

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Other Side Timber Sale is located within Sections 16, 20 & 21, T18N-R27W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 12,276 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 9, 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 \$6,120.00**, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their April 15, 2024 meeting. 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 <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: The Other Side			
Timber Sale Location: Sections 16, 20, 21 T18N R27W			
For specific sale information, contact: Lauren Converse			
Phone	406-542-4319	Unit Office: Missoula	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4262	Southwestern	Land Office - Missoula

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. ROAD MAINTENANCE.** Unpaved portions of Mill Creek Road must be bladed, dust abatement applied prior to hauling (if required), and weed spray applied post-hauling. The Purchaser shall be responsible for 1 (one) application of Milestone @ 7 ounces/acre with 1 qt. 2-4-D and surfactant on approximately **6.7** miles of all roads used under this contract or as specified by the Forest Officer. In addition, for areas with Houndstongue add 1 oz/acre Escort. The application shall be completed after harvest and prior to the contract termination date. Road spray width shall be 30 feet. Any change to the herbicides used must be approved by the Forest Officer.

The Purchaser may be required to apply dust abatement on **1.3** miles of Mill Creek County Road and **0.2** miles of Rd 9113. Dust abatement shall be applied before hauling during dry conditions. Dust abatement shall be applied within 1 week of being notified by the Forest Officer. Dust abatement options include limiting the speed of all project vehicles (including log trucks) to 10 mph, road watering, or application of chemical dust abatement such as Magnesium Chloride.

There will be a total of approximately **7.2** miles of road maintenance

- 2. THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. **0.5** miles of new permanent road will need to be constructed, and **1.1** miles of existing road to be reconstructed. In addition, an estimated **0.5** miles of temporary spur roads may need to be constructed and reclaimed post-harvest.
- 3. HARVEST BY PRESCRIPTION:** In Unit 4, trees designated for harvest are not marked and shall be harvested according to silvicultural description found in the Contract (Section VII. LOGGING). In unmarked units, Forest Officer will work with purchaser to ensure that the desired harvest prescription is being met. If the Forest Officer determines that the desired harvest prescription is not being met by the Purchaser, the Forest Officer may require the Purchaser to sample mark an additional portion of the unit and have that sample marked portion be approved by the Forest Officer. If the Purchaser continues to be unable to meet the harvest prescription requirements the Forest Officer may require marking of the entire unit by the Purchaser and approval of marking by the Forest Officer prior to continuing harvest.
- 4. SLASHING OF LOGGING DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** Purchaser shall fell all sub-merchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 8 inches on the uphill side.
- 5. RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to submerchantable trees. Areas of dense regeneration exist within the stand. Skid trails will be located through these areas only when necessary and at locations approved by the Forest Officer.
- 6. SKID TRAIL LOCATION:** Skid trails will not be located in draws and may only cross in areas approved by the Forest Officer.
- 7. DELETION OF AREAS WITH BLIND LEADS:** Within skyline yarding area, blindleads identified by the Purchaser and approved by the Forest Officer may be deleted from the harvest unit.
- 8. SALE ACCESS:** Potential bidders will need a key for the gate accessing the sale area. For gate information/key, please contact Lauren Converse, 406-542-4319.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO BIDDING.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

The Other Side												
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												\$9.97
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3			60.0						
Estimated tons of sawlogs	1242	9808	888			338						12,276 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material												0 tons
Gross MBF	227	1631	173			50						2,081 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	12.0	11.1	19.2			10.0						11.8%
Net MBF	200	1450	140			45						1,835 MBF
Average logs per MBF	15.8	20.1	27.0			31.8						20.4 logs/MBF
Average DBH	15.5	13.1	11.8			9.6						13.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											37 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											5.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											55
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,617 and 2,052 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											11.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	12,276 estimated tons / 1,835 Net MBF											6.69 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	5/15/2027
Operating Period:	Year-round when soil conditions allow

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	73%
% of volume logged by skyline	27%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	900 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	120.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	7.0 miles

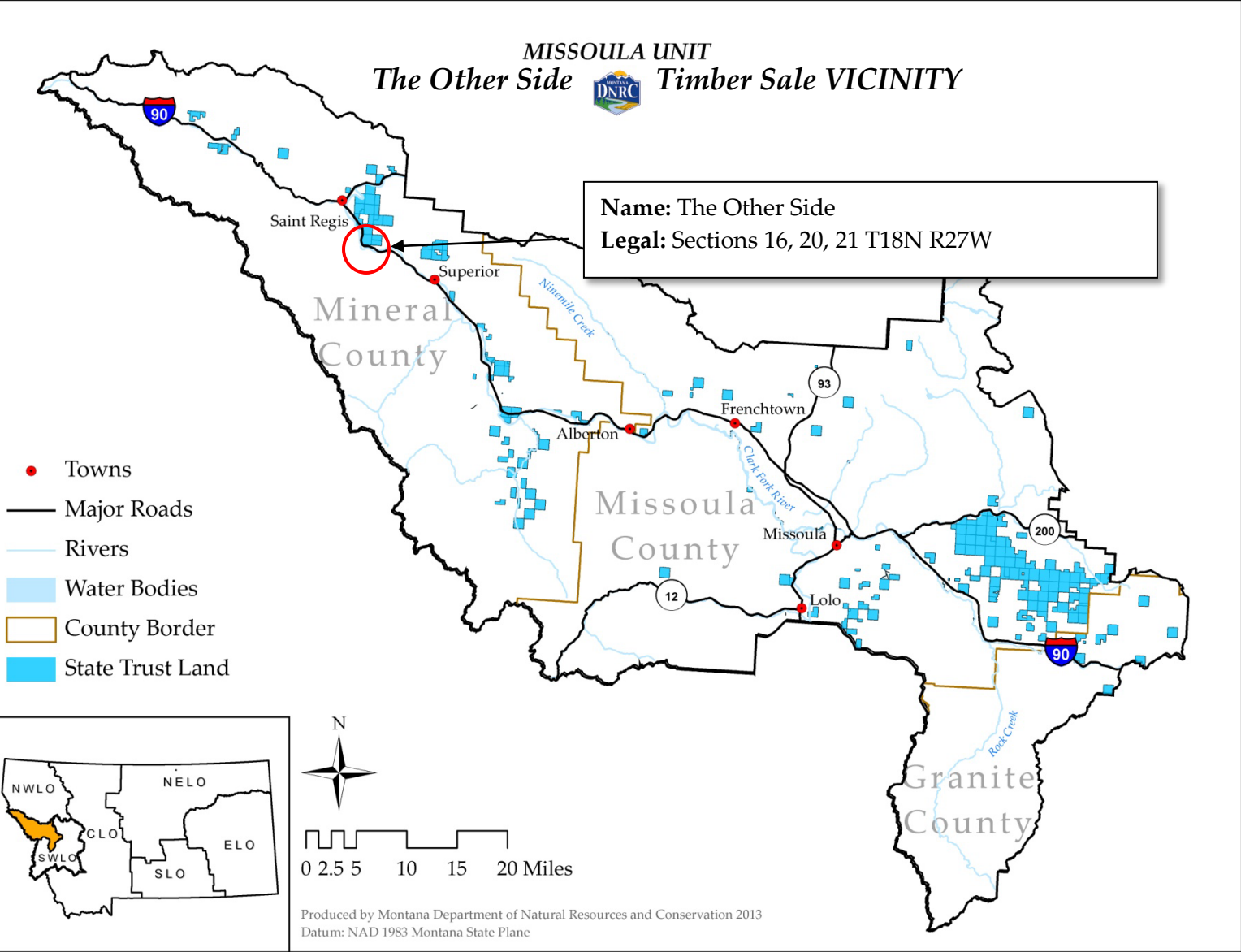
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.25/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$39,897.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$6,649.50
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
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	\$42,112
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.43/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$22.95/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$19,379
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.58/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.5 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	1.1 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	7.2 miles

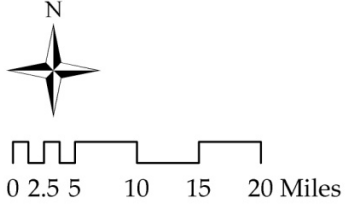
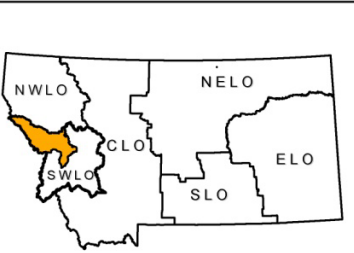
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 1	85	3907	584	April 15, 2027
Cutting Unit 2	28	1192	178	April 15, 2027
Cutting Unit 3	49	1475	221	April 15, 2027
Cutting Unit 4	104	3342	499	April 15, 2027
Cutting Unit 5	48	1727	258	April 15, 2027
Cutting Unit 6	17	633	95	April 15, 2027

MISSOULA UNIT
The Other Side  *Timber Sale VICINITY*

Name: The Other Side
Legal: Sections 16, 20, 21 T18N R27W



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

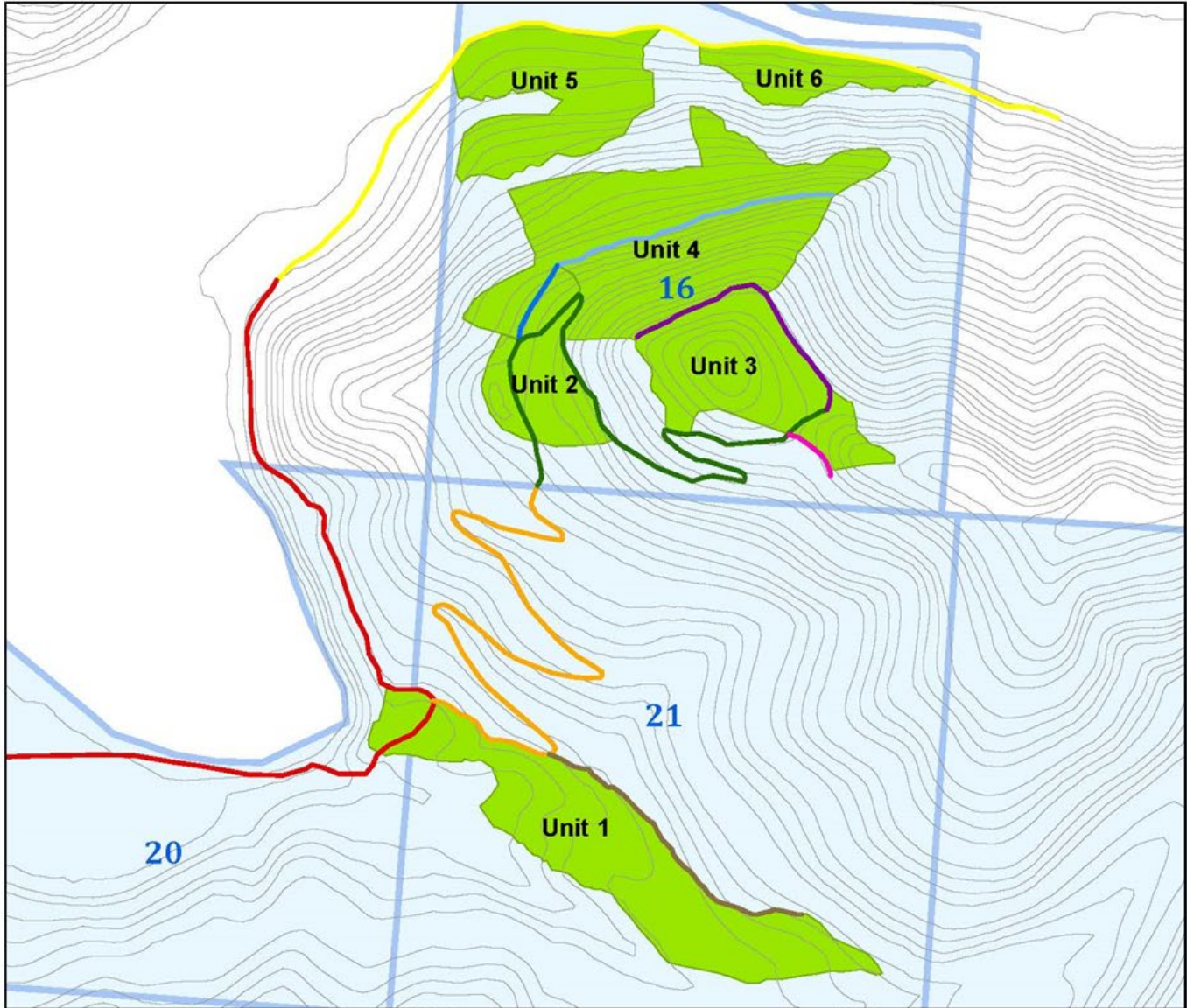


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The Other Side Timber Sale Sections 16, 20, 21 T18N R27W Missoula Unit

Attachment A-1



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- State Trust Lands
- Harvest Units
- Mill Creek County Rd
- 9113
- 18541
- Down Low Rd
- 27029
- 67056
- 67056 ext
- 67054
- Up Top Rd

Unit 1: 86 Acres Unit 2: 28 Acres Unit 3: 49 Acres
 Unit 4: 104 Acres Unit 5: 48 Acres Unit 6: 17 Acres
 Units 1-3, 5-6: Trees marked to leave with a purple horizontal stripe around the bole of the tree. Trees marked with a purple "W" are wildlife trees and must be left.
 Unit 4: Unmarked. See contract for harvest specifications.

Protect the residual stand and regeneration during all aspects of harvest operations.
 Use existing skid trails and landings when possible.

Harvest Boundaries: 3 purple stripes and blue flagging
 New Road Construction: Pink flagging and pink paint along centerline
 Road Stations: Pink and red/white candy stripe flagging and pink paint

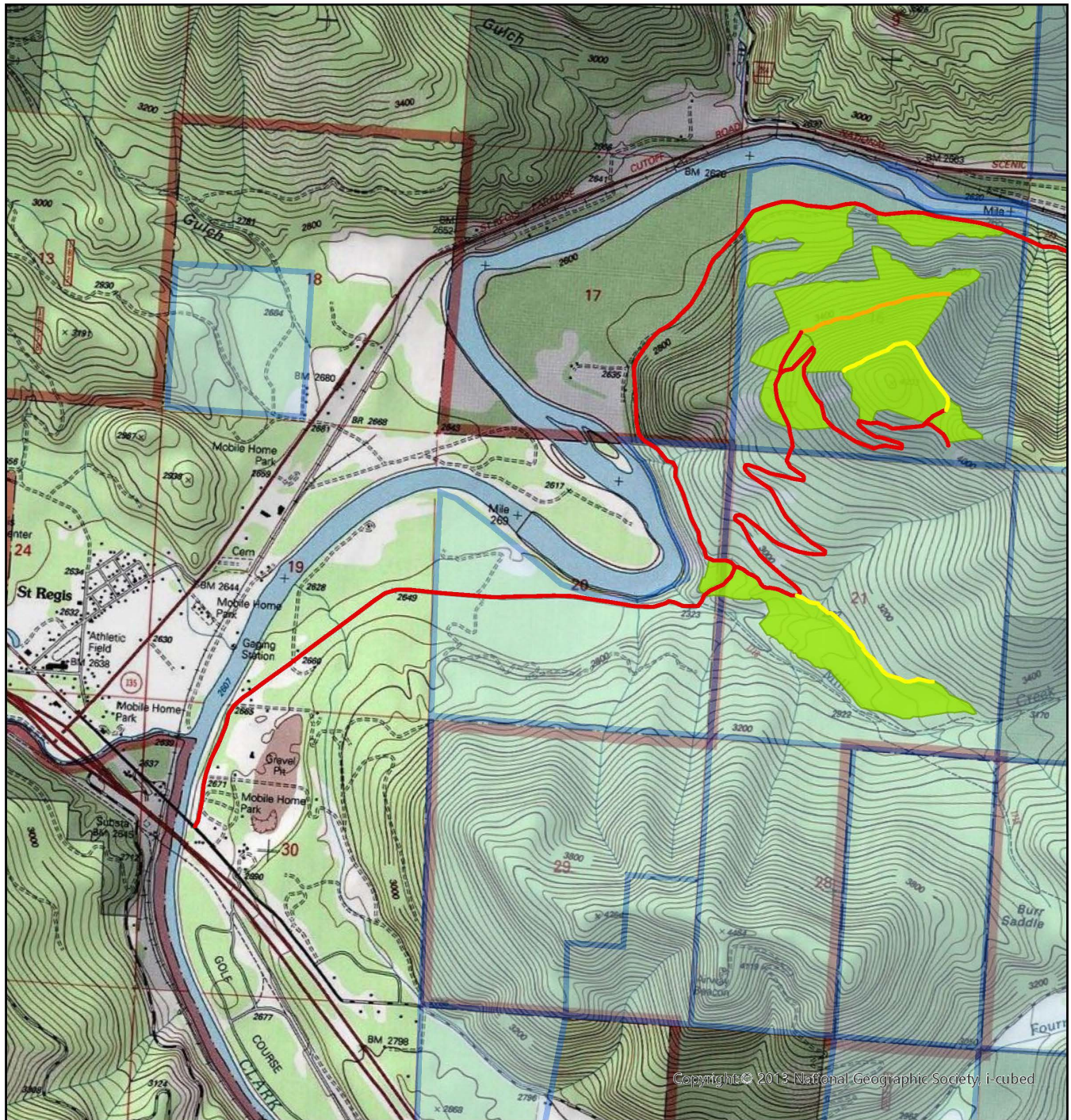


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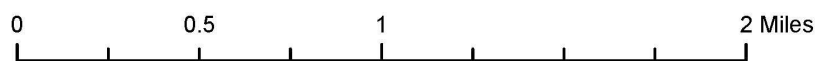


The Other Side Timber Sale Sections 16, 20, 21 T18N R27W Missoula Unit

Attachment A-2



- State Trust Lands
- Harvest Units
- Existing Road
- Road Reconstruction
- New Construction



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