

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Lost Marbles timber sale is located within sections 16, 17, 21, 22, & 27 of T17N – R27W located on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 29,824 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 January 19th, 2024, 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 **\$20,300.00** 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 for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

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| Timber Sale Name: GNA Lost Marbles | | | |
| For specific sale information, contact: | | | |
| Phone | 406-542-5873 | Aaron Kim | Unit: Southwestern Land Office |
| | 406-544-2711 | | |
| For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: | | | |
| Phone | 406-542-4300 | Forestry Division | DNRC Missoula Office |
| Phone | 406-542-5877 | Southwestern Land Office | 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. Our cruising system generally estimates sawlog volume fairly accurately, but does not estimate non-sawlog products such as post and rail as well. Significant effort was made to provide bidders with good estimates of all products offered.
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. 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.
2. The GNA Lost Marbles timber sale is part of the Redd Bull Project Area, Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Mineral County, Montana. The purpose of this project is to restore vegetative conditions that are resistant to undesirable effects of fires, insects, disease, and drought; resilient in response to those natural disturbances; and responsive to fundamental environmental shifts so ecological processes will sustain composition, structure, species, and genetic diversity in the future. Reduce forest fuels. Modify vegetation conditions to reduce potential wildfire intensity and severity, particularly with regard to private land and improve fire suppression effectiveness and firefighter safety by providing opportunities for tactical advantages during suppression actions within treated areas.
3. There is one bid item in this sale - Sawlogs. Other Material is included as a set rate. See contract for merchantability standards and specifications.
4. The sale area is partially in Marble Point Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA). For this reason, special harvesting equipment is required for different units. IN WOODS PROCESSING AND LOG FORWARDING REQUIRED: The purchaser will be required to cut and process designated trees and then forward them out to the approved landing area. Logs must be fully suspended and carried to the landing. Machinery shall operate on a slash mat during operations. See contract for special operating requirements.
5. Access to all units is permitted through private property. The MT DNRC has obtained all necessary permits for access to project area. See contract for special operating requirements.
6. Units HF2, HF3, HF5, and HF9 are mandatory cut-to-length (in-woods processor, forwarder). Equipment is required to travel on a slash mat to protect the soil. See contract for special operating requirements.
7. Unit 6 is approved to Mechanically cut and bunch and Cable Yard with Excaline Machine to unit HF3 or Shovel material to HF5 or HF3.
8. Units HF9a, D24 and D24a are approved for Tethered Operations
9. This contract has a 3-year life span. Intermediate blading on all haul routes is required for every year of the contract.
10. There will be an optional pre-bid tour of the sale area for prospective bidders on Wednesday January 3rd 2024 at 8:30 am. We will meet at the junction of Bouchard Drive and Southside Road. Please RSVP to Aaron Kim at 406-544-2711 or aaron.kim@mt.gov.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

| Lost Marbles | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SPECIES | PP | DF | WL | LP | ES | GF | RC | AF | WP | WH | Dead | TOTAL or AVE | |
| Minimum Bid per ton | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$13.64 |
| Pounds per cubic foot | 62.0 | 61.7 | 58.3 | 56.0 | | | | | | | 40.0 | | |
| Estimated tons of sawlogs | 2308 | 22306 | 3169 | 2031 | | | | | | | 0 | | 29,824 tons |
| Estimated tons of non-sawlog material | 43 | 465 | 32 | 90 | | | | | | | 0 | | 631 tons |
| Gross MBF | 340 | 3531 | 639 | 336 | | | | | | | 0 | | 4,845 MBF |
| % Cull and Breakage | 4.4 | 9.8 | 12.3 | 9.3 | | | | | | | 0.0 | | 9.7% |
| Net MBF | 325 | 3183 | 560 | 305 | | | | | | | 0 | | 4,373 MBF |
| Average logs per MBF | 22.2 | 23.5 | 17.7 | 28.1 | | | | | | | 0.0 | | 23.0 logs/MBF |
| Average DBH | 11.5 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 9.8 | | | | | | | 0.0 | | 11.6 in. |
| Average tons to cut per acre | → | | | | | | | | | | | 40 tons/ac | |
| Average MBF to cut per acre | → | | | | | | | | | | | 5.9 MBF/ac | |
| Total Average TPA Cut | → | | | | | | | | | | | 77 | |
| Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between | 3,931 and 4,816 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises | | | | | | | | | | | 10.1% | |
| Tons Per Thousand Board Feet | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet | 29,824 estimated tons / 4,373 Net MBF | | | | | | | | | | | 6.82 tons/MBF | |

| Contract Information | | |
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| Contract Termination Date: | 8/1/2027 | |
| Operating Period: | Seasonally Dependent | |

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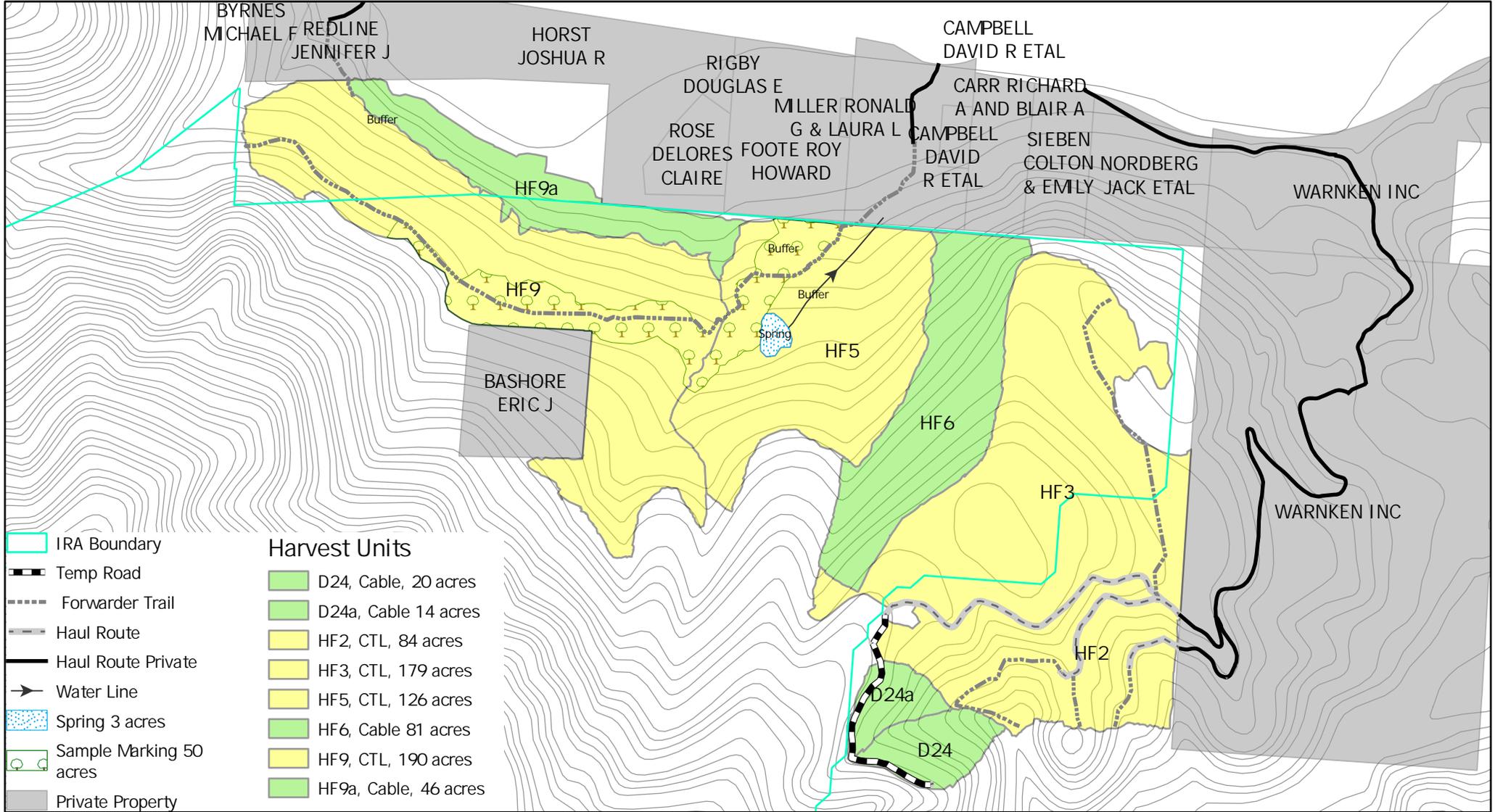
| Logging Information | |
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| % of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut | 00% |
| % of volume logged with tractors | 78% |
| % of volume logged by skyline | 00% |
| % of volume logged by other system (specify) | 22% |
| Yarding distance tractor (average) | 0 ft. |
| Yarding distance skyline (average) | 0 ft. |
| Yarding distance other system (specify) | 0 ft. |
| Estimated haul distance (paved) | 126.0 miles |
| Estimated haul distance (unpaved) | 2.0 miles |

| Purchaser fees and estimated costs | |
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| 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 | |
| Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton | \$0.00/ton |

| Road development and maintenance fees and estimates | |
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| Estimated road development cost total | \$30,000 |
| Estimated road development cost per ton | \$1.01/ton |
| Estimated road development cost perMBF | \$6.86/MBF |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total | \$9,000 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton | \$0.30/ton |
| Private road maintenance charges per ton | \$0.00/ton |
| USFS road maintenance charges per ton | \$0.00/ton |
| Miles of temp road construction | 0.5 miles |
| Miles of road reconstruction | 0.0 miles |
| Miles of road with site improvements | 0.0 miles |
| Miles of temp road reclamation or abandonment | 0.5 miles |
| Miles of road maintenance and blading | 2.5 miles |

| Unit harvest volume | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| Unit # | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF | Harvest Deadline |
| HF2 | 81.00 | 2571 | 377 | March 15, 2027 |
| HF3 | 178.97 | 7292 | 1070 | March 15, 2027 |
| HF5 | 129.01 | 6301 | 924 | March 15, 2027 |
| HF6 | 81.05 | 2352 | 345 | March 15, 2027 |
| HF9 | 191.82 | 6919 | 1015 | March 15, 2027 |
| HF9a | 45.79 | 2917 | 428 | March 15, 2027 |
| D24a | 13.68 | 215 | 31 | March 15, 2027 |
| D24 | 19.72 | 1248 | 183 | March 15, 2027 |
| | 741 Ac. | 29,824 tons | 4,373 MBF | |

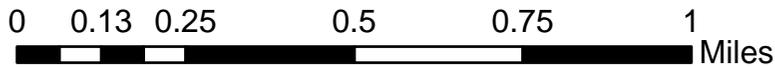
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GNA Lost Marbles Timber Sale 741 Acres

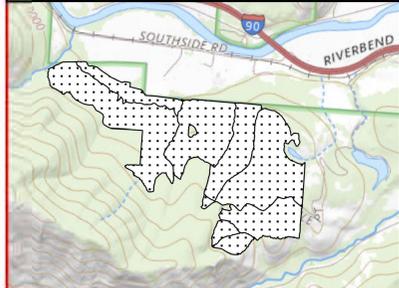


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GNA Lost Marbles Vicinity Map

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