
GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY QUARTERLY UPDATE

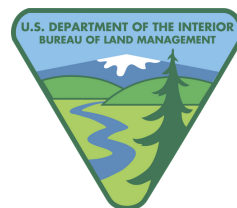
APRIL 2020

The Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC), the United States Forest Service (USFS), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in close partnership with other agencies, industry, and conservation groups, are working to increase the amount of forest and watershed restoration on federal and adjacent lands accomplished in Montana through the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA).

Through GNA, Montana is improving forest health and resiliency, reducing threats to communities and watersheds from large and destructive wildfires, and creating more jobs and local economic benefits.



Picture above shows a panorama of the Boulder Lowlands GNA project.



GNA WORK SUMMARY

There are currently six GNA timber sales under contract and five more sales to be advertised in FY20. In FY21, an additional nine sales will be advertised. By 2021, all seven national forests and the BLM in Montana will have forest restoration projects implemented through GNA.

DNRC GNA WORKFORCE

BUREAU TEAM

Bureau Chief:

Greg Archie

Program Manager:

Neil Simpson

GNA Business Specialist:

Chloe Munden

FIELD TEAM

Southwestern Land Office GNA Specialist:

Nate Arno

Southwestern Land Office Forester:

Andy Moffett

Central Land Office GNA Specialist:

Gary Ellingson

Central Land Office Forester:

Ann Parks

Kalispell Unit Forester:

Caleb Deitz

Libby Unit Forester:

Jodi Turk

Northwestern Land Office GNA Specialist:

Brook Blakeley

Picture to the right shows a portion of a Shared Stewardship project between the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest and DNRC to protect the Red Mountain Chessman Flume that supplies drinking water to the city of Helena.



GNA TIMBER SALES OVERVIEW

Montana DNRC GNA Timber Sale Projects

Planning Document subject to frequent changes; last updated March 19, 2020

Federal Land Management Unit		Project	Status	Federal		Harvest	Restoration Outcomes and Other Notes	
				Fiscal Year	Acres	Volume		
Bitterroot		Threemile	Contract Awarded	2020	165	700	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Bitterroot		GNA Buckhorn	May Advertisement	2020	1350	5000	Forest health and resiliency, insect and disease	
Bitterroot		Gold Butterfly	Proposed	2022	1000	TBD	Road sediment reduction, fuels, weeds, and fisheries	
Bitterroot		Bitterroot Front*	Proposed	2023	TBD	TBD		
Flathead		Liger	Contract Awarded	2019	387	1800	harvest approx. 65% complete	
Flathead		Taylor Hellroaring	June Advertisement	2020	697	6500	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Flathead		Weed Lake	summer 2020 advertise	2020	400	4000	Forest health and resiliency, insect and disease	
Flathead		Salish Good	ongoing fieldwork	2021	621	3000	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Flathead		Mid Swan	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Kootenai		Elk Gem	Contract Awarded	2019	184	2700	harvest approx. 65% complete	
Kootenai		Buick Divide	No bid Oct. 2019	2021	320	3100	currently on hold due to Pilgrim Court Decision	
Kootenai		Clay Day	ongoing fieldwork	2021	900	4500	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Kootenai		Ski Dale GNA	ongoing field work	2021	130	500	WUI fuels reduction	
Kootenai		Pinkham Meadow	Proposed	2022	400	2400	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Lolo		Grant Creek Fuels	Contract Awarded	2020	140	480	WUI fuels reduction, forest health and resiliency	
Lolo		Westside Bypass	ongoing field work & NEPA	2021	1000	3500	Fuels Reduction, insects and disease	
Lolo		Blackfoot Gold	field work summer 20	2021	TBD	500	Fuels Reduction, insects and disease	
Lolo		Red Bull	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Lolo		Wildfire Missoula	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Lolo		Kozy by the Fire	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Beaverhead Deerlodge		Boulder Lowlands	harvest complete	2018	369	4000	Forest health and resiliency, insect and disease, fuel reduction	
Beaverhead Deerlodge		Rancho Deluxe	ongoing NEPA	2021	1150	10000	Road sediment reduction, fuels, weeds, and fisheries	
Beaverhead Deerlodge		Highway 43	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Beaverhead Deerlodge		East Deerlodge Aspen	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Custer Gallatin		East Boulder	contract development	2020	300	2500	Fuels Reduction, insects and disease	
Custer Gallatin		Greater Red Lodge	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Custer Gallatin		Stillwater	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Custer Gallatin		Red Lodge Mountain	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Helena Lewis & Clark		Brooklyn Bridge	Contract Awarded	2020	640	7200	Fuels Reduction, insects and disease	
Helena Lewis & Clark		GNA Pistol	field work summer 20	2021	563	4900	Forest health and resiliency, insect and disease	
Helena Lewis & Clark		Buffalo Springs	Proposed	2022	758	9400		
Helena Lewis & Clark		Middle Man	Proposed	2023	TBD	TBD		
Helena Lewis & Clark		Boulder Baldy	Proposed	2023	TBD	TBD		
Bureau of Land Management		Garnet Range Road	ongoing fieldwork	2020	250	1250	Forest health and resiliency	
Bureau of Land Management		Tenmile South Helena	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD	Fules Reduction	
Bureau of Land Management		Blackfoot Gold	Proposed	2021	TBD	500	Forest health and resiliency	
Bureau of Land Management		Belcher Mountain	Proposed	TBD	TBD	TBD	Forest health and resiliency	
TOTAL		37 Projects	6 Awarded Contracts	11724		78430		

FY20 Estimated Volume/Acres	27,630 Million Board Feet	3942 Acres
FY21 Estimated Volume/Acres	30,050 Million Board Feet	4684 Acres

RESTORATION OBJECTIVES

ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH GNA TIMBER SALES

The project benefits of GNA timber sales include improving forest and watershed health, decreasing wildfire intensity and severity, enhancing the resiliency to future insect and disease outbreaks, maintaining and supporting the wood products industry, and creating local, good-paying jobs in Montana communities.

The success of GNA projects like the two featured below require employees from USFS, BLM, and DNRC to work together cooperatively to leverage technical expertise, financial resources, and staffing capacity.

THREEMILE GAME RANGE

**Bitterroot National Forest,
Near Stevensville**

The Threemile Game Range project supports cross-boundary goals to address years of fire suppression that led to overstocked stands and reduced forage for big game. Stands will be treated to promote large ponderosa pine, reduce wildfire risk, and improve winter range conditions on both Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and USFS lands within the Threemile Wildlife Management Area.

Taylor-Hellroaring **Flathead National Forest, Near Whitefish**

The Taylor-Hellroaring project will promote the establishment and continuance of long-lived seral species through vegetation management. Taylor-Hellroaring will also help protect the town of Whitefish from effects of catastrophic wildfire by reducing overstocked stands and promoting fire-adapted tree species. Additionally, the project will improve forest health in and around the municipal water source for the city.

GNA SERVICE RESTORATION PROJECT OVERVIEW

Revenue from GNA timber sales, USFS, BLM, and other partner funding is used to complete service restoration activities through GNA agreements. In addition, the State service contracts and added staffing capacity from DNRC are able to accelerate these restoration activities, including USFS NEPA support, field data collection, mastication, pile burning, weed treatments, regeneration surveys and fuels reduction activities.

Restoration through GNA occurs across Montana and will increase in scope and scale as revenue from GNA timber sales increase.



Picture above shows the first haul of timber off the Elk Gem GNA project.

GNA in Montana is moving forward with restoration outcomes that include Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fuels reduction, road sediment reduction, aquatic habitat improvement, treatment of weeds and insects and diseases, and improving forest health and resiliency.

Additionally, GNA timber sales will support local economies and Montana's forest products industry. By increasing restoration work done on federal and adjacent lands, GNA can help provide a consistent log supply to support a stable mill infrastructure and skilled workforce.

Picture to the right shows the Sun Mountain crew working on the Boulder Lowlands GNA project.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY MOVING FORWARD

