NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Seeley timber sale is located within sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35 of T17N – R15W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 33,437 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, August 20th, 2025, 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 \$16,658 representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the first sale invoice for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

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

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

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Seeley

For specific sale information, contact:

Phone 406-531-0265 Brian Cannata DNRC Southwest Land Office

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. 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 <u>are not guaranteed.</u>
- 12. <u>This prospectus is provided for information purposes only.</u> If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

- This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Considering this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
- Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
- DESIGNATION BY PRESCRIPTION: See contract for specific cutting information in these units.
- BORATE APPLICATION REQUIRED: Borate application is required on Ponderosa Pine stumps greater than 12" (See contract more information).
- REMOVAL OF OTHER MATERIAL REQUIRED: Treatment of other material not meeting sawlog specifications is required in all mechanically harvested units. See contract for more information.
- Slashing of damaged sub-merchantable material is required in all units. See contract for more information.
- Cable harvest systems required in some Special Operating Areas.
- Seasonal restrictions apply to numerous harvest units.
- A pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on 8/5/2025 at 0900. We will meet in the cross-country ski parking area approximately 1.5 miles east of US Highway 83 N on the Morrell Creek Road, Seeley Lake, MT. Please RSVP to Brian Cannata at brian.cannata@mt.gov by COB 7/28/2025.

Timber Sale Information Sheet Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates

\$67,700

\$2.02/ton

\$12.75/MBF

\$0 \$0.00/ton

1.4 miles

1.0 miles

0.0 miles

2.0 miles

13.0 miles

GNA Seeley												
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												
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0			55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF	19852.1	1045847.7	66045.0	54150.2	45765.5			6058.3			232208.5	1,469,927 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	238.7	7621.2	3984.1	1454.1	281.2			262.9			917.7	14,760 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	530	27507	1686	1340	1136			121			1117	33,437 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	7	204	102	36	7			5			4	365 tons
Gross MBF	93	5068	245	219	245			22			1184	7,075 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	15.1	14.8	12.7	11.8	12.6			27.4			76.7	24.9%
Net MBF	79	4319	214	193	214			16			276	5,311 MBF
Average logs per MBF	18.8	16.8	38.7	28.8	13.1			46.5			18.2	18.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.0	14.9	9.0	10.7	15.5			9.6			17.4	14.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre								34 tons/ac				
Average MBF to cut per acre								5.4 MBF/ac				
Total Average TPA Cut								51				
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 4,886 and 5,736 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises								8.0%				
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 33,437 estimated tons / 5,311 Net MBF							6.30 tons/MBF					

		Contract Information
Contract Termination Date:	11/1/2029	
Operating Period:	dry, frozen, unit specific	

Logging Inform	nation			Road de			
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%						
% of volume logged with tractors	95%			EstimatedTemp road development cost total			
% of volume logged by skyline	00%			Estimated road development cost per ton			
% of volume logged by other system (ground lea	05%			Estimated road development cost perMBF			
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1200 ft.			Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total			
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.			Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton			
Yarding distance other system (ground lead)	100 ft.			Miles of Temp road construction			
Estimated haul distance (paved)	95.0 miles			Miles of Temp road deconstruction			
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	Estimated haul distance (unpaved)				Miles of road with site improvements		
Unit	lume			Miles of road reclamation or abandonment			
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline	Miles of road maintenance and blading		
Cutting Unit 5	105.40	4827	767	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 7	120.27	6333	1006	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 8	127.67	5709	907	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 47	10.55	312	50	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 6	50.27	1872	297	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 46	21.27	548	87	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 100	65.91	1149	182	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 4	24.76	1367	217	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 12	20.44	875	139	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 10	54.75	1241	197	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 103	192.44	4014	638	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 106	46.52	648	103	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 48 16		536	85	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 48a 1		409	65	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 8d	6.90	400	64	November 1, 2028			
Cutting Unit 3	54.91	1814	288	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 3a	3.23	76	12	March 1, 2029			
Cutting Unit 1	44.72	1307	208	March 1, 2029			
	980 Ac.	33,437 tons	5,311 MBF				





























