#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

### **Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The Hay Coulee Timber Permit is located within Sections 36, of T7N-R25E on the State's Southern Land office. Approximately 3,000 tons, consisting of ponderosa pine sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 1, 2025, at 2 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 \$274.50,** 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 Permit Contract and Timber Permit Bond.

The permit 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 permit 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 permit prospectus, permit contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

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

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

Timber Sale Name: Hay Coulee Timber Permit

Timber Sale Location: Section 36 Township 7N Range 25E

For specific sale information, contact: Noah Willson

Phone 406-247-4400 Southern Land Office

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

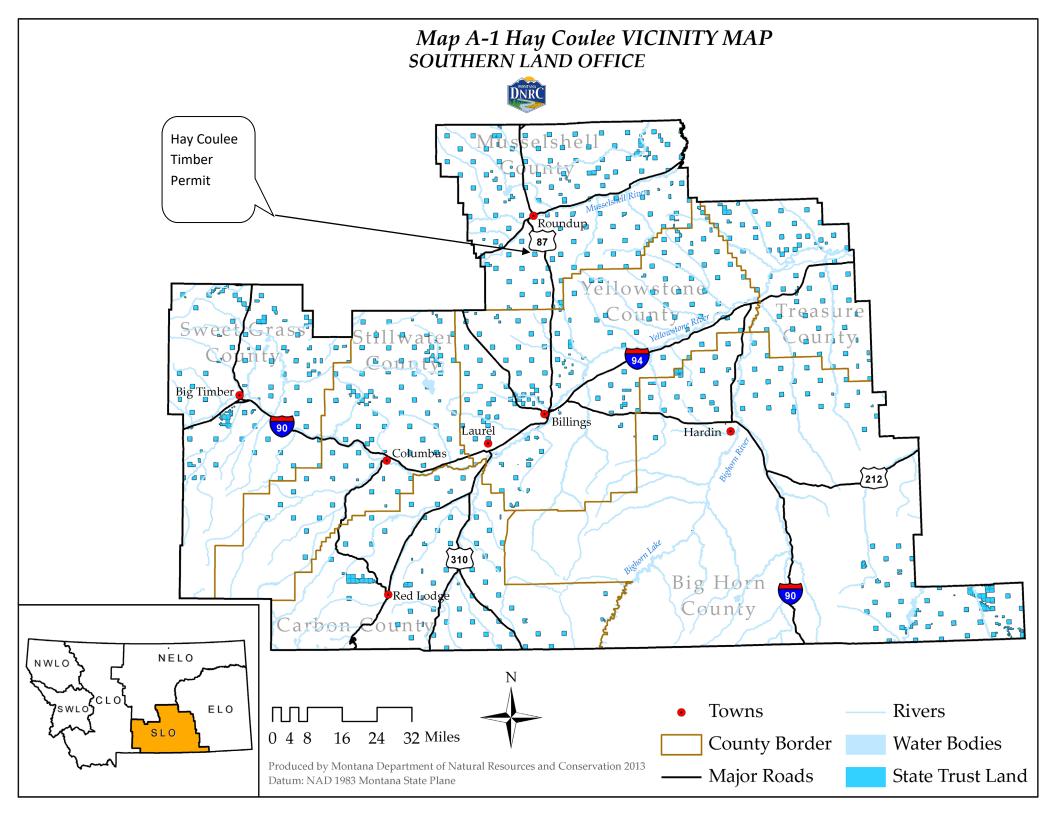
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### **General Bidding Information**

Bids must be submitted on standard Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (Dept) bid forms.

- 2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Dept reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
- 3. The Dept recommends that bidders contact the Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management Division (542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
- 4. A **Bid Guarantee** 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 Dept within a maximum of 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 in the form of 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 sale contract. See the Timber Permit 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 be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be in the form of 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 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 Dept has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase 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 Dept 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 Dept strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
- 10. The Dept 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 Dept 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 Permit 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 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 Permit Contract, the contract governs.



# **Hay Coulee Timber Permit**



