

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Deep Blue Timber Sale is located within Section 16, T23N-R30W, on the State's Plain's Unit. Approximately 14,558 tons consisting primarily of Douglas-fir, white fir, ponderosa pine, and western larch sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **March 28, 2013 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 **\$16,880.00**, 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 **45** 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 Unit Office in Plains, MT (406-826-4723).

Visit our website at <http://www.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: Deep Blue			
Timber Sale Location: Section 16, T23N-R30W			
For specific sale information, contact: David Olsen			
Phone	406-826-4723	DNRC, Plains Unit, PO Box 219	Plains Unit
		Plains, MT 59859	
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	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 45 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. TIMING RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. **Unit 1: Prohibit harvest and other forest management activities between February 1 and August 15 in bald eagle nest site habitat and primary use habitat during the breeding season, unless the territory is documented as inactive by a DNRC Wildlife Specialist and/or the Forest Officer.**
- b. **Units 2, 3 and 4: Prohibit harvest and other motorized activities in the spring period (April 1- June 15) due to spring habitat in grizzly bear non-recovery occupied habitat.**

2. HIGH HAZARD SLASH REDUCTION: In all Units, the Purchaser will be required to meet high hazard slash reduction standards in portions of harvest units adjacent to private property boundaries and open roads. In areas within 1,000 feet of a residence, the Purchaser will be required to treat 90% of the slash within 100 feet of the property boundary and open roads, and in powerline corridors. Treatment and clean up can be accomplished by piling, chipping, burying, removal, or a combination of methods. Logging slash must be treated within 60 days of its creation. The high standard of slash cleanup can be achieved by directionally felling trees away from the unit boundaries leaving very little slash and limbs to pile. Any required slash burning will be completed by the State.

3. RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION: Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to submerchantable trees. If damage is excessive as determined by the Forest Officer, operations may be suspended until suitable arrangements are made to reduce damage.

4. POWER LINES PRESENT: There is a power line present along the Blue Slide Road in Unit 1. Purchaser will be liable for any damage they cause to the power line. Any trees 1.5 times the height as the distance to the power lines will have to be mechanically felled using winch line or a feller-buncher.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

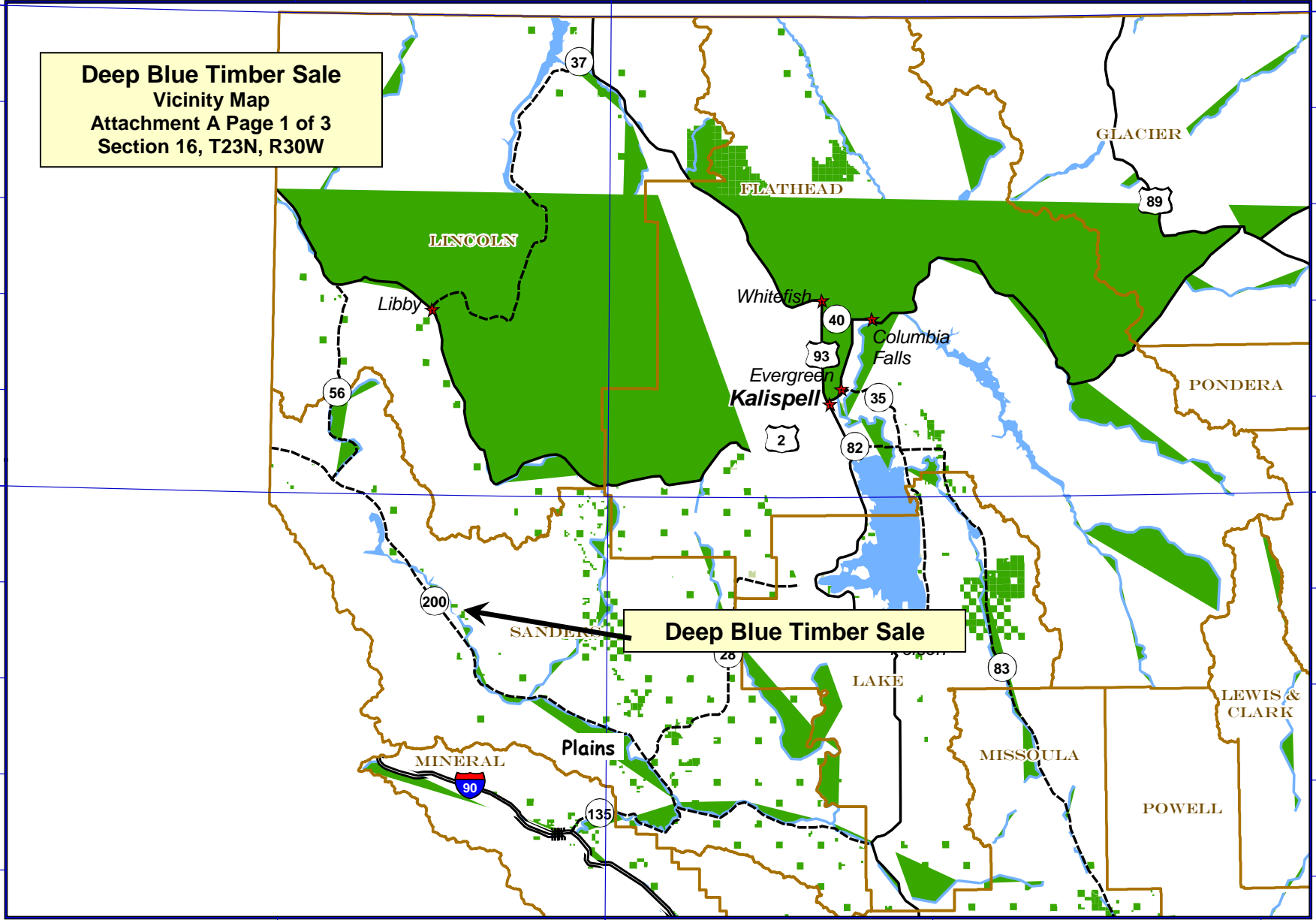
DEEP BLUE TIMBER SALE										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	WH	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$23.19/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58		60	60			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	495	10,624	426		57	2,938			18	14,558 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	90	1,851	75		8	467			5	2,496 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	1	4	0		0	4			3	4.0%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	89	1,780	75		8	450			4	2,406 MBF
Average logs per MBF	12	13	16		18	19			13	15.0 logs/M
Average DBH	16	15	14		15	12			19	14.0 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units	→									60 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units	→									14 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									7.3 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									25-75
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,151 and 2,662 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									11.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	14,558 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 2,406 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									6.05 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract ending date	6/27/2016	Sawlog volume removed by March 31, 2016
Contract length	39 months	
Operating Season:	Unit 1 August 16-January 31; Units 2,3,4 June 16-March 31, but only when Soil Compaction requirements in Section VII.H5 are met.	

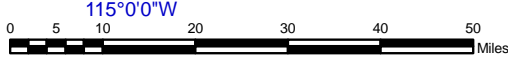
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Legal description by trust					Unit harvest volume			
Legal description - subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge	Grant	Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
S2	16	23N	30W	CS	1	118	1,694	261
NE4	16	23N	30W	CS	2	48	3,453	572
E2	16	23N	30W	CS	3	151	7,967	1,342
NE4	16	23N	30W	CS	4	15	1,444	231
See <u>Instructions</u> for how to fill in this table								
Totals						332 Ac.	14,558 T	2,406 M

**Deep Blue Timber Sale
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Section 16, T23N, R30W**

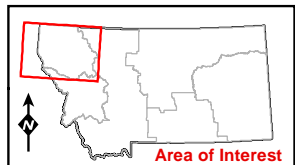


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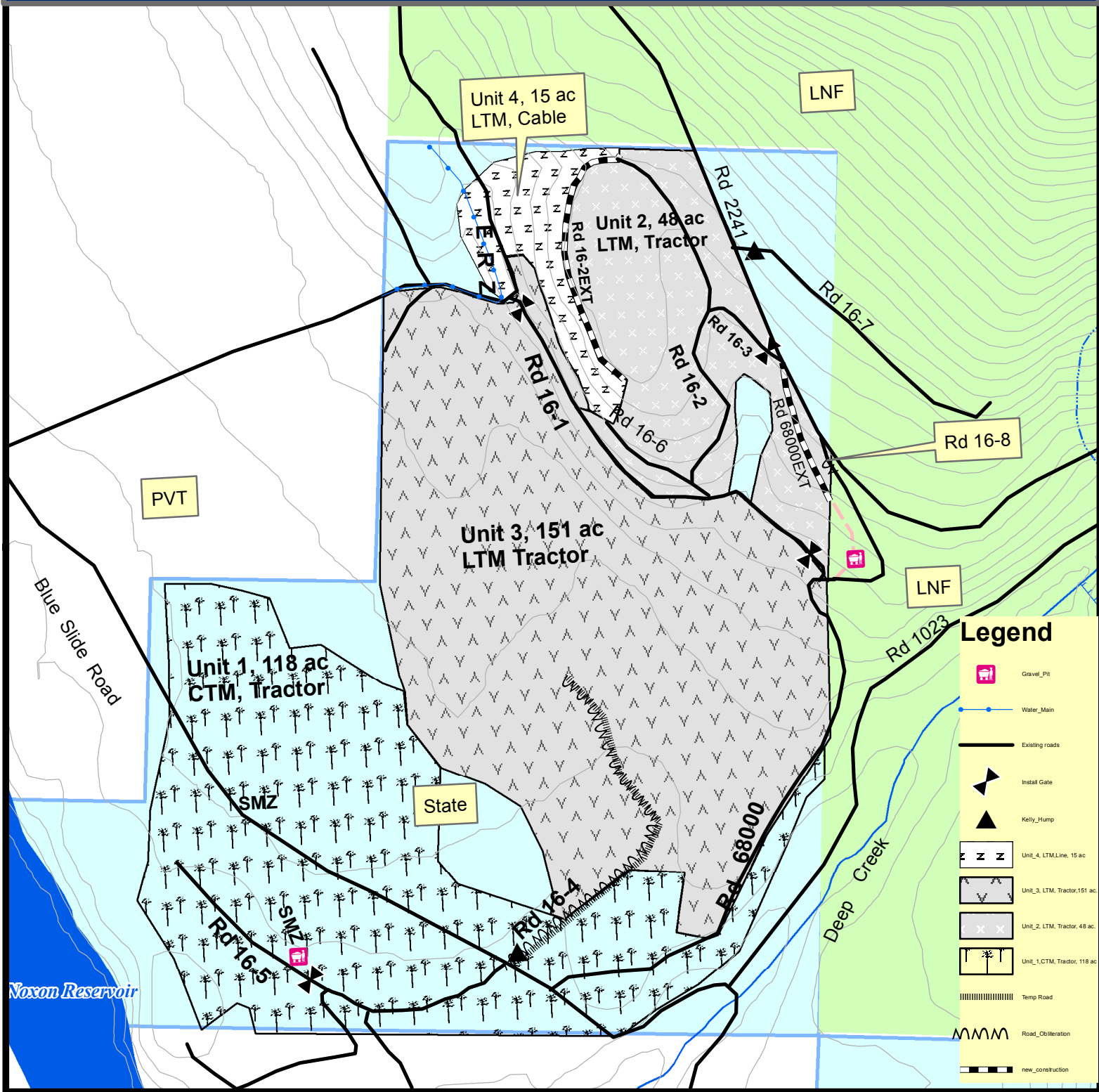
	Interstate Highway		Rivers		Lakes
	U.S. Route		City		DNRC managed for timber
	State Highway		County		DNRC other

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Technical Services Section/dr



Deep Blue TS, Transportation and Harvest Map

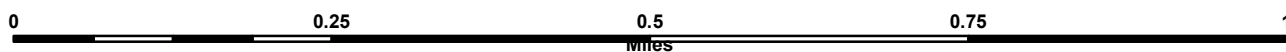
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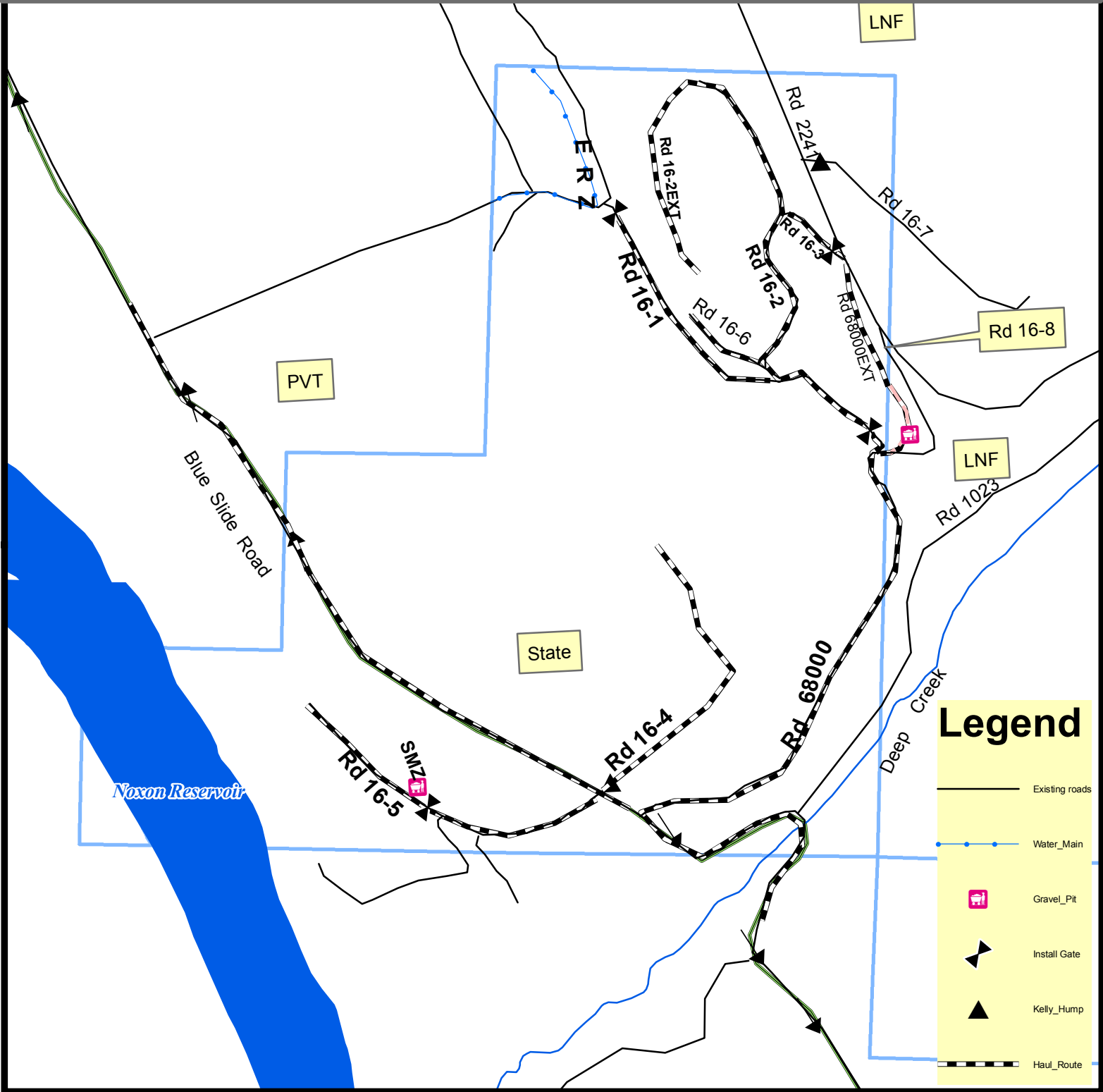
Legend

- Gravel_Pit
- Water_Main
- Existing roads
- Install Gate
- Kelly_Hump
- Unit_4_LTM_Line_15_ac
- Unit_3_LTM_Tractor_151_ac
- Unit_2_LTM_Tractor_48_ac
- Unit_1_CTM_Tractor_118_ac
- Temp Road
- Road_Obiteration
- new_construction

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Deep Blue TS, Haul Route Section 16, T23N, R30W



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