

SOUTH FITZPATRICK TIMBER SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The South Fitzpatrick Timber Sale is located within Sections 29, 30, 31, & 32, T35N-R24W, on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 10,728 tons of sawlogs consisting of Engelmann spruce, white fir, Douglas-fir, and lodgepole pine sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **February 20, 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 **\$6,549.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid 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 Northwest Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2257), or the Stillwater Unit Office in Olney, MT (406-881-2371).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/Trust/Timber/Bids.asp> 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: South Fitzpatrick			
Timber Sale Location: Sections 29, 30, 31, & 32, T35N-R24W			
For specific sale information, contact: Zach Miller/Mike McMahon			
Phone	406-881-2371	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	406-751-2257	Northwest 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. A designated trail will be allowed for heavy equipment to access the bottom of cable harvest Units 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. A piece of equipment will be needed to be used as a tailhold because of the lack of large trees and the high spruce component.
2. All culverts on the Marston Road are required to be installed in 2015. Rock hammering with an excavator mounted hammer is also required on the road. Rocks that are greater than 1' in size and are greater than 2" above the road surface are to be shattered to allow smooth grading or gravel surfacing. 14 hours of hammering shall be applied to the length of this road. Please ask for a road development appraisal at the Stillwater Unit Office.
3. Portions of cable harvest units are suitable to mechanical felling although fueling of equipment would require transport of fuel via cable.
4. Timing restrictions exist for Unit 1. Operation is allowed from November 16th through March 31st.
5. Timing restrictions exist for all cable harvest units. Harvest is permitted for a single fall/winter season (after September 15th) in either 2015 or 2016.
6. Guy back trees are limited above portions of Units 3 and 4 and steep cut slopes limit equipment access above road. Equipment capable of counterbalancing the load is recommended (i.e. Excaline machine).

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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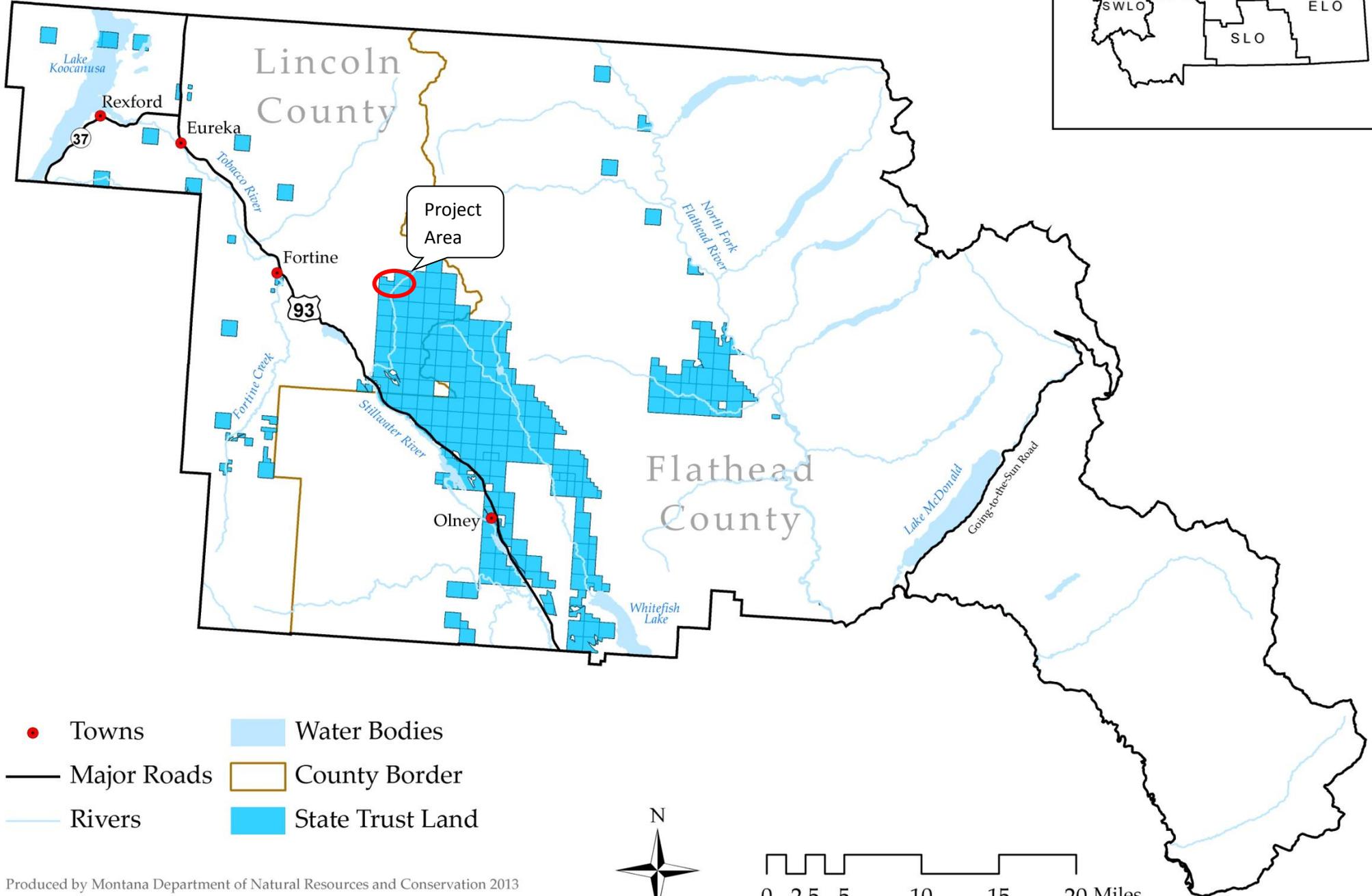
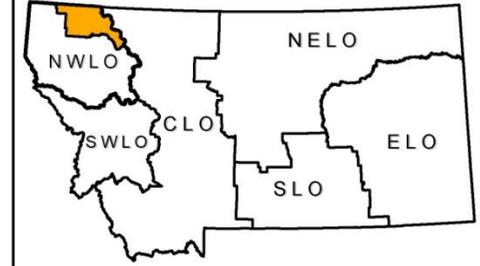
South Fitzpatrick										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$12.21/ton
Pounds per cubic foot										
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		1,581	761	1,559	4,073	2,754				10,728 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		258	22	265	734	515				1,794 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10	7	11	9	16				6.4%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		232	113	235	664	435				1,679 MBF
Average logs per MBF		24.5	31	31.1	22.6	29				24.5 logs/M
Average DBH		11.2	9.5	8.9	10.2	10.5				10.5 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										14 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										11.2 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										194
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,465 and 1,893 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									12.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	10,728 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 1,679 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									6.39 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract ending date	9/1/2017	Cable Harvest Units September 15, 2015 - December 31, 2015 or September 15, 2016 - December 31, 2016
Contract length	30 Months	
Operating Season:	July 1 through March 15	

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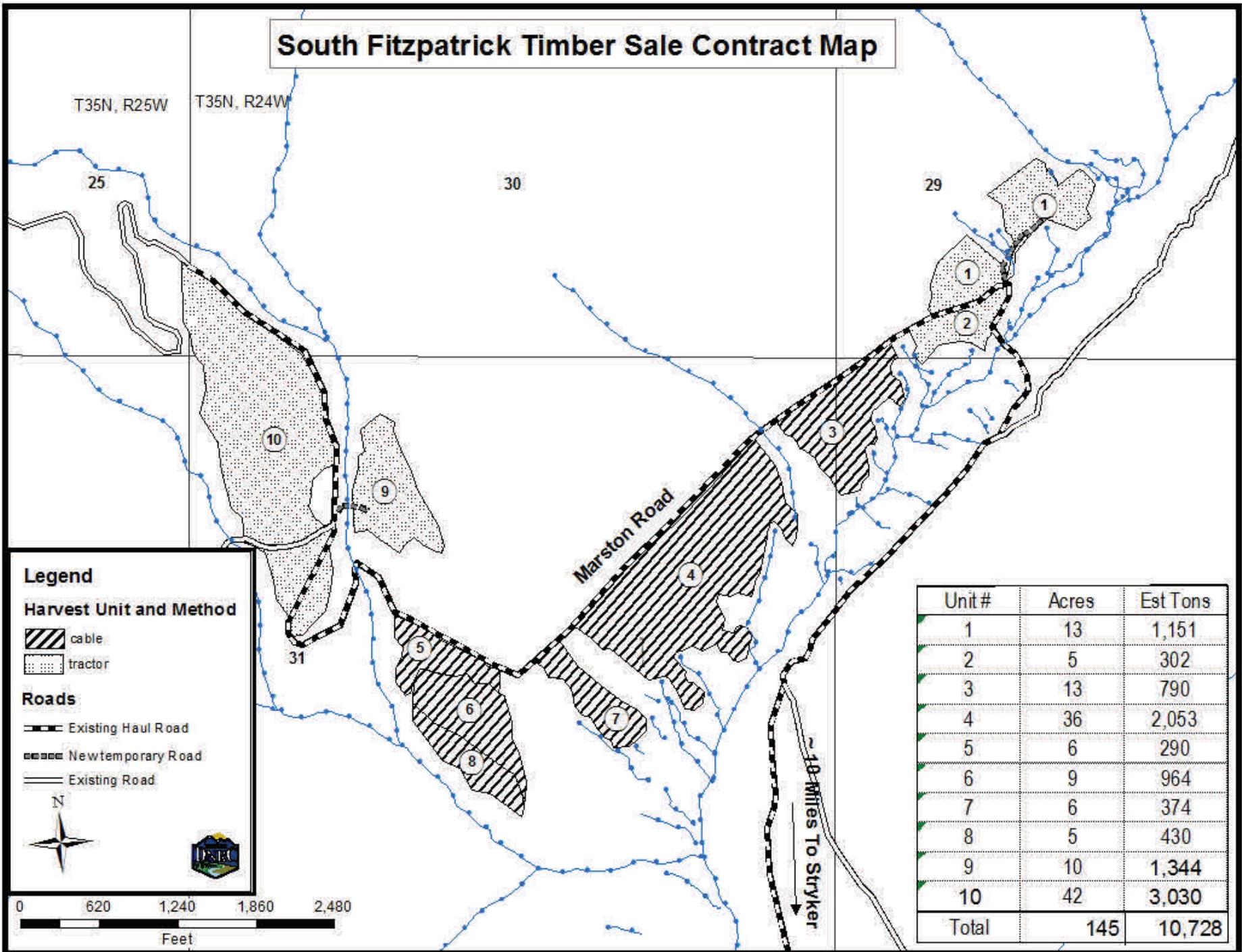
Legal description by trust					Unit harvest volume			
Legal description - subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge	Grant	Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
SW 1/4	29	35 N	24 W	CS	1	13	1,151	185
SW 1/4	29	35 N	24 W	CS	2	5	302	45
E 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	3	5	310	47
E 1/2	32	35 N	24 W	CS	3	8	480	74
E 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	4	36	2,053	300
W 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	5	6	290	42
S 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	6	9	964	144
E 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	7	6	374	57
S 1/2	31	35 N	24 W	CS	8	5	430	80
NW 1/4	31	35 N	24 W	CS	9	10	1,344	198
NW 1/4	31	35 N	24 W	CS	10	34	2,437	408
SW 1/4	30	35 N	24 W	CS	10	8	593.0	99
Totals						145 Ac.	10,728 T	1,679 M

SOUTH FITZPATRICK VICINITY MAP STILLWATER UNIT



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

South Fitzpatrick Timber Sale Contract Map



Legend

Harvest Unit and Method

-  cable
-  tractor

Roads

-  Existing Haul Road
-  New temporary Road
-  Existing Road



South Fitzpatrick Timber Sale Haul Route Map

