

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Bigfoot timber sale is located within sections 05, 08, & 17 of T4N – R4W within the Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office. Approximately 3,786 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Friday October 18th, at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.** Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$500.00** representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the first sale invoice for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **30** calendar days from the date the sale is awarded, the bid deposit will be retained by the Department as liquidated damages. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prospective bidders can obtain the sale prospectus, sale contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300) or the DNRC Central Land Office (406-458-3500).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Bigfoot			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-702-5148	Ann Parks	CLO
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State within 30 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale or \$2,000.00 whichever is greater. The performance bond may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the Timber Sale Contract. See the Timber Sale Contract for additional information.
6. The purchaser must submit an **Advance Stumpage Payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance stumpage payment will cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless otherwise specified, the price applies to all species, green and dead. Price may vary by product. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for each load hauled, regardless of product type.
8. The State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold under this Contract. Other products may be part of this sale. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The State recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the Timber Sale Contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
9. The State does not conduct detailed road appraisals. All appraised costs are gross estimates or averages, provided only to show the relative amount of work required, and not the true market value. The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements. Cost estimates provided are not guaranteed.
10. Bidders are encouraged to examine the complete Timber Sale Package and Sale Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
11. Estimates for sale volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Sale Contract are not guaranteed.
12. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

1. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Bureau of Land Management land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the BLM, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on BLM Lands. Considering Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, BLM, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and BLM may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Environmental Analysis requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and programs.
4. Formulas for reaching all estimates are described on the information sheet.
5. Some rounding errors may be noticeable.
6. The offered sale is approximately 266 acres of primarily green Douglas-fir, averaging 1.5MBF/ac
7. An Alternative Practice as been approved for operations within the SMZ on Unit 1.
8. A pre-bid tour is not scheduled for this timber sale. Bidders are encouraged to visit the sale area and units prior to bid submission. All units are accessible from the State Creek Road approximately 16 miles north of Whitehall, MT on Rt. 399, Whitetail Road.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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GNA BIGFOOT										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	Live DF	Dead DF	WL	LP	WF					TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										\$2.50
Pounds per cubic foot	62	40								
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	3,762	24								3,786 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	41	0								41 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	410	4								414 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	16.8	19								16.9%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	341	3								344 MBF
Average logs per MBF	35.7	43.5								
Average DBH	13.3	12								
Average tons per acre harvested	→									17 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units	→									
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									1.5 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	276 and 412 Net MBF									19.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	3,786 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 344 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									11.01 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	7/15/2026
Operating Season:	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by ground lead (jammer)	
% of volume logged by skyline	
Yarding distance tractor (average)	300 ft.
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	
Yarding distance skyline (average)	
Estimated haul distance (paved)	63.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	2.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$22,200.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$5.86/ton

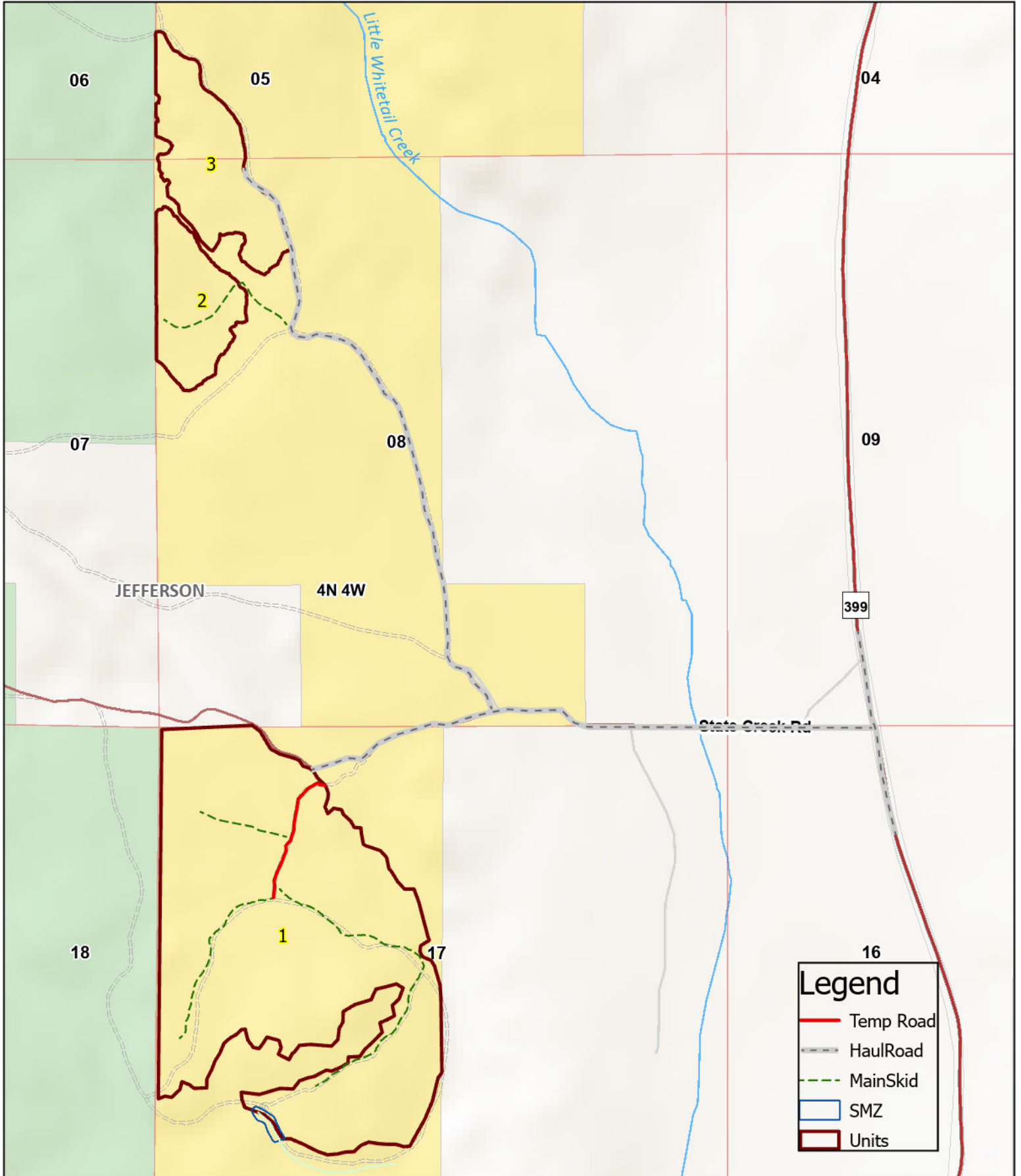
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$7,980
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$2.11/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	
Miles of road construction	
Miles of road reconstruction	
Miles of road with site improvements	
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.5 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	2.5 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest date
1	170	2,462	224	July 15, 2026
2	21	465	42	July 15, 2026
3	31	859	78	July 15, 2026
	222 Ac.	3,786 tons	344 MBF	



GNA Bigfoot Sale Map

Attachment A-1



Legend

- Temp Road
- - - Haul Road
- - - Main Skid
- SMZ
- Units



GNA Bigfoot Haul Map



Attachment A-2

