

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

The GNA Yelp Dog timber sale is located within sections 21, 22, 23, 26 - 34 of T21N – R30W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 50,681 tons, consisting of sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2:00 pm**. 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 **\$12,237** 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).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

<b>Timber Sale Name: GNA Yelp Dog</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-721-1467	Brian Williams	Southwest Land Office
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau

**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, cashier's 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. 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 advanced 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 underrun 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 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. Access: For gate access, contact Brian Williams 406-721-1467.
4. Removal of Other Material: Removal of other material not meeting sawlog specifications is optional.
5. Designation by Prescription: Operator will be responsible for selecting leave trees based on the prescription. See Attachments G.I – G.VIII. for more information.
6. Contract Duration: This contract has a four-year life span, ending 11/15/2030.
7. Units Subject to Agreement: Unit T 1 and Unit T 22 are Cutting Units identified in this Contract that the Purchaser is not obligated to harvest; however, if the Purchaser harvests any timber from that Unit, (1) the Unit shall thereupon be deemed a Cutting Unit under this Contract, (2) all applicable provisions of this Contract, including timber designation, rates, specifications, operational requirements, and payment obligations, shall apply to that Unit and to all timber harvested from it, and (3) the Purchaser shall harvest all timber designated for cutting within that Unit.
8. Wildlife Protections: Twelve units have a seasonal wildlife restriction, preventing timber harvest and road construction from 12/1 – 5/5. See VII.F. Unit Designations for details.
9. Recreation Trail: Several units have an established system trail that will require restoration to its original single track status post-harvest. See VII.F. Unit Designations for details.
10. Unit 25a: Volume from this 6 acre unit must be yarded through Unit T21. Mech felling is permitted under dry or frozen conditions.
11. Tethered operations: All cable units are approved for tethered operations meeting contract requirements
12. Virtual Boundaries: Only SMZ boundaries are painted. All other boundaries are virtual boundaries. All operators must have an electronic device with the ability to load and display georeferenced PDFs to identify boundaries. See contract (VII. D.) for more information.
13. Pre-bid Meeting – An optional pre-bid meeting will be held at 0900 Wednesday 7/8/2026. Please RSVP to Brian Williams at [Brian.williams@mt.gov](mailto:Brian.williams@mt.gov) or Aaron Kim (406) 542-5873 by COB 7/6/2026.

Yelp Dog													
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All   All   Cut)													
	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE	
Minimum Bid per ton													
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0			40.0		
Estimated CF		1247343.1	110990.4	21480.0	4188.9	525963.4	26803.3	9812.1			5962.0		1,952,543 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		19077.0	4055.6	1832.2	89.1	14169.5	610.1	104.9			360.5		40,309 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		3337.2	2740	535	107	13131	530	216			50		<b>50,681 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		516	100	46	2	355	12	2			3		1,036 tons
Gross MBF		5914	495	78	17	2335	107	45			16		9,007 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		13.3	15.3	11.1	10.0	16.5	10.4	20.0			47.5		14.3%
Net MBF		5125	419	69	16	1950	96	36			9		7,719 MBF
Average logs per MBF		21.2	29.4	40.7	30.6	24.5	30.4	25.4			41.5		22.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.5	10.1	8.4	11.0	10.9	11.5	12.5			8.8		11.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre													62 tons/acre
Average MBF to cut per acre													9.5 MBF/acre
Total Average TPA Cut													120
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between						6,931		and 8,506					Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises
													10.2%
<b>Tons Per Thousand Board Feet</b>													
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet													50,681 estimated tons / 7,719 Net MBF
													6.57 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	
Operating Period:	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	72%
% of volume logged with tractors	23%
% of volume logged by skyline	77%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	n/a
Estimated haul distance (paved)	100.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	7.0 miles

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$52,080
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.03/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$6.75/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$66,378
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.31/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction (temp)	1.7 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	3.2 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	13.1 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	16.3 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 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


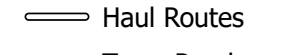

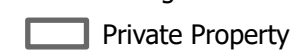

Unit harvest volume			
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
T01	45.04	1512	230
T03	21.72	1155	176
T04	9.13	80	12
T05	26.38	2708	412
T06	38.91	1027	156
T07	49.34	2480	378
T08	53.65	3581	545
T09	104.88	7950	1211
T11	33.38	3287	501
T12	17.00	906	138
T13	13.19	1202	183
T14	25.37	2994	456
T15	10.82	839	128
T17	28.16	1506	229
T18	24.70	2315	353
T19	23.19	1493	227
T20	5.63	465	71
T21	35.58	2847	434
T21a	8.71	464	71
T22	11.12	175	27
T23	4.49	216	33
T24	16.97	185	28
T25	19.65	1453	221
T25a	5.76	587	89
T32	23.25	1069	163
T33	73.28	3049	472
T34	42.00	3179	498
T34a	46.00	1958	298
<b>Totals</b>	<b>817 Ac.</b>	<b>50,681 tons</b>	<b>7,381 MBF</b>

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Unit	Acres	Harvest System	Rx	Special Operation Requirements
T01	45	Cable	Intermediate	
T03	22	Tractor	Regen	VII.G.1
T04	9	Tractor	Intermediate	
T05	26	Cable	Regen	VII.G.3
T06	39	Tractor	Regen	
T07	49	Cable	Intermediate	
T08	54	Cable	Regen	
T09	105	Cable	Regen	
T11	33	Cable	Regen	VII.G.3, VII.G.4
T12	17	Cable	Intermediate	
T13	13	Cable	Regen	VII.G.3, VII.G.4
T14	25	Cable	Intermediate	
T15	11	Tractor	Intermediate	VII.G.2
T17	28	Cable	Intermediate	VII.G.1, VII.G.2
T18	25	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1
T19	23	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1
T20	6	Tractor	Regen	VII.G.2, VII.G.3
T21	36	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1, VII.G.3
T21A	9	Tractor	Regen	VII.G.1, VII.G.3
T22	11	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1
T23	5	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1
T24	17	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1
T25	20	Tractor	Regen	VII.G.1, VII.G.3
T25a	6	Cable	Regen	VII.G.1, VII.G.3
T32	23	Tractor	Regen	VII.G.1
T33	73	Cable	Intermediate	
T34	42	Cable	Regen	
T34a	46	Tractor	Regen	

- VII.G.1 Seasonal Restriction 12/1-5/15
- VII.G.2 Sensitive Soils
- VII.G.3 Rec Trail
- VII.G.4 DSD Review Required
- VII.G.5 Visual Unit
- VII.G.6 Feather Edges

Road	Length (miles)	Type	Maintenance Type
NFR 7618	6.6	Haul Route	Maintenance
NFR 1026	3.8	Haul Route	Maintenance
NFR 18794	2.7	Haul Route	Maintenance
NFR16804	0.5	Haul Route	Reconditioning
NFR 18793	2.7	Haul Route	Reconditioning
00085T	0.7	Temp	Construction/Decommission
00058T	0.9	Temp	Construction/Decommission
00101T	0.1	Temp	Construction/Decommission

-  Harvest Units
-  Haul Routes
-  Temp Roads
-  Hiking Trail
-  Private Property



**Locator Map**

