

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Rocky Top Timber Permit is located within section 31 of T36N – R26W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 1,186 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Wednesday July 10th 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 **\$660.00** 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 Libby Unit Office located in Libby (406-283-3528).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

<b>Timber Sale Name: GNA Rocky Top</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-889-7839	Derek Luchik	Libby Unit
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern	Land Office

**General Bidding Information**

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State within 30 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the Timber Sale Contract. See the Timber Sale Contract for additional information.
6. The purchaser must submit an **Advance Stumpage Payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance stumpage payment will cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless otherwise specified, the price applies to all species, green and dead. Price may vary by product. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for each load hauled, regardless of product type.
8. The State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold under this Contract. Other products may be part of this sale. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The State recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the Timber Sale Contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
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 Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. OPERATING PERIOD: Operating period is limited to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2) and when conditions meet VII.M.1 and VII.M.2.
8. The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale as shown in VII.E. TABLE 3 HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE.
9. The Purchaser will be required to Fell Damaged Residual trees according to Contract Section VII.G.1. The Purchaser will not be required to do further slashing or piling of residual trees or slash in the cutting units.
10. Prospective bidders should view the sale from the designated haul route. 7978 > 3683 > 688 > Tobacco Road.
11. The ground on this sale is rocky in nature. Prospective bidders are highly encouraged to view the site in person to make sure their equipment is suitable to complete this job before submitting a bid. Small s
12. Optional Unit 42-A is a 4 acre sub-unit of the main unit 42. This area has challenging access and bouldery ground. The forester located 2 possible entry locations detailed in Attachment A. Prospective bidders should view these on the ground to determine feasibility. Much of the timber in this unit would require conventional falling. Many trees would be accessible with a piece of machinery after conventional falling, some would require additional yarding. Harvesting and yarding methods will be subject to agreement in this optional unit as described in VIII.G.1.a.b.
13. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Derek Luchik (406) 889-7839.

**Timber Sale Information Sheet**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

GNA Rocky Top												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All   All   Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$11.02
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3								40.0	
Estimated CF		50596.8	4515.0								0.0	55,112 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		1496.9	170.3								0.0	1,667 CF
Estimated gross tons of sawlogs		1300	109								0	<b>1,408 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		38	4								0	42 tons
Gross MBF		198	20								0	217 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		16.2	17.1								0.0	16.3%
Net MBF		165	16								0	182 MBF
Average logs per MBF		35.8	34.6								0.0	35.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		10.6	9.8								0.0	10.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												26 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												3.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												86
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	128 and 235 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											29.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	1,408 estimated tons / 182 Net MBF											7.75 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/31/2025	
Operating Period:	When conditions meet VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	750 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	65.0 miles

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$3,732
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.65/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.54/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton

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Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 miles
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<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee per MBF	\$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 Environmental Cost total \$	\$458
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.33/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$2,409.15
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$1.71/ton

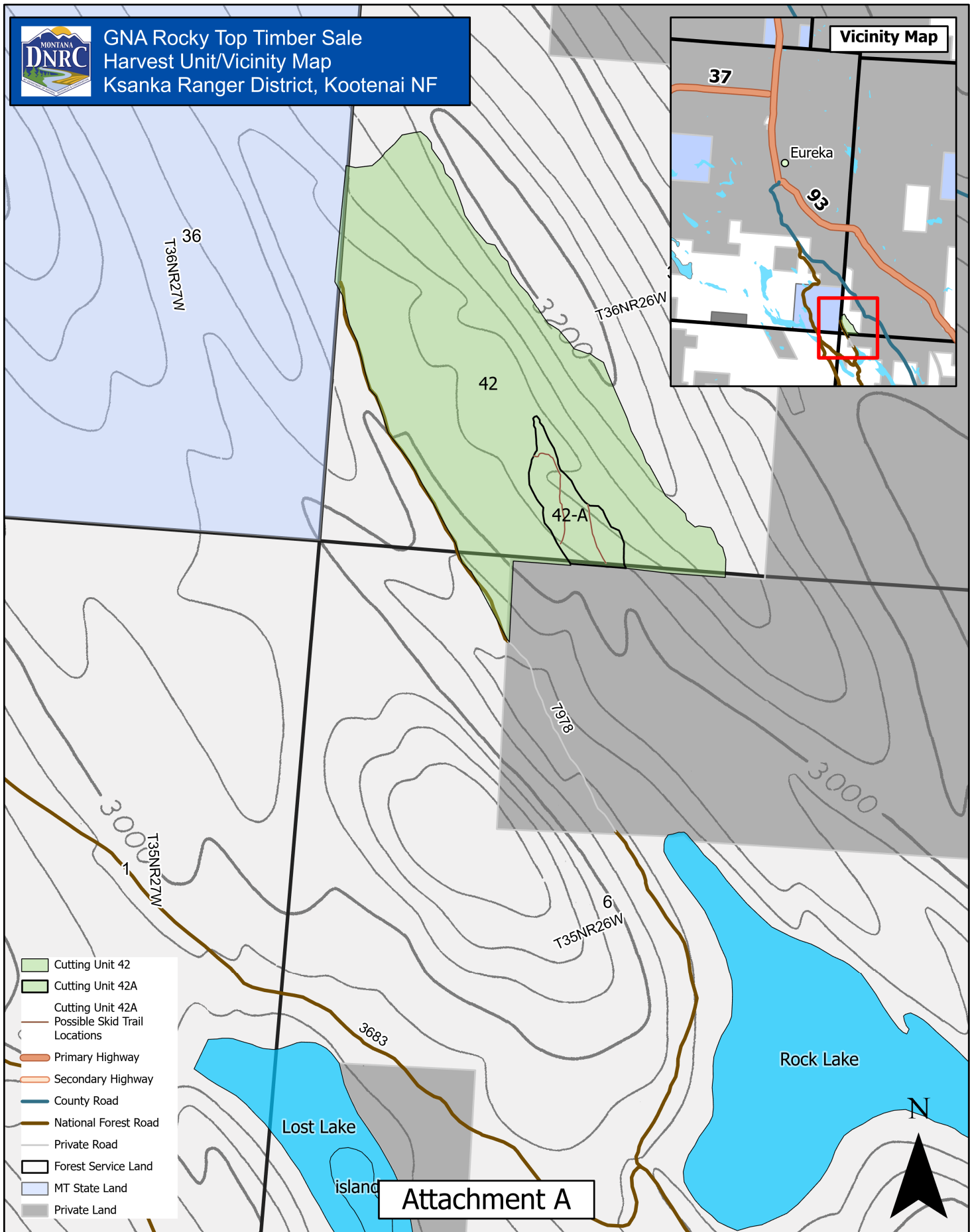
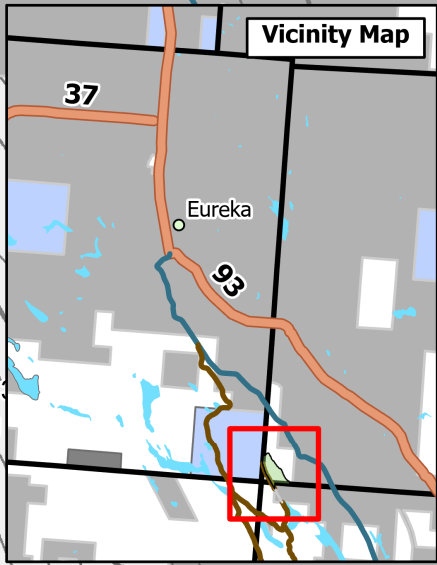
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	4.5 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Net Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
42	50.87	1187	156	December 31, 2025
	51 Ac.	1,187 tons	156 MBF	

<b>Optional Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Net Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
42-A	3.79	178	21	December 31, 2025
	4 Ac.	178 tons	21 MBF	



**GNA Rocky Top Timber Sale  
Harvest Unit/Vicinity Map  
Ksanka Ranger District, Kootenai NF**



**Attachment A**

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