

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Pistol Creek Timber Sale** is located within sections **1, 2, 3, 10, 11, & 12 of T11N – R7E, sections 6, & 7 of T11N-R8E, and sections 34, & 35 of T12N-R7E** on the Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest. Approximately **22,359 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 September 10th, 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 **\$19,703.00**, 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), or the DNRC Central Land Office (406-458-3500).

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 Pistol Creek			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-465-0336	Gary Ellingson	Central Land Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-458-3507	Central	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. **No harvest, road work or ground disturbing activity is permitted within the Gross Sale Area or on Haul Routes any earlier than June 15, 2022.** This date may be extended based upon ground conditions. The contract termination date is October 15, 2024. Timber harvesting operations must be completed by August 31, 2024.
2. **ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN:** Purchaser may be required to submit a written annual operating plan, as specified by, and at the request of the Forest Officer. **Purchaser shall notify the Forest Officer 45 days prior to any planned timber sale activities.**
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The sawlog volume on this timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs. The non-saw ("Other Material") volume on this timber sale was cruised and compiled using a combination of DNRC procedures and Forest Service computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet. Some rounding errors may be noticeable.
6. **Temporary Roads:** All newly constructed Temporary Roads (6484A-T019, 6484A-T002, 6484A-T003, and 9185-T059, all totaling 4.14 miles) require recontouring, slash placement and reseeding as part of the post-harvest full obliteration closure process. A portion (1.5 mi.) of Temporary Road 6484A-T003 will require a 18-36" cleared fire line path remain in the center of the road following obliteration. Existing road 9185-T058 will require 0.1 mile of reconstruction pre-harvest and 0.52 mile of obliteration post-harvest. See Timber Sale Contract Attachment B and Attachment A-4- *Road and Fireline Construction Map* for more details.
7. **Mechanical Fireline Construction:** Approximately 1.2 miles of mechanically constructed fire line will be constructed in Units 162, 163, 164. See Timber Sale Contract Section VII.F Unit Designations and Attachment A-4- *Road and Fireline Construction Map* for more details.
8. **Other Material:** The Purchaser is required to cut, skid and dispose of Other Material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 of the Timber Sale Contract. Other Material that has been manufactured by the Purchaser shall be decked and hauled separately from sawlogs. All decked Other Material must be hauled, or disposed of by the Purchaser in accordance with instructions from the Forest Officer. All hauled loads will have a truck ticket assigned.
9. **Snags:** Unmarked snags greater than or equal to 20 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) **are not** required to be cut or skidded from harvest units and may be left on-site at the discretion of the purchaser. Any snag and recruitment tree greater than or equal to 20 inches DBH cut for safety purposes shall remain in the unit. All snags less than 20 inches DBH meeting standards in Sections VII.C.1 or VII.C.2 of the Timber Sale Contract are to be cut and removed from the harvest unit.
10. **Whole Tree Yarding:** Removal of whole trees is required in all units. All tree tops shall be skidded to the landing attached to the top log, then bucked and piled at the landing.
11. **Slash Loading:** 5 to 10 tons per acre of downed woody material larger than 3 inches in diameter shall be left scattered throughout the sale units. Purchaser is required to reduce slash loading above this amount. The Forest Officer will determine the appropriate amount of material and may designate pieces to be left for this purpose that would otherwise be skidded and hauled.
12. **Slashing:** The Purchaser shall fell all sub-merchantable trees over 2 feet in height with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches on the uphill side. Stem segments larger than 3 inches diameter shall be bucked to lengths shorter than 4 feet.
13. **Restricted Operation:** During the first two weeks of General Big Game Hunting Rifle Season the purchaser shall not be allowed within the gross sale area for purposes related to the performance of this contract.
14. **Gates:** The Purchaser/Contractor shall close the gates on FS Road 6484, FS Road 6484A, FS Road 1036 & FS Road 9185-T058 after each pass. The gate on FS Road 1036 is unlocked and open to public travel from July 1 – October 15 but should remain closed after each pass. The gate is locked and closed to public travel from October 16 – June 30.
15. **Leave Tree Selection:** Units 156, 159, 160, 161, 162, 168, 169s, 170, 172, 192b, and 194 are leave tree marked. Leave trees are marked with a horizontal stripe of ORANGE paint at or above eye level, and a stump mark of ORANGE paint on the downhill side of the tree at ground level. Units 163 and 167 are Cut by Description (Regeneration Cuts). Units 155 (Shelterwood), 159 (Seed

Tree), 164 (Commercial Thin), and 165 (Commercial Thin) are Cut by Prescription. See Timber Sale Contract Section VII-G3 Purchaser Leave Tree Selection for more details.

16. 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.
17. **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion:** The Purchaser must complete and deliver to the State form AD-1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary covered transactions and form AD-1048 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower tier Covered Transactions
18. Geo-referenced PDF **Timber Sale Contract maps** are available by contacting Gary Ellingson, 406-465-0336.
19. A optional pre-bid tour with the DNRC Forest Officer and USFS is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 am**. The meeting location is at the junction of Highway 89 and Allen Gulch Road (USFS Road 1036). The road junction is located approximately 21 miles north of White Sulphur Springs. If you plan on attending the tour **please RSVP** to Gary Ellingson at 406-465-0336. The tour will include drivable haul route roads and some limited hiking with harvest units and on proposed temporary road locations. There will not be adequate time to hike all temporary road locations or see several harvest units that are to accessed by temporary roads.
20. **Obtaining Entrance behind Locked Gates :** Bidders who wish to visit the sale area on their own time will need to obtain DNRC lock combination from Gary Ellingson to unlock gates on FS Roads 6484 and 6484A. Bidders must check in at the White Sulphur Springs Ranger to on days during which they will be behind locked gates to provide notification. If it is not possible to check in during USFS office hours the bidder shall provide notice to Gary Ellingson (ph. 406-465-0336) a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the site visit.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Pistol Creek												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE	
Minimum Bid per ton											\$17.62/ton	
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7		56.0						40.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs		20529		284						1546	22,359 tons	
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material											6,515 tons	
Gross MBF		3102		33						716	3,851 MBF	
% Cull and Breakage		19.0		16.0						57.9	26.0%	
Net MBF		2520		28						301	2,849 MBF	
Average logs per MBF		29.2		72.1						39.2	30.7 logs/MBF	
Average DBH		11.9		7.1						10.8	11.4 in.	
Average tons sawlogs to cut per acre	→										50 tons/ac	
Average MBF sawlogs to cut per acre	→										6.4 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut	→										154	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,516 and 3,182 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										11.7%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	22,359 estimated tons / 2,849 Net MBF										7.85 tons/MBF	

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/15/2024
Operating Period:	July 1 - March 1- excluding 1st 2 weeks of General Big Game Hunting Season

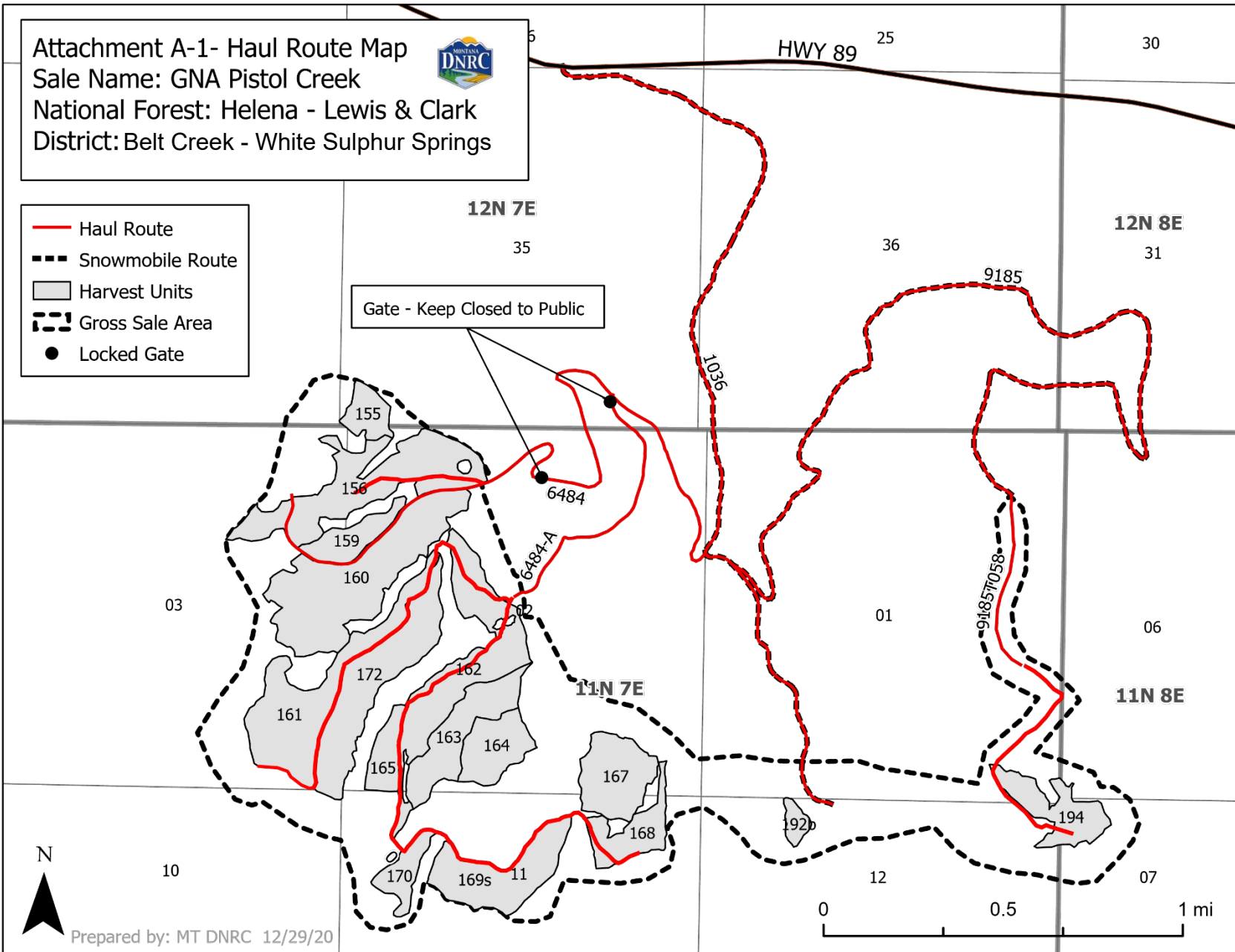
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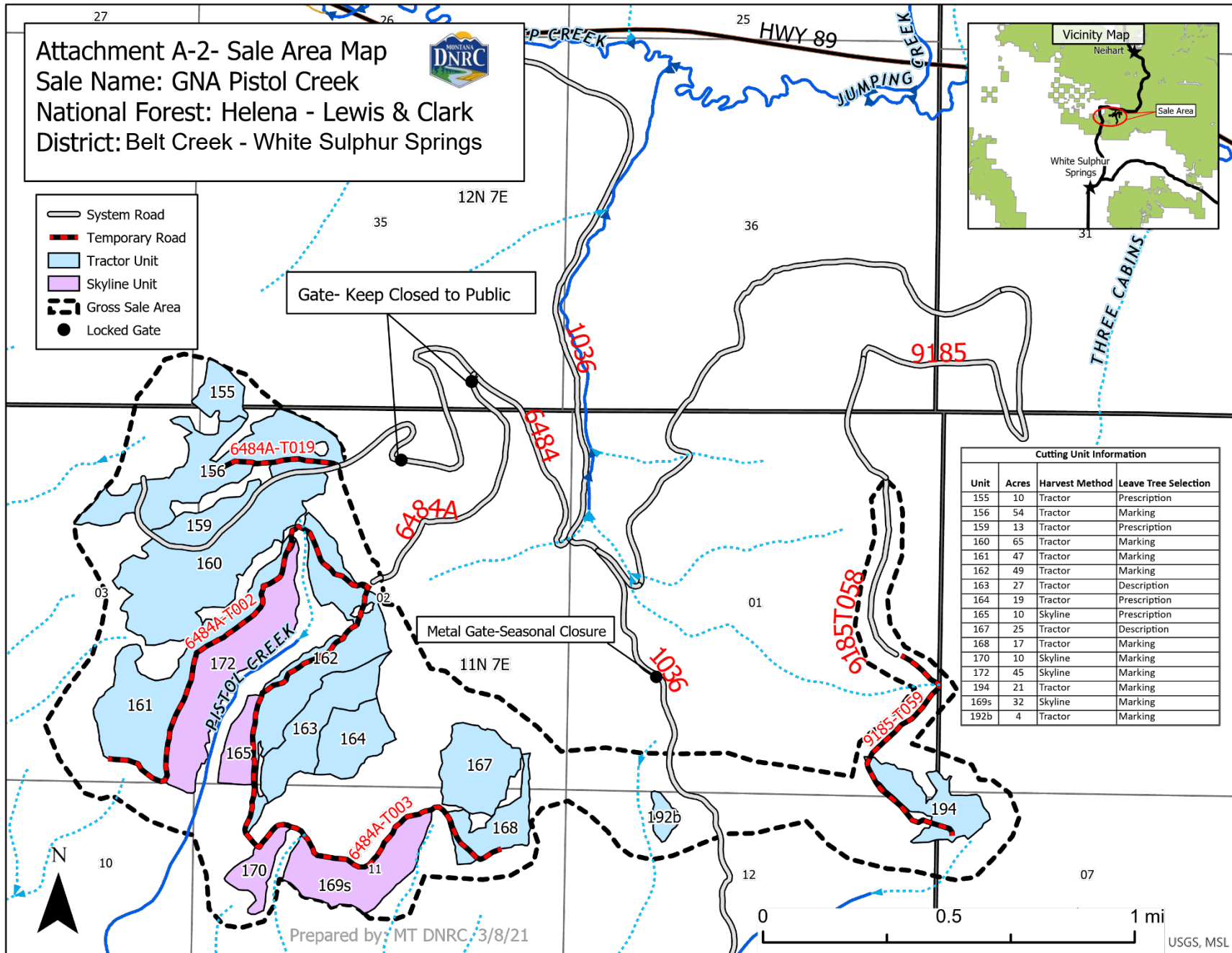
Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	05%
% of volume logged with tractors	80%
% of volume logged by skyline	20%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	750 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	325 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	97.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.8 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	\$124,101.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$5.55/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development and maintenance cost total	\$117,484
Estimated road development and maintenance cost per ton	\$5.25/ton
Estimated road development and maintenance cost per MBF	\$41.24/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total (seed)	\$3,035
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.14/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	4.1 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.2 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment/obliteration	4.7 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	14.7 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
155	9.65	987	126	08/31/24
156	54.59	4117	525	08/31/24
159	13.41	459	58	08/31/24
160	64.88	3415	435	08/31/24
161	46.61	3706	472	08/31/24
162	49.20	2022	258	08/31/24
163	26.87	336	43	08/31/24
164	18.82	717	91	08/31/24
165	10.28	491	63	08/31/24
167	25.39	252	32	08/31/24
168	16.63	830	106	08/31/24
170	10.13	619	79	08/31/24
169S	31.5	1416	180	08/31/24
172	44.68	1995	254	08/31/24
192B	4.09	194	25	08/31/24
194	20.80	804	102 MBF	08/31/24
	447.5	22358.9	2,849	

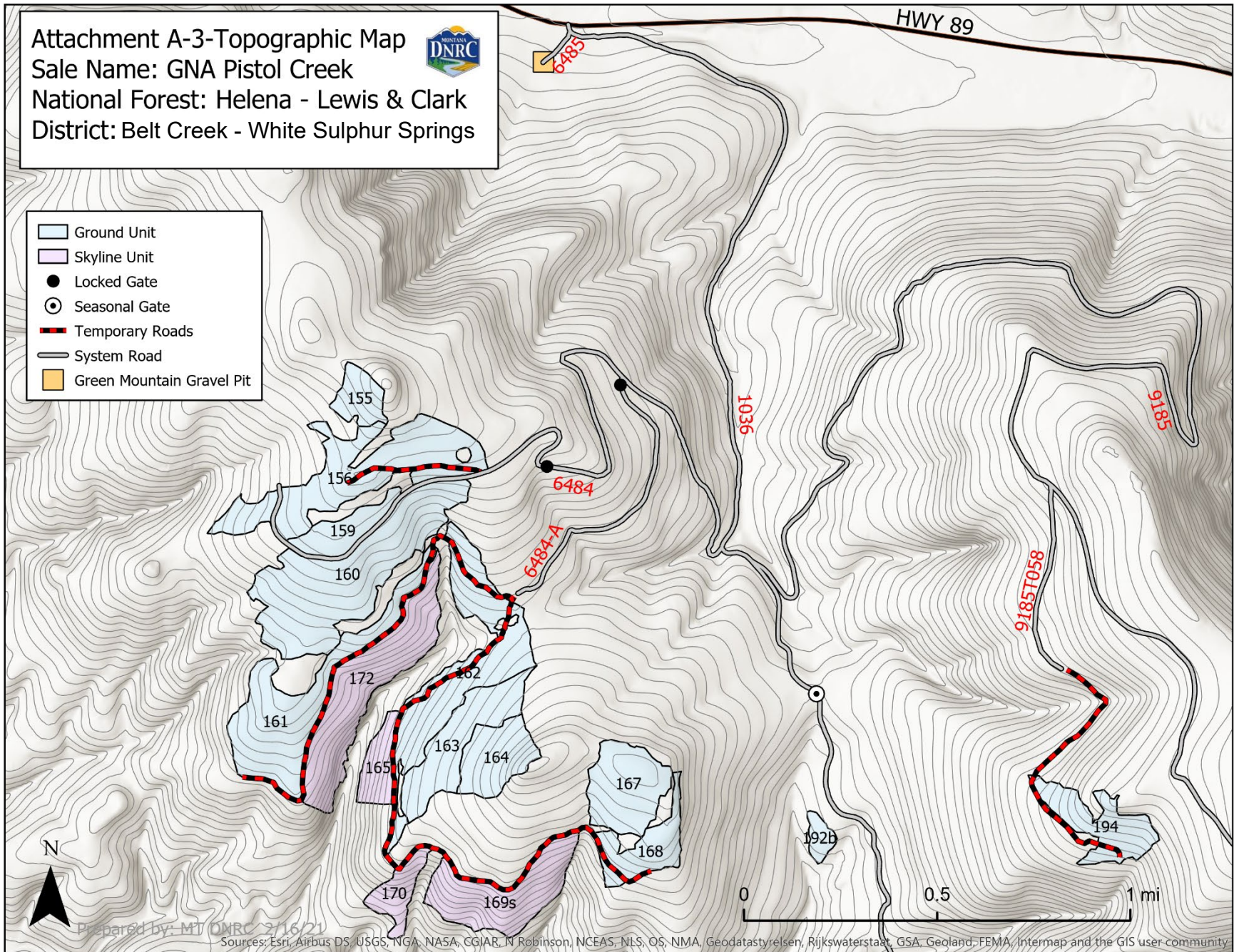




Attachment A-3-Topographic Map
Sale Name: GNA Pistol Creek
National Forest: Helena - Lewis & Clark
District: Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs



- Ground Unit
- Skyline Unit
- Locked Gate
- Seasonal Gate
- Temporary Roads
- System Road
- Green Mountain Gravel Pit



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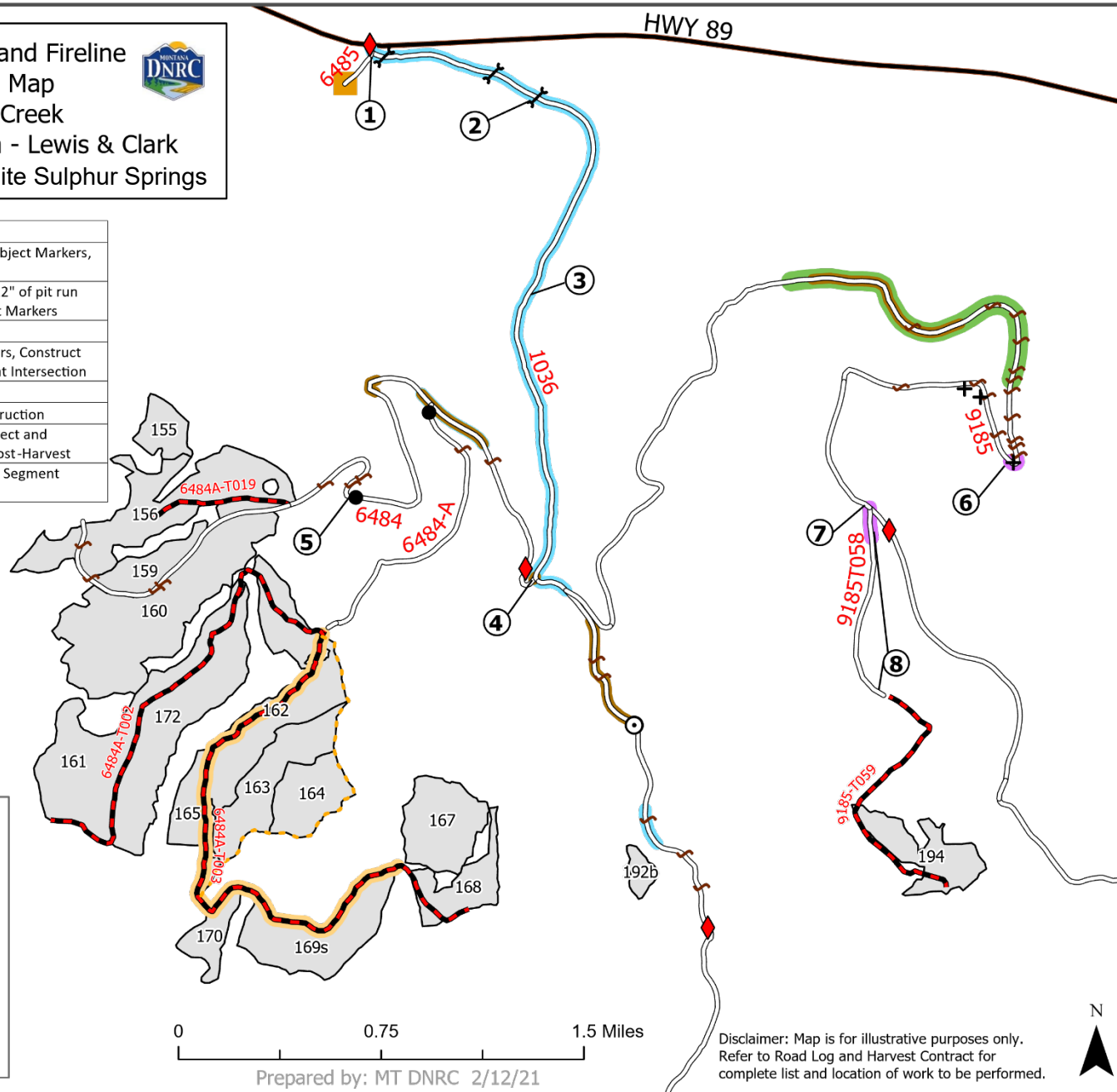
Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, INGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community

Attachment A-4- Road and Fireline Construction Reference Map
 Sale Name: GNA Pistol Creek
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Location	Description
1	Clean Cattle Guard and Add Object Markers, Replace Stop Sign
2	Replace 4' of CMP inlet, Add 12" of pit run 35' each direction, Add Object Markers
3	Add CMP Object Markers
4	Install CMP, add Object Markers, Construct Ditch at Outlet, Fill Low Spot at Intersection
5	Reconstruct Berm at Gate
6	Switchback and Ditch Reconstruction
7	Install Powder River Gate, Object and Barricade Markers, Remove Post-Harvest
8	Obliterate Full Length of Road Segment Post-Harvest (MP 0.0-0.52)

- Add Pit Run
- Clean Ditch
- Reconstruct Road Segment
- Roadside Brush Clearing
- Temporary Road- Obliterate with Fireline
- Mechanical Fireline Construction
- Rolling Dip Reconstruct/New Construct/ Clean Culvert Maintenance
- Remove T-post
- Logging Operation Safety Sign
- Temporary Roads- Obliterate Post-Harvest
- Green Mountain Gravel Pit
- Locked Gate
- Seasonal Gate



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Disclaimer: Map is for illustrative purposes only. Refer to Road Log and Harvest Contract for complete list and location of work to be performed.