

## NOTICE OF SALE

### **Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The GNA WarHorse timber sale is located within sections 1, &2 of T31N – R29W and within sections 25, 26, 35, & 36 of T32N – R29W located on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 14,689 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 **Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry 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 **\$12,030.00** 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), or the Libby Unit Office located in Libby (406-283-3528).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

<b>Timber Sale Name: GNA WarHorse</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-283-3528	Jodi Turk	Libby Unit
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	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 Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry 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. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. OPERATING PERIOD: Units 15, 17, 183A and 183B are **required winter logging**.
8. All units are PURCHASER LEAVE TREE SELECTION according to contract section VII.G.1.
9. The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale as shown in VII.E. TABLE 3 HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE. **Unit 22 sample mark** must be harvested prior to cutting in other units.
10. Cut and skid of Other Material is required in accordance with contract section VII.C.2 and TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING and LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2. If removed, such material shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1.
11. All units have SLASHING REQUIRED and PURCHASER SLASH PILING required according to contract sections VII.G.4 and VII.G.5.
12. The purchaser will be required to slash and pile with an excavator equipped with a bucket and thumb in ALL units according to operating requirements under VII.G.7 in order to meet hazard reduction standards.
13. Units 17 and 22 have EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREAS. See Attachment A – Sale Area Map and contract section VII.G.6.
14. Units 183A and 183B have extensive protections to Kooconusa Resort and Marina infrastructure. Refer to Attachment A – Sale Area Maps and contract section VI.G.
15. Unit 17 access and approach will be constructed according to Attachment G - Montana Department of Transportation Highway Approach Permit.
16. KEEP ROADS CLOSED: Yearlong, seasonal and temporary roads shall be closed to restrict public motor vehicle access during nights, weekends and periods of inactivity.
17. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Jodi Turk, (406) 283-3528.

**Timber Sale Information Sheet**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

GNA WarHorse												
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 Rate												\$16.38
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0						40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	456	11377	2511	123	221						0	<b>14,689 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	7	193	62	7	7						0	276 tons
Gross MBF	79	2056	491	18	47						0	2,692 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	6.9	13.3	17.7	6.8	21.6						0.0	14.0%
Net MBF	74	1782	404	17	37						0	2,315 MBF
Average logs per MBF	17.9	21.1	26.0	34.4	21.1						0.0	22.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH	12.4	12.3	11.2	9.1	10.8						0.0	12.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											61 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											9.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											97
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,061 and 2,568 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	14,689 estimated tons / 2,315 Net MBF											6.35 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2025
Operating Period:	When conditions meet VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	90%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	10%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	67.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	0.4 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do environmental cost Total \$	\$5,159
Estimated Purchaser-do environmental cost Per Ton	\$0.35/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$85,144.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$5.80/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$24,334
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.66/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$10.51/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$580
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.04/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of temporary road construction	0.9 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.8 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	87.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	1.5 miles

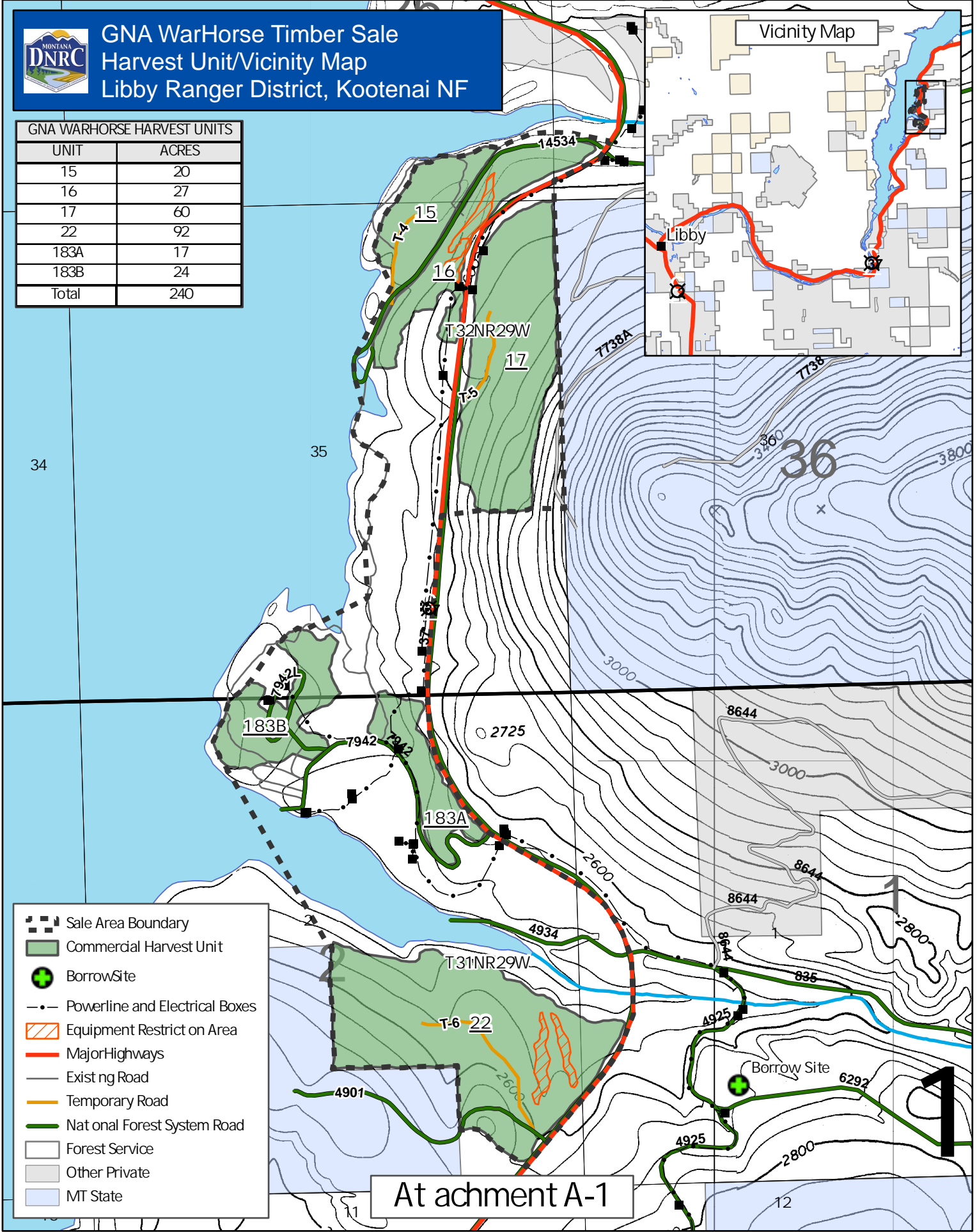
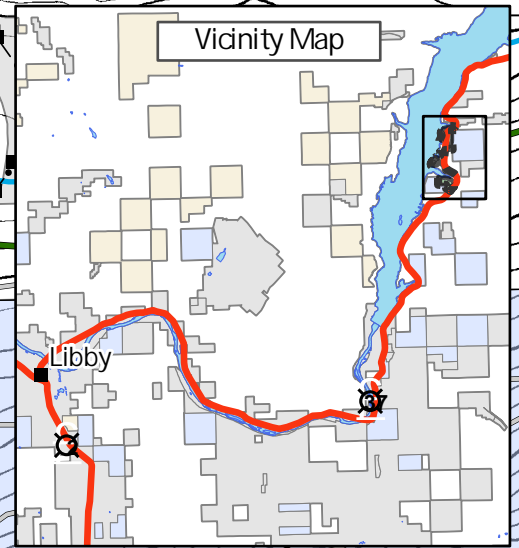
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
15	20.10	1105	174	8/30/2025
16	26.78	1807	285	8/30/2025
17	60.21	5483	864	8/30/2025
22	91.91	4484	707	8/30/2025
183A	16.75	634	100	8/30/2025
183B	24.03	1176	185	8/30/2025



# GNA WarHorse Timber Sale Harvest Unit/Vicinity Map Libby Ranger District, Kootenai NF

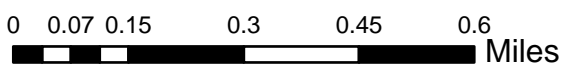
## GNA WARHORSE HARVEST UNITS

UNIT	ACRES
15	20
16	27
17	60
22	92
183A	17
183B	24
Total	240



- Sale Area Boundary
- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Borrow Site
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Equipment Restrict on Area
- Major Highways
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road
- Forest Service
- Other Private
- MT State

Attachment A-1



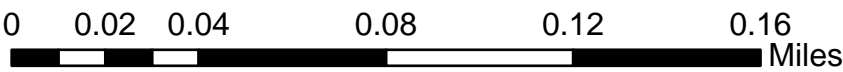


GNA WarHorse Timber Sale  
 Unit 183B Infrastructure Map  
 Libby Ranger District, Kootenai NF



- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Facilities
- Facility Points
- Facility Lines
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road

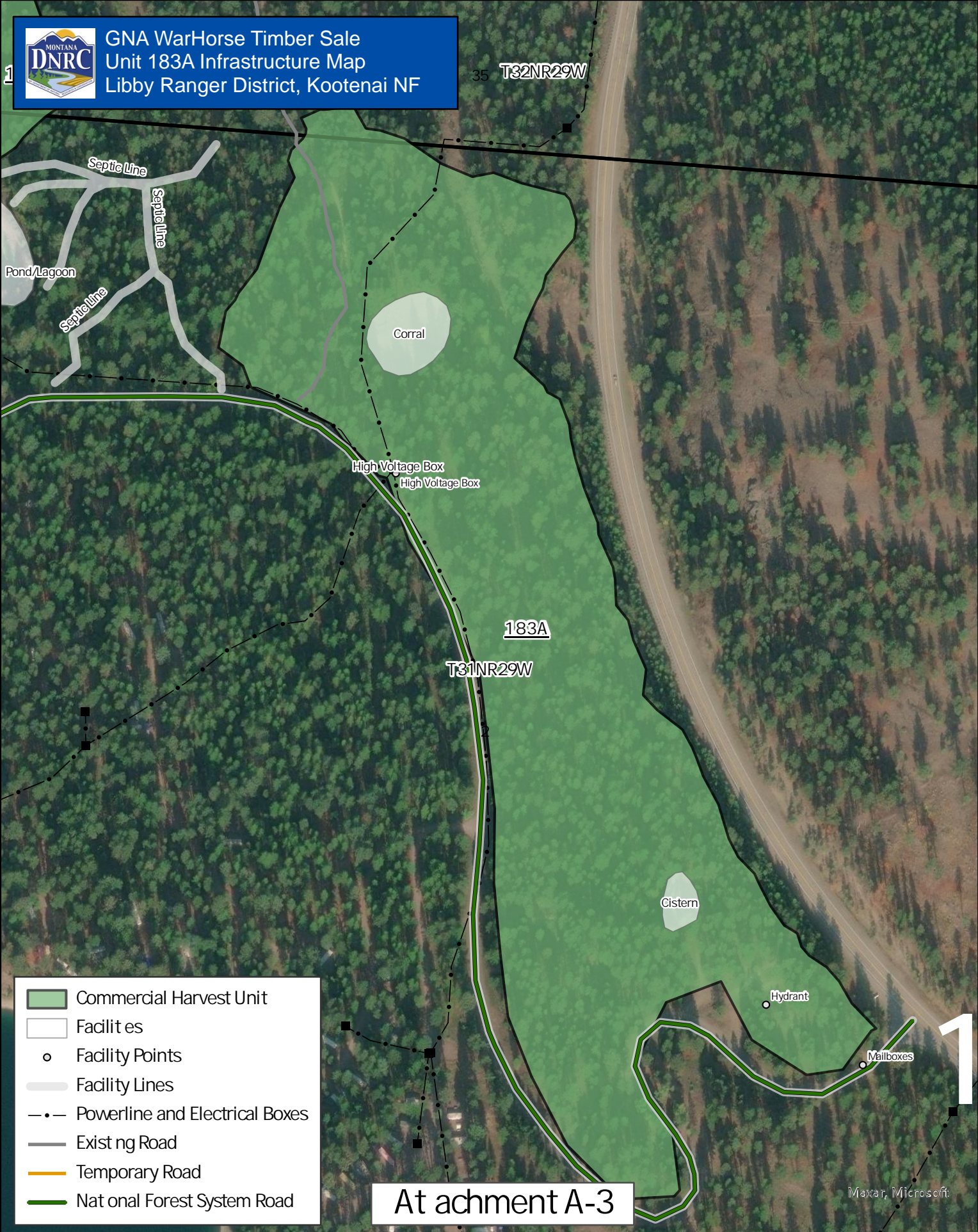
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GNA WarHorse Timber Sale  
 Unit 183A Infrastructure Map  
 Libby Ranger District, Kootenai NF



- Commercial Harvest Unit
- Facilities
- Facility Points
- Facility Lines
- Powerline and Electrical Boxes
- Existing Road
- Temporary Road
- National Forest System Road

Attachment A-3

