

DOUBLE BEAVER FIRE SALVAGE

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Double Beaver Fire Salvage Timber Sale is located within Sections 6, 8, and 18, T16N-R15W on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 16,993 tons, consisting primarily of green and fire killed ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine and 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 **December 3, 2007 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 **\$16,143.00**, 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. **Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at the November 19, 2007 meeting.** If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **15** 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 Southwestern Land Office, in Missoula (406-542-4200), or the Clearwater Unit Office in Greenough, MT (406-244-5857).

Visit our website at www.dnrc.mt.gov Online Services for upcoming sales and bid results.

/s/ David Groeschl, 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: Double Beaver Fire Salvage			
Timber Sale Location: Sections 6, 8, and 18, T16N-R15W			
For specific sale information, contact: Sarah Pierce			
Phone	406-244-5857	Clearwater	Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern	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. **Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their November 19, 2007 meeting.**
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 **15** 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.

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications			
Sale Data			
660	Net Sale Area (acres)	0.15	Miles of road construction (temp)
October 15, 2009	Contract ending date	0	Miles of road reconstruction
8%	Cable logging required (% of volume)	0.6	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: December 1 – February 28 (all Units); July 1 – October 15 (Units 4, 5, and ROW)			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$16,143.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond (total \$)		
N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$4.28	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)		
\$12,121.67	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$5,586.80	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$0.75	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$0.82	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
N/A	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

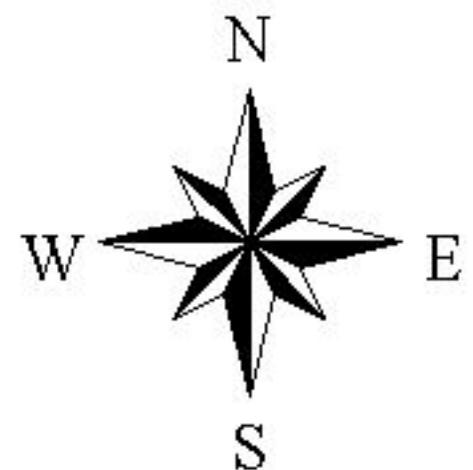
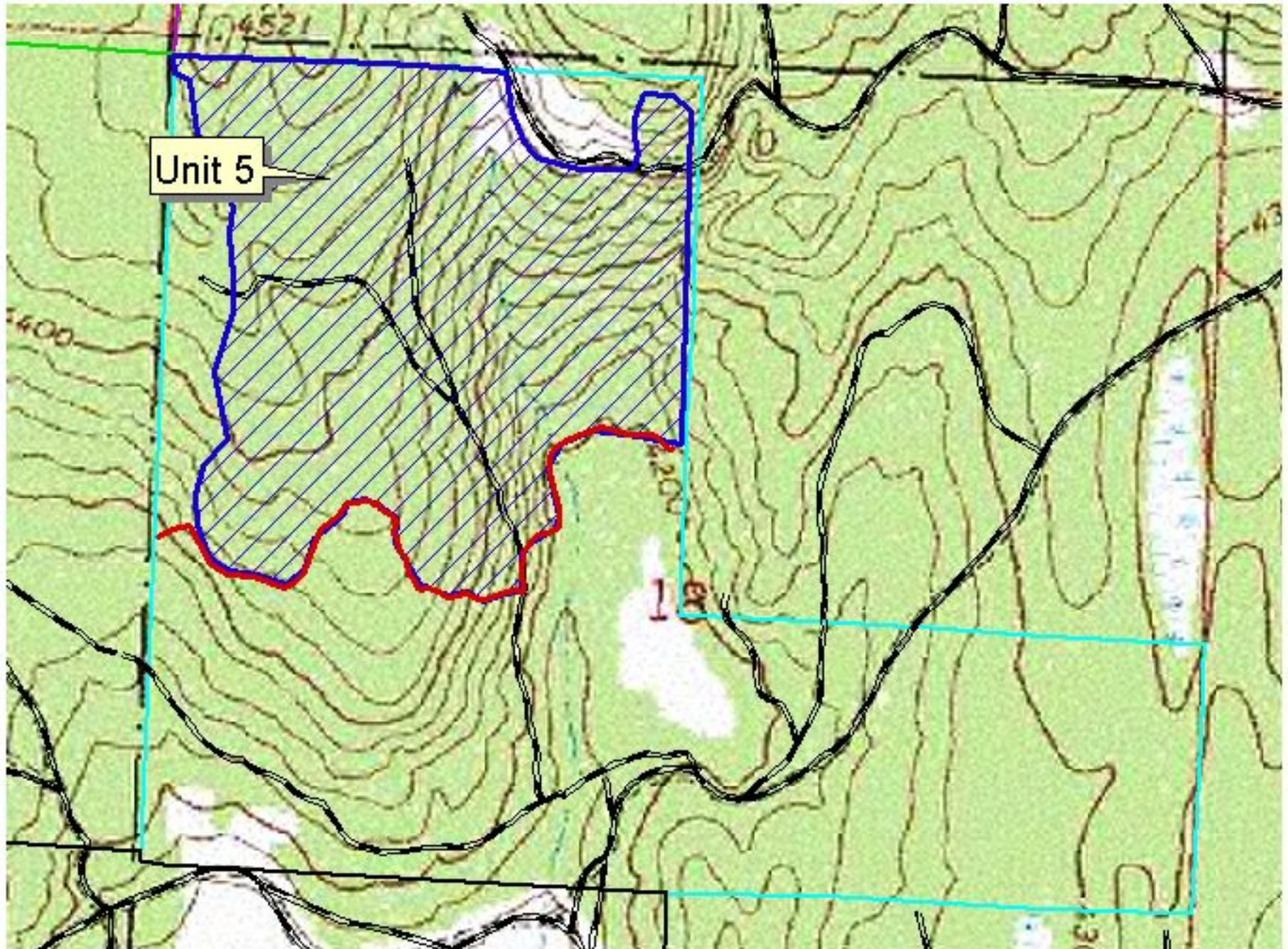
TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	Dead/Dry	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$19.00/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	61.7	58.3	56	57	56.9		40	45.2
Contract Tons	188	4496	265	716	34	17		11277	16993
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)	34	654	47	119	4	2		2690	3550
%Cull and Breakage	14	8	7	10	0	4		11	10
Net MBF	29	604	43	107	4	2		2400	3189
Average logs per MBF	11.2	21.5	23.3	53.2	48.6	47.5		24.1	24.6
Average DBH	14.7	12.4	11.9	9.4	10	9.9		12.1	12.0
Average tons per acre harvested									25.7
Average MBF cut per acre on the timber sale									4.8
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									
Calculated Sampling Error (net MBF): 9.7%									
The total cruised volume will fall between 2879.6 and 3488.8 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 16993 net tons per 3189 net MBF = 5.33 tons per MBF									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	6	349	6,497	1,219	Feb 29, 2008
2	6	49	2,455	461	Feb 29, 2008
3	6	85	2,578	484	Feb 29, 2008
4	8	66	1,882	353	Feb 28, 2009
5	18	111	3,531	663	Feb 28, 2009
ROW	8	1	50	9.5	Prior to final blading

Additional Sale Information:

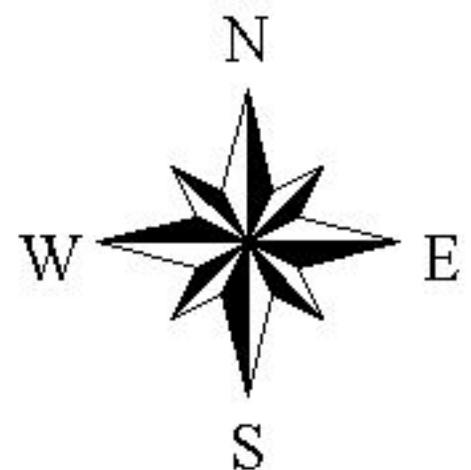
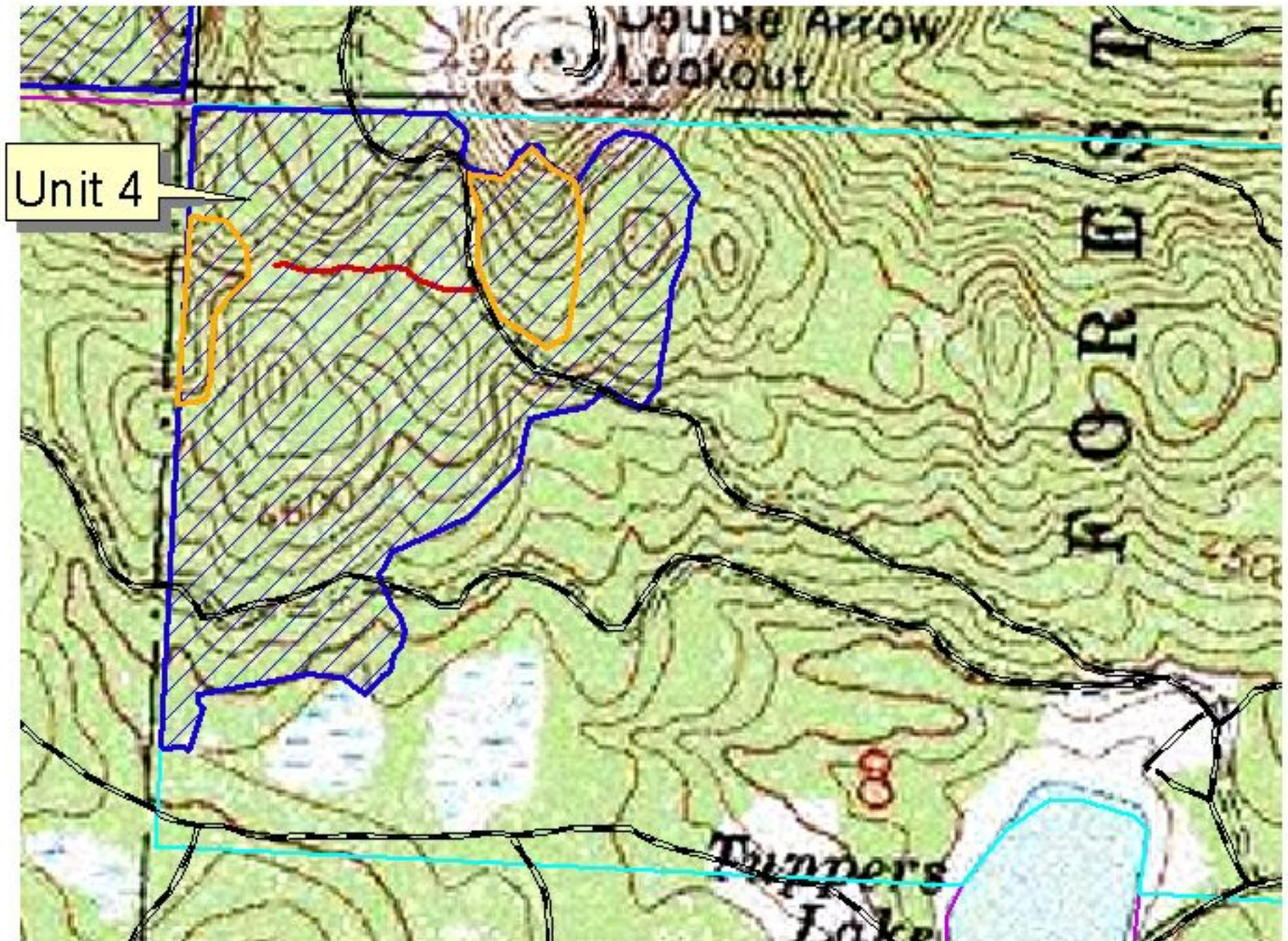
- Units 1, 2, and 3 (**483 acres** total) are required to be started after sale is purchased and finished by **February 29, 2008**.
- All Units have Black-backed woodpecker habitat in the vicinity. This has shortened the operational window for this sale, as found in the contract (July 1 – October 15 and December 1 – February 28).
- The Purchaser will be responsible for road maintenance, grass seeding (following harvest) and 10.7 miles of road herbicide application.
- The Purchaser will supply and install 2 (two) road closer gates.
- The Purchaser will complete 0.6 miles of road obliteration.
- The Purchaser shall post warning signs on roads and control traffic as necessary while adjacent to county roads and private access roads.
- The Purchaser shall be required to **return skid logging slash** to harvest units as directed by the Forest Officer.
- The Purchaser shall be required to lop slash to within 18” of the ground within harvest units as directed by the Forest Officer.
- Units 1, 2, 3, and 4 have **Equipment Restrictions Zones** established for steep areas, wetlands, ephemeral draws and other potential wet areas. Unless marked to leave, trees may be removed from the ERZ's under conditions approved by the Forest Officer. Methods may include directional falling, pulling winchline, and/or excaline yarding. No operation of ground skidding equipment will be allowed on slopes over 44%
- Unit 1 has a **Streamside Management Zone** within the Unit. Equipment is prohibited from operating in areas designated streamside management zones. Trees to cut in the SMZ or on boundary of SMZ are marked with a horizontal orange paint stripe at DBH and a mark below stump height. All trees designated for harvest within such zones shall be winchline skidded to skid trails outside the zone. Slash will not be piled in or pushed into the zone.
- Unit 4 may require a **temporary spur road** to be built. The Forest Officer will designate the location of the road. The road must be constructed and reclaimed to specifications in Attachment B.
- Approximately 4,000 feet of **fireline** adjacent to Unit 5 may be used as a main skid trail and requires **rehabilitation**. Following unit completion, Purchaser will pull berms from sides of fireline, add drainage features as directed by Forest Officer, place slash in fireline, and seed fireline.
- Trees marked along the edge of existing roads are to be removed to facilitate maintenance and safe travel. These trees can be removed in conjunction with adjacent unit harvest as feasible. Trees along existing roads outside of harvest units but within the gross sale area must have an operating plan approved by the Forest Officer before operations begin.
- Purchaser is required to contact Blackfoot Telephone Coop (for buried line location) prior to maintaining road.

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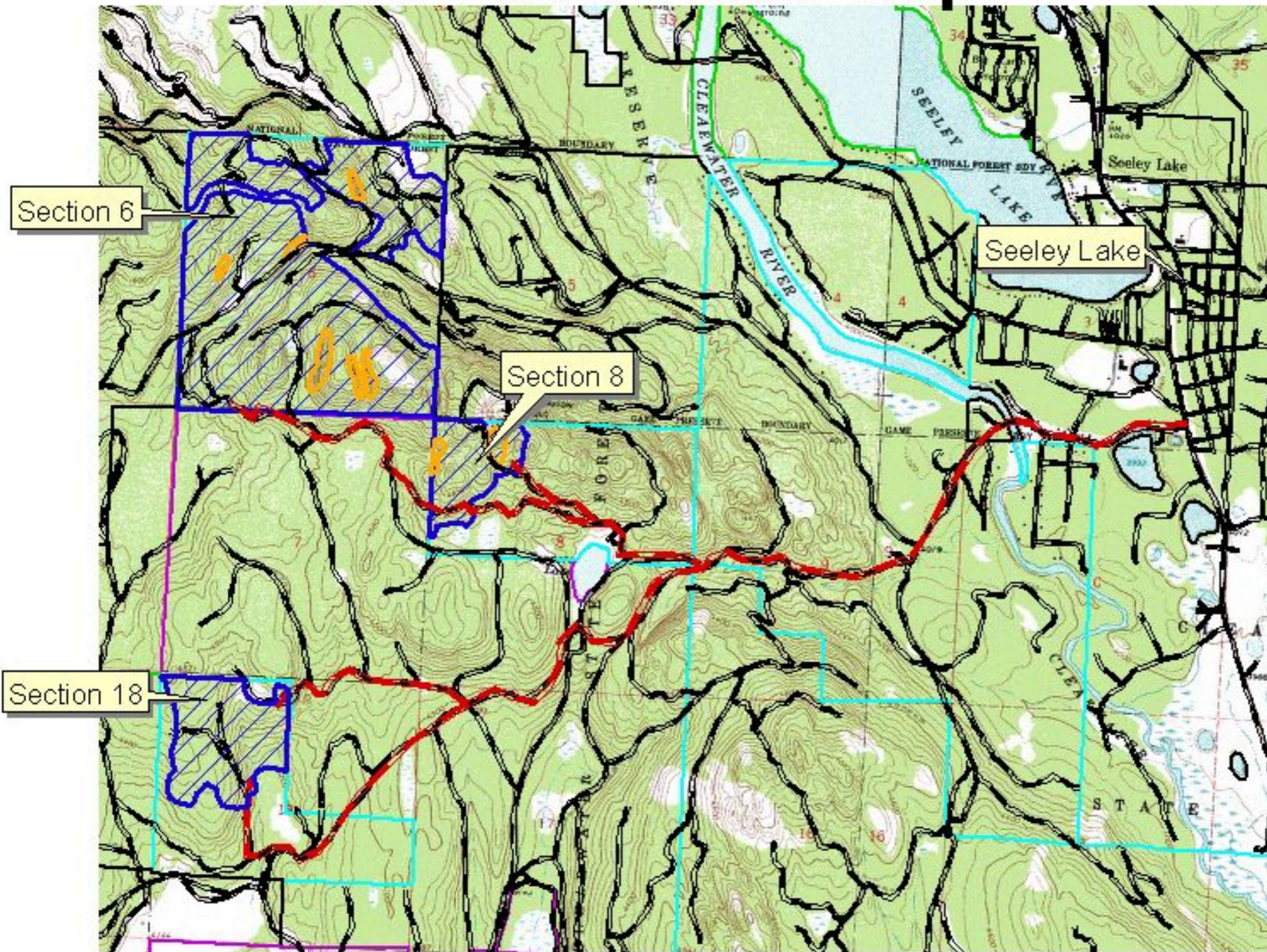
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Double Beaver Fire Salvage Timber Sale Road Map

Attachment A-1



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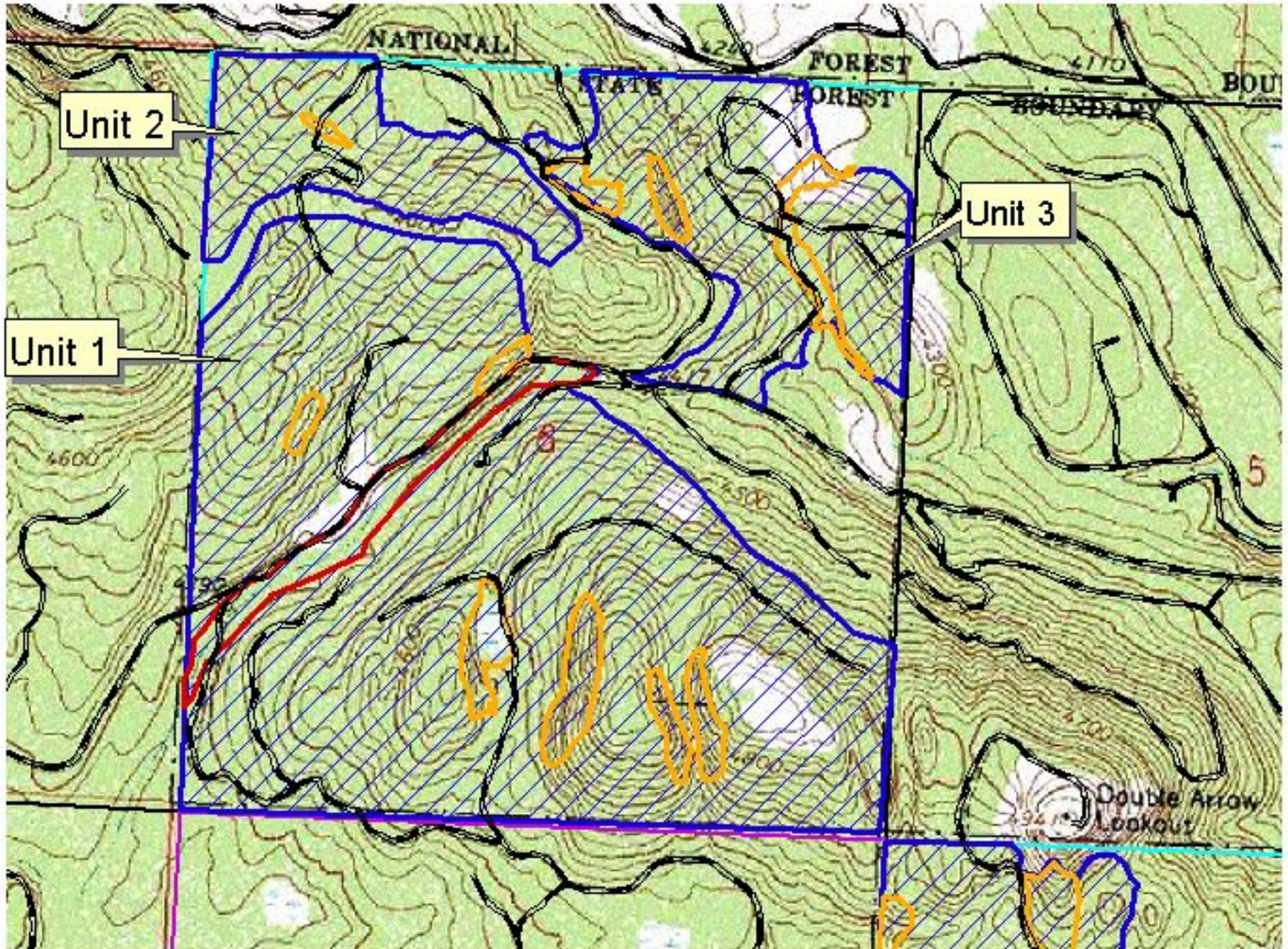
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- Harvest Units
- Ownership**
- Forest Service
- Plum Creek
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- State of Montana (DNRC)



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Double Beaver Fire Salvage Timber Sale Harvest Units Section 6



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- Roads -- Existing
- Streams Management Zone
- Equipment Restriction Zone
- Harvest Units
- Ownership
 - Forest Service
 - Plum Creek
 - Private
 - State of Montana (DNRC)

