

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The County Line Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T9S-R54E on the State's Eastern Land Office. Approximately 5,625 tons, consisting of Ponderosa pine sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Trust Land Management 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 **\$670.00**, 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), or the Eastern Land Office in Miles City, MT (406-232-2034).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: County Line	
Timber Sale Location: Section 36 Township 9S Range 54E	
For specific sale information, contact: Andy Miller	
Phone 406-232-2034	Eastern Land Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:	
Phone 406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office
Phone 406-232-2034	Eastern 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 Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management 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. At rates specified in the Contract, the purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement Fees** on all sawlog volume. All applicable **Road Use and/or Maintenance fees** will also be paid by the Purchaser in addition to stumpage payments.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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. Purchaser Leave Tree Selection: The Purchaser shall be responsible for selecting leave trees. Leave tree selection criteria and requirements are specified in the Special Operating Requirements of the Timber Sale Contract.
2. Temporary Rights-of-Way: Agreements have been secured by the DNRC for access to the sale areas. Signed rights-of-way documents and maps are included in the Timber Sale Contract. The Purchaser is responsible for adhering to the terms and stipulations of the Right-of-Way Agreements.
3. Unit boundaries are designated on the maps attached to the Timber Sale Contract. In all areas indicated on the attached map where the harvest unit boundary follows the forest/meadow edge, that edge is the boundary. Any area where the harvest unit boundary is not the forest/meadow edge that boundary is painted and flagged in blue paint.
4. Purchaser and road builder/contractor must meet with the Forest Officer for on-the-ground review prior to commencement of work. Erosion control measures (drain dips, outslopes, and inslopes, etc.) must be built during initial road construction. All Temporary Spur Roads must be mechanically ripped, using a blade with a minimum of eight teeth or an equivalent piece of equipment, immediately after haul use is completed and no later than September 15, 2022. DNRC personnel will seed the temporary spur roads at the time of ripping.
5. Purchaser is required to buy 200 pounds of pure live seed and all the seed must be delivered to the Eastern Land Office on or before the commencement of any road building activity. The seed species mix is listed in Attachment B in the sale contract.
6. No mechanical equipment or log hauling equipment may operate when the ground is wet and rutting of the unit and road surface may occur.
7. All harvested trees will be whole tree skidded to a landing and tops will be cut at the landing and piled. All piles will be as large and tall as possible and tightly compacted. On areas of the sale with steep adverse skids, trees may be limbed in the woods and slash lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface. No slash of any kind will be piled at the obvious head of any draw. Equipment used to pile slash must have a brush blade attached. All slash piles will be located next to a road. Any small trees that are knocked over or broken tops of trees that cannot be piled must be lopped to a height of 18" above the ground surface.
8. Purchaser is responsible to ensure the mill sends the Eastern Land Office the load reports (Truck Weight Tickets) on a bi-weekly basis and the DNRC will bill the Purchaser approximately every two weeks for the total tonnage delivered to the mill.
9. All logs must be hauled no later than 30 days after they have been decked. The date of decking must be painted on several of the decked logs.
10. Any and all fences damaged during harvest activity must be repaired immediately at the time of damage.

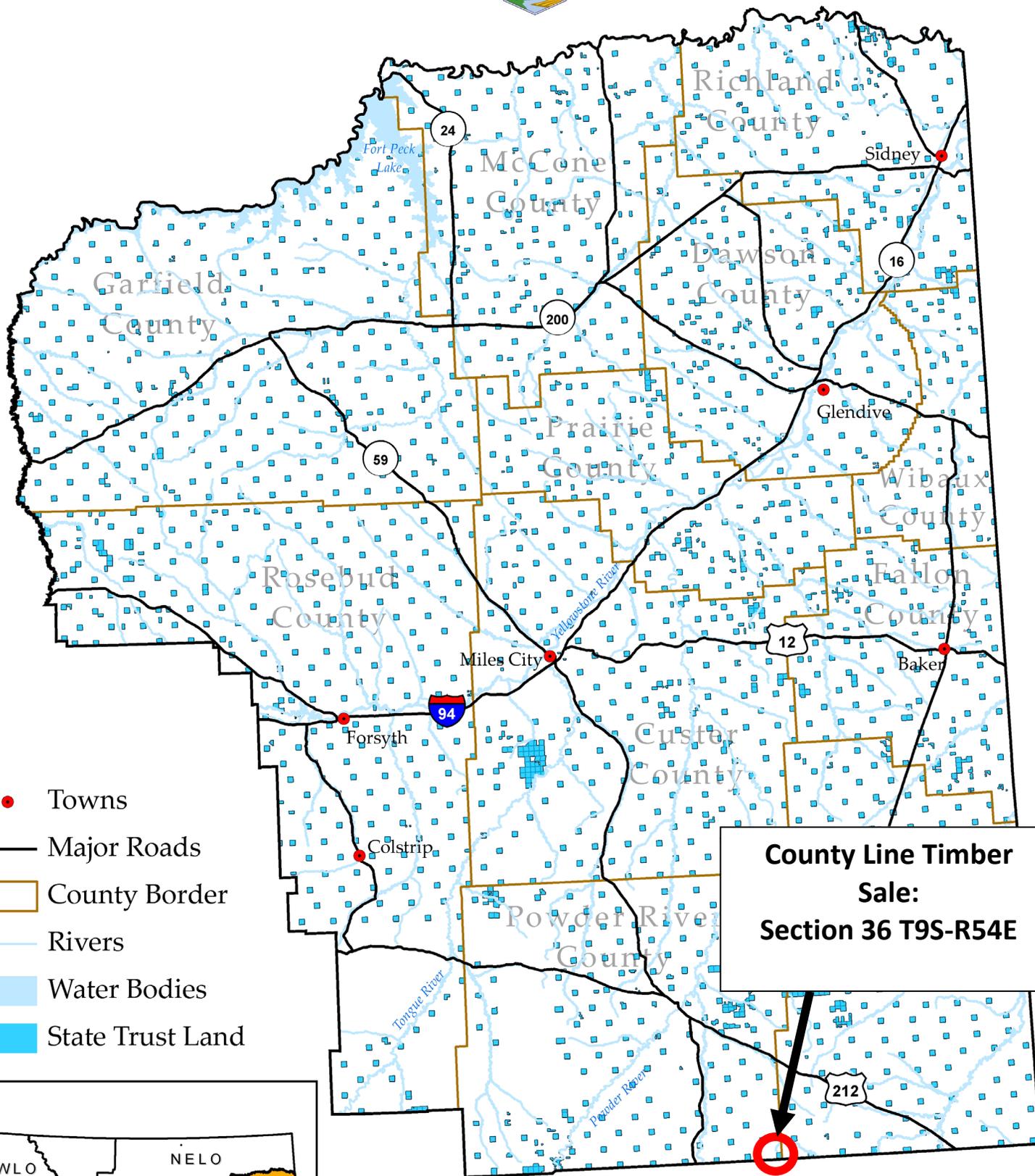
Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

County Line Timber Sale											
Timber Sale Cruise Data											
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE	
Minimum Bid per ton										\$2.38/ton	
Pounds per cubic foot											
Total estimated tons sawlogs (10" top DIB)	5,625									5,625 tons	
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons	
Gross MBF Scribner	810									810 MBF	
% Cull and Breakage	8%									8.0%	
Net MBF Scribner	750									750 MBF	
Average logs per MBF										0.0 logs/M	
Average DBH	12									13.6 in.	
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									2.4 MBF/ac	
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									0	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	0 and 0 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									0.0%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,625 estimated tons / 750 Net MBF Scribner									7.50 tons/MBF	

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	9/15/2028
Operating Season:	May 1 - April 1 when soils are dry, frozen, or snow covered

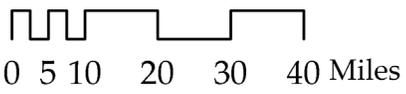
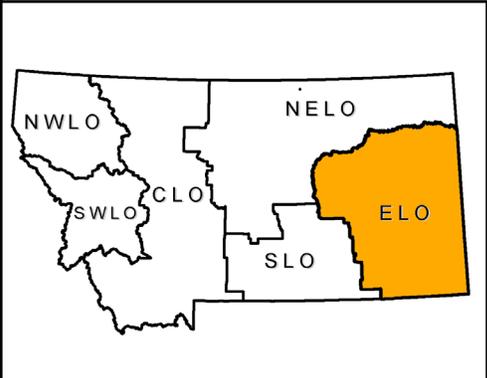
COUNTY LINE VICINITY MAP

EASTERN LAND OFFICE



**County Line Timber Sale:
Section 36 T9S-R54E**

- Towns
- Major Roads
- ▭ County Border
- Rivers
- ▭ Water Bodies
- ▭ State Trust Land





County Line Timber Sale Eastern Land Office

- Roads
- ERZone
- Harvest Units

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