

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Clay Day timber sale is located within sections 1, 11, 12, & 13 of T30N-R31W and within section 19 of T30N – R30W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 53,650 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 July 30, 2021 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 **\$64,538.00**, 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), Libby Unit, In Libby (406-293-2711)

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Clay Day			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-283-3528	Jodi Turk	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	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 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 this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, 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. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. OPERATING PERIOD: Operating period is limited to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.F & VII.M.1&2).
8. **HARVEST SCHEDULE: The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale as shown in Table 3, VII.E. Sample-marked unit 154 must be harvested prior to cutting in other units. Units 157, 158 and 159 must be completed by 12/31/2023 due to a temporary road use permit acquired by DNRC.**
9. All newly constructed roads are temporary roads and must be obliterated following hauling. See contract Attachment B for more details.
10. Weed spraying is required on unpaved haul roads post-haul. See contract Attachment B for more details.
11. The Purchaser is required to apply dust abatement on road 533 (0.5 miles), 533F (0.38 miles) and 4813 (0.40 miles) according to VIII.ROAD LOG AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS. Dust abatement shall be applied prior to haul.
12. PURCHASER HAZARD REDUCTION: In accordance with contract section VII.R, the purchaser will be required to reduce fire hazards to meet the State Fire Hazard Reduction Law (76-13-403 MCA)
13. The purchaser will be required to slash and pile with an excavator equipped with a bucket and thumb according to operating requirements under VII.G.7 in order to meet hazard reduction standards.
14. **PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION: Other than sample-marked unit 154, leave-trees are not marked. Leave trees shall be selected by the purchaser based on direction according to VII.G.1.**
15. OPTIONAL UNIT: The Purchaser has the option to harvest in unit 156A and must submit an operating plan to the Forest Officer for agreement and written approval.
16. **Removal and haul is required for Other Material meeting TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING and LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2, according to VII.C.2.**
17. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING: Purchaser will be required to whole tree skid. Trees will not be limbed or cut into log lengths before being skidded to the landings. If trees are too large to skid whole, an allowance will be made to buck the trees into log lengths with the limbs still attached to the log and skidded to the landings.
18. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jodi Turk, (406) 283-3528.
19. There is a pre-bid tour scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd at 9:00 am. Meet at Bear's Truck Stop located at 3490 US Hwy 2 W. outside of Libby. Please RSVP to Jodi Turk (406) 283-3528 if you plan to attend the tour.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA CLAY DAY TIMBER SALE										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	GF	LP	ES				TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										
Pounds per cubic foot										
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	5,200	38,362	6,518	63	2,079	1,428				53,650 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	884	6,522	1108	11	353	243				9,121 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	838	6,932	1,302	24	328	314				9,739 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	9	14	18	74	8	17				13.9%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	763	5,977	1,072	6	303	260				8,381 MBF
Average logs per MBF	22.7	20.6	24.9	114.3	29.8	15.8				21.6 logs/M
Average DBH	11.6	12.4	11.4	8.6	9.6	13.1				12.1 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree selection units	→									62 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut tree marked units	→									0 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									8.5 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									0
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	7,555 and 9,207 net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									9.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	53,650 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 8,381 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									6.40 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	10/31/2025
Operating Season:	When conditions meet VII.L.1. a-c and VII.N.

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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 ground lead (jammer)	00%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1300 ft.
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	n/a
Yarding distance skyline (average)	n/a
Estimated haul distance (paved)	53.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.0 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 Environmental Cost total \$	\$10,720
Estimated Purchaser-do Environmental Cost per ton	\$0.20/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$330,300.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$6.16/ton

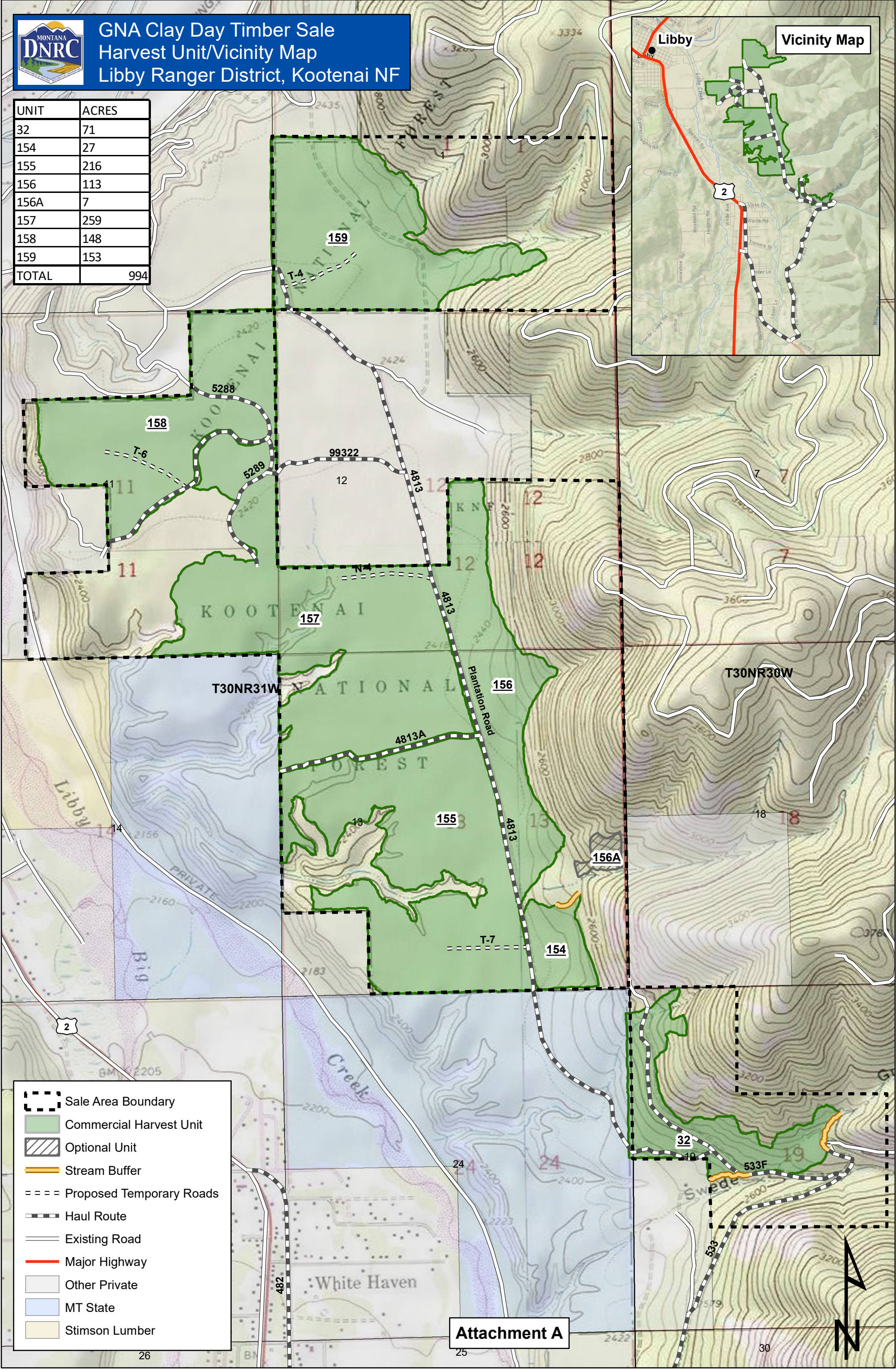
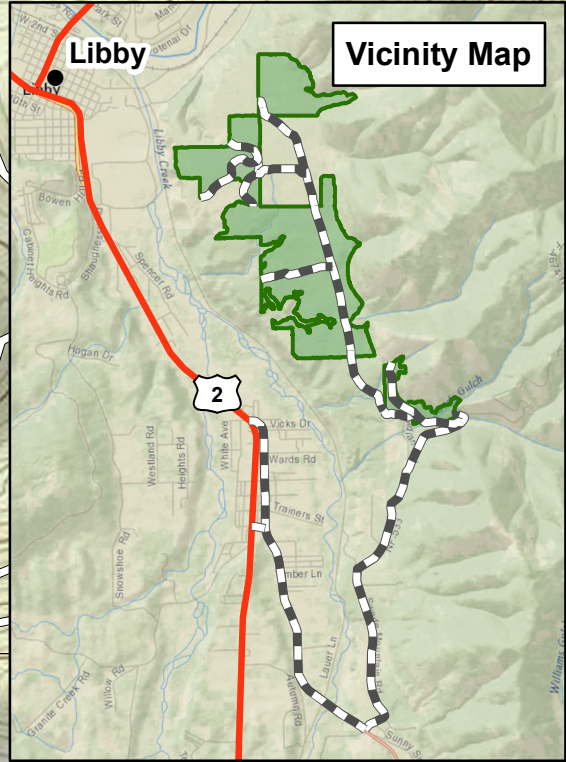
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$43,831
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.82/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$5.23/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,513
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.05/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temporary road construction	1.1 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.5 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	6.7 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	1.1 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	7.2 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest date
32	71.42	2,928	457	March 29, 2025
154	26.8	1,305	204	September 29, 2023
155	216.04	11,821	1,847	March 29, 2025
156	112.91	4,889	764	March 29, 2025
157	259.42	18,279	2,856	March 29, 2025
158	147.49	7,459	1,165	September 29, 2023
159	153.22	6,969	1,089	September 29, 2023
	987 Ac.	53,650 tons	8,381 MBF	



**GNA Clay Day Timber Sale
Harvest Unit/Vicinity Map
Libby Ranger District, Kootenai NF**

UNIT	ACRES
32	71
154	27
155	216
156	113
156A	7
157	259
158	148
159	153
TOTAL	994



- Sale Area Boundary
- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Optional Unit
- Stream Buffer
- Proposed Temporary Roads
- Haul Route
- Existing Road
- Major Highway
- Other Private
- MT State
- Stimson Lumber

Attachment A

