

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA SkiDale Timber Sale is located within Section 9 of T30N, R31W on the Kootenai National Forest, Libby Unit. Approximately 4,677 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 **September 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** 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 **\$4,326.00**, 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), Libby Unit, in Libby (406-293-2711).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/good-neighbor-authority-current-timber-sales> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name:		GNA SkiDale	
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-293-2711	Jodi Turk	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
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. 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.
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. Potential exists for concurrent forest management contracts within the sale area. If in-woods operations proceed concurrently, the successful bidder for this contract shall be in direct and frequent communications with contractors to ensure safe and efficient execution for all operations.
7. **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.**
8. Removal and haul is required for Other Material meeting TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING and LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2, according to VII.C.2.
9. Units 2, 3 and 5 are subject to SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: UNIT SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT and PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION, according to VII.G.6 and VII.G.7.
10. Units 2, 3 and 5 are subject to SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED: The Purchaser shall fell all sub-merchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches on the uphill side.
11. TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUIRED FOR FELLING ALONG ROADS: When felling operations begin 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. Closing open roads during logging operations for extended periods need to be approved by the Forest Officer.
12. 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.
13. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING: Purchaser will be required to whole tree skid. Trees will not be limbed or cut into log lengths before being skidded to the landings. If trees are too large to skid whole, an allowance will be made to buck the trees into log lengths with the limbs still attached to the log and skidded to the landings.
14. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jodi Turk, 406-293-2711 ex.3

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Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	C	H	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										
Pounds per cubic foot										
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	0	2,969	871	194	111	244	288	0	0	4,677 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	0	505	148	33	19	42	49	0	0	796 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	0	552	176	34	22	49	62	3	16	914 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	0	11	18	19	10	34	16	100	100	16.0%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	0	493	145	28	19	33	52	0	0	769 MBF
Average logs per MBF	0	16.5	24.6	36.5	18.4	38.8	30.5	0	0	20.7 logs/M
Average DBH	0	14	11.9	9.2	11.6	9.2	11	13	14	12.1 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										79 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units										0 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										12.9 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										0
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 641 and 897 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										16.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	4,677 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 769 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									6.08 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Ending Date:	11/15/2022
Operating Season:	When conditions meet VII.L.1. a-c and VII.N.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	n/a
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	n/a
Estimated haul distance (paved)	45.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	0.0 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 Environmental Cost total \$	\$802
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.17/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$450.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.10/ton

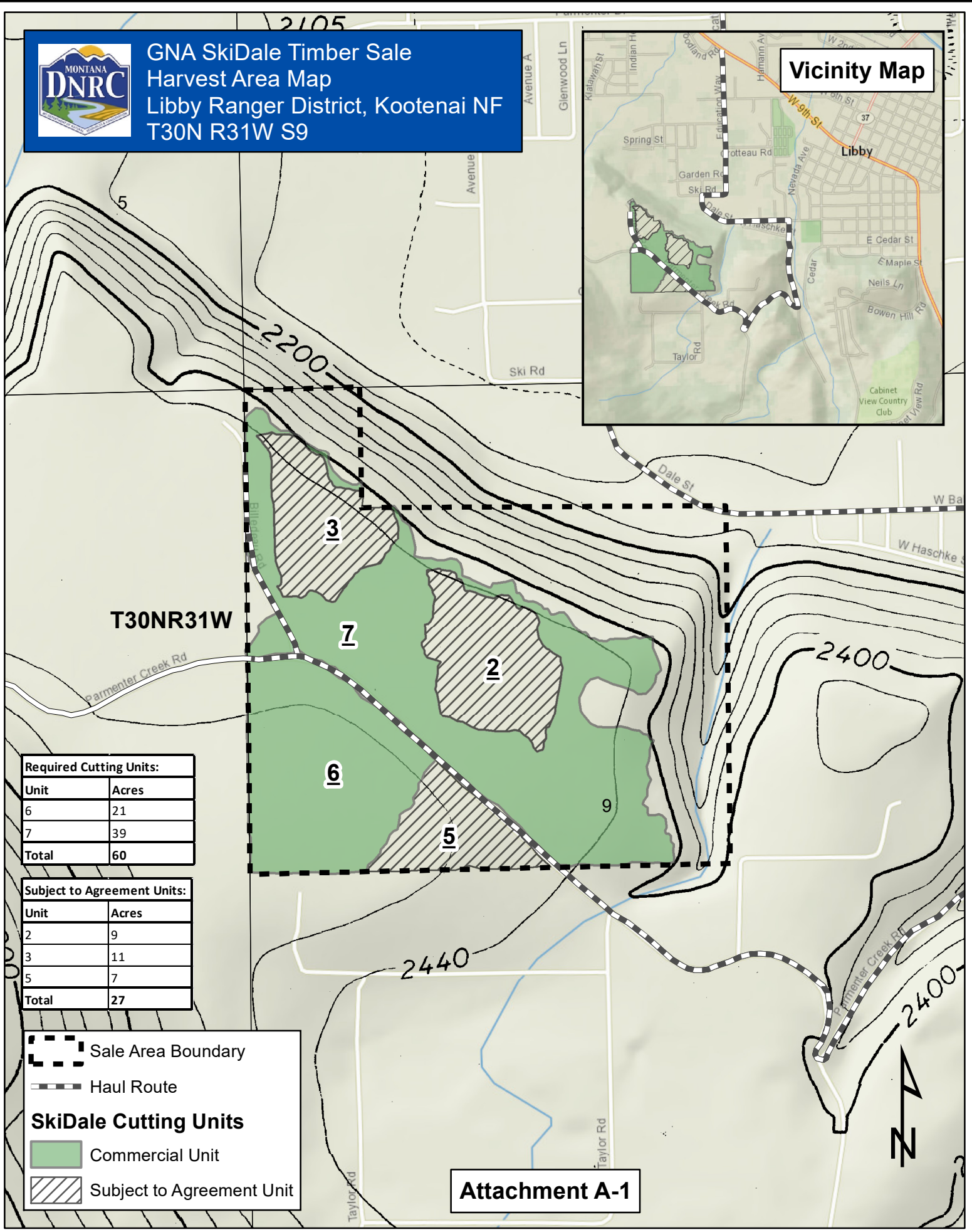
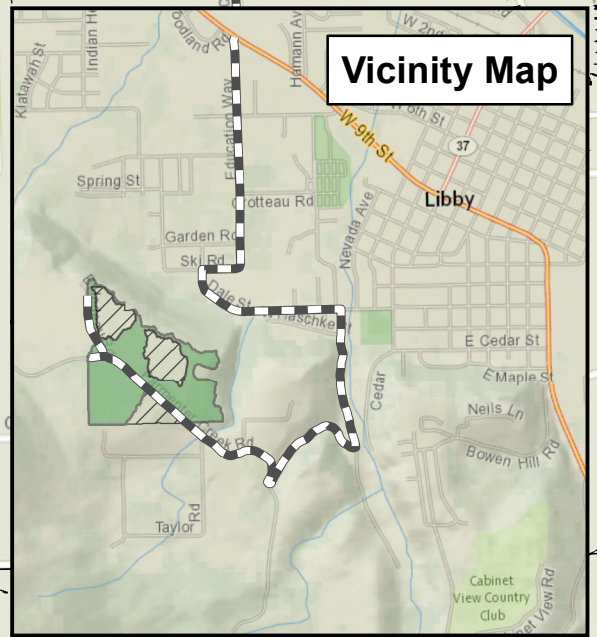
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
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	0.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
6	20.95	2,069	340	October 15, 2022
7	38.55	2,607	429	October 15, 2022
2,3,5	twenty seven	subject to agreement	volume not estimated	October 15, 2022
	60 Ac.	4,677 tons	769 MBF	



**GNA SkiDale Timber Sale
Harvest Area Map
Libby Ranger District, Kootenai NF
T30N R31W S9**

Vicinity Map



Required Cutting Units:

Unit	Acres
6	21
7	39
Total	60

Subject to Agreement Units:

Unit	Acres
2	9
3	11
5	7
Total	27

Sale Area Boundary

Haul Route

SkiDale Cutting Units

Commercial Unit

Subject to Agreement Unit

Attachment A-1

