

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The West Jim Butcher Timber Sale is located within Sections 23, 25 & 36 of T33N-R26W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 12,443 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 **February 15, 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 \$12,791.00**, 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:			
West Jim Butcher			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-881-2371	Sam Bracken	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	406-751-2240		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. Access to Unit 1 is gained through an easement on private property, located off the 3606 road. The haul route for Unit 1 goes through this property, and the Purchaser can expect landowners and their contractors to be present. The road is in poor shape and will be maintained as part of this project. Access to Units 2 and 3 is through a gate at the junction of 3762 (West Jim Creek Road) and 3762B. The lock combination for all gates on this project is: **2-3-7-1**.
2. Unit 1 is marked to leave. This is an old-growth maintenance unit with portions of the unit marked to a seed tree prescription and the remaining acreage marked to 30' to 40' spacing. Skidding distances in this unit may be up to 1200 ft. There is approximately 200 feet of road reconstruction to access the lower portion of this unit.
3. Unit 2 is a mandatory cut-to-length in woods processing unit. 15 acres of Unit 2 require **SLASH HAZARD REDUCTION** by the Purchaser. For 100 feet inside the identified portions of the cutting unit boundary, 90% of the slash generated through logging will be piled within 60 days of its creation as designated by the Forest Officer. Slash volumes will be kept at a minimum in the unit through trampling and creating small piles where needed.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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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												\$20.56
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0			55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		5429	2418	123	3108			1365			0	12,443 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		46	40	16	53			36			0	191 tons
Gross MBF		941	438	16	575			256			0	2,224 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		11.9	10.2	5.0	13.8			20.5			0.0	13.0%
Net MBF		828	393	15	496			203			0	1,935 MBF
Average logs per MBF		18.4	22.7	36.7	22.6			30.0			0.0	21.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		14.2	12.0	7.8	12.0			10.8			0.0	12.4 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											50 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											7.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											84
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,654 and 2,217 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											14.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	12,443 estimated tons / 1,935 Net MBF											6.43 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2027
Operating Period:	June 15 - March 31 annually; Unit 1 MAY have an additional timing restriction from April 1 through August 15 if a Northern Goshawk nest is found to be active

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	03%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	480 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	52.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	8.0 miles

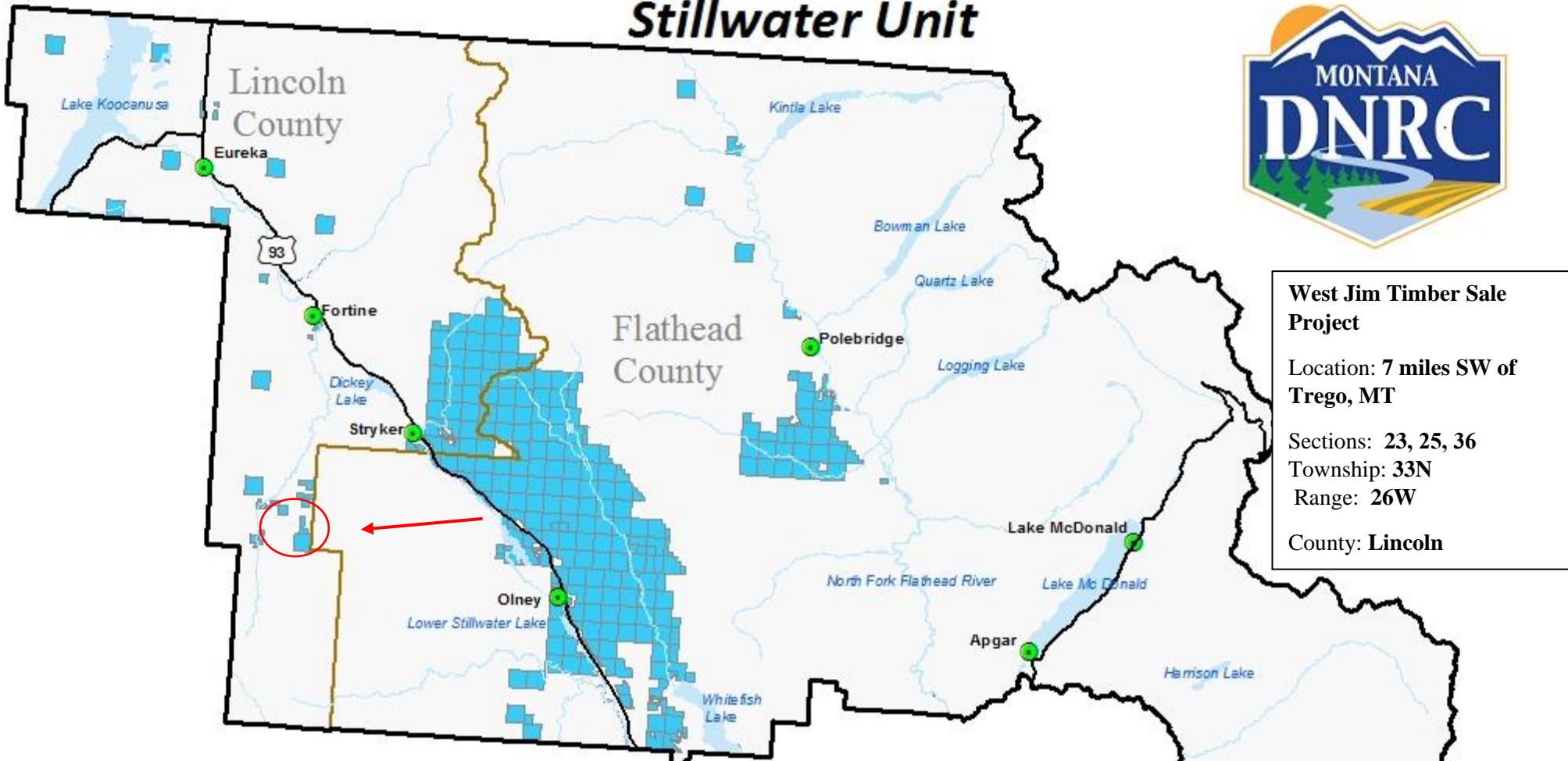
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.14/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$51,514.02
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$8,585.67
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$2,625.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.21/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$21,852
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.76/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$11.29/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$10,523
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.85/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	200 feet
Miles of road with site improvements	8.6 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	8.6 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	29.10	1787	278	September 30, 2027
2	212	9826	1528	September 30, 2027
3	7.02	830	129	September 30, 2027
	248 Ac.	12,443 Tons	1,935 MBF	

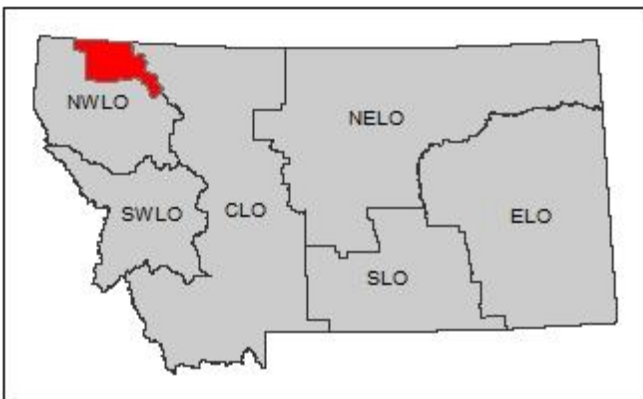
State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

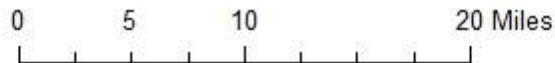


West Jim Timber Sale Project
 Location: 7 miles SW of Trego, MT
 Sections: 23, 25, 36
 Township: 33N
 Range: 26W
 County: Lincoln

WEST JIM TIMBER SALE PROJECT VICINITY MAP



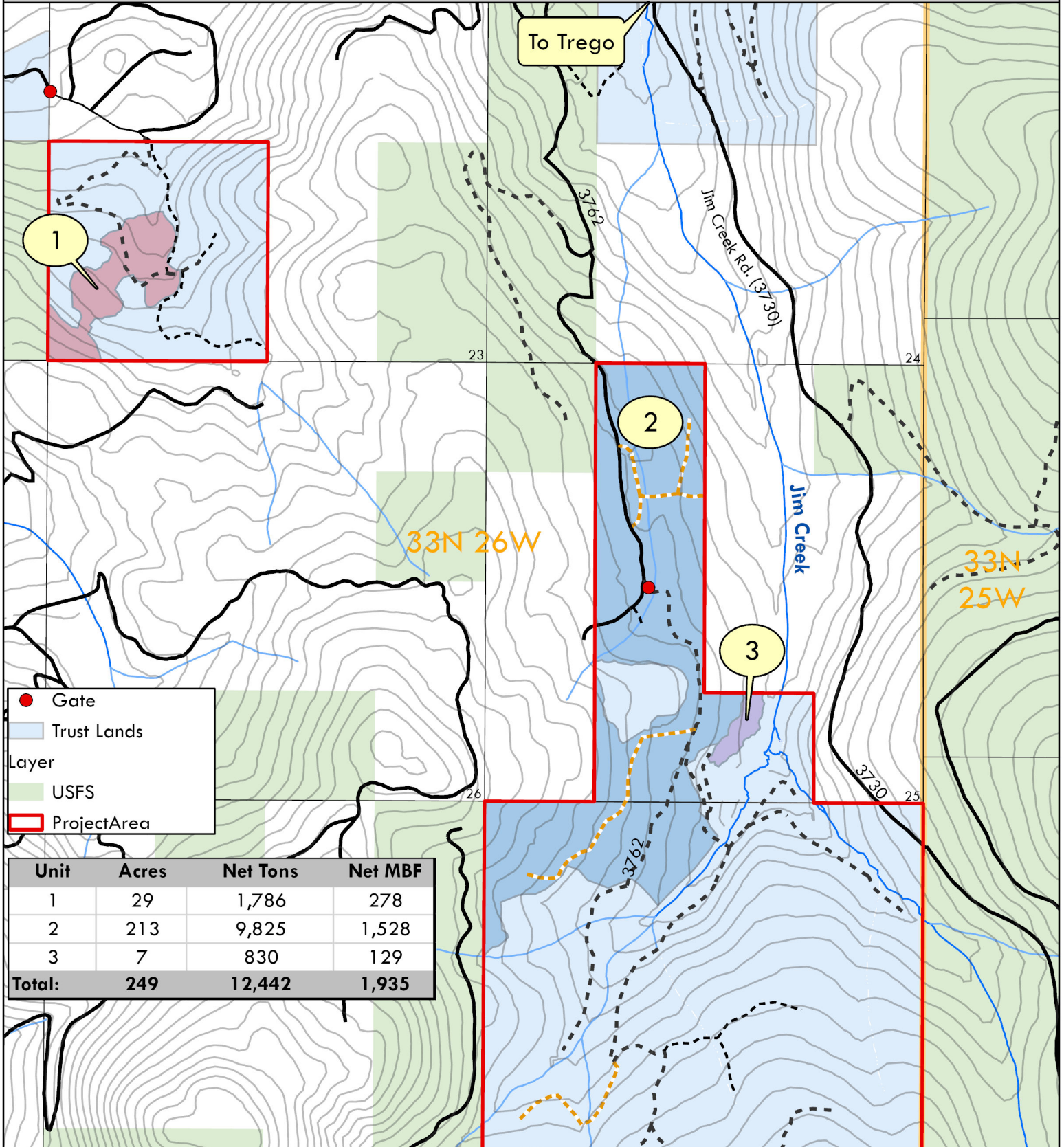
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- County Lines
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Land



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Project Area Map

Sections 23, 25, 36
T33N R26W



- Gate
- Trust Lands
- Layer
- USFS
- Project Area

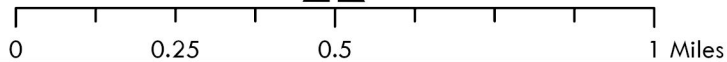
Unit	Acres	Net Tons	Net MBF
1	29	1,786	278
2	213	9,825	1,528
3	7	830	129
Total:	249	12,442	1,935



April 3rd, 2023



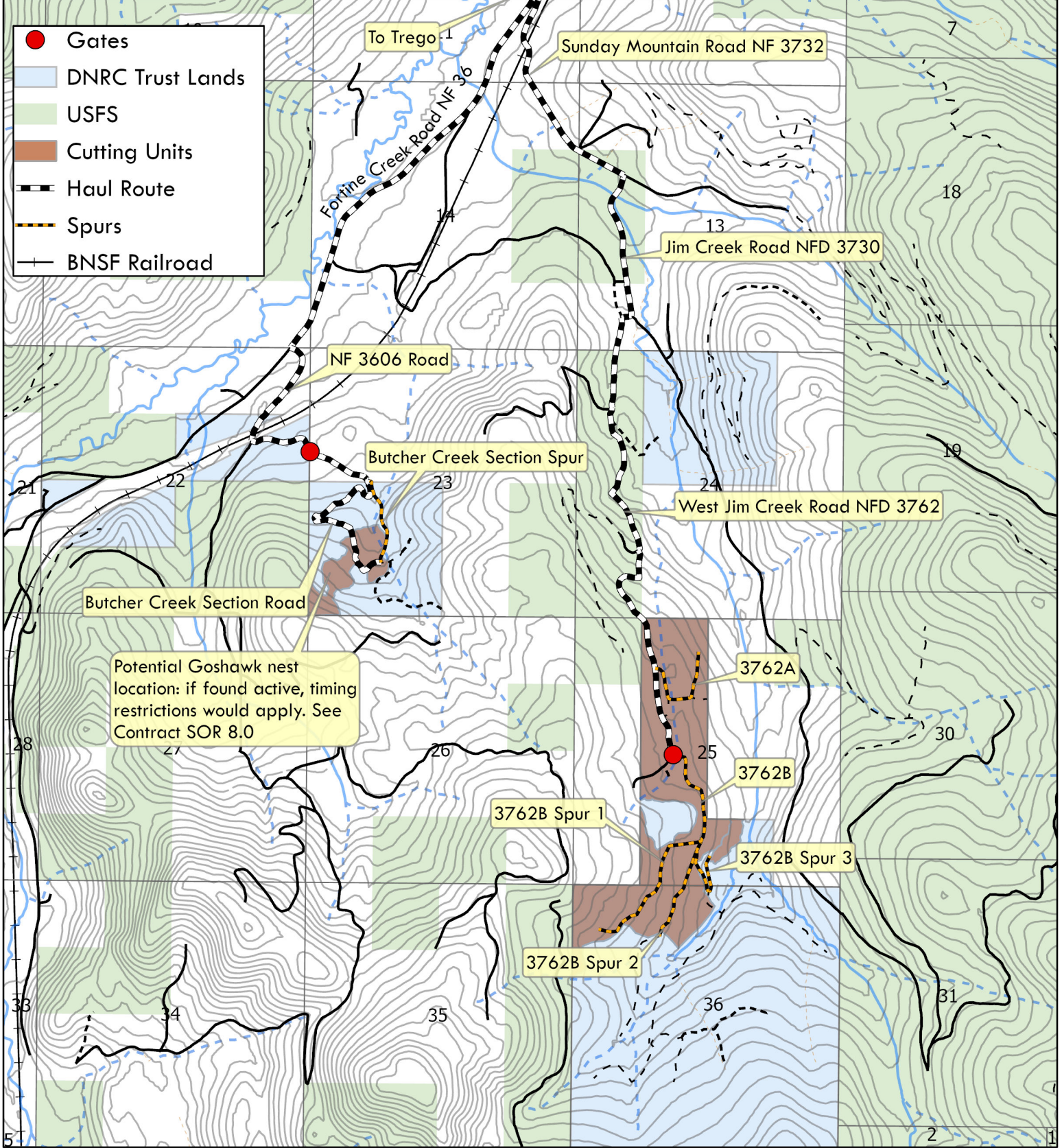
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Haul Route and Road Map to Fortine Crk. Road

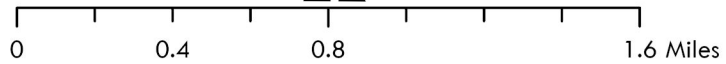
Sections 11-15, 22-25 and 26
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October 9, 2023



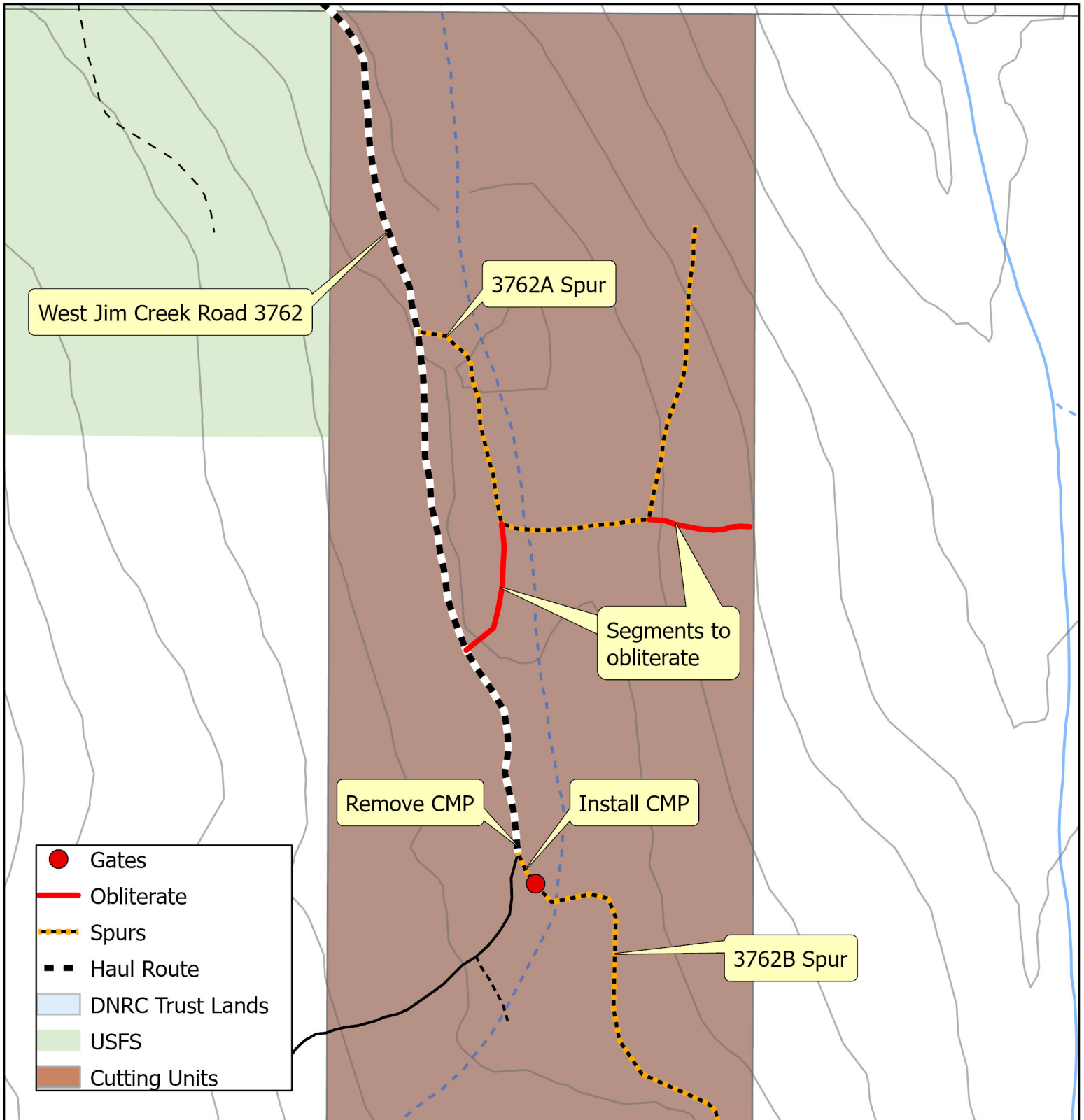
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Road Work Detail

Section 25
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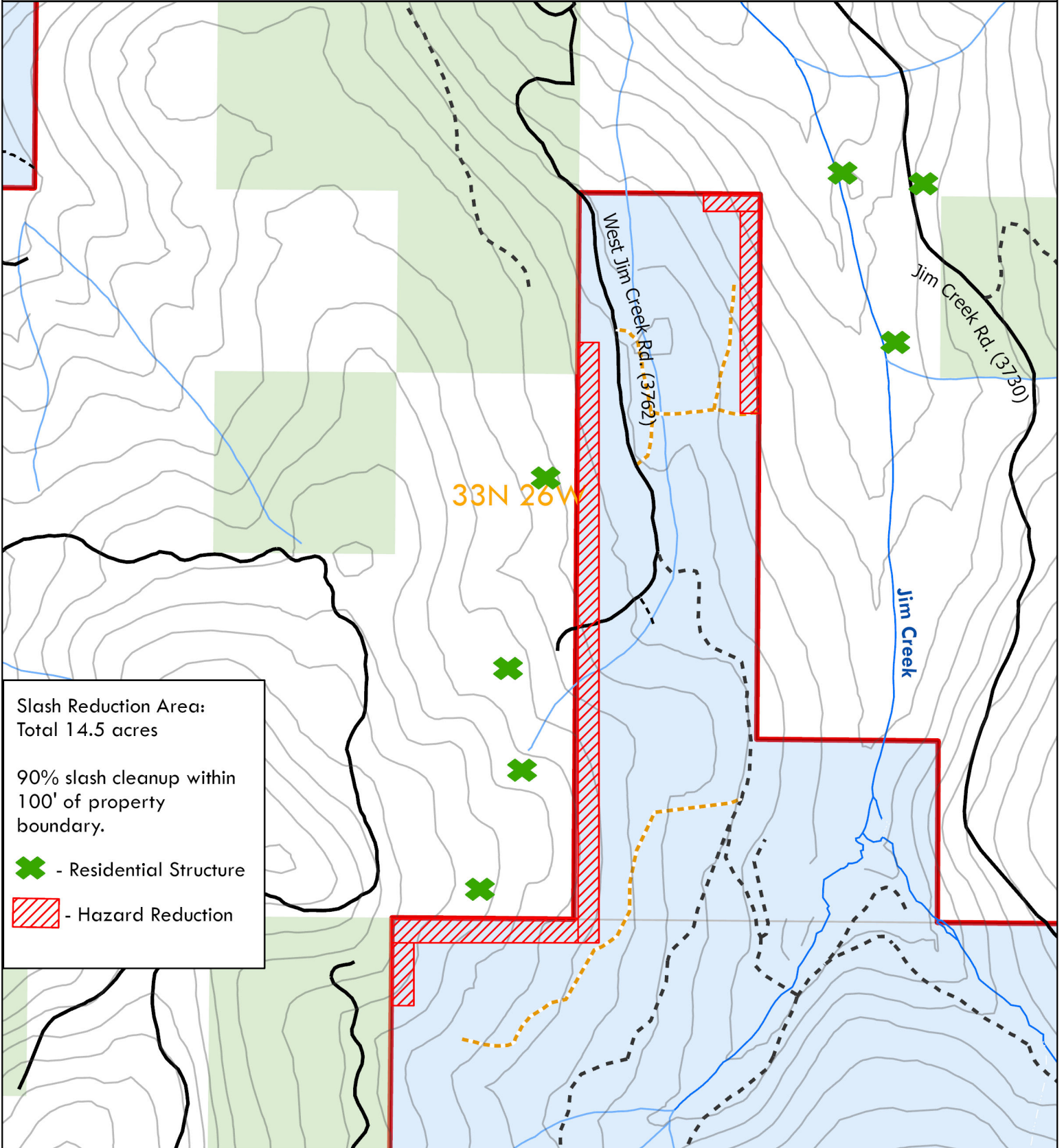
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Residential Hazard Reduction Areas

Sections 25, 36
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