

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Hoover Timber Sale is located within Sections 14, 16 & 22, T11N-R11W on the State's Anaconda Unit. Approximately 21,956 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **December 20, 2022 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 Trust Land Management 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 \$19,903.00**, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their December 19, 2022 meeting. 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: Hoover			
For specific sale information, contact: Sam Whitney			
Phone	406-542-5810	Missoula Unit Office	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office	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 Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management 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. At rates specified in the Contract, the purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement Fees** on all sawlog volume. All applicable **Road Use and/or Maintenance fees** will also be paid by the Purchaser in addition to stumpage payments.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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:

- Requirement for all Units, except Unit 1402: All unhealthy trees with poor crowns, greater than 7" DBH but not meeting sawlog recovery standards, and that are not designated to leave, will be cut and then using a combination of: cut into a pulp log, skidded to a landing pile or slashed in the unit. Scattered clumps of greater than 7" DBH trees can be left in the unit as wildlife habitat, this needs to be approved by the Forest Officer and usually will be under a half acre.
- This sale includes 5.5 miles of new road construction and 13.9 miles of road maintenance (See Attachment B and Road Appraisal).
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for 1 (one) application of Tordon, 2- 4- D and Escort on approximately 13.88 miles road. (42 total acres) spot spraying existing knapweed and houndstongue. The application shall be completed prior to July 15, 2025. Herbicide application shall only occur between May 15 through July 15. Road spray width shall be 25 feet. Any changes to the herbicides used must be approved by the Forest Officer.
- Pulp and firewood are optional to haul at \$0.50/ton.
- All harvest units must be completed by October 15, 2025.
- Disregard black or old paint.
- Access is through private land and potential bidders need to contact Sam Whitney at 406-207-1235 to setup a meeting before traveling to this area.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Hoover													
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													\$18.13
Pounds per cubic foot		54.0		56.0	57.0						40.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs		20604		660	45						648		21,956 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		500		71	0						25		596 tons
Gross MBF		4155		90	10						460		4,715 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		29.3		16.4	25.0						72.8		33.3%
Net MBF		2937		75	7						125		3,145 MBF
Average logs per MBF		33.1		58.8	11.9						53.2		34.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.7		8.0	24.0						10.7		11.4 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											24 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											3.4 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut	→											89	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,808 and 3,482 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											10.7%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet													
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	21,956 estimated tons / 3,145 Net MBF											6.98 tons/MBF	

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	11/15/2025	
Operating Period:	6/15 - 3/1 Depending on soil moisture	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	95%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	700 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	20.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	12.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.12/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$68,502.72
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$11,417.12
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$30,510
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$1.39/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$230,856
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$10.51/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$73.41/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$11,250
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.51/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	5.5 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	13.9 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	19.4 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1401	118.16	1400	200	October 15, 2025
1402	187.04	5838	836	October 15, 2025
1403	49.63	1728	248	October 15, 2025
1404	93.05	3217	461	October 15, 2025
1601	40.52	336	48	October 15, 2025
1602	113.17	512	73	October 15, 2025
1603	157.39	5679	813	October 15, 2025
2201	94.37	2142	307	October 15, 2025
2202	65.89	1104	158	October 15, 2025

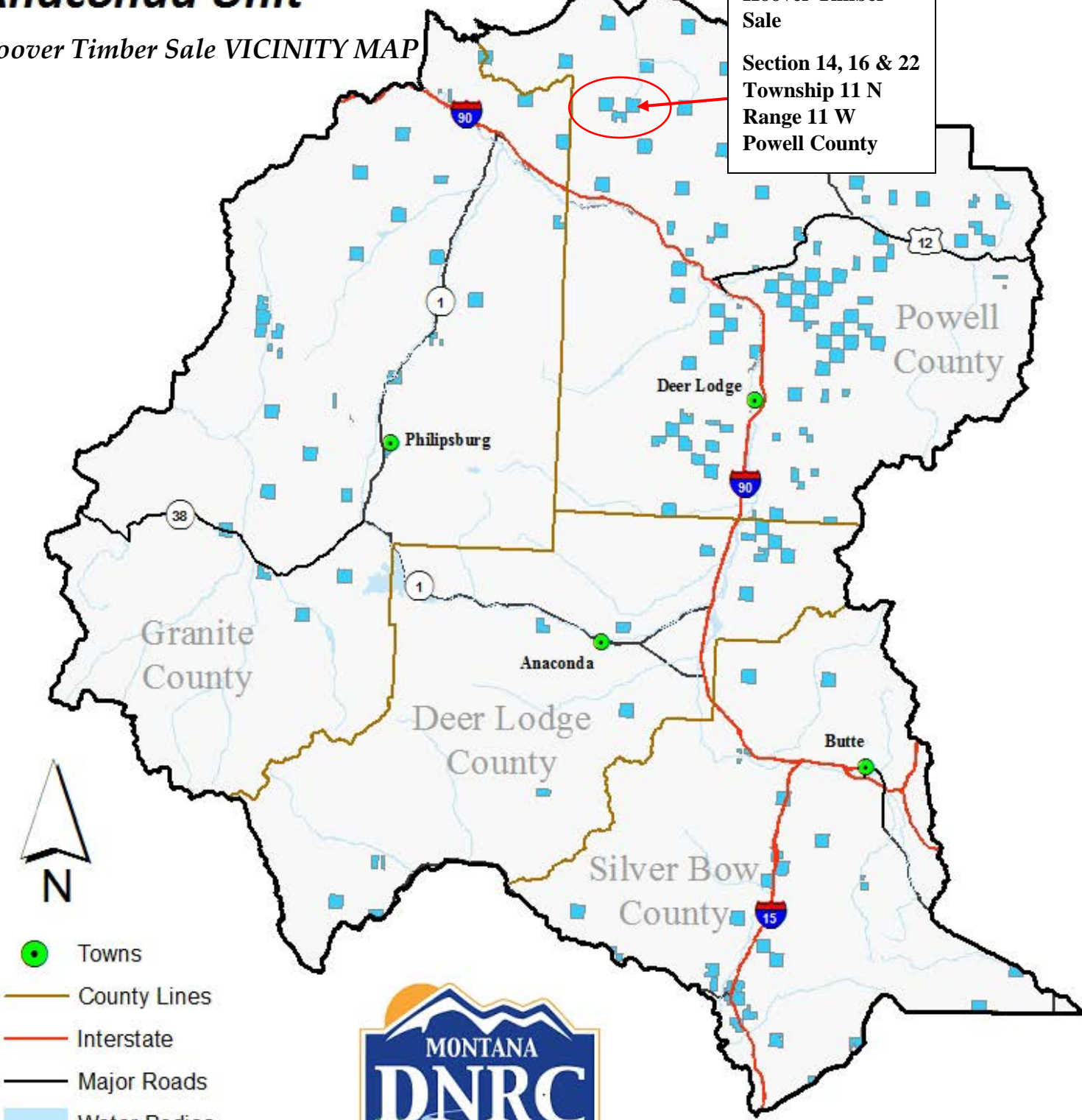
State Trust Land Vicinity Map





Anaconda Unit

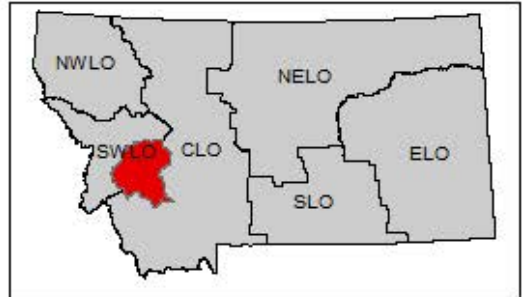
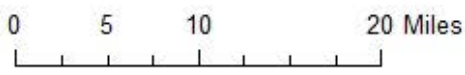
Hoover Timber Sale VICINITY MAP

Hoover Timber Sale

Section 14, 16 & 22
Township 11 N
Range 11 W
Powell County



-  Towns
-  County Lines
-  Interstate
-  Major Roads
-  Water Bodies
-  Rivers
-  State Trust Land

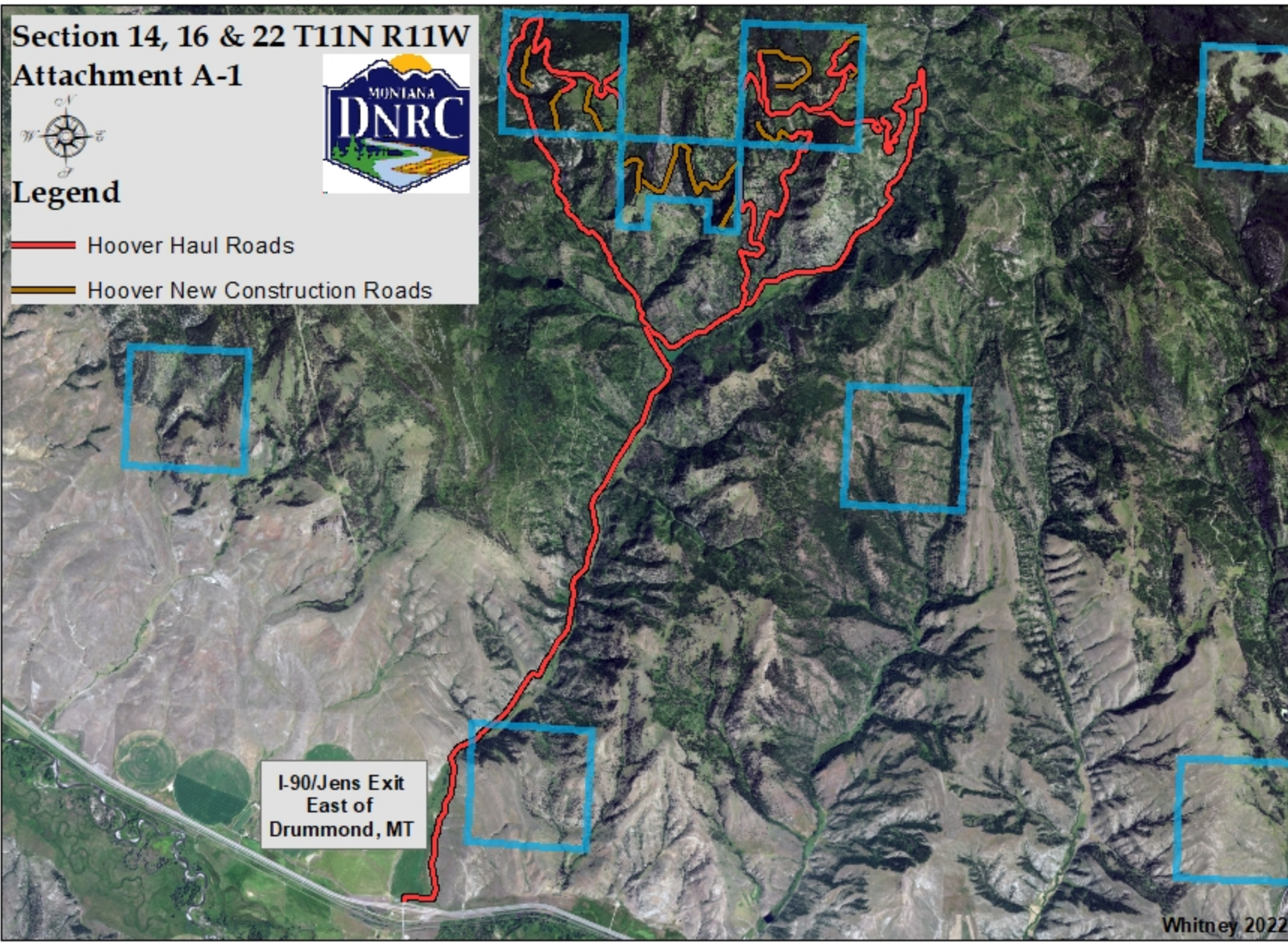


Section 14, 16 & 22 T11N R11W
Attachment A-1



Legend

- Hoover Haul Roads
- Hoover New Construction Roads



I-90/Jens Exit
East of
Drummond, MT

Whitney 2022

