

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Russky Creek Timber Sale is located within Sections 29, 31, 32, and 33 of T35N-R24W; and Section 5 of T34N-R24W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 30,542 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 **June 27, 2023 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 \$12,125.00**, 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).

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: Russky Creek Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact: Les Thomas, Management Forester			
Phone	406-881-2665	Stillwater Unit Office	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2257	Karen Goode	Northwestern 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, cashier's 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. Access to sale area is from Highway 93 North of Olney, MT. At MM 158.2 turn east onto Stillwater River Road (900 Rd). Stillwater River Road continues for 6.4 miles to the intersection of the Fitzsimmons Road, then becomes the Marston Road. Just past MM 8, Marston Road intersects the Russky Creek Road, which is gated and has a Spring Closure (April 1-June 30). Combination for that lock is 2-3-7-1
2. There is a goshawk **Nest Timing Restriction Zone** with a ¼ mile radius (see Russky Creek Timber Sale Project Map) that prohibits logging, hauling, road construction and maintenance, chemical treatment, and prescribed burning from April 1-August 15th each year.
 - A limit of 2-3 pickups per day may be within the Nest Restriction Zone during this time.
 - Lowboys and Equipment **may** be allowed after consultation with a DNRC biologist.
 - All trees within 100 feet of the nest site must be left, except portions of the area where temporary road construction is necessary.
 - The eastern edge of the zone is in the western portion of Unit 1 and results in a timing restriction for portions of Units 1, 2, and 3, and impacts access to Unit 4 and equipment operation in most of the sale area and the main artery temporary road.
 - Due to nest timing restriction zone and high elevation, the operating period for much of the sale area may be limited to August 16 – December 22 or until winter conditions become problematic.
 - If the goshawk nest is determined to be unoccupied, abandoned, or destroyed from natural causes by a DNRC Wildlife Biologist, the Nest Timing Restriction Zone **MAY** be lifted.
3. A 20-foot steel bridge is required to be removed from its current location. This bridge will be transported and installed as part of this sale (See Road Log & Appraisal in Attachment B for more details).
 - Distance from current location to the crossing site on Chepat Creek is 7.2 miles. This will likely take multiple trips and may require multiple pieces of equipment to load and unload bridge sections.
 - Bridge will be removed under a separate contract after sale closes and site preparation and planting are completed.
4. Road Work: Temporary Road Construction 4.4 miles, New Temporary or Excavated Skid Trail 0.16 miles, Total Temporary Road Construction is 4.55 miles. Road Maintenance on 9.25 miles of roads (See Road Log & Appraisal in Attachment B for more details).
 - 8 CMPs are required to be furnished and installed by the Purchaser. See Road Log & Appraisal and Attachment B for location, size, length, and cost estimate of materials and installation.
 - 7 conveyor-belt water diverters are required to be furnished and installed by Purchaser. See Road Log & Appraisal and Attachment B for size, length, install location, and cost estimate of materials and installation.
5. Harvest Details:
 - Harvest Area: 371 acres (362 acres sawlog, 8 acres post and pole)
 - Potential additional RMZ harvest: 24 acres (coordinate with Forest Officer before cutting)
 - Potential additional SMZ harvest: 5.7 acres (coordinate with Forest Officer before cutting)
 - Approximately 8 acres of Post and Pole size timber in units 2 and 3 not cruised (Estimated 300-400 TPA from 3" to 6.5" DBH avg 35 feet tall)
 - Mandatory pulp and post-&pole material removal in all units. Unit 3 has the most extensive amounts of post-&pole, followed by Unit 2.
6. Skidding Details
 - Ground-Based Skidding: 25 Acres (Unit 4)
 - Line Skidding: 336 acres
 - Alternate yarding methods may be utilized in some areas with permission of Forest Officer.
7. SMZ Harvest: may be allowed on some streams as determined by Forest Officer (See Russky Creek Timber Sale Project Map and contract Unit boxes).
 - Unit 1 - three SMZ harvest areas totaling 2.1 acres.
 - Unit 2 - one SMZ harvest area totaling 2.3 acres
 - Unit 3 - two SMZ harvest areas totaling 0.8 acres
 - Unit 4 - one SMZ harvest area totaling 0.5 acres

- SMZ harvest areas are not yet marked to cut/leave and must be marked by Forest Officer before harvest begins in these areas.
8. RMZ harvest: RMZ harvest is allowed on some Class 1 stream areas as determined by Forest Officer (See Russky Creek Timber Sale Project Map and contract Unit boxes).
 - Unit 1 - 1.5 acres RMZ harvest
 - Unit 2 - 1.2 acres RMZ harvest
 - Unit 3 - 11.3 acres RMZ harvest
 - Unit 4 – 10.0 acres RMZ harvest
 - RMZ harvest areas are not yet marked and must be marked to cut by Forest Officer before harvest begins in these areas.
 9. Areas of rocky ledges and areas that present deflection problems for cable logging systems are scattered throughout the sale. On-the-ground reconnaissance by bidders is strongly encouraged. Contact Les Thomas for more information.
 10. Hand fireline construction required in Unit 4 – approximately 1,150 feet.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Rusky Timber Sale											
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)											
SPECIES		DF	WL	LP	ES	WF					TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton											\$7.94
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0						
Estimated tons of sawlogs		2930	1944	13488	7753	4427					30,542 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material											0 tons
Gross MBF		457	325	2141	1364	867					5,154 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		12.0	13.0	9.0	14.0	20.0					12.9%
Net MBF		401	283	1941	1173	691					4,489 MBF
Average logs per MBF		27.7	30.6	30.2	26.3	28.7					28.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.6	10.4	9.7	10.7	10.8					10.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→										84 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→										12.4 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→										0
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	4,000 and 4,978 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										10.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	30,542 estimated tons / 4,489 Net MBF										6.80 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2028
Operating Period:	Active Goshawk Nest: August 15 - December 22; Inactive Goshawk Nest: July 1 - Decemeber 22 and when soil conditions allow

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	100%
% of volume logged with tractors	07%
% of volume logged by skyline	93%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	983 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	37.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	10.8 miles

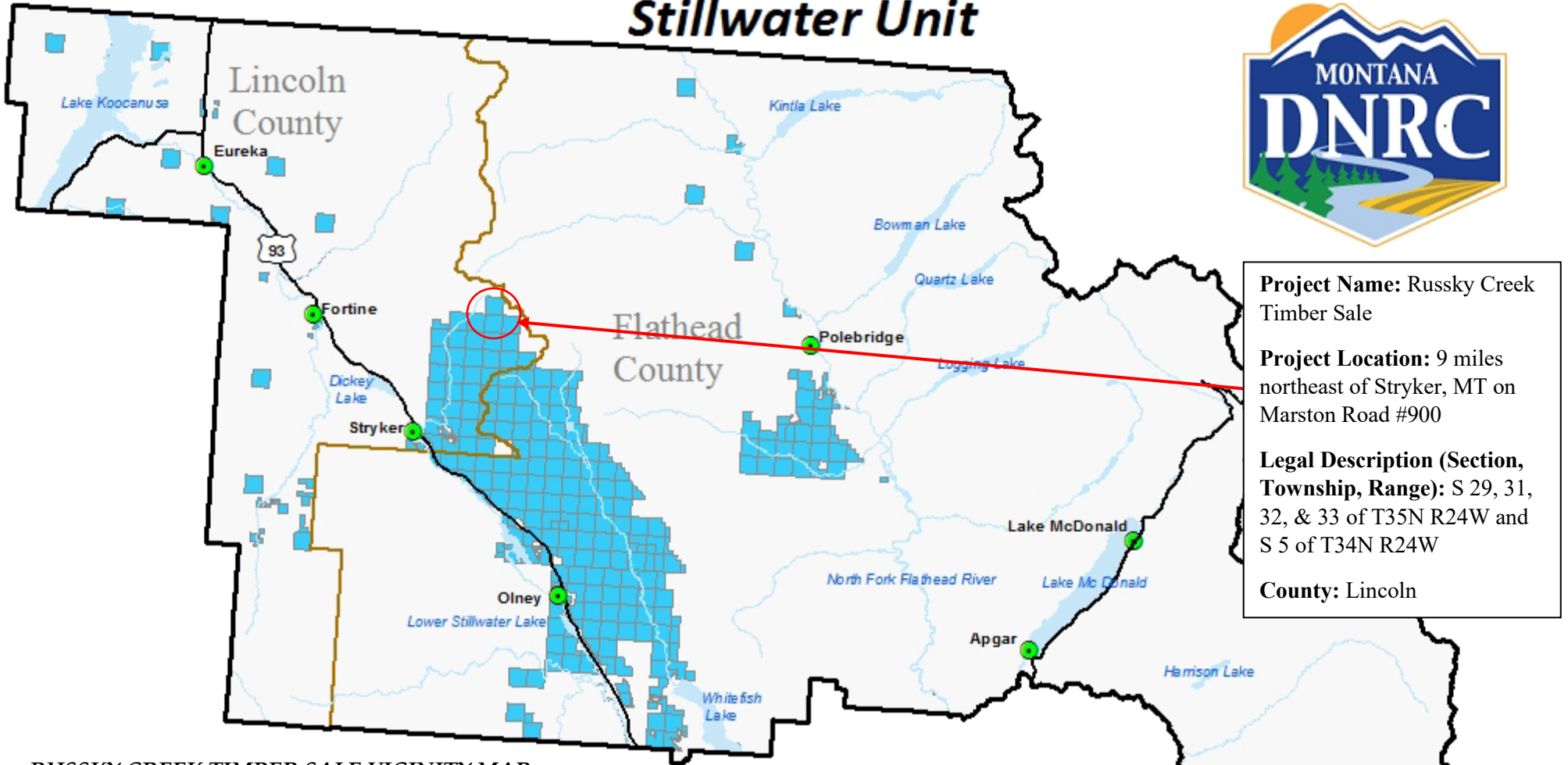
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.91/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$119,419.22
Forest Improvement fee - concurrent with stumpage	
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$598
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.02/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$192,900
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$6.32/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$42.97/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$13,748
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.45/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	4.5 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	9.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	23.40	1775	261	October 30, 2028
2	93.20	9248	1359	October 30, 2028
3	165.50	11026	1621	October 30, 2028
4	79.40	8493	1248	October 30, 2028
	362 Ac.	30,542 tons	4,489 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit



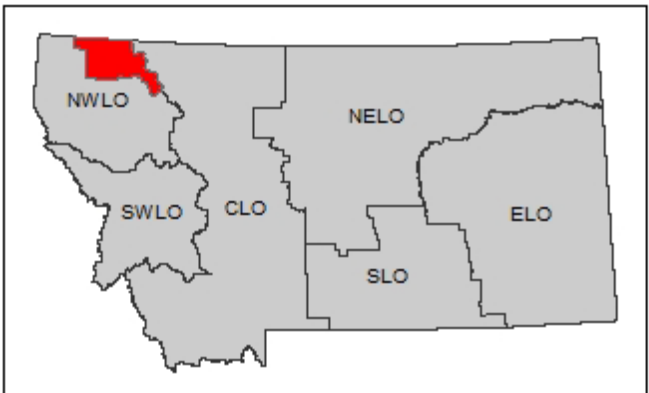
Project Name: Russky Creek Timber Sale

Project Location: 9 miles northeast of Stryker, MT on Marston Road #900

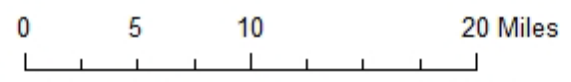
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 29, 31, 32, & 33 of T35N R24W and S 5 of T34N R24W

County: Lincoln

RUSSKY CREEK TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP



- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- Rivers
- State Trust Land



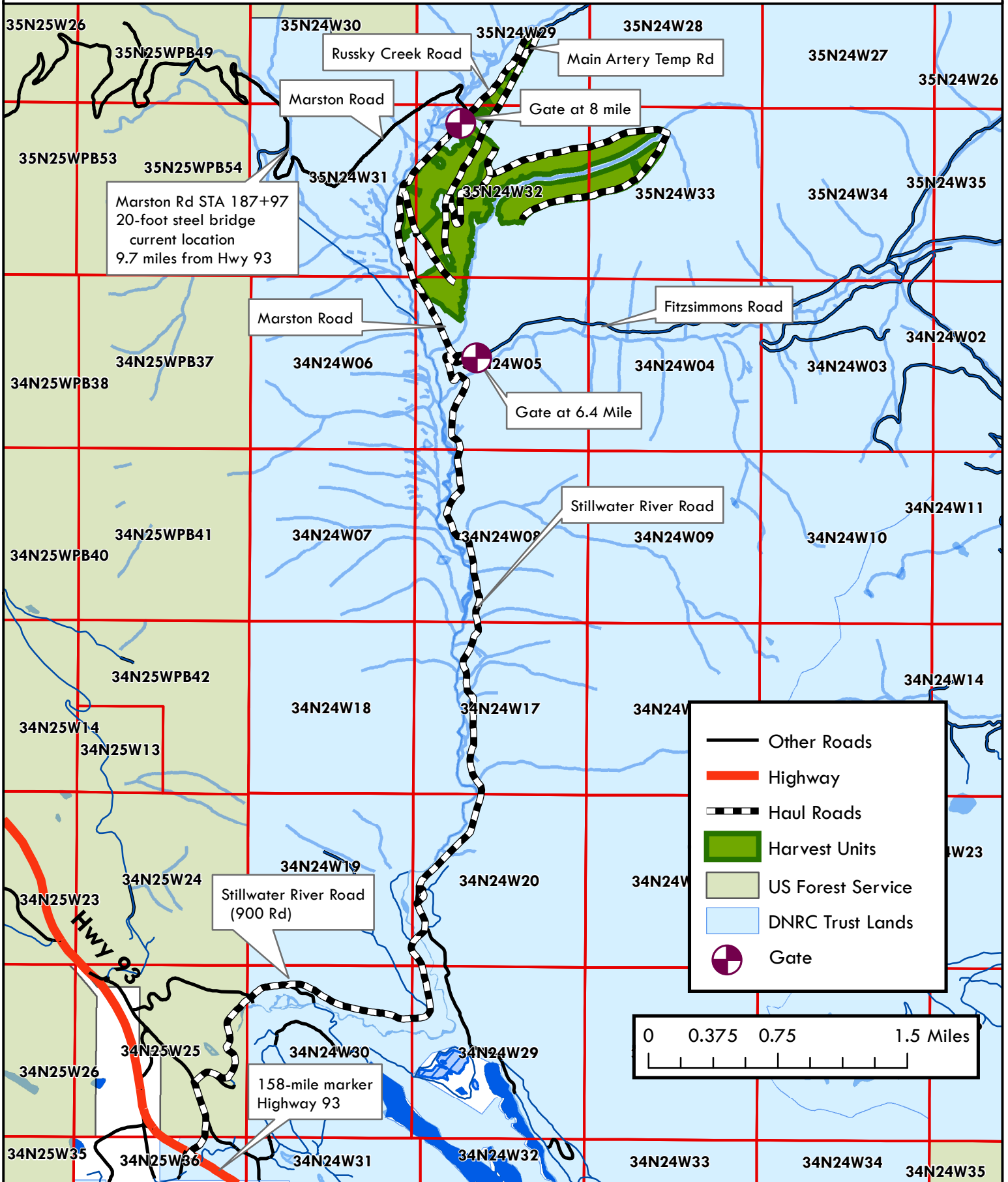


Rusky Creek Timber Sale Haul Route Map



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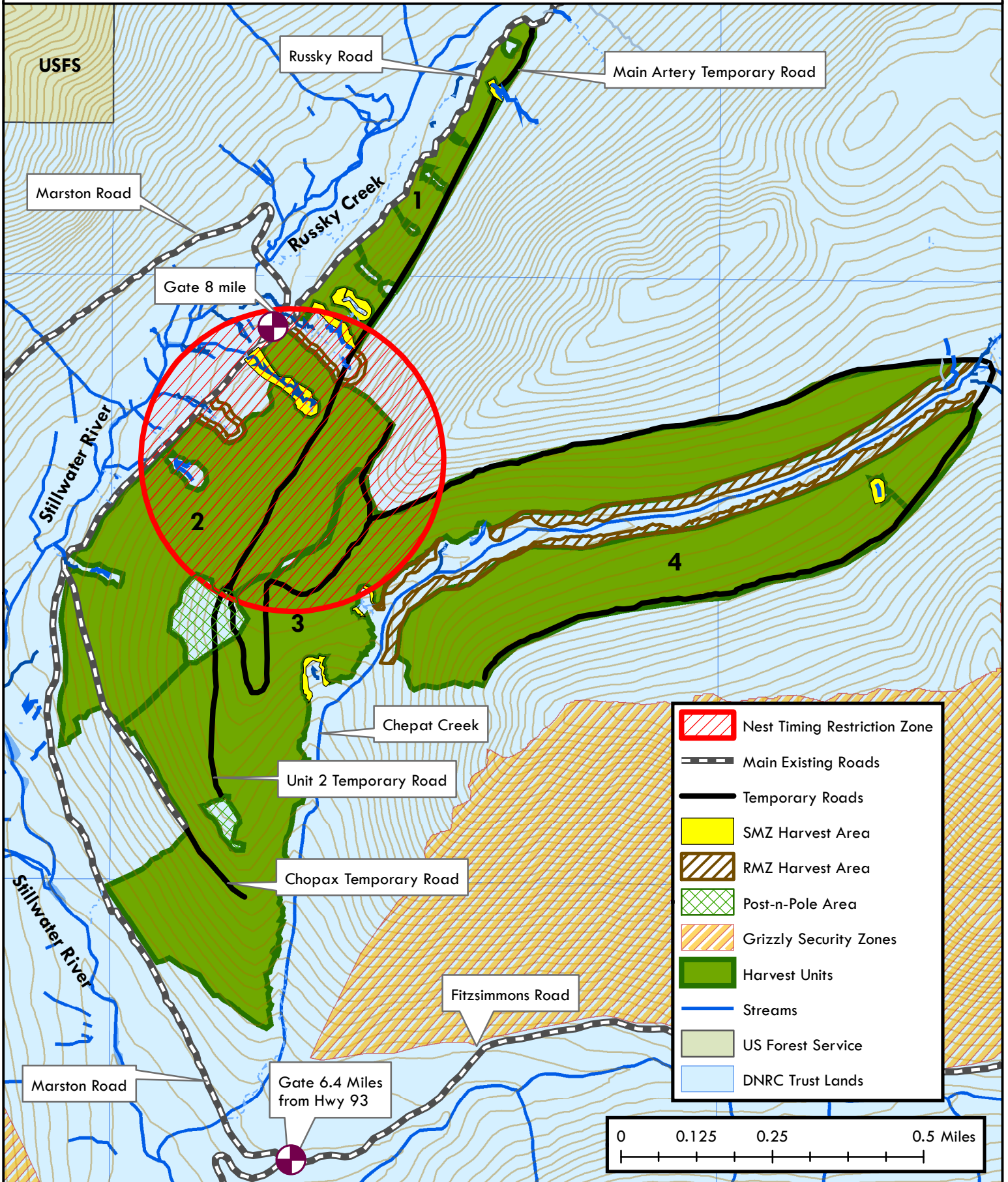


Rusky Creek Timber Sale Contract Map



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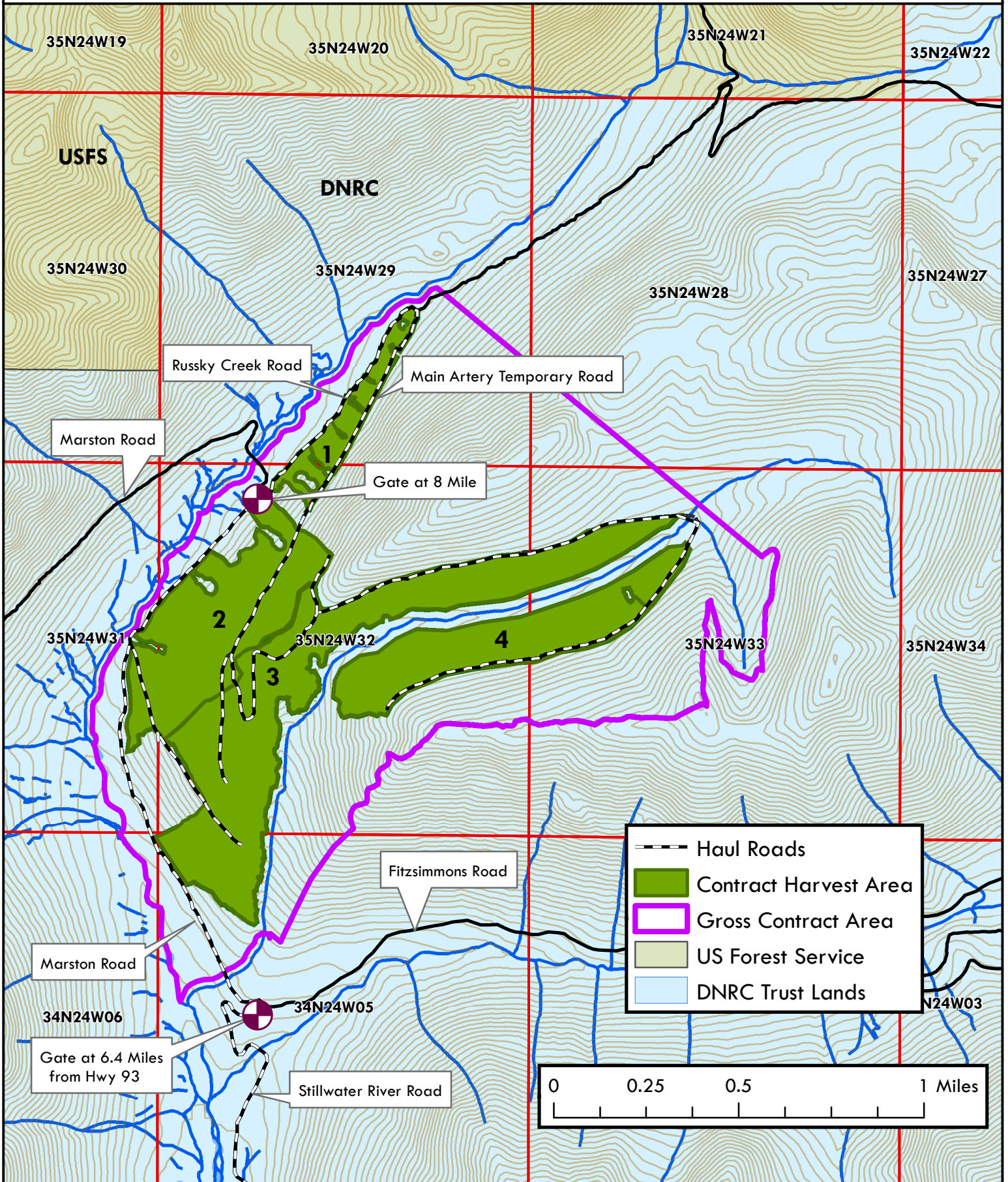


Rusky Creek Timber Sale Contract Area Map



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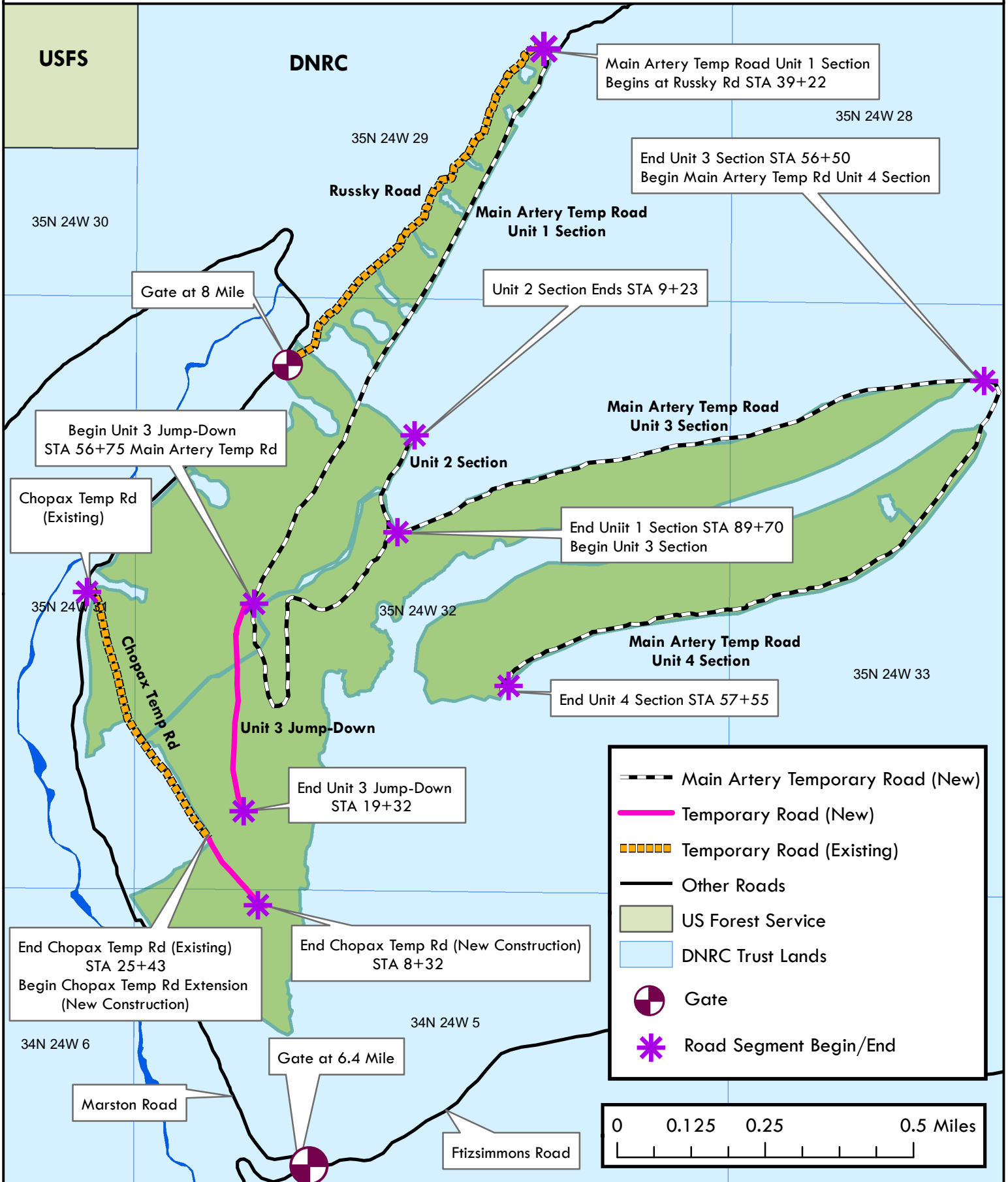


Rusky Creek Timber Sale Road Segment Map



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Russy Creek Timber Sale Stream Crossings Map



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