

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Abbotts Flats timber sale is located within sections 22, and 27 of T37N – R22W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 4,974 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 **Friday November 8th 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 **\$2,430.00** 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. 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). DNRC Kalispell Unit (406-751-2241).

Visit our website at 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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Abbotts Flats			
For specific sale information, contact: Dam Pendergraph or Pete Evans			
Phone	406-751-2395	Dan Pendergraph	Kalispell Unit
	406-751-2256	or Pete Evans	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240		

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, 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. 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 under-run 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. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using a combination of DNRC and Forest Service Procedures and computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet. The volumes are not guaranteed. It is up to each bidder to examine the sale units.
4. There are residences within 1000 feet of the southern boundaries in Units 1 and 2. For these units, the "high" fire hazard reduction is applicable: 90% of the slash within 100 feet of any residence, and for 100 feet inside any portion of a cutting unit boundary that lies within 1,000 feet of a residential structure must be chipped, piled, buried, or removed within 60 days of its creation.
5. Unit 2 is adjacent to the North Fork Road. It is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Flathead County Road and Bridge Department concerning the schedule for logging this unit, and follow the rules required by that department to ensure that the logging is conducted safely.
6. Slashing of all the lodgepole pine under 4" DBH and taller than 2' in height is required by the purchaser for Unit 1. Stems shall be completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Abbotts Flats												
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												\$9.77
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0			55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF		6923.7	56303.7	22201.4	83401.3			30481.1			0.0	199,311 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		404.2	1241.2	4072.8	1057.7			1207.6			0.0	7,984 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		194	1399	579	2119			684			0	4,974 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		11	30	107	27			26			0	200 tons
Gross MBF		26	258	65	395			123			0	867 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9.0	14.5	7.1	10.8			18.0			0.0	12.6%
Net MBF		24	220	61	352			101			0	758 MBF
Average logs per MBF		34.1	26.0	53.3	19.0			32.8			0.0	26.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH		9.2	11.3	7.2	12.4			9.8			0.0	9.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												27 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												88
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	546 and 970 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											28.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	4,974 estimated tons / 758 Net MBF											6.56 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2027
Operating Period:	

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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)	700 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	17.8 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	36.0 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 \$	\$18,125
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$3.64/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

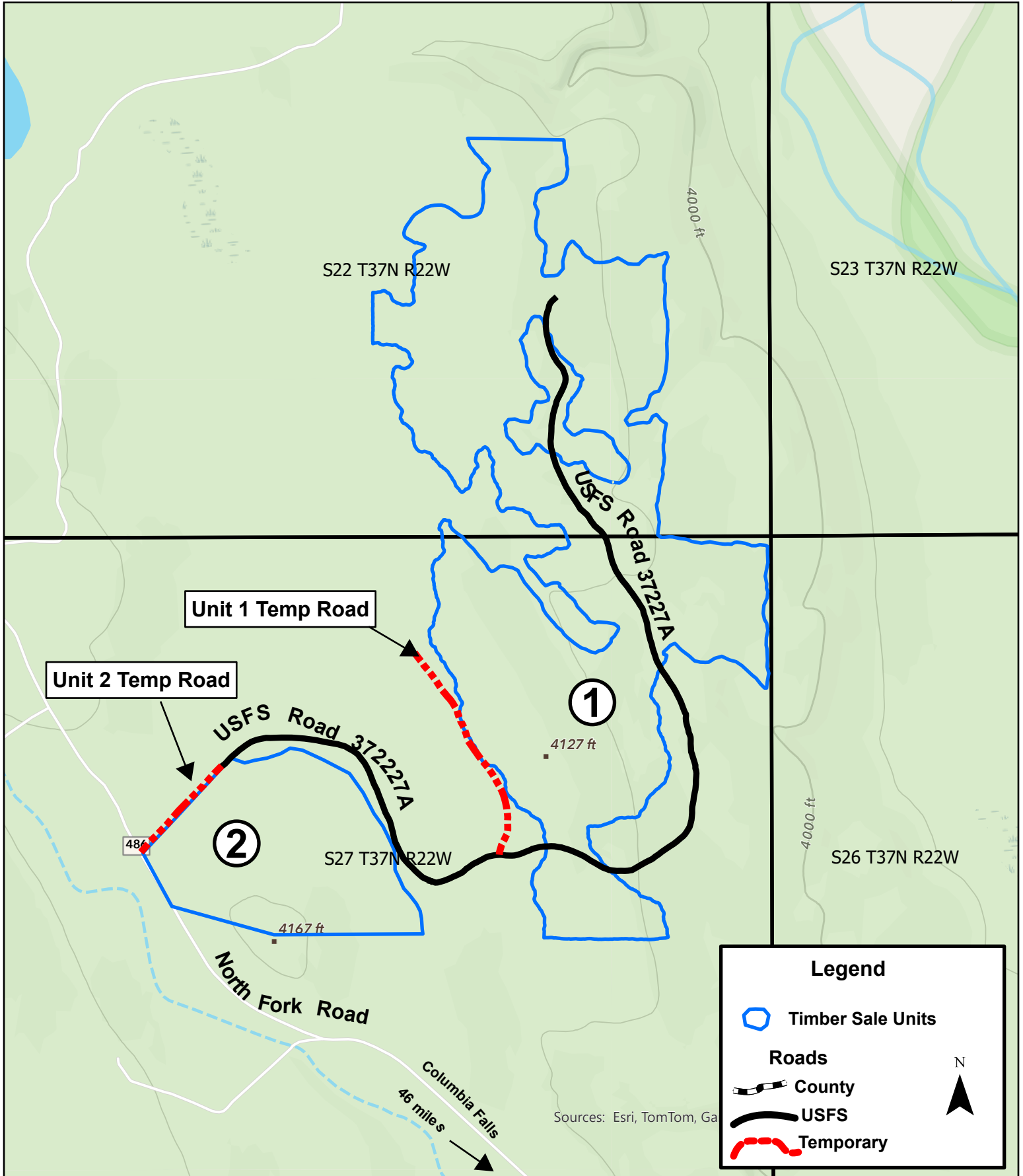
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$ 21,183.00
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$4.26/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$27.95/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/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	0.4 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	1.5 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.4 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	0.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	145.26	4388	669	September 30, 2027
2	36.65	586	89	September 30, 2027
	182 Ac.	4,974 tons	758 MBF	



GNA Abbotts Flats TS Sale Map

Attachment A-1





Vicinity Map GNA Abbotts Flats TS

Attachment A-2

