

Referred to Timber Sale  
by  
Section of Receipts  
8/21/06

Missoula, Montana, August 13, 1906.

Big Blackfoot Milling Company, Timber Sale,  
8/13/'06, Lewis and Clark (S) Reserve.

The Forester,  
Forest Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

We, the applicant in the above entitled case, hereby apply for the privilege of advance cutting in order to admit of the necessary preliminary work of building camps, etc., before weather conditions prevent the beginning of operations.

If this application is granted, we promise to pay for all timber cut thereunder at the rate of the highest bid offered after advertisement.

Very truly yours,

Big Blackfoot Milling Company  
By John R. Tule President

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

## TIMBER ESTIMATE AND FOREST DESCRIPTION

FOR

Area east of Seeley Lake, bounded by broken red line (see enclosed map),  
(Describe the tract covered. State whether for entire area applied for, or for one compartment, and refer to accompanying map.)

applied for by Big Blackfoot Milling Company, Bonner, Montana.

AREA.—Total acreage within boundary of tract described 5440; of burns 0; of cut-over land 0; of open land 100; of woodland, not containing merchantable timber 240; of merchantable forest included in estimate 5100

Species	LIVING TIMBER.						DEAD TIMBER (both standing and down, sound enough for use).
	Larch	Yel. Pine	Red Fir	Spruce	Lodge pole	LOWLAND FIR TOTAL	
INCLUDING AND ABOVE	16"	16"	12"	12"	10"	10"	
INCHES, THE DIAMETER SPECIFIED IN APPLICATION:							
Average number trees per acre	12	7	12	4.2	10.7	0.1	46
Average height of trees	123'	101'	100'	111'	86'	60'	
Average diameter of trees	24"	22"	17"	15"	11"	13"	17"
Average stand, B. M., per acre	5400	3000	3150	750	2550	150	
Total stand, B. M.						15000	
Average number cords per acre of material so reckoned, not included above						76,500,000	250,000
Total number of cords							

What percentage of total merchantable forest area was actually estimated? 2.5%

What system was used? Strip valuation surveys.

August 24, 1906.

Mr. E. S. Bruce,  
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Bruce:

I wired you today as follows:

"Examine and report as soon as possible, Big Blackfoot Milling Company application for fifty million feet, Lewis and Clark South, T. 17 N., R. 15 W. Letter follows. Also details sent Missoula, care Sherman. Wire when you make examination."

The Big Blackfoot Milling Company made an informal application in July for approximately 125,000,000 feet in the Lewis and Clark. Mr. Sherrard examined the area early in August, and persuaded the Company to reduce the application to 50,000,000 feet, on which he put a price of \$2.25. The Company made a formal application on this basis, and have asked for advance cutting.

John R. Toole, the President of the Big Blackfoot Milling Company is Manager of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. The latter Company applied for timber in the Bitterroot. The timber was advertised some time ago at \$3.00 per thousand, but the Company failed to bid and a portion of it was later sold to Hitt and Melquist at \$4.01.

The area covered by the application in the Lewis and Clark has been mapped, timber estimate and forest description made up by Forest Assistant Kinney.

I wish you would make this examination as soon as possible, and let me know the approximate date. I enclose a copy of their formal application.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure

*Gifford Pinchot*  
Forester.

*M. S.*

*AKC* *J.D.* *edd*

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This is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE**, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

Forester  
 MAY 21 1907  
 Asso. Forester.

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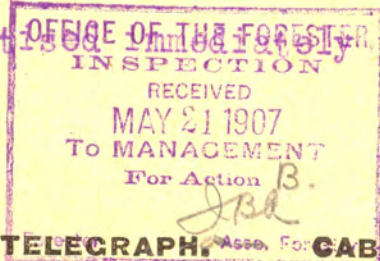
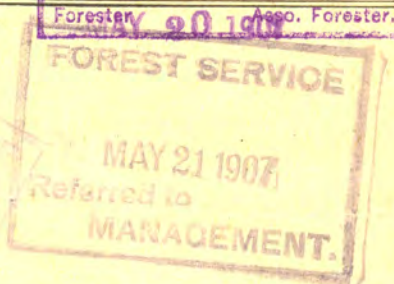
Missoula, Mont May 20, 07

The Forester,

Washn DC.

Blackfoot company is now willing to pay three dollars for seely lake timber to save unnecessary delay suggest Bunker be consulted and if he approves that timber be advertised immediately without formal application.

Sherman.



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**Lewis & Clark (S.)**

(Name of reserve.)

**June 18, 1907.**

(Date.)

The Forester,  
Forest Service,

Washington, D. C.

Anaconda "Standard"

*Sir: The first publication of notice of Timber*

*Sale* **Big Blackfoot Milling Co. 5/24/07**

(Name of purchaser and date.)

*appeared* **June 9**, 1907. *The final*

(Date.)

*publication will appear* **July 7**, 1907.

(Date.)

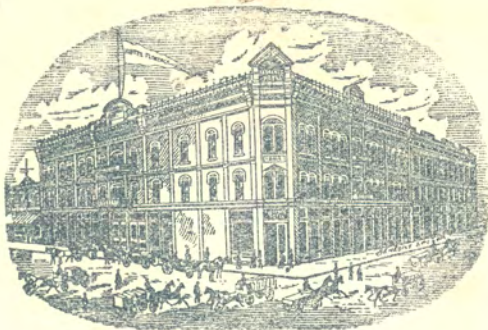
*Respectfully,*

*A. E. Carter*

**Acting Forest Supervisor.**

Sale of Timber—Washington, D. C., May 24, 1907.—Sealed bids, marked outside "Bid, Timber Sale Application, May 24, 1907, Lewis and Clark (S) National Forest," and addressed to the Forester, Forest Service, Washington, D. C., will be received up to and including the 9th day of July, 1907, for the purchase of all the merchantable dead timber, standing and down, and all the live timber marked for cutting by the forest officers, located on an area to be designated by the forest officers on the east side of Seeley lake, in township 17 north, range 15 west, Montana meridian, on the watershed of the Clearwater river and such of its tributaries as drain into Seeley lake; estimated to be 50,000,000 feet, board measure, more or less, of larch, yellow pine, Douglas fir (red fir), spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. No bids of less than \$3 per 1,000 feet, board measure, will be considered, and a deposit of \$10,000 must be sent to George E. King, fiscal agent, forest service, Washington, D. C., for each bid sent to the forester. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Timber upon valid claims is exempted from sale. For further information and regulations governing sales call on or address Arthur C. McCain, Acting Forest Supervisor, Kalispell, Mont.

E. E. CARTER,  
Acting Forester.



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Missoula, Montana,

Aug 13

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Dear Chittenden

The sale to the Big  
Blackfoot on the Lewis & Clark went  
through this afternoon

I am very much pleased over  
that I was able to cut the sale  
down from 100 to 50 million  
and that they agreed to the  
fine penalty clause.

It is very desirable that they should  
begin operations at once and they  
should get advance drilling by wire.  
Mr. Tarr will send in \$12,000.00  
as first payment tomorrow.

I enclose the contract to which  
they agreed.

The cutting area will have to be  
very carefully laid out to bring  
them just as far west of the case  
as possible without going over