NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Cilly Trail Timber Sale is located within Sections 2, 3, 10,11 & 15, T24N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 18,061 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 **November 14, 2024 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 \$5,193.00**, 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 October 21, 2024 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: Cilly Trail

For specific sale information, contact:

Phone 406-754-2301 Chad Blanchard Swan Unit Office

For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:

Phone 406-542-4300 Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office

Phone 406-751-2240 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 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.
- 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. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own</u> 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 <u>are not guaranteed.</u>
- 13. <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

1. The Cilly Trail Timber Sale consists of ten units (419 acres).

- a. Four ground-based units (152 acres, 829 MBF)
- b. One combination unit (35 acres, 265 MBF)
- c. Five skyline units (230 acres, 2,057 MBF)

2. The Cilly Trail Timber Sale Road package includes:

- **a.** Approximately 4.5 miles of new road construction that will include right-of-way harvesting, road pioneering, drain dip installations, CMP installations, grass seeding, maintenance, and final blading.
- **b.** Approximately 0.3 miles of temporary road construction.
- **c.** Approximately 13 miles of road maintenance including brush clearing and piling, right-of-way clearing, road widening, drain feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.

3. Access/Directions

- **a.** The Cilly Trail Timber Sale is located east of Cilly Creek Road in the Cilly and Lost creek drainages. The sale area is accessed via the Soup and Cilly creek road system off Highway 83 at mile posts (MP) 64.8 north of the Swan River State Forest Office.
- **b.** See Attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.
- **c.** Gate keys are required to access the sale area which are available at the Swan River State Forest Office at 34925 MT HWY 83, Swan Lake MT.

4. Harvest Operational Period

a. OPERATING PERIOD: Award date through, March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; June 16, 2026 through March 16, 2027; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period

a. OPERATING PERIOD: Award date through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; June 16, 2026 through March 16, 2027; when Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.

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Cilly Trail												
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												\$5.75
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		3188	1609	59	6471	1361	1179	4195			0	18,061 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		20	7	1	33	20	8	70			0	159 tons
Gross MBF		735	455	17	2024	322	411	915			0	4,879 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		31.1	31.6	40.0	38.7	36.6	47.8	27.5			0.0	35.4%
Net MBF		507	311	10	1241	204	214	664			0	3,151 MBF
Average logs per MBF		20.0	13.8	27.3	16.6	30.8	34.8	28.1			0.0	21.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		16.1	18.3	13.0	16.7	12.5	15.3	12.2			0.0	14.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre						43 tons/ac						
Average MBF to cut per acre							7.5 MBF/ac					
Total Average TPA Cut						70						
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between 2,768 and 3,534 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises							12.2%					
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet 18,061 estimated tons / 3,151 Net MBF							5.73 tons/MBF					

Contract Information					
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2027				
	Award date through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; June 16, 2026 through March 16, 2027; and when Soil Compaction				
Operating Period:	Restrictions in Section V	/II.L.1 of this contract apply.			

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Logging Information					
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	90%				
% of volume logged with tractors	16%				
% of volume logged by skyline	84%				
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%				
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.				
Yarding distance skyline (average)	800 ft.				
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.				
Estimated haul distance (paved)	50.0 miles				
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	10.0 miles				

Purchaser fees and estimated costs					
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF				
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.64/ton				
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$83,803.04				
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$13,967.17				
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0				
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/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	\$204,533				
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$11.32/ton				
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$64.91/MBF				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$17,132				
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.95/ton				
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton				
Miles of road construction	4.5 miles				
Miles of road reconstruction	0.3 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	13.0 miles				

Unit harvest volume						
Unit#	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline		
02-01	26	1540	269	March 16, 2027		
10-01	35	1517	265	March 16, 2027		
11-01	47	1814	316	March 16, 2027		
11-02	38	1289	225	March 16, 2027		
11-05	62	3663	639	March 16, 2027		
11-06	65	3227	563	March 16, 2027		
11-07	26	1200	209	March 16, 2027		
11-08	17	544	95	March 16, 2027		
15-01	39	2071	361	March 16, 2027		
15-07	62	1197	209	March 16, 2027		







