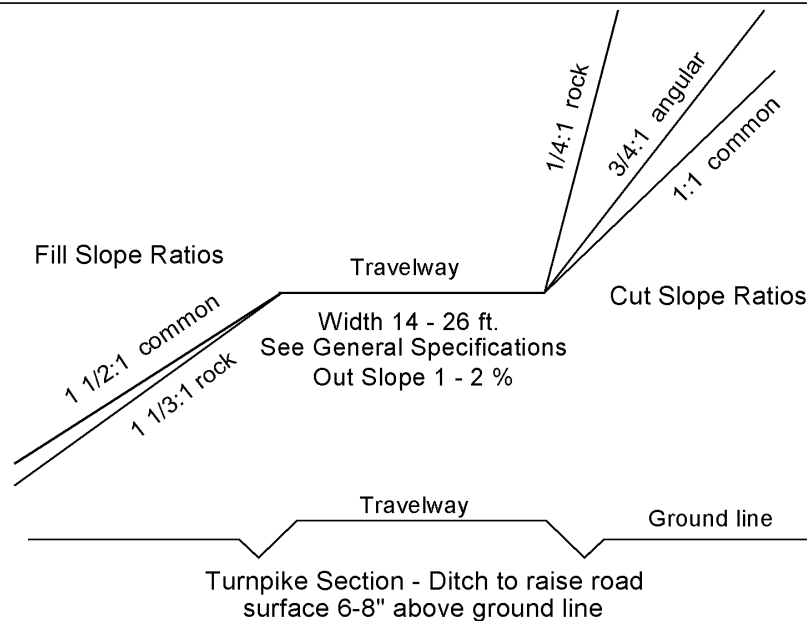
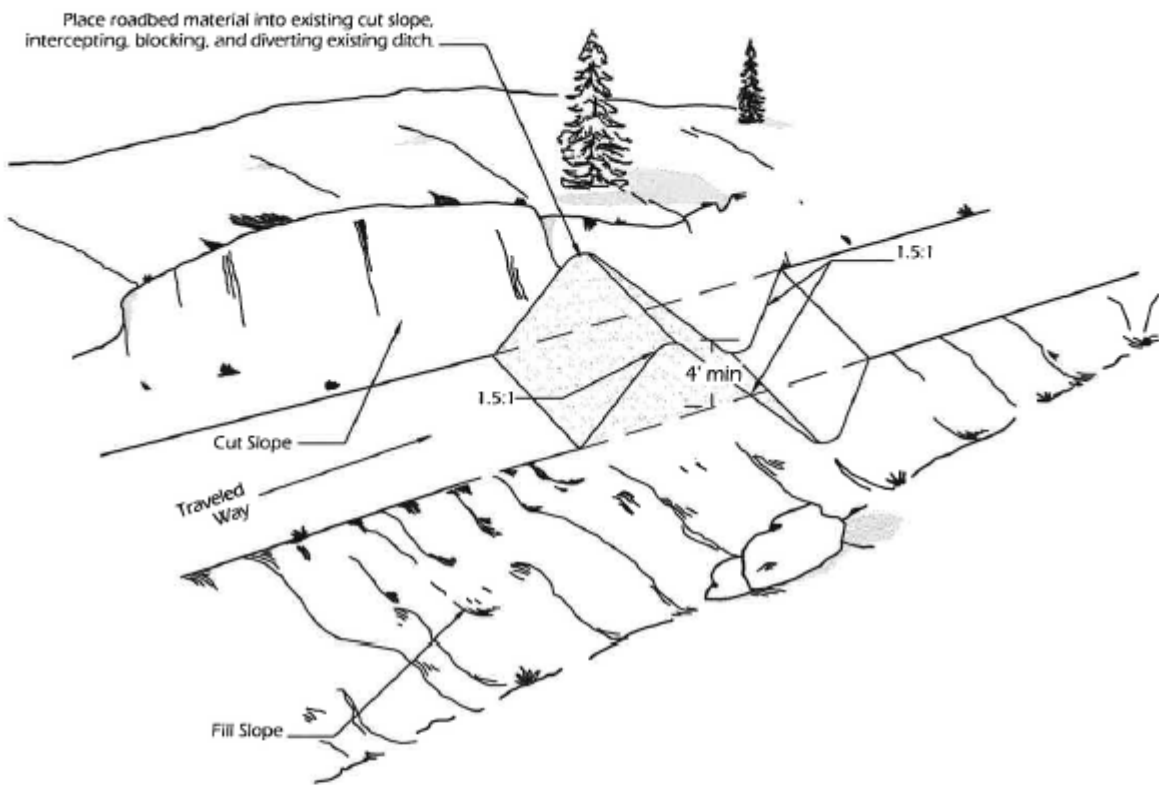


Figure III: Typical Cross Sections

## Earth Berm Construction Detail

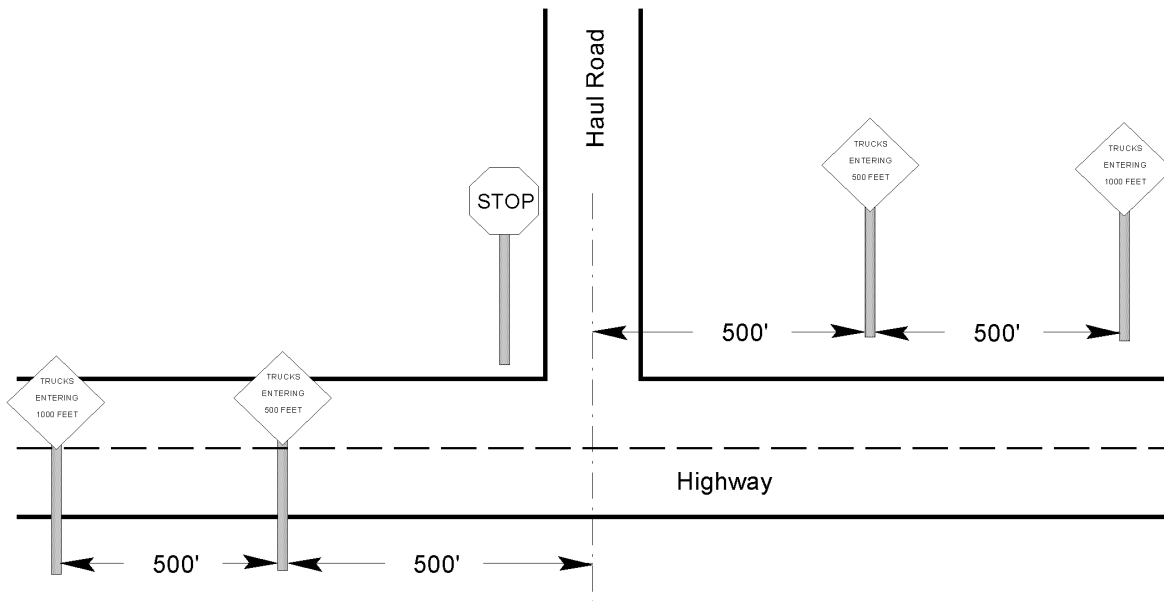


### Notes:

1. Care shall be taken to not deposit any excavated material onto existing fill slopes.
2. Earth berms shall be constructed to tie into the existing cut slope and to intercept, block and drain across the road when built on ditched segments of road.
3. Seed and mulch all disturbed areas utilizing the appropriate materials and rates specified the Timber Sale Provision C6.101
4. Conserve any large rocks encountered in the excavation and place them along the roadside, adjacent to the berm, as directed by the Forest Service. Placement shall be in such manner to prevent traffic from driving around the berm.
5. Detail specifications and specific locations may be changed to fit local conditions.

Earth Berm

# HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS



## Materials Required

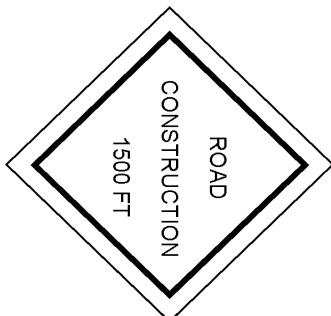
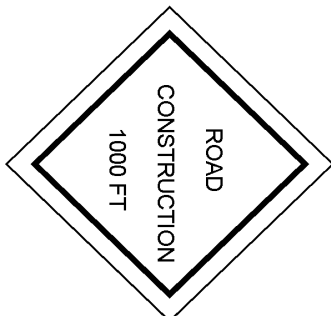
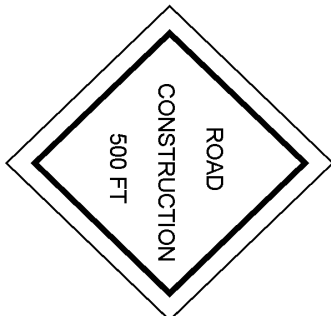
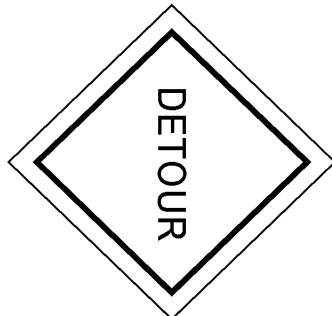
- 1 each 4"x4"x10' full pressure treated wood post.
- 4 each 4"x4"x14' full pressure treated wood post.
- 1 each 30"x30" STOP sign, aluminum, octagon, white letters on red.
- 2 each 36"x36" TRUCKS ENTERING 500' sign, aluminum, diamond, black letters on orange, center hinged.
- 2 each 36"x36" TRUCKS ENTERING 1000' sign, aluminum, diamond, black letters on orange, center hinged.
- Mounting hardware as required.

## Specifications

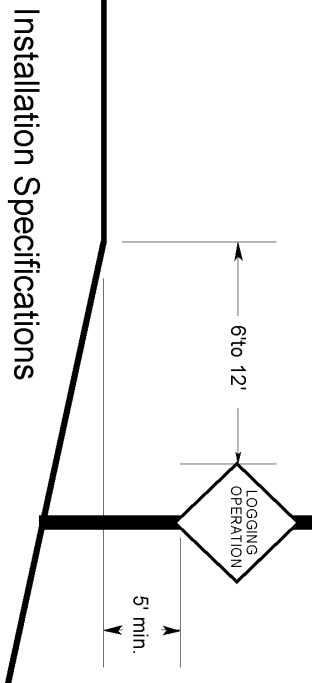
1. All signs shall have reflectorized background and shall meet all specifications as per Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
2. All signs shall be new condition.
3. Bottom of sign shall be 5' vertical as measured from the roadway surface.
4. Lateral clearance of "TRUCKS ENTERING" signs shall be 10' as measured from the edge of pavement to the edge of sign.

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## Warning Sign Specifications



Size: 30"x 30"  
 Shape: Diamond  
 Color: Orange and Black. Barricade: Red and Silver  
 Lettering: Minimum 4 inch letters. Standard Alphabet  
 Series C. 1/2 inch Border.  
 Reflective Background Required  
 Mounting: Posts or portable sign stands, clearly visible to drivers. Do not mount on trees.



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## Attachment C

# FOREST FIRE RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules apply to all activities on all classified forest lands within Montana during the legal Forest Fire Season, including any extension thereof (see 77-5-103(3), 76-11-101, 76-13-102(7), and 76-13-109 MCA). Reference also ARM 36.10.119 through 132.

Related State statute numbers are provided as a reference.

## RULE I - DEBRIS BURNING

1. The person conducting the burn shall obtain written authorization from the recognized fire protection agency before igniting any open fire during the legal forest fire season (required by 76-13-121 MCA). The recognized fire protection agency may deny, restrict, or rescind any authorization by notifying the person conducting the burn.
2. All burning must comply with the Department of Environmental Quality or State/county/local open burning regulations.
3. Written authorization is not required for campfires.

## RULE II - CAMPFIRES

1. Campfires cannot be left unattended and must be completely extinguished (see 76-13-123 MCA).
2. All campfires must be constructed in cleared or bare areas, and not allowed to spread beyond the established ring, pit, grate, or container.
3. Anyone igniting a campfire is required to have fire tools listed in Rule VIII (4).

## RULE III - RAILROADS AND POWERLINES

Railroad and powerline companies are required to prepare and annually update working agreements with recognized fire protection agencies. These agreements must stress safety and fire response procedures; and identify, remove, prevent, modify, abate, or correct forest fire hazards and risks associated with railroad and powerline company operations (see 69-14-721 MCA).

## RULE IV - EQUIPMENT

1. All internal combustion engines must be equipped with an approved and effective spark-arresting system, as established in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Spark Arrester Guides. Spark-arresting devices must be marked, properly installed, and maintained in accordance with the Guides. The following vehicles are exempt:
  - a. automobiles and light trucks of less than 23,000 GVW when all exhaust gases pass through a properly installed and maintained exhaust system, baffle-type muffler, and tailpipe. Vehicles with glass-pack mufflers do not qualify for the exemption.
  - b. heavy-duty trucks of 23,000 GVW or greater, with a muffler and vertical stack exhaust system extending

above the cab.

- c. vehicles with other spark-arresting systems providing equal or increased effectiveness. Such vehicles must be inspected and have written authorization from the recognized fire protection agency.
2. Equipment used for commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must meet the fire extinguisher and tool requirements listed in Rule VIII (5).

## RULE V - FLAMING AND GLOWING SUBSTANCES

1. All flaming and glowing substances, including but not limited to, lighted cigarettes, cigars, ashes, and matches, must be extinguished before being discarded (see 76-13-124 MCA).
2. Smoking is allowed only at areas free of flammable or combustible material. Examples of these areas include a graveled road or an enclosed vehicle.

## RULE VI - FIREWORKS

Use of fireworks is prohibited on all classified forest lands unless written authorization is obtained from the recognized fire protection agency. Authorization will only be considered between June 24 and July 5, inclusive, to coincide with the legal dates for the sale of fireworks in Montana (see 50-37-106 MCA).

## RULE VII - WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE

1. County governments without subdivision wild-fire protection standards are encouraged to establish standards for all new subdivisions by January 1, 2000.
2. The Fire Protection Guidelines for Wildland/Residential Interface Development (DSL/DOJ, 1993) is available for use to assist counties in the development of standards.

## RULE VIII - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIREFIGHTING TOOLS

1. Chainsaw operators shall carry a fully charged and operable fire extinguisher, minimum-capacity 8-ounce liquid or 1-pound dry chemical, with a 4BC or higher rating.
2. Vehicles and equipment, mobile or stationary, with a combustion engine/motor used for commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must have one operable, dry-chemical fire

- extinguisher with a minimum 2-1/2 -pound capacity and 4BC or higher rating.
3. Chainsaw operators shall maintain one usable shovel at chainsaw-fueling sites.
  4. All persons or parties igniting a campfire shall have one usable shovel and bucket. Persons igniting a barbecue need not have a shovel or bucket if the ashes are not removed from the container and the ashes or container are not placed on or near combustible material.
  5. All commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must have:
    - a. one usable shovel or pulaski with each vehicle and equipment with an internal combustion engine/motor, mobile or stationary.
    - b. one backpack pump with each vehicle and with any equipment, used off road, mobile or stationary, with an internal combustion engine/motor, that cannot be used to build fireline and is being operated on combustible material.
  6. Other types of firefighting tools that provide increased efficiency or effectiveness may be substituted by written authorization from the recognized fire-protection agency. For example, a [combi] firefighting tool may be substituted for a shovel or pulaski.

**RULE IX - FOREST ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS**

In areas designated by public proclamation by the administrator, division of forestry, as areas of high fire hazard, the administrator may request all persons, firms, or corporations present or engaged in any activity in the areas to voluntarily cease operations or to adjust working hours to less critical periods of the day. In the event such a request is refused, the administrator may issue a written order directing compliance.

**RULE X - FOREST CLOSURE**

1. During periods of dangerous fire conditions, no person may enter or be upon those forest lands designated by public proclamation by the governor of the state of Montana as areas of dangerous fire hazard except under written permit issued by a recognized agency.
2. Permits to enter upon such areas during the closure may be issued by the recognized agency upon a showing of real need by the applicant. Permits may be issued to those persons having actual residence as a permanent or principal place of abode in the forest lands designated or to persons engaged in non-fire hazardous employment.
3. However, no permit may be required of persons engaged in either firefighting, fire prevention, or law enforcement who are engaged in official business.

**RULE XI - CORRECTION OF HAZARD AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR EVENTS**

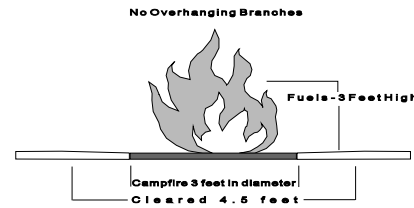
The recognized fire-protection agency may require identified wildland-fire hazards and/or risks be halted, prevented, abated, removed, disposed of, mitigated, or patrolled. This applies to public, private, nonprofit, commercial, and/or residential circumstances or events.

**RULE XII - REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

If any operator believes that in his case any requirement of a recognized agency is excessive, the operator may request the administrator, division of forestry, to review the requirements. If in the opinion of the administrator any or all are not necessary in the interest of public safety, he may make such changes as he considers advisable.

**RULE XIII - DEFINITIONS**

**Backpack Pump:** 5-gallon minimum; standard galvanized metal, fiberglass, or rubberized backpack water container with attached handpump; full of water at all times.



**Bucket:** Metal, plastic, canvas, or fiberglass container capable of holding at least one gallon of water. Motorcycle helmets qualify. **[Campfire]** means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes; not more than 3 feet in diameter or height; void of overhanging branches; with all combustible material cleared at least 1-1/2 times the diameter of the fire; or a barbecue in a noncombustible container.

**Combi Tool:** A tool combining a shovel and pick.

**Fireworks:** As defined in 50-37-101 MCA.

**Forested Land:** As defined in 76-13-102 MCA and 36.10.101 ARM.

**Hazard:** Condition that promotes the ignition and/or spread of a wildland fire.

**Open Fire:** The burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire, or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in a closed incinerator, or outdoor fireplace. Barbecue pits and burn barrels are considered open fires and therefore require a burning permit (Rule I).

**Pulaski:** An ax with a medium size sharp grub hoe opposite the ax blade.

**Recognized Fire-Protection Authority:** An agency organized for the purpose of providing fire protection and recognized by the board as giving adequate fire protection to forest lands in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

**Risk:** Action or device that could cause a wildland fire to ignite.

**Shovel:** Vehicle, equipment, and chainsaw operator shovels will have a minimum overall length of 36 inches with a round pointed shovel head with a minimum width of 6 inches. Shovels required for campfires must be at least 24-inches in length with a pointed shovel head. Folding handles qualify.

**RULE XIV - APPLICABILITY**

The forest fire rules, Rule I through Rule XIII, (ARM 36.10.119 through 30.10.132) are in effect each year on classified forest land during the forest fire season May 1st to September 30th inclusive, or any legal extension thereof. Requirements pertaining to motor vehicles do not apply to those being operated solely on roads that are a part of federal or State maintained highway systems or on any paved public road.



# WORKING IN BEAR HABITAT



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Grizzly bear distribution is expanding in Montana and human/bear encounters are becoming more common. Working in bear habitat increases the likelihood of interactions with bears. It is important for contractors and their employees to be aware of steps that can be taken to minimize conflicts and how to react if an interaction occurs. This pamphlet provides information about bear behavior, preventive measures, and what to do in the event an encounter occurs. *This pamphlet is intended to provide information about possible ways of avoiding encounters with bears. It should not, however, be relied on as the sole means of doing so. In addition to adhering to the guidelines outlined in this document, you should always rely on your experience, training, education and judgment about the best, safest manner to avoid encounters with bears.*

## ENCOUNTERS

- ▲ Stay calm and keep the animal in view, but avoid direct eye contact. Bears may interpret eye contact as a sign of aggression. Back away slowly. Never run from a bear unless you know you can reach safety. Determine whether the animal is a black bear or a grizzly bear.
- ▲ If the bear charges, stand your ground. Bears commonly “bluff charge,” stopping within a few feet of a person, before fleeing in a different direction.
- ▲ Keep bear spray handy. Always have a canister of bear spray (at least eight ounces) on your belt. Make sure it is an EPA registered bear spray with 1 to 2% capsaicin and related capsaicinoids, has a spray duration of at least six seconds, and a range of 25 feet. Familiarize yourself with the directions for using the spray. Use it only if confronted by a charging bear. Spray toward the bear, aiming slightly downward.
- ▲ In the event that you have no bear spray, or it was ineffective and the charge is not a bluff, or the bear is exhibiting predatory behavior, you must change your approach. Signs of predatory behavior include: following, showing interest, coming into a tent, and unprovoked attacks. How you respond will depend on the species of bear attacking you. **Black bear and young grizzly attacks:** Always fight back. Jump up and down, wave your arms and yell. Try to look as large as possible. Never play dead – it makes you easier prey. Remember that black bears and small grizzlies can climb trees, so stay on the ground. **Mature grizzly attacks [particularly females with young]:** If a surprise encounter occurs or if bear spray is ineffective, drop to the ground and play dead. Lie on your stomach, clasp your hands behind your neck, and use your elbows and toes to avoid being rolled over. If the bear rolls you over, keep rolling until you land back on your stomach. Remain still and don't struggle or scream. A defensive bear will stop attacking once it feels the threat is gone. Don't move until you are sure the bear has left the area. **If the grizzly is exhibiting predatory behavior or comes into a tent at night, do all you can to escape or fight back.**
- ▲ **If an encounter occurs, contact the DNRC forest officer immediately and notify Montana FWP.**

## JOB SITE PREVENTION

- ▲ Watch for bear signs. Signs include: tracks; droppings; recently overturned rocks or logs; logs torn apart; clawed, bitten or rubbed trees; bear trails; hair on tree bark; fresh diggings; and crushed vegetation. If you observe any of these signs, be aware that a bear may be frequenting the area. If camping, or stopping to eat your lunch, select a different area.
- ▲ When working or walking alone, make noise and carry bear spray. Bears don't like surprises, but will move on if they hear people approaching. Make noise, especially when approaching blind corners, dense shrubs and streams, and when walking into the wind. Maintain regular communication with co-workers.
- ▲ If camping on site, leave coolers, food and beverages inside campers or secured vehicles. If cooking over an open fire, do not discard food or grease in fire pits.
- ▲ Don't leave trash, groceries or animal feed in your vehicle for extended periods. Bears can, and do, pry open car and truck doors and break windows to get at food and other items they associate with food.
- ▲ Bears are attracted to petroleum based products. Keep all fuel and oil canisters in bear resistant containers. Bears have been known to damage hoses, oil filters and foam seats on heavy equipment. Dispose of empty containers promptly.

**FOREST RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND SHORTAGE RELIEF ACT****USE OF TIMBER**

(a) This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, *et seq.*).

(b) Except for determined pursuant to public hearing to be surplus, unprocessed timber designated for harvest shall not be exported from the United States nor used in direct or indirect substitution for unprocessed timber exported from private lands by Purchaser or any person as defined in the Act (16 USC 620e).

(c) Timber in the following form will be considered unprocessed:

(i) Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use;

(ii) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants intended for remanufacturing not meeting standards defined in the Act (16 USC 620e); and

(iii) Aspen or other pulpwood bolts exceeding 100 inches in length.

(d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, unprocessed timber designated for harvest shall be delivered to a domestic processing facility and shall not be mixed with logs intended for export.

(e) Prior to award, during the life of this contract, and for a period of 3 years from Termination Date, Purchaser shall furnish to State, upon request, records showing the volume and geographic origin of unprocessed timber from private lands exported or sold for export by Purchaser or affiliates.

(f) Prior to delivering unprocessed timber designated for harvest to another party, Purchaser shall require each buyer, exchange, or recipient to execute an acceptable agreement (Domestic Processing Form) that will:

(i) Identify the Federal origin of the timber;

(ii) Specify domestic processing for the timber involved;

(iii) Require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving the timber;

(iv) Require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are either legally exported or domestically processed, whichever is applicable; and

(v) Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act (16 USC 620d).

(g) No later than 10 days following the execution of any such agreement between Purchaser and another party, Purchaser shall furnish to the State a copy of each such agreement. Purchaser shall retain, for 3 years from Termination Date, the records of all sales, exchanges, or dispositions of all Timber designated for harvest.

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(i) For breach of this Section, State may terminate this contract and take such other action as may be provided by statute or regulation, including the imposition of penalties. When terminated by the State under this Section, the State will not be liable for any Claim submitted by Purchaser relating to the termination.

**Branding and Painting Requirements****For sawtimber products being delivered to manufacturing sites within Region 1 and 4 –**

Ten (10) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**For all sawtimber products being delivered to the IFG sawmill in Lewiston, ID-**

Twenty (20) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. All ponderosa pine >15 inches and all other species >30" will require double end painting and branding. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**For sawtimber products being delivered to manufacturing sites within Region 1 located in Powell, Granite, and all other counties located east of the continental divide –**

Painting and Branding requirements will be waived for all sawtimber logs.

If purchasers are violating export laws or are not complying with the terms as identified above the State will require single end painting and branding of all Logs.

**For sawtimber products being delivered to non-manufacturing sites within Region 1 and 4, including sort yards, reloads and collection sites –**

All Sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and a single-end brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**For sawtimber products being delivered to Guy Bennett Lumber, port of Wilma, Clarkston Washington, -**

At least twenty (20) logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**For logs being hauled to other Regions, the painting and branding requirements will be the following:**

**For sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 2 –**

At least ten (10) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. Or as identified by Region 2 given the location of where logs are being delivered.

**Sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 3 and Region 5 –**

All sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be single end painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**Sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 6 –**

At least twenty (20) logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**Sawtimber products being delivered to port of Umatilla, Oregon, other ports east of the Cascades, all points west of the Cascades and any port of entry into British Columbia –**

All sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be double end painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs.

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Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

**Log and Load Identification Operating Procedures.**

- a. If mule trains or truck/pup combinations are used, each bunked load stands on its own and these requirements will apply to each unit. If a flatbed stake trailer is used, each bundle will be treated as a separate unit.
- b. Bucking of broken-ended logs on the sale area to furnish a branding surface will not be required.
- c. Purchasers of Idaho timber sales will have to register their brands with the State Board of Scaling Practices at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Timber purchasers already having brands registered with the State of Idaho may use these brands on Forest Service timber sales, when approved in advance by the State Forester. The same applies to purchasers of Montana sales destined to be processed in Idaho.
- d. Branding and painting of non-sawtimber logs is not required.

**Sample-DOMESTIC PROCESSING OF TIMBER AGREEMENT**  
**USE OF TIMBER**

The Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) (Act) and the \_\_\_\_\_ Timber Sale on the \_\_\_\_\_ National Forest, dated: \_\_\_\_\_, between: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Purchaser)

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (enter state).  
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acting through the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, expressly requires that all unprocessed timber sold or otherwise transferred thereunder shall not be exported from the United States and shall receive domestic processing within the United States. The requirement for domestic processing does not apply to Port Orford cedar and Alaska yellow cedar. Within the terms and conditions of this contract, "unprocessed timber" is defined to mean: "Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use and intended for remanufacture (36 CFR 223.186)".

The unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands which is being transferred under this agreement is branded with the following brand: \_\_\_\_\_

As a buyer of logs, bolts, or other roundwood originating from the sale area of said timber sale, (I) (We) acknowledge the Federal origin of such timber and agree to abide with the Act and by the terms and conditions of said contract with respect to the domestic processing of unprocessed timber. (I) (We) also agree that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint will not be removed from logs until they are domestically processed. In addition, (I) (We) agree to require the execution of another "Agreement" by any party we sell, exchange, or otherwise deliver such "unprocessed timber" to, as a condition of such a sale, exchange, or delivery, the "Agreement" shall (1) specify domestic processing for unprocessed timber, and (2) require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are domestically processed, and (3) require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving unprocessed timber. And to submit a copy of each agreement within 10 calendar days of the transaction to the State from which the Federal timber originated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Seller/Transferer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Buyer/Transferee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address)

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 (Address)

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 (Signature of Authorized Official)

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 (Signature of Authorized Official)

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 (Date)



Attachment F

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**U.S. Forest Service**

**Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Order**

**Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Area**

Flathead, Lolo, Kootenai, Helena-Lewis and Clark, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests  
USDA, Forest Service, Region One

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §551 and Title 36 C.F.R. §261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited or restricted on the Flathead, Lolo, Kootenai, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forests, Montana, within the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem area.

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, except as specified in this Order. Exhibit B, which is hereby made part of this Order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc)
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, except as specified in this Order. Exhibit B, which is hereby made part of this Order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of these restrictions is to reduce the likelihood of a human-to-bear conflict, compromising the safety for both humans and bears.

**AREA RESTRICTED**

Appropriate food storage or attendance, as outlined in this Order, is required on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Flathead, Lolo, Kootenai, and Helena – Lewis and Clark, except the Crazy Mountain Range, on the Belt Creek–White Sulphur Springs Ranger District and on all NFS lands within that portion of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Butte Ranger District, within the Elkhorn Mountain Range, as depicted on the map, Exhibit A, which is hereby made part of this Order.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect annually from March 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, through calendar year 2028.
2. Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Special Order Prohibitions, Information and Definitions are attached as Exhibit B, and hereby made a part of this Order.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e)(1)
2. Any Federal or State officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties. 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e)(4)

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**PENALTY**

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

**INFORMATION**

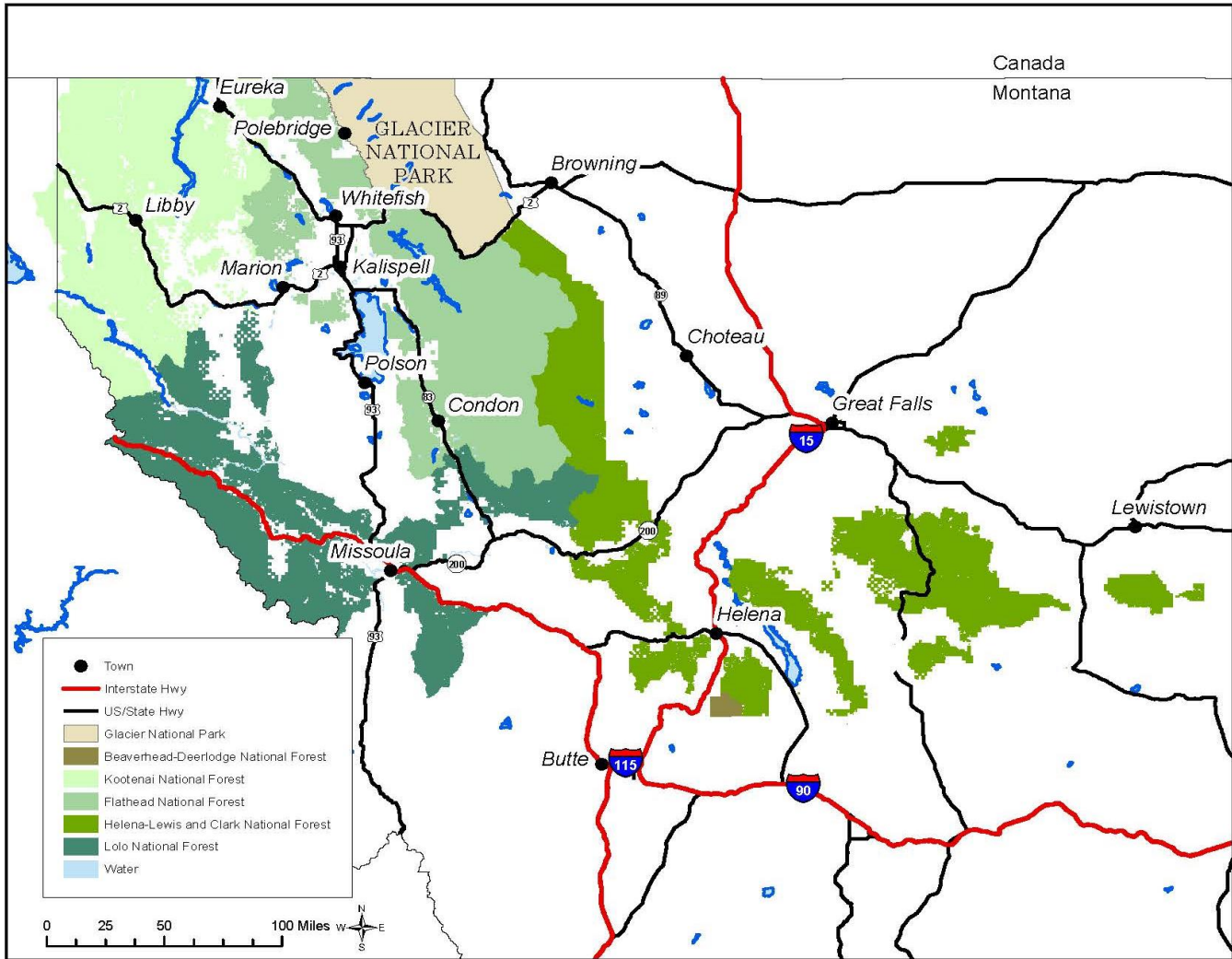
Further information regarding this order may be obtained at any of the following Supervisors Offices: Flathead National Forest, located at 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT, (406) 758-7502. Lolo National Forest, located at 24 Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT (406) 329-3750, or Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, located at 2880 Skyway Drive Helena, MT (406) 449-520, Kootenai National Forest, located at 31374 US Highway 2, Libby, MT (406) 293-6211, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, located at 420 Barrett St. Dillion, MT (406) 683-3900.

Done this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

By:  Digitally signed by LEANNE MARTEN  
Date: 2023.02.28 11:51:37 -07'00'

Leanne Marten  
Regional Forester  
Northern Region, USDA Forest Service

**Exhibit A**  
Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Area, Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Order  
Order # R1-2023-02



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**Exhibit B**

**Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Special Order Prohibition, Information and Definitions**

It Is Required That:

1. During daytime hours, all attractants, including human, pet, and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives) and garbage shall be stored in a bear resistant manner when not being attended.
2. During nighttime hours, all attractants, including human, pet, and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives) and garbage shall be stored in a bear resistant manner unless it is in immediate control, being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for storage, as defined herein.
3. Any harvested animal carcasses (including big game, birds, fish or other animal parts) that are within 1/2-mile of any camp or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest System Trail shall be stored in a bear-resistant manner by the responsible party (unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for storage, as defined herein). If a wildlife carcass is within an attended camp during daytime hours it may be on the ground.
4. Attractants shall not be buried, discarded, or burned in an open campfire.
  - a. Leftover food or food waste products may be placed in an appropriate, sealed container and packed out with garbage.
  - b. Leftover food or other attractants may be burned in a contained stove fire.
  - c. Attractants may be placed into a suitable container (i.e. tin can) to prevent leaching into the ground and burned over an open campfire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with other garbage and packed out.
5. The responsible party shall report the death and location of any livestock to a Forest Service Official within 24 hours of discovery. In some very remote areas, it may not be possible to meet the 24-hour requirement. In these special cases, the responsible party shall report to a Forest Official the discovery of any dead livestock within 48 hours.
6. Approved bear-resistant containers meet the following criteria: A container included in the most current Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) Certified Bear-Resistant Products list. A container not on the list may also be certified by the local District Ranger or their designated representative(s) if it is inspected and approved based on IGBC criteria.

## Definitions

1. Attended: At least one adult person (attendee) is physically present within 100 feet who is awake and alert and in immediate control of attractants.
2. Attractant: Food as defined below and garbage from human, livestock, or pet foods. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
3. Food: Any nourishing substance, which includes human food or drink (canned, solid, or liquid), livestock feed (except baled or cubed hay without additives) and pet food.
4. Attendee: An adult, 18 years of age or older, in control of attractants.
5. Bear-resistant container: A container included in the most current Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) Certified Bear-Resistant Products list (<https://igbconline.org/>).
6. Bear-resistant manner: Any attractants, including food and garbage, must be stored in one of the following ways if unattended:
  - a. secured in a hard-sided Recreational Vehicle, vehicle trunk, cab, or trailer cab.
  - b. secured in a hard-sided dwelling or storage building.
  - c. suspended at least 10 feet up (from the bottom of the suspended item) and 4 feet out from any upright support, i.e. tree or pole.
  - d. stored in an approved bear-resistant container.
  - e. stored within an approved and operating electric fence.
  - f. stored in any combination of these methods; or
  - g. stored by methods other than those described in Section #6, a-f, that shall be approved in writing by the Forest Supervisor.
7. Contained fire stove: A metal stove that completely encloses the fire.
8. Daytime: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
9. Nighttime: 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
10. Livestock: A domesticated animal, such as mule, horse, llama, or goat.
11. Wildlife carcass: The body, or any parts thereof, of any deceased wild animal, bird, or fish.

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12. Approved electric fences will meet, as a minimum, the following specifications:

- a. **7 Strand Fence** (refer to Forest Service publication 9923-2321-MTDC, “Electric Fence Systems: Requirements for Meeting the NCDE Food Storage Special Order, 1999”, for more description of fence specifications and set-up):
  - (1) The fence will be set up as a “tight wire” fence. The wire will be tight and under tension, not loose or sagging.
  - (2) Minimum fence height 4 feet.
  - (3) Minimum post height 5 feet.
  - (4) Maximum spacing between posts 8 feet.
  - (5) Conductors (wire): Minimum of 7 wires, with 6-10 inch spacing between wires. Bottom wire must be within 2 inches of the ground. All wire must be smooth metal fence wire of at least 16 gauge or poly wire, except the top wire which may be poly tape of at least six strand stainless steel.
  - (6) The system will be set up to operate both as a ground wire return and a grounded system. The 2 top wires will be hot, with all other wires alternating hot and ground. The minimum length ground rod is 2 feet.
  - (7) Fence charger (minimum): (1) energizer output of 0.7 joules; (2) tested peak output of 5000 volts; (3) 40 shocks per minute. User must be able to test electrical output in the field.
  - (8) The charger must be made inaccessible to disturbance from a bear. The charger may be stored within the interior of the fence or located a minimum of 10 feet above ground.
  - (9) Minimum distance between fence and items enclosed by fence.....3 feet.
- b. **Portable Electric Mesh Fence** (refer to Forest Service publication 0723- 2305-MTDC, “Specifications for Portable Electric Fence Systems as Potential Alternative Methods for Food Storage, 2007”, for more description of fence specifications and set-up):
  - (1) Portable electric mesh fence shall not be left in any location for more than 16 days.
  - (2) Minimum fence height.....33 inches.
  - (3) Minimum post length.....42 inches.

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- (4) Post construction required to be polyethylene with metal spike on bottom.
- (5) Minimum of 3 strands of stainless-steel wire per horizontal wire.
- (6) Minimum number of horizontal wires.....8.
- (7) Horizontal opening in mesh required to be less than 12 inches.
- (8) Minimum length of ground rod required to be 1 foot and earth ground is mandatory.
- (9) Fence charger (minimum): (1) energizer output of 0.11 joules; (2) Minimum tested peak output voltage (on every hot conductor, with no load other than the fence) required to be 5,000 volts. (3) Minimum pulse duration (with a 10,000-ohm load applied) required to be 0.05 milliseconds: (4) Minimum shocks per minute....35.  
**User must be able to test electrical output in the field.**
- (10) Minimum distance between fence and items inside.....1½ feet.
- (11) Readable placard indicating fence is electrified is required.
- (12) Maximum fence length.....60 feet.
- (13) Minimum of 2 LED lights.



# Montana Department of Transportation

## Approach Permit

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 Helena, MT 59620-1001  
 (406) 444-6200  
[www.mdt.mt.gov](http://www.mdt.mt.gov)

Printed Date: 07/24/2023

**Permit Number:** 7951  
**Name:** JODI TURK  
**Company Name:** MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
**Address:** 177 STATE LANDS OFFICE ROAD  
 LIBBY, MT 59923  
**Phone Number:** (406) 283-3528  
**Nature of Permit:**

APPROACH FOR TIMBER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:  
 WE ARE APPLYING FOR A ROAD APPROACH FROM MT HWY 37 IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIMBER HARVEST AND HAUL FROM THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY WARHORSE TIMBER SALE.

Sign Route	Corridor	Mile Post Start	Mile Post End	County
MT-37	C000033	24.72	24.72	Lincoln

### Conditions of Permit:

- 1) All other necessary permits for this project must be obtained by and are the responsibility of the applicant/permittee.
- 2) Any affected ground on MDT right of way must be returned to its original condition and reseeded with certified weed free seed.
- 3) Applicant/Permittee Shall Not Store or Park Equipment or Materials in Right-A-Way After Hours of Project.
- 4) Applicant/Permittee is responsible for any rocks, gravel or debris that is carried onto the roadway by this forage removal. Sweeping and cleaning will be done daily at the permittee's expense as required.
- 5) If any deviation from the approved plans is determined necessary at the time of construction, the deviation must be approved by MDT.
- 6) Permittee or their contractors are required to meet all signing and traffic control requirements while working on MDT right of way in accordance with MUTCD specifications. A traffic control plan must be submitted and approved prior to any work beginning. Provisions may or may not be necessary for pedestrians and bicyclists (site specific). Contractor is responsible for Traffic Control and work schedule coordination with other projects in the vicinity to ensure public safety, adequate traffic flow and appropriate signage is met at all times.

### Drainage Information:

Type	Size	Length	Drain Site Distance Right	Drain Site Distance Left
Cmp	18"	60'	1170	1200

### Other Remarks and/or Conditions:

Approach must be barricaded when not in use. Approach must be removed within 30 days of ceasing logging operations. "Logging operation" and "trucks entering" signs must be placed at 500' from each direction of the approach during the span of the work.

Applicant Date	Issue Date	End Date	Permit Type	Maintenance Division
Jun 22, 2023	Jul 21, 2023	Jul 21, 2024	Temporary	Kalispell

### Signatures

Type	Signature	Title
MDT District Rep	Jesse Gascon	Maintenance Superintendent
Applicant	Jodi Turk	



**Approach Permits are subject to the following terms and conditions:**

**TERM** - This permit shall be in full force and effect from the date hereof until revoked as herein provided.

**REVOCATION** - This permit may be revoked by State upon giving thirty (30) days notice to Permittee by ordinary mail, directed to the address shown in the application hereto attached, but the State reserves the right to revoke this permit without giving said notice in the event Permittee breaks any of the conditions or terms set forth herein.

**COMMENCEMENT OF WORK** - No work shall be commenced until Permittee notifies the Maintenance Chief shown in application the date the Permittee proposes to commence work.

**CHANGES IN HIGHWAY** - If the State changes the highway, or there are other changes to adjoining streets, alleys, etc., which necessitate alterations in structures or installations installed under this permit, Permittee shall make the necessary alterations at Permittee's sole expense or in accordance with a separate agreement.

**STATE SAVED HARMLESS FROM CLAIMS** - In accepting this permit the Permittee, its/his successors or assigns, agree to protect the State and save it harmless from all claims, actions or damage of every kind and description which may accrue to, or be suffered by, any person or persons, corporations or property by reason of the performance of any such work, character of materials used, or manner of installations, maintenance and operation, or by the improper occupancy of said highway right of way, and in case any suit or action is brought against the State and arising out of, or by reason of, any of the above causes, the Permittee, its/his successors or assigns, will upon notice to it/him of the commencement of such action, defend the same at its/his sole cost and expense and satisfy any judgment which may be rendered against the State in any such suit or action.

**PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC** - Submit a traffic control plan for review and approval prior to any work being performed in MDT Right-of-Way. Traffic control must meet current MUTCD and MDT standards and guidance. The approval shall in no way operate to relieve or discharge the Permittee from any of the obligations assumed by acceptance of this permit, and especially those set forth under Section 6 thereof.

**HIGHWAY AND DRAINAGE** - If the work done under this permit interferes in any way with the drainage of the State Highway affected, Permittee shall, at its/his own expense, make such provisions as the State may direct to take care of said drainage.

**RUBBISH AND DEBRIS** - Permittee is responsible for debris that is carried onto the roadway by this construction with sweeping and cleaning done daily at permittee's expense. Upon completion of work contemplated under this permit, all rubbish and debris shall be immediately removed and the roadway and the roadside left in a neat and presentable condition satisfactory to the State.

**WORK TO BE SUPERVISED BY STATE** - All work contemplated under this permit shall be done under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of the authorized representative of the State, and the State hereby reserves the right to order the change of location or removal of any structure or installation authorized by this permit at any time, said changes or removal to be made at the sole expense of the permittee.

**STATES RIGHT NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH** - All such changes, reconstructing or relocation shall be done by Permittee, in such a manner as will cause the least interference with any of the State's work, and the State shall in no way be liable for any damage to the Permittee by reason of any such work by the State, its agents, contractors or representatives, or by the exercise of any rights by the State upon the highways by the installations or structures placed under this permit.

**REMOVAL OF INSTALLATIONS OR STRUCTURES** - Unless waived by the State, upon termination of this permit, the Permittee shall remove the installations or structures contemplated by this permit and restore the premises to the condition existing at the time of entering upon the same under this permit, reasonable and ordinary wear and tear and damage by the elements, or by circumstances over which the Permittee has no control, excepted.

**MAINTENANCE AT EXPENSE OF PERMITTEE** - Permittee shall maintain, at its/his sole expense the installations and structures for which this permit is granted, in a condition satisfactory to the State.

**STATE NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS** - In accepting this permit the Permittee agrees that any damage or injury done to said installations or structures by a contractor working for the State, or by any State employee engaged in construction, alteration, repair, maintenance or improvement of the State Highway, shall be at the sole expense of the Permittee.

**STATE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR REPAIRING ROADWAY** - Upon being billed therefor Permittee agrees to promptly reimburse State for any expense incurred in repairing surface or roadway due to settlement at installation, or for any other damage to roadway as a result of the work performed under this permit.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:**

All approach side slopes will preferably be constructed on 10 to 1 slope but not less than 6 to 1 slope, unless



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The Montana Approach Manual can be found on the web at

[https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/manuals/approach\\_manual.pdf](https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/manuals/approach_manual.pdf)

### Applicant Information

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email \*

JODI

TURK

Jodi.Turk@mt.gov

Company

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Mailing Address \*

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State \*

Zip \*

LIBBY

MT

59923

### Alternate Contact/Co-Applicant Information (Optional)

First Name	Last Name	Email	Phone	Contact Type
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### Location Information

Sign Route \*

Route Name

Mile Post Start \*

Mile Post End

MT-37

24.72

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Physical Address \*

23911 MONTANA 37 - APPROX 24.7 MILES NORTH OF LIBBY

City \*

County \*

LIBBY

LINCOLN

Legal Description

LINCOLN COUNTY T32N R29W S35

Township

Range

Section



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## Permit Information

**Nature of Permit (Give sufficient detail of anticipated build/structure/activities that the applicant is requesting to occur in MDT's right-of-way.) \***

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**Apply Date \***

6/22/23

**For how long a period is the permit desired? (e.g. Permanent, 30 days, May 1-June 30, 202x)?**

2023

**Project Scope (Please describe location of work and entire project scope. Include distance from existing highway survey station (if applicable), milepost, centerline, or right-of-way line near which installations of structures will be installed. Please attach a map depicting location.)**

THE WARHORSE TIMBER SALE IS APPROXIMATELY 24 MILES NORTH OF LIBBY IN S35 T32N R29W. FOR THE PURPOSE OF TIMBER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, FOREST HEALTH AND FUELS REDUCTION, WE ARE APPLYING FOR A HWY 37 ROAD APPROACH TO IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN THE EAST RESERVOIR PROJECT NEPA DECISION. THE PROJECT IS CALLED GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY WARHORSE AND WILL BE CONTRACTED BY THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION UTILIZING THE GNA AUTHORITY. TRIPS WILL BE SPORADIC FOR LOG HAULING AND ADMINISTRATIVE USE.

**If a Corporation, give State of Incorporation and names of President and Secretary**

**Estimated Trips/Day \***

15

**Side of Roadway \***

- North
- South
- East
- West

**Use of Property \***

- Commercial
- Field Access
- Joint Use
- Mutli Family Residence
- Single Family Residence
- Other. If 'Other' please enter Use of Property

**Are there environmental actions involving hazardous waste sites? (Superfund, Spills, Underground Storage Tanks, Old Mines, etc.) If Yes you will need to fill out additional environment questions.**

- Yes
- No

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### Environmental Checklist

The Montana Environmental Checklist Help Guide can be found on the web at

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/planning/forms/environmental-checklist-helpsheet.pdf>

#### Checklist Conditions and Required Approvals

- A. The applicant is not authorized to proceed with the proposed work until the checklist has been reviewed and approved, as necessary, and any requested conditions of approval have been incorporated.
- B. Complete the checklist items 1 through 16, indicating "Yes" or "No" for each item. Include comments, explanations, information sources, and a description of the magnitude/importance of potential impacts in the right hand column. Attach additional and supporting information as needed. The checklist preparer, by signing, certifies the accuracy of the information provided.
- C. If "Yes" is indicated on any of the items, the Applicant must explain the impacts as applicable. Appropriate mitigation measures that will be taken to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse impacts must also be described. Any proposed mitigation measures will become a condition of approval. Use attachments if necessary. If the applicant checks "No" and the District concludes there may in fact be potential impacts, the Environmental Checklist must be forwarded to Transportation Planning for review and approval.
- D. If "Yes" is indicated in item 11 a. (threatened or endangered species), the Applicant should provide information naming the particular species and the expected location, distribution and habitat use in the proposed action area, i.e. within the immediate area of the proposed action; or, in the general area on occasion (seasonally passes through) but does not nest, den or occupy the area for more than a few days.
- E. If the applicant checks "Yes" for any item, the approach permit, occupancy agreement or permit, along with the checklist and supporting information, including the Applicant's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permits must be submitted to Transportation Planning. Electronic format is preferred.
- F. When the applicant checks "Yes" to any item, the Applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until the MDT Environmental Services Bureau and/or Transportation Planning, as appropriate, reviews the information and signs the checklist.
- G. Applicant must obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the proposed action or activity. The Applicant is solely responsible for any environmental impacts incurred as a result of the project; obtaining any necessary environmental permits, notifications, and/or clearances; and ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Impact Questions *			Comment, Explanation, and/or Information Source (Attach supporting information, as necessary.)
Actions that qualify for Categorical Exclusion under MEPA and/or NEPA (See ARM 18.2.261 and 23 CFR 771.117)			
1	Will the proposed action impact any known historical or archaeological site(s)?	NO	
2	Will the proposed action impact any publicly owned parkland(s), recreation area(s), wildlife or waterfowl refuge(s)?	NO	
3	Will the proposed action impact prime farmlands? (If "YES", attach a completed Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Ad-1006.)	NO	
4a	Will the proposed action have an impact on the human environment that may result from relocations of persons or businesses, changes in traffic patterns, changes in grade, or other types of changes?	NO	
4b	Has the proposed action received any preliminary or final approval from the local land use authority?	YES	Preliminary approval from USFS
5	For the proposed action, is there documented controversy on environmental grounds? (For example, has the applicant received a letter of petition from an environmental organization?)	NO	
6	Will the proposed action require work in, across or adjacent to a listed or proposed Wild or Scenic River?	NO	
7	Will the proposed action require work in a Class I Air Shed or nonattainment area?	NO	



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8	Will the proposed action impact air quality or increase noise, even temporarily?	NO	
9a	Is the proposed action located within an MS4 Area? ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3H54CNMD">HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3H54CNMD</a> )	NO	
9b	Will the proposed action have potential to affect water quality, wetlands, streams or other water bodies? If "YES", an environment-related permit or authorization may be required.	NO	
10	Are solid or hazardous wastes or petroleum products likely to be encountered? (For example, project occurs in or adjacent to Superfund sites, known spill areas, understorage tanks, or abandoned mines.)	NO	
11a	Are there any listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat in the vicinity of the proposed action?	NO	
11b	Will the proposed action adversely affect listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or adversely modify critical habitat?	NO	
12	Will the proposed action require an environmental-related permit or authorization? If the answer is "YES", please list the specific permits or authorizations.	YES	East Reservoir NEPA Project Decision
13	Is the proposed action within designated sage grouse habitat ( <a href="https://sagegrouse.mt.gov">https://sagegrouse.mt.gov</a> ). (If "YES", a consultation letter issued from the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program is required.)	NO	
14a	Is the proposed action on or within approximately 1 mile of an Indian Reservation?	NO	
14b	If "YES", will a Tribal Water Permit be required?	N/A	
15	Will the proposed action result in increased traffic volumes, increased wait or delays on state highways, or have adverse impacts on other forms of transportation (rail, transit or air movements)?	NO	
16	Is the proposed action part of a project that may require other governmental permits, licenses or easements? If "Yes", describe the full extent of the project and any other permits, licenses or easements that may be necessary for the applicant to acquire in the project scope box above.	NO	
17	Attach a brief description of the work to be performed, including any subsurface work.	YES	
18	Attach representative photos of the site(s) where the proposed action would be implemented. Photos are to include any structures, streams, irrigation canals, and/or potential wetlands in the project area.	YES	
19	Attach map(s) showing the location(s) of the proposed action(s); Section, Township, Range; highway or route number and approximate route post(s).	YES	

Checklist preparer:

(Signature)

**Approach Permits are subject to the following terms and conditions.**

**TERM** - This permit shall be in full force and effect from the date hereof until revoked as herein provided.

**REVOCAION** - This permit may be revoked by State upon giving thirty (30) days notice to Permittee by ordinary mail, directed to the address shown in the application hereto attached, but the State reserves the right to revoke this permit without giving said notice in the event Permittee breaks any of the conditions or terms set forth herein.

**COMMENCEMENT OF WORK** - No work shall be commenced until Permittee notifies the Maintenance Chief shown in application the date the Permittee proposes to commence work.

**CHANGES IN HIGHWAY** - If the State changes the highway, or there are other changes to adjoining streets, alleys, etc., which necessitate alterations in structures or installations installed under this permit, Permittee shall make the necessary alterations at Permittee's sole expense or in accordance with a separate agreement.

**STATE SAVED HARMLESS FROM CLAIMS** - In accepting this permit the Permittee, its/his successors or assigns, agree to protect the State and save it harmless from all claims, actions or damage of every kind and description which may accrue to, or be suffered by, any person or persons, corporations or property by reason of the performance of any such work, character of materials used, or manner of installations, maintenance and operation, or by the improper occupancy of said highway right of way, and in case any suit or action is brought against the State and arising out of, or by reason of, any of the above causes, the Permittee, its/his successors or assigns, will upon notice to it/him of the commencement of such action, defend the same at its/his sole cost and expense and satisfy any judgment which may be rendered against the State in any such suit or action.

**PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC** - Submit a traffic control plan for review and approval prior to any work being performed in MDT Right-of-Way. Traffic control must meet current MUTCD and MDT standards and guidance. The approval shall in no way operate to relieve or discharge the Permittee from any of the obligations assumed by acceptance of this permit, and especially those set forth under Section 6 thereof.

**HIGHWAY AND DRAINAGE** - If the work done under this permit interferes in any way with the drainage of the State Highway affected, Permittee shall, at its/his own expense, make such provisions as the State may direct to take care of said drainage.

**RUBBISH AND DEBRIS** - Permittee is responsible for debris that is carried onto the roadway by this construction with sweeping and cleaning done daily at permittee's expense. Upon completion of work contemplated under this permit, all rubbish and debris shall be immediately removed and the roadway and the roadside left in a neat and presentable condition satisfactory to the State.

**WORK TO BE SUPERVISED BY STATE** - All work contemplated under this permit shall be done under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of the authorized representative of the State, and the State hereby reserves the right to order the change of location or removal of any structure or installation authorized by this permit at any time, said changes or removal to be made at the sole expense of the permittee.

**STATES RIGHT NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH** - All such changes, reconstructing or relocation shall be done by Permittee, in such a manner as will cause the least interference with any of the State's work, and the State shall in no way be liable for any damage to the Permittee by reason of any such work by the State, its agents, contractors or representatives, or by the exercise of any rights by the State upon the highways by the installations or structures placed under this permit.

**REMOVAL OF INSTALLATIONS OR STRUCTURES** - Unless waived by the State, upon termination of this permit, the Permittee shall remove the installations or structures contemplated by this permit and restore the premises to the condition existing at the time of entering upon the same under this permit, reasonable and ordinary wear and tear and damage by the elements, or by circumstances over which the Permittee has no control, excepted.

**MAINTENANCE AT EXPENSE OF PERMITTEE** - Permittee shall maintain, at its/his sole expense the installations and structures for which this permit is granted, in a condition satisfactory to the State.

**STATE NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS** - In accepting this permit the Permittee agrees that any damage or injury done to said installations or structures by a contractor working for the State, or by any State employee engaged in construction, alteration, repair, maintenance or improvement of the State Highway, shall be at the sole expense of the Permittee.

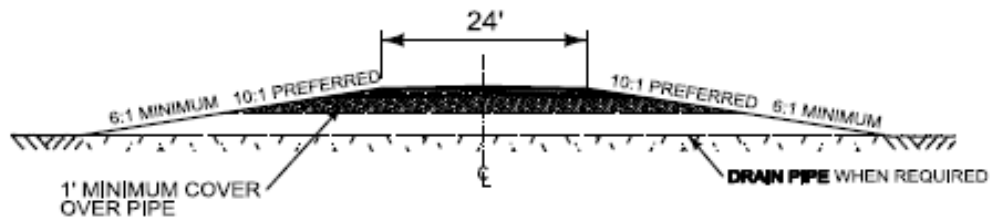
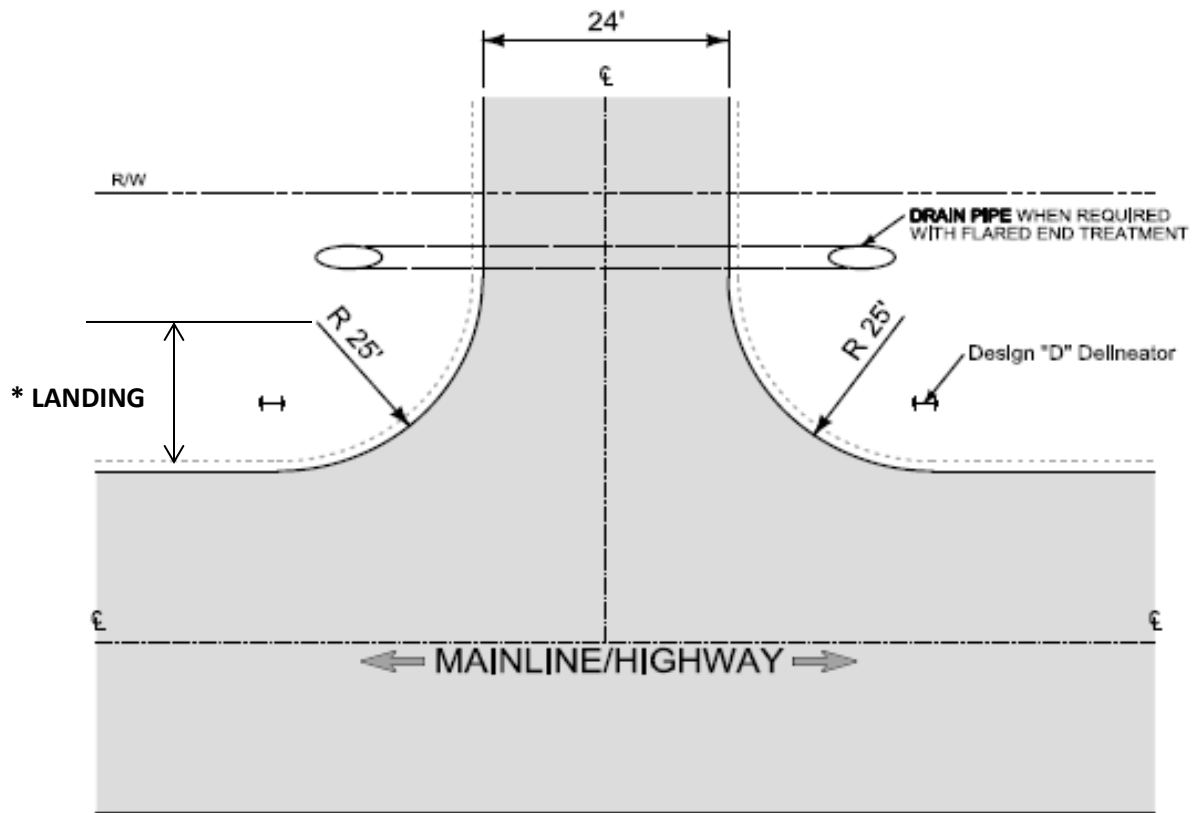
**STATE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR REPAIRING ROADWAY** - Upon being billed therefor Permittee agrees to promptly reimburse State for any expense incurred in repairing surface or roadway due to settlement at installation, or for any other damage to roadway as a result of the work performed under this permit.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:**

All approach side slopes will preferably be constructed on 10 to 1 slope but not less than 6 to 1 slope, unless

## TYPICAL APPROACH SECTION

### AT RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE



\* 25.0' MIN. FOR PRIVATE OR FIELD APP.

75.0' MIN. FOR COUNTY AND MAIN ROADS

SLOPE LANDING FOR DRAINAGE, -2% DESIRABLE

Provide 6:1 or flatter slopes

If culvert installed inside the clear zone provide RACET end treatment.

Topsoil and seed finished slopes with certified weed free seed.