NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Dry Creek Timber Permit is located within Sections 36 of T4N-R4E on the State's Bozeman Unit. Approximately 2,751 tons, consisting of Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 8001 N Montana Ave, Helena, Montana, 59602 on **May 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.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 \$540.97**, 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 Permit Contract and Timber Permit 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).

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

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS

STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

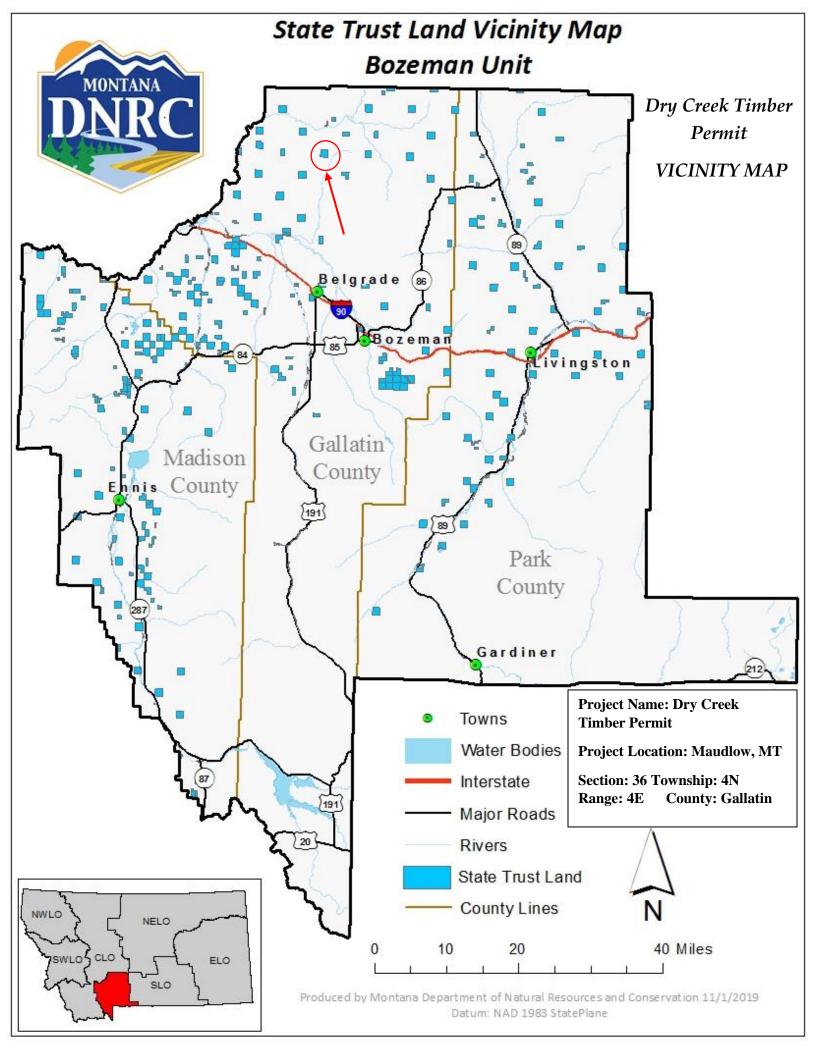
Timber Sale Name: Dry Creek Timber Permit			
For specific sale information, contact: Brian Krott - Forester			
Phone	406-594-5880		Unit Office Helena
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-594-5880	Central	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 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. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.</u>
- 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. <u>The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements</u>. 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 <u>are not guaranteed.</u>
- 13. <u>This prospectus is provided for information purposes only.</u> If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

- 1. This Timber Sale is located near the town of Maudlow, MT.
- 2. The sale area is accessible by the Dry Creek Road. This is a County Road.
- 3. The Sale area is approximately 96 acres in size, and an estimated 294 MBF will be harvested as a part of this sale. The purchaser will be encouraged to remove small diameter material that could be utilized as small sawlogs or firewood.
- 4. The Sale is located at approximately 5,200' in elevation that should allow for operations throughout most of the year, depending on soil moisture levels.
- 5. Approximately 5,055' of new road construction may be required. The purchaser may elect to not construct a portion of New Road Segment #3 (refer to Project Map), if they elect to skid logs further.





Attachment A - Sale Map Dry Creek Timber Permit Section 36 T4N 4E, Gallatin County

