

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Olney North Timber Sale is located within Section 33 of T33N-R26W and Sections 5-8 of T32N-R23W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 32,729 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 **May 16, 2024 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 \$39,639.00**, 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: Olney North			
For specific sale information, contact: Jeremy Akin			
Phone	406-881-2673	Stillwater Unit, Olney, MT	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	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, 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. 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. The Skunk Meadows Road is gated at approximately the 1.1-mile marker on the Upper Whitefish Road. A key for **LOCK #2246** will have to be checked out at the Stillwater Unit Main Office.
2. The Olney North Timber Sale will require approximately 0.8 miles of new permanent road construction, 0.17 miles of new temp road construction, 0.7 miles of existing permanent road reclamation, and 8.6 miles of road maintenance. Additionally, this sale will involve 2 wet culvert installations, 3 super-gate installs (w/ 2 lock posts), three 24-foot flappers, one 20 foot flapper, gravel lifts, etc. as described in detail in the Olney North Timber Sale Attachment B.
3. **950 feet** of new permanent road construction, "Stillwater Office Road", is required to be built by **October 1, 2024**. (See Olney North Attachment B for further details and specifications)
4. There are multiple Winter Recreation Land Use Licenses held within the sale area. Extra coordination and mitigations will be required for harvesting and hauling in winter months. The extra coordination during the winter includes the following:
 - Harvesting and hauling in units 11 – 14 will **NOT** be allowed December 1 – June 15 annually, portions of units 7 & 8 where harvesting / hauling is tributary to groomed commercial lessees' trails will also be restricted.
 - Log hauling must be conducted during the normal work week (Monday – Friday). Exceptions to this may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Forest Officer.
 - Log hauling will not be conducted on holidays.
 - Communicate timelines, schedules, and changes with the Forest Officer allowing for time to make appropriate changes.
 - Snow plowing operations will leave 1 – 2 inches of snowpack on the haul route.
 - Feather edges of plowed snow berms for cross traffic on haul route.
 - Communicate directly with recreation licensees to deconflict traffic.
 - Logging operations will be restricted in units adjacent to trails used by licensees.
 - Extra traffic signs will be required at intersections.
5. Roundwood/pulp removal is required in all harvest units except units 2 & 3. In which, material that meets the minimum manufacturing and recovery standards for "other material" shall be removed from the cutting unit, skidded to the landing areas, and hauled.
6. Units 1A, 1B, & 1C are low sawlog volume units that have a large component of Post-&-Rail material (not estimated).
7. Units 1A, 1B, 1C, 5A, 5B, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, & 16 require mandatory Cut-to-Length (CTL) harvest systems, for **393 acres** in total. Specific S.O.R.s for CTL apply. All other harvest units are whole tree skidding w/ the option for the Purchaser to use CTL instead. If CTL is selected, S.O.R. #5 for cut-to-length will apply. (See *Olney North Timber Sale Contract for further detail*.)
8. Units 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 9, 10, 15, & 16 have been **Leave-tree-Marked** with horizontal **Orange** paint stripes. All other units are "operator select leave trees based upon description", as described in the Olney North Timber Sale Contract.
9. Slashing is required in units 1, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 8 (~50 acres only), 12 & 14 totaling **345 acres**. The State has appraised these costs at **\$20,000.00**. Slashing may be achieved during logging operations but may also require additional hand work w/ chainsaws as directed by the Forest Officer.
10. A total of **88 acres** will require Residential & Open-Road Hazard Reduction, in which 90% of all slash generated during harvest operations must be mechanically piled. The State has appraised these costs at **\$13,110.0** (See *Attachment A Page 4 of 4 Olney North Timber Sale High Hazard Piling Map for further detail*).

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$24.22
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		7014	10085	9522	2868	268		2972			0	32,729 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		113	102	738	45	9		110			0	1,116 tons
Gross MBF		1124	1961	1352	556	60		545			0	5,597 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9.3	10.4	9.3	11.7	32.4		17.9			0.0	11.0%
Net MBF		1020	1756	1226	491	40		448			0	4,980 MBF
Average logs per MBF		19.9	17.6	39.0	17.9	26.5		31.7			0.0	24.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.6	13.4	8.6	12.3	11.8		10.2			0.0	10.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											43 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											6.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											115
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	4,440 and 5,521 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											10.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	32,729 estimated tons / 4,980 Net MBF											6.57 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/1/2028
Operating Period:	Units 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2 - 10, 15, & 16 June 16th - March 31st as soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1 & 2); Units 11 - 14 June 16th - November 30th as soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1 & 2).

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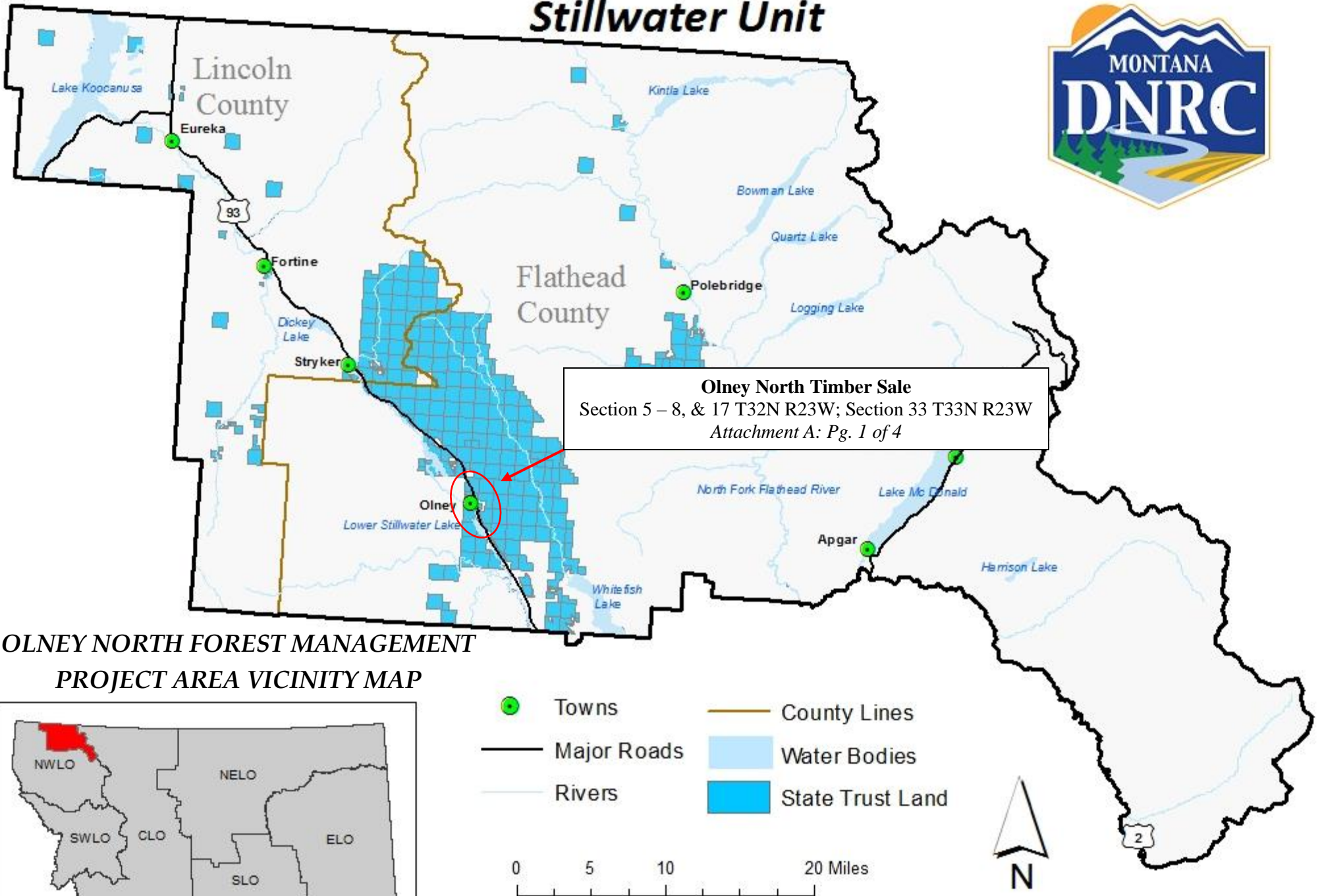
Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	05%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	24.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.05/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$132,552.45
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$22,092.08
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$20,000
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.61/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$13,110.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.40/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$103,989
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.18/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.88/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$15,072
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.46/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.8 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	3.9 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.7 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	8.6 miles

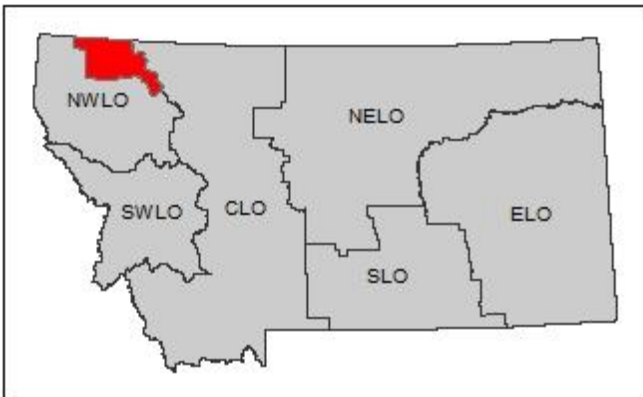
State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

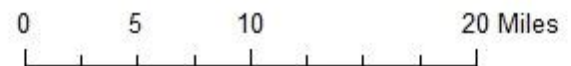


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OLNEY NORTH FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT AREA VICINITY MAP



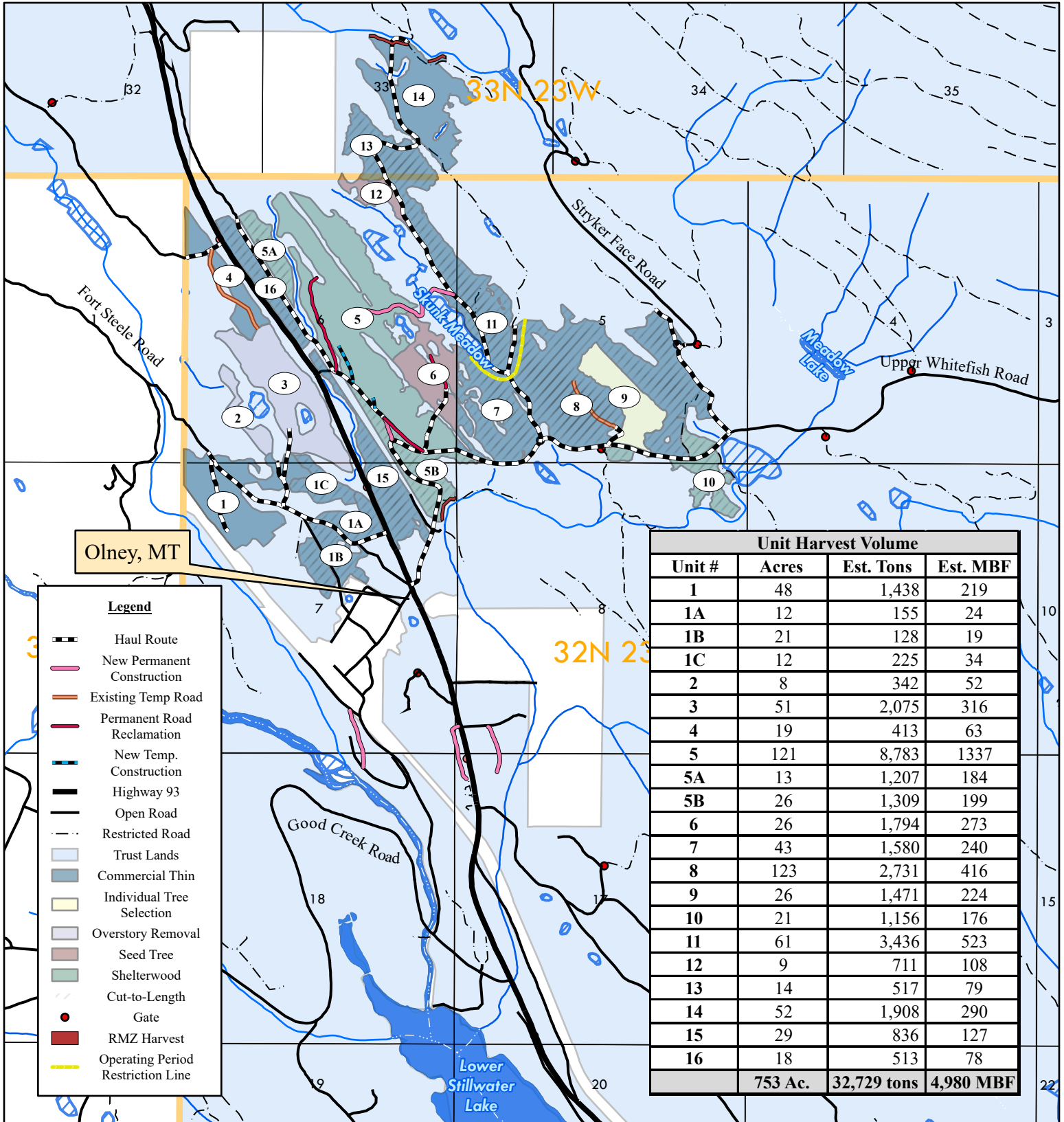
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- County Lines
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Land



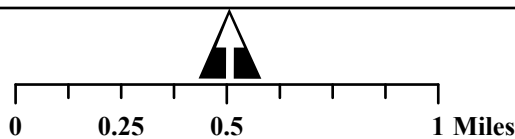
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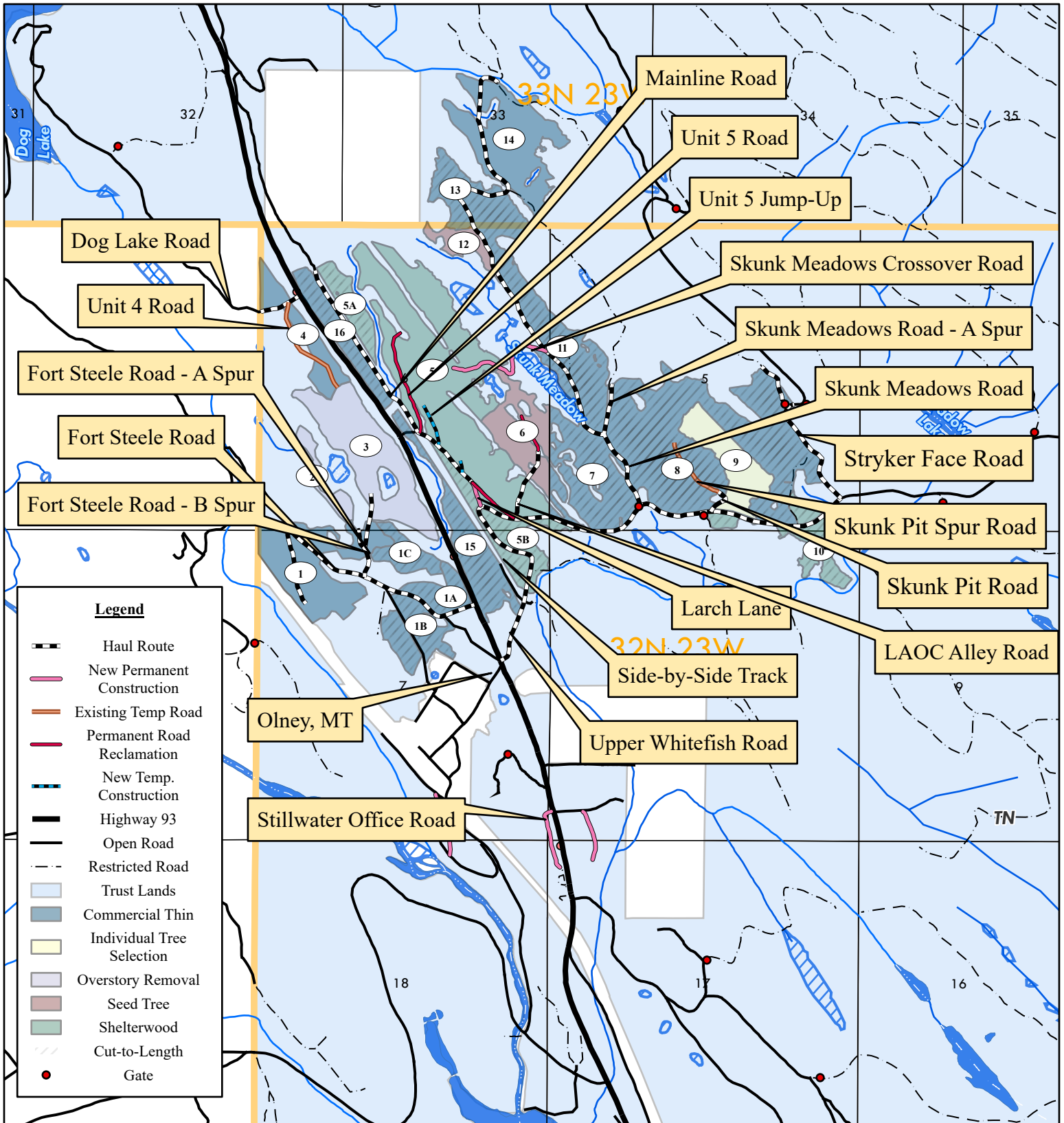
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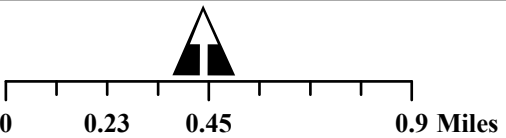
Olney North Timber Sale Road Map

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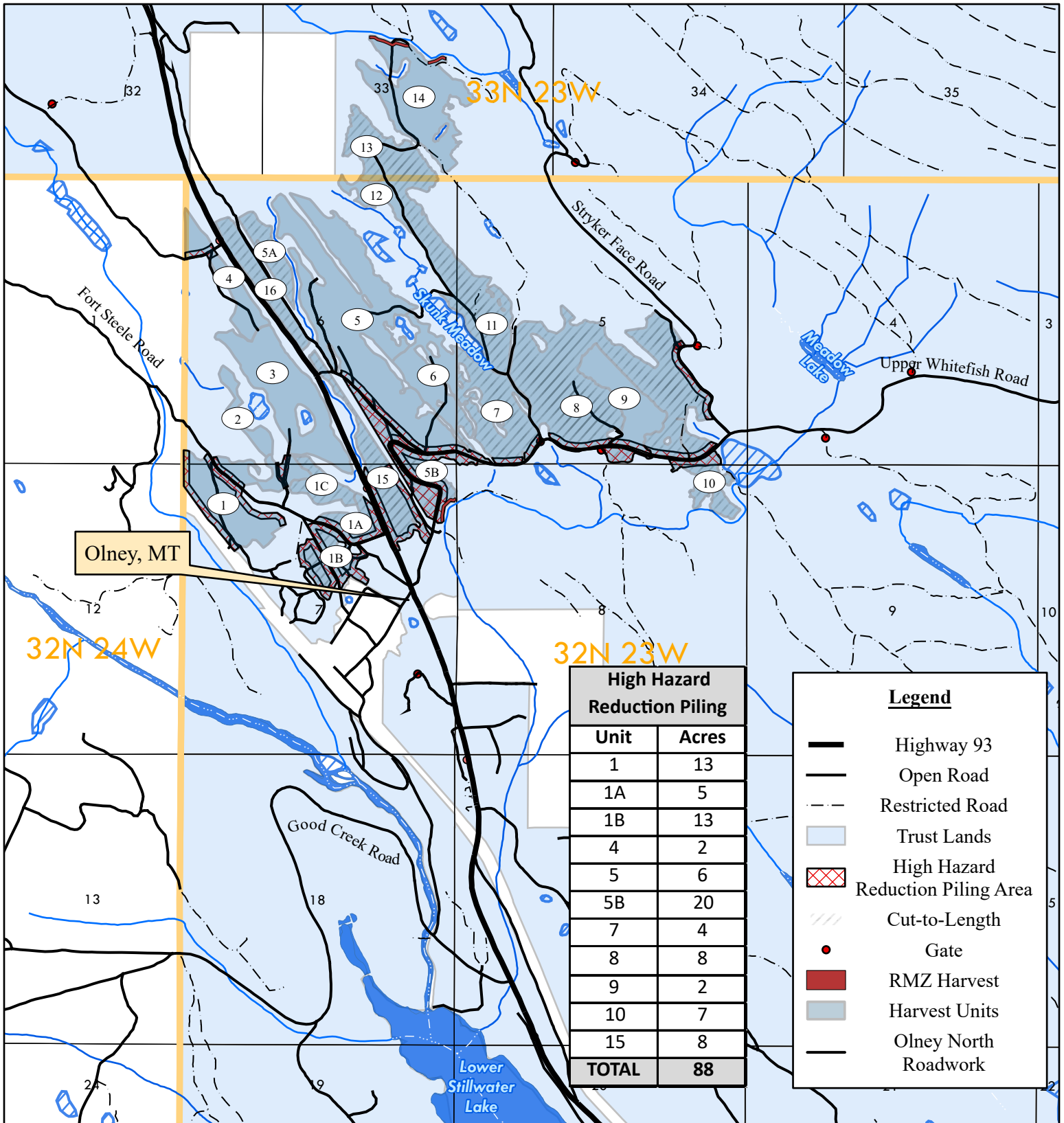
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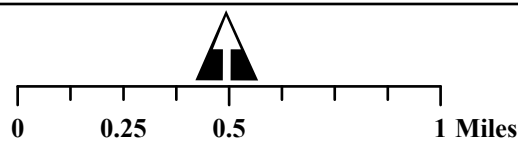
Olney North Timber Sale High Hazard Reduction Piling Map

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