

COLONITE CREEK TIMBER SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Colonite Creek Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T26N-R29W, on the State's Libby Unit. Approximately 17,398 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 28, 2015 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 **\$11,439.00**, 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 stumpage 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), the Northwestern Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2257), or the Libby Unit Office in Libby, MT (406-293-2711).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management> for upcoming sales and bid results.

/s/ Sonya Germann, Chief
Forest Management Bureau
Trust Land Mgmt Division

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TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Colonite Creek			
Timber Sale Location: W2 Section 36,T26N-R29W			
For specific sale information, contact: Jeremy Rank			
Phone	(406) 293-2711 x7	Libby 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	Northwestern	Land Office

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on standard Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (Dept) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Dept reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The Dept 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 Guarantee** 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 Dept within a maximum of **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 in the form of 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 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 be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be in the form of 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 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 Dept has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase 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 Dept 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 Dept strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
10. The Dept 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 Dept 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 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. OPERATING PERIOD: Operating period is January 1 – March 31 & June 16 – December 31. All operations are restricted between April 1 and June 15 to mitigate impacts on Grizzly bears during the spring period. Harvest operations are further restricted to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.F & VII.L.1&2)
2. TREE MARKING AND HARVESTING: Is by description (See Section VII.G.1)
3. POST HARVEST SLASHING AND THINNING: Is required on the sale (See Section VII.G.2)
4. SITE PREPARATION: Is required on tractor logged areas (See Section VII.G.3)

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Colonite Creek										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$13.15/ton
Pounds per cubic foot		62		56		60			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		15,878		71		421			1,027	17,398 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		2,585		10		120			912	3,628 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		13		5		46			72	28.6%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		2,258		10		65			257	2,590 MBF
Average logs per MBF		22.1		37.3		19.7			38.5	23.8 logs/M
Average DBH		12.1		9		11.8			19.3	12.9 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										63 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units										0 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										9.3 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										122
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,223 and 2,958 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									14.4%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	17,398 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 2,590 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									6.72 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract ending date	6/30/2017
Contract length	25 months
Operating Season:	1/1 - 3/31 & 6/16 -12/31, operation is restricted to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen, or snow covered.

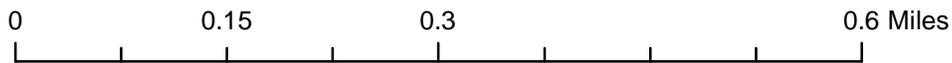
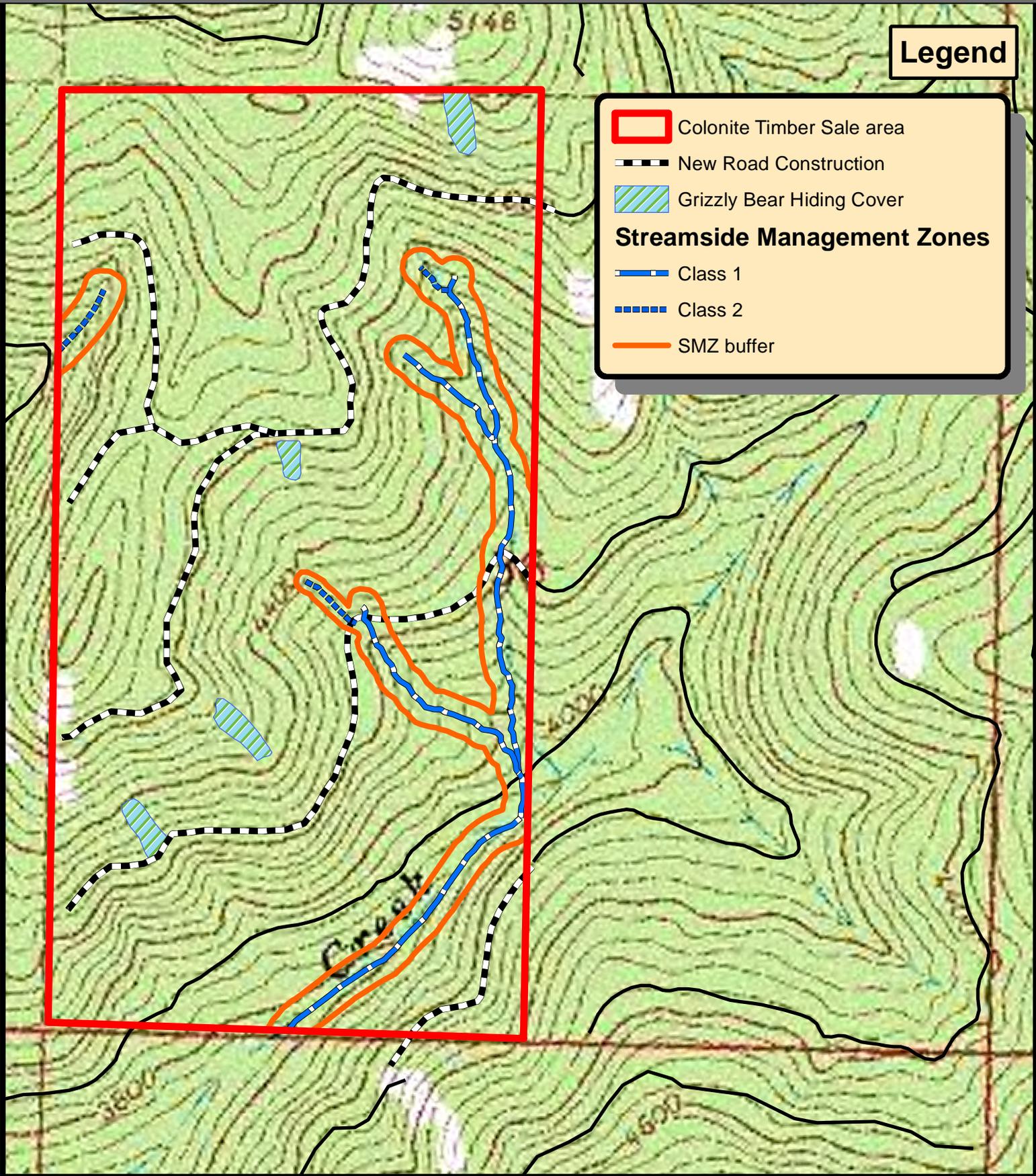
Colonite Timber Sale Harvest Map

T26N R29W W/2 Sec. 36



Legend

- Colonite Timber Sale area
- New Road Construction
- Grizzly Bear Hiding Cover
- Streamside Management Zones**
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - SMZ buffer



Colonite Creek Haul Route T26N R29W W/2 sec. 36



McGinnis Meadows road
to HWY 2 @ MM 63.8

Legend



Gates



County Road



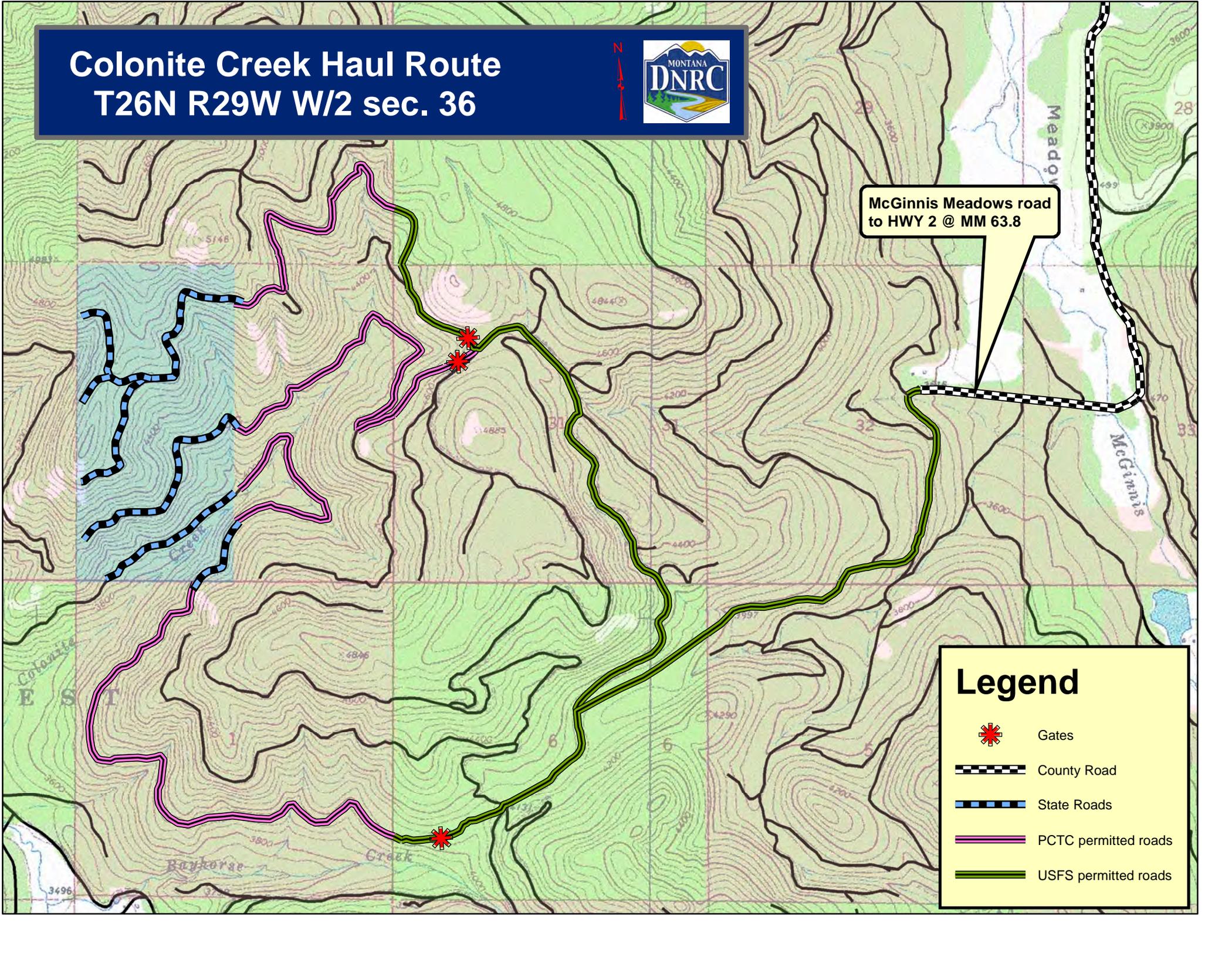
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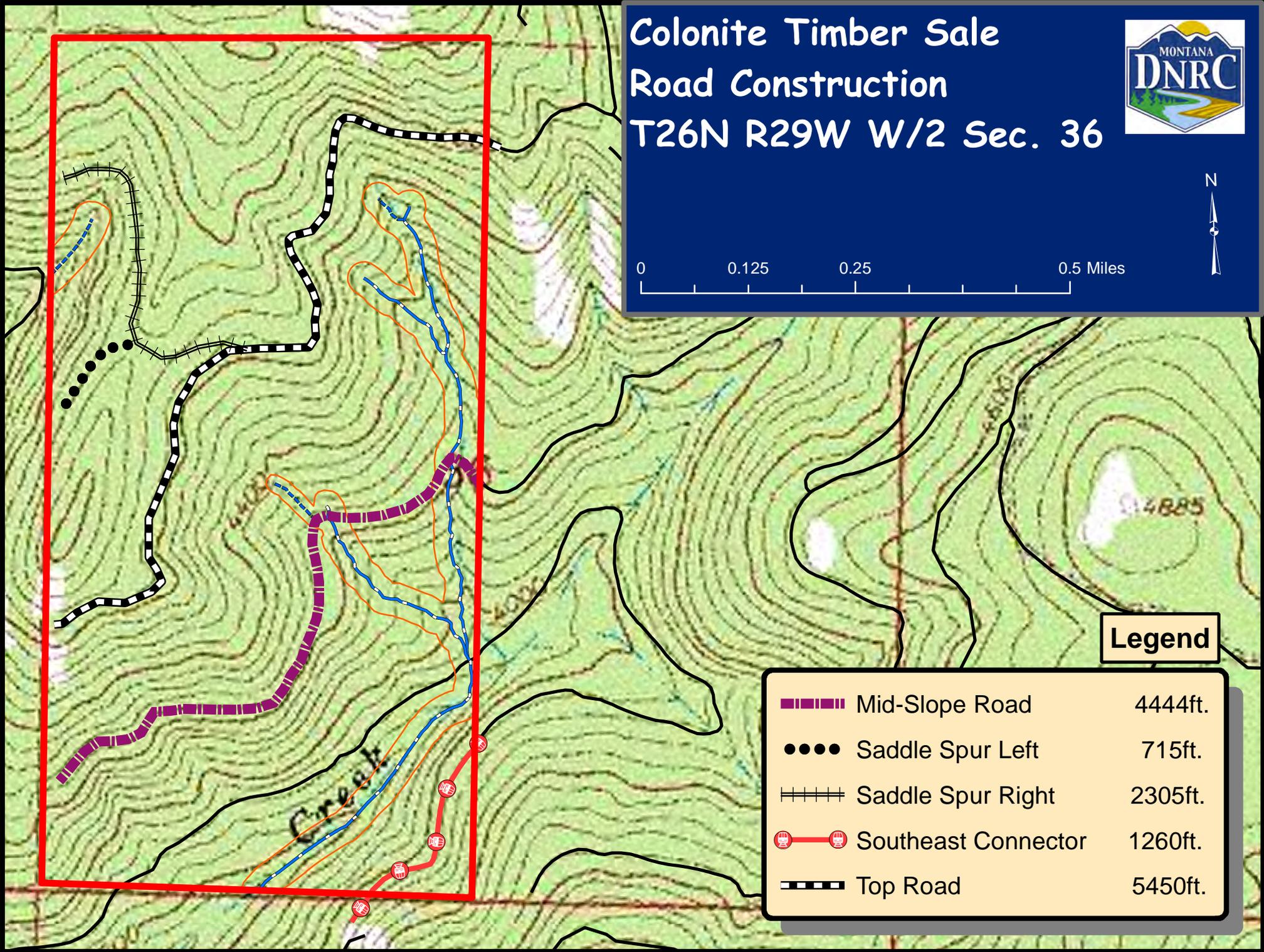
PCTC permitted roads



USFS permitted roads



Colonite Timber Sale Road Construction T26N R29W W/2 Sec. 36



Legend

	Mid-Slope Road	4444ft.
	Saddle Spur Left	715ft.
	Saddle Spur Right	2305ft.
	Southeast Connector	1260ft.
	Top Road	5450ft.