

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Trail Creek Fire Salvage timber sale is located within sections 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 of T2S – R17W on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Approximately 11,412 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 **Wednesday August 10th 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 **\$5,232.00** 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).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales>

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Trail Creek Fire Salvage			
For specific sale information, contact: Ann Parks			
Phone	406-702-5148		Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone			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 Forest Service has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog and non-sawlog volumes 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. 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. Layout and cruising were completed by the Forest Service. The timber sale was cruised and compiled using Forest Service Procedures and computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet. Some rounding errors will be noticeable.
4. All live non-lodgepole trees within units must be retained.
5. 1/2 mile of temporary road is permitted. It is anticipated that a temporary road of ½ miles will be constructed between Units 40 and 45. No temporary road may cross any stream.
6. All initial road work will be completed as part of a separate contract. Prioritization of harvest units is meant to mitigate any interference with either the timber harvest or road work contract. The timber Purchaser is responsible for all road maintenance during operations and final maintenance post-harvest.
7. The Purchaser is authorized by the State to use the haul route described in the Contract and attachments. FSR 1240A, 1240D, 1248, 71203 may not be used as haul routes.
8. Scarification and grass seeding are required on all skid trails, temporary roads and landing sites.
9. All prescriptions are Designation by Description, there is no interior marking within Units.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Trail Creek Fire Salvage										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	DLP	SAF				TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										\$9.17
Pounds per cubic foot										
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		495		7,978	2,736	203				11,412 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)		100		6438	638	16				7,192 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		83		1,385	755	40				2,263 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9		8	21	6				12.2%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		75		1,275	599	38				1,987 MBF
Average logs per MBF										
Average DBH		10.1		8.5	9.1	12.4				
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units	→									
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units	→									
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									8.1 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	16893 and 26900 tons at 95% Confidence Error= 22.85									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	11,412 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 1,987 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									5.74 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	10/31/2024
Operating Season:	When soil conditions are dry or frozen as defined in the timber sale contract

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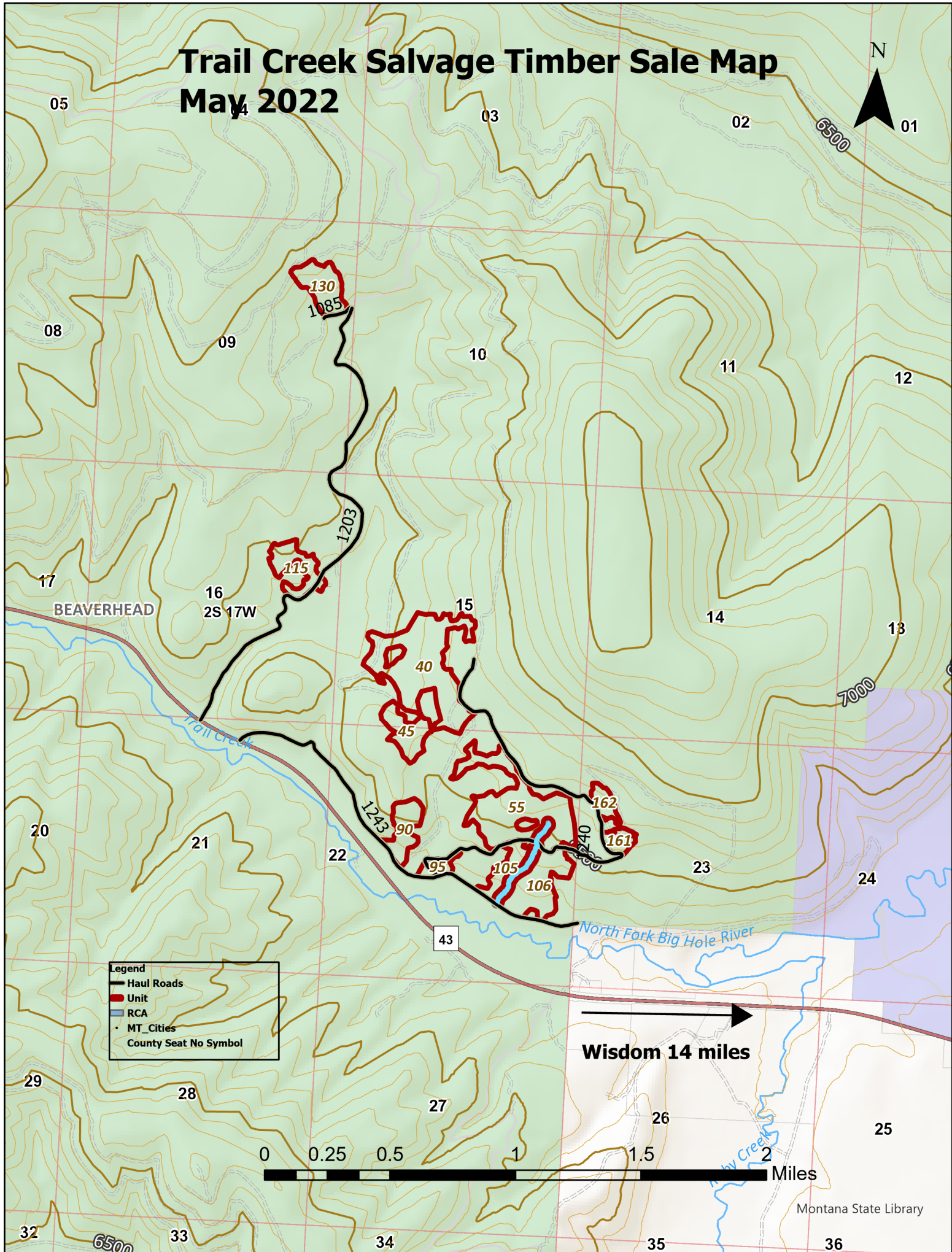
Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by ground lead (jammer)	
% of volume logged by skyline	
Yarding distance tractor (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance ground lead (average)	
Yarding distance skyline (average)	
Estimated haul distance (paved)	87 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	6 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	n/a
Forest Improvement fee per ton	n/a
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	n/a
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	n/a
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$17,080.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$1.50/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$9,240
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.81/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$4.65/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$4,185
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.37/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	
Miles of road construction	
Miles of road reconstruction	
Miles of road with site improvements	
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	
Miles of road maintenance and blading	6.1 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest date
40	66		538	August 15, 2024
45	15.5		126	August 15, 2024
55	57.9		472	August 15, 2024
90	14.6		119	September 15, 2023
95	5.9		48	September 15, 2023
105	10.4		85	September 15, 2023
106	27.3		222	September 15, 2023
115	15.7		128	Aug. 15, 2023
130	18.1		147	August 15, 2023
161	6.5		53	August 15, 2024
162	6.3		51	Aug. 15, 2024
	244 Ac.		1,989 MBF	

Trail Creek Salvage Timber Sale Map May 2022



Legend

- Haul Roads
- Unit
- RCA
- MT_Cities
- County Seat No Symbol



Wisdom 14 miles