

DERN DRAW BLOWDOWN PERMIT

Dear Prospective Bidder,

The Department of Natural Resources & Conservation is offering the Dern Draw Blowdown Timber Permit for bid.

The Permit is located within Section 36 T29N R23W on the DNRC Kalispell Unit. Approximately 1,800 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir sawlogs.

Sealed bids will be opened on **July 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** at the:
MT Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the DNRC, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.** Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$1,450.00** 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 stumpage for the successful bidder.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **15** 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, maps, and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Northwestern Land Office Kalispell Unit Office in Kalispell, MT (406-751-2264).

Sincerely,

Kayla Johnson, Forester
DNRC, Kalispell Unit

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

Timber Permit Name: Dern Draw Blowdown			
For specific sale information, contact: Kayla Johnson			
Phone	406-751-2264	Unit Office: Kalispell	
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.
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:

1. VOLUME ESTIMATION: The estimated volume of this salvage was **NOT** determined by a cruise. Potential purchasers are encouraged to view the salvage area to determine their own estimates.
2. Purchaser Cut Tree Selection

Trees that meet the Minimum Log Size of Trees Designated for Cutting in Table 2 are to be cut in each unit according to the following specifications:

 - a. Trees that are blown-down or are uprooted and leaning excessively as a result of wind.
 - b. Other standing trees that are individually designated for cutting by the Forest Officer.
 - c. **Leave all broken off tree segments standing for snags.** The broken off top segment should be salvaged if it meets the minimum log size in Table 2.
3. ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:
 - a. All State-managed roads used during the operational period are subject to pre and post-harvest road blading if deemed necessary by the Forest Officer. Blading may be done with equipment other than a road grader to limit mobilization costs. Final blading will be approved by the Forest Officer.
4. HIGH HAZARD SLASH REDUCTION:

The Purchaser will be required to meet high hazard slash reduction standards in portions of harvest units adjacent to private property boundaries and open roads. In areas within 1,000 feet of a residence, the Purchaser will be required to treat 90% of the slash within 100 feet of the property boundary and open roads, and in powerline corridors. Treatment and clean up can be accomplished by piling, chipping, burying, removal, or a combination of methods. Logging slash must be treated within 60 days of its creation. The high standard of slash cleanup can most easily be achieved by directionally felling trees away from the unit boundaries leaving very little slash and limbs to pile. Any required slash burning will be completed by the State.
5. **Contract termination date is November 15, 2026. Harvest completion date is November 1, 2026.**
6. ACCESS:
 - a. There is an automatic gate at the state boundary line on Dern Draw rd. The code is 2266.
 - b. The main haul route gate is not locked.
 - c. Please do not drive roads during wet/ muddy conditions and refrain from cutting merchantable trees within the road prism.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Dern Draw Blowdown												
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												\$12.00
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	58.0	55.0	56.0	57.0	60.0						
Estimated tons of sawlogs		1700	50		50							1,800 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material												
Gross MBF												
% Cull and Breakage												
Net MBF		260	8		8							276 MBF
Average logs per MBF		16.3	20.0		15.1							23.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		14.0	13.0		14.0							14.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											4 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											0.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											8
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	239 and 313 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											13.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	1,800 estimated tons / 276 Net MBF											6.5 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/15/2026
Operating Period:	While site conditions allow.

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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)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	550 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	10.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	2.0 miles

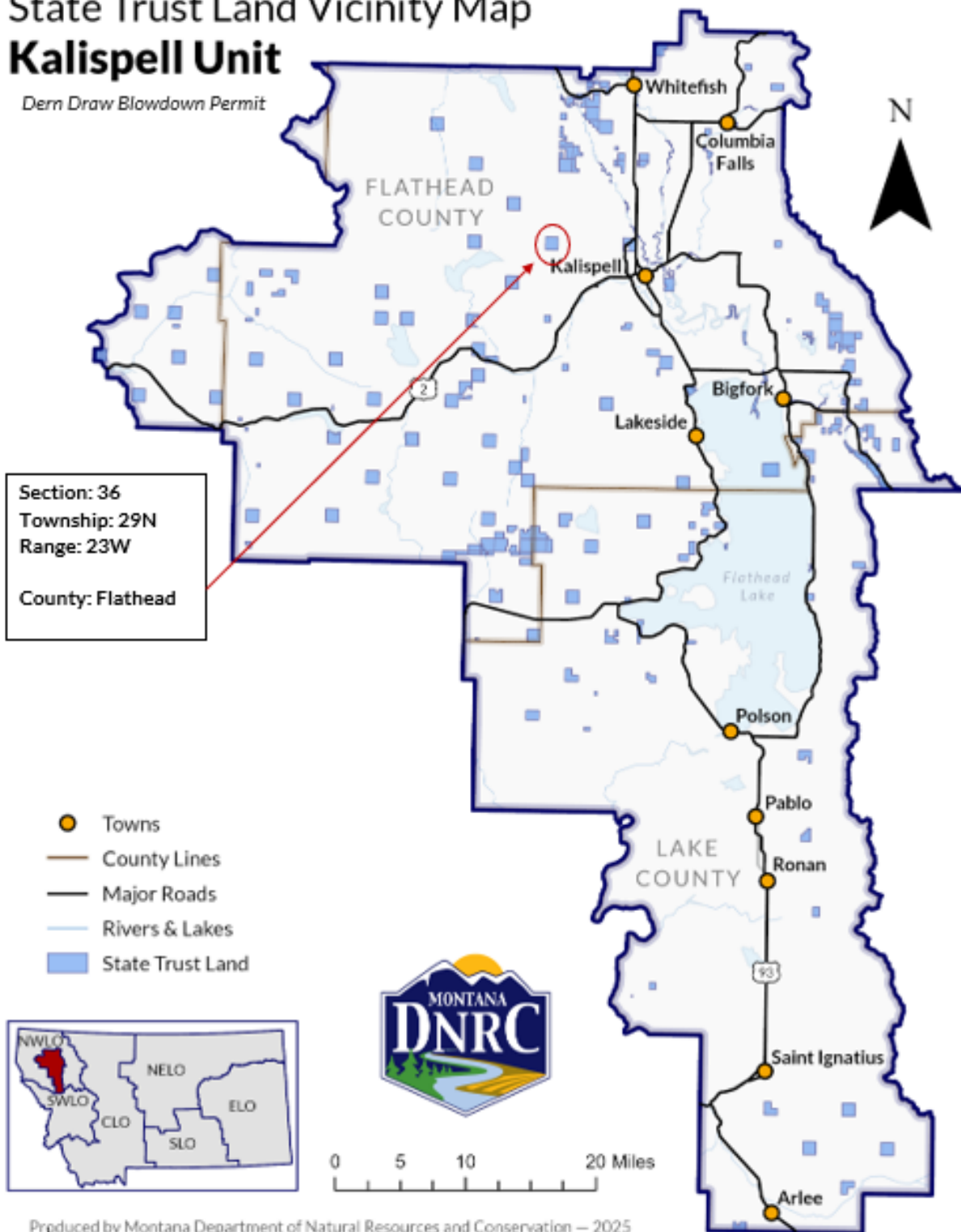
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.99/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$7,182.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$1,197.00
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
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	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost per MBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$875
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.49/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	5.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	70.85			November 1, 2026
Unit 2	64.12			November 1, 2026
Unit 3	92.45			November 1, 2026
Unit 4	12.22			November 1, 2026
Unit 5	232.30			November 1, 2026
	472 Ac.	0 tons	0 MBF	

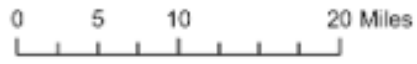
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Kalispell Unit

Dem Draw Blowdown Permit



Section: 36
Township: 29N
Range: 23W
County: Flathead

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- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land



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NAD 1983 State Plane

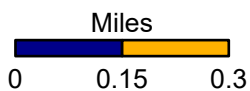
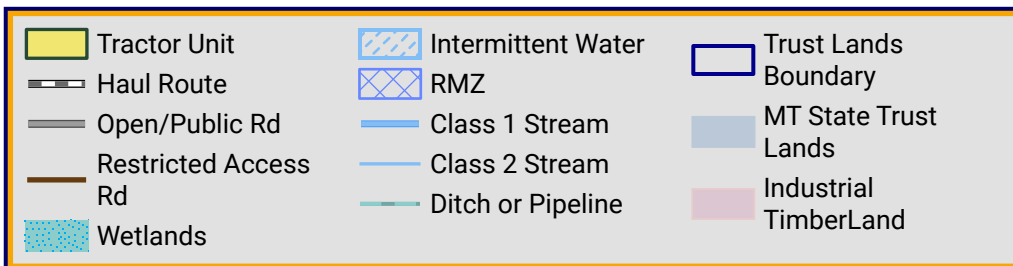
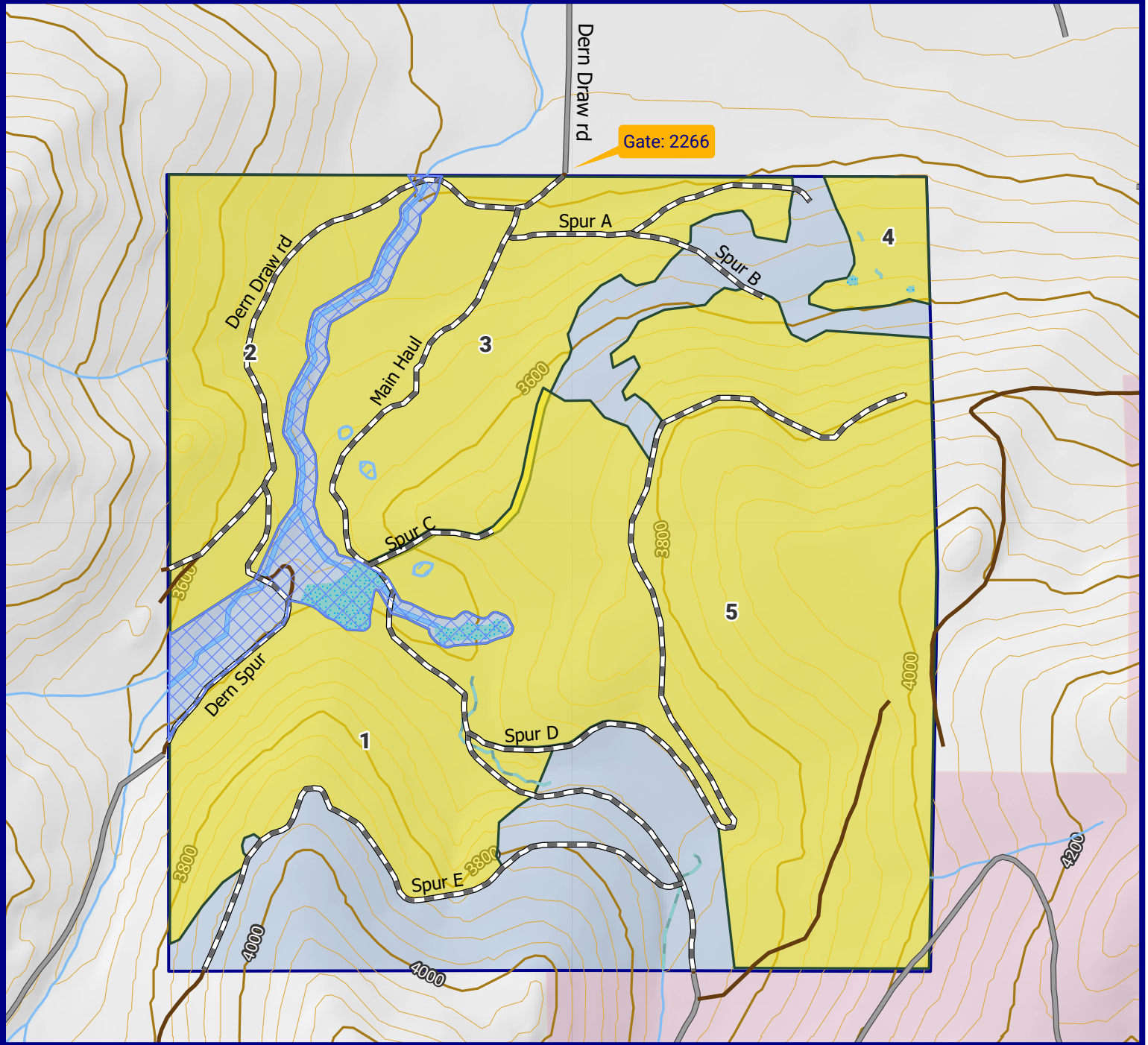


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Unit Map

Attachment A

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Cutting Unit	Acres	Silvicultural Treatment
1	70.72	Blowdown/Weather Salvage
2	64.26	Blowdown/Weather Salvage
3	92.7	Blowdown/Weather Salvage
4	11.93	Blowdown/Weather Salvage
5	233.56	Blowdown/Weather Salvage





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Haul Map

Attachment A

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