

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Ewing Central Timber Sale is located within Sections 2,3,10,11,12,13,14, & 15, T33N-R24W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 14,948 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir, white fir, western larch, and cedar sawlogs are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 3, 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 **\$11,749.00**, 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 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 Northwestern Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2257), or the Stillwater Unit Office in Olney, MT (406-881-2371).

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: Ewing Central
Timber Sale Location: Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, T33N-R24W
For specific sale information, contact:
Phone 406-881-2371 Pete Evans 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 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. Unit 8: The Purchaser will slash all non-merchantable material, including leaners and pushovers, taller than 2 feet after harvesting operations in this unit are completed and approved. Cull trees and snags do not have to be slashed. Stems shall be completely severed from the stumps. Stumps shall not exceed 8 inches in height on the uphill side. Slashed material must be felled directionally to remain within the harvest unit.
2. Unit 6 has old #9 telephone wire hanging in trees.
3. Units 4, 5, 6, and 8 require 6,600 feet of hand constructed fireline and 4,000 feet of excavator constructed fireline. These are skyline yarding units where harvest would minimize the amount of slash within 100 feet of unit boundary by requiring entire tree yarding in that 100'; require adequate amounts of slash to be retained within planned burn area to carry the fire; and allow the operator to build fireline within the outside skyline corridors versus on the unit boundary.
4. Weed spraying is required on the Middle Ewing Road, Vars North Road, and the Spur 10 road prior to harvesting or temporary road construction and after harvesting. A plan must be approved by the Forest Officer before spraying and shall only be done by a commercial applicator licensed by the State of Montana or by personnel under the direct supervision of the licensed applicator.
5. Non-sawlog material may be purchased if approved by the Forest Officer. This material would be billed at a negotiated rate as detailed in a contract amendment.
6. Hauling during dry periods may require dust abatement on the Ewing Road.
7. More detailed maps are available upon request from the Stillwater Unit at (406) 881-2371.
8. With the exception of the first 3.7 miles of the Ewing Road and the first 1.1 miles of the Woods Lake Road all of the timber sale roads are restricted for motorized use between April 1 and July 1.
9. Portions of several units require winch-line skidding. One piece of ground-based skidding equipment shall be equipped with a winch with not less than 100 feet of operable line.
10. Limbing and lopping required on Units 4, 5, 6, and 8.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

EWING CENTRALTIMBER SALE										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES		DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	GF	RC	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid										\$15.72/ton
Pounds per cubic foot		62	58	56	57	55	60.0	44.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		4,144	2,859	502	775	1,208	3,461	2,000		14,948 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		781	628	84	155	224	771	472		3,113 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		19	17	11	15	17	32	20		21.3%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		633	521	75	131	186	528	377		2,449 MBF
Average logs per MBF		12.5	16.3	32.1	22.5	35.9	29.4	33.7		25.6 logs/M
Average DBH		12.5	15.1	8.9	11.9	9.3	11.7	10.7		11.6 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										74 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units										37 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										8.5 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										45-176
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between		2,196 and 2,722 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises								9.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet		14,948 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 2,449 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB								6.10 tons/MBF

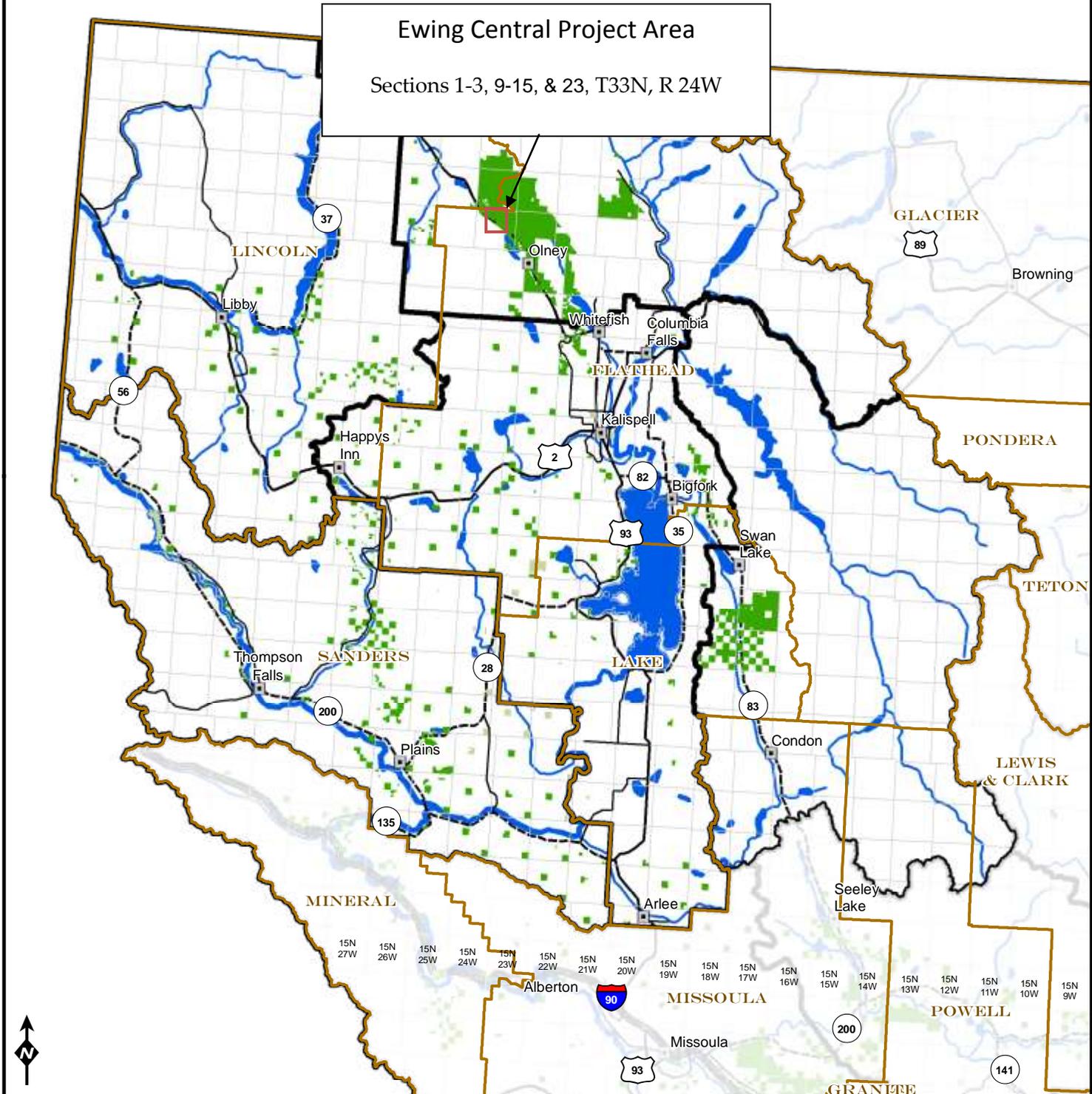
Contract Information	
Contract ending date	11/30/2016
Contract length	44 months
Operating Season:	June 16 through December 15 and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

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Legal description by trust					Unit harvest volume			
Legal description - subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge	Grant	Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
SW1/4	2	33N	R24W	CS	1	14	836	152
SE1/4	2	33N	R24W	CS	2	17	630	99
NW1/4	11	33N	R24W	CS	2	21	770	123
NE1/4	12	33N	R24W	CS	2	29	1,057	170
SW1/4	2	33N	R24W	CS	3	22	1,447	230
SE1/4	3	33N	R24W	CS	4	17	1,290	202
SE1/4	3	33N	R24W	CS	5	3	152.0	23
SW1/4	2	33N	R24W	CS	5	10	506.0	75
NW1/4	11	33N	R24W	CS	5	11	556.0	82
NE1/4	11	33N	R24W	CS	6	7	257.0	34
W1/2	11	33N	R24W	CS	7	27	2,342	419
SE1/4	10	33N	R24W	CS	8	12	190.0	28
SW1/4	11	33N	R24W	CS	8	8	126.0	19
SE1/4	10	33N	R24W	CS	9	22	1027.0	157
SW1/4	11	33N	R24W	CS	9	5	233.0	36
NW1/4	14	33N	R24W	CS	9	3	140.0	22
E1/2	13	33N	R24W	CS	10	21	1,159	212
W1/2	14	33N	R24W	CS	11	10	557	95
NE1/4	15	33N	R24W	CS	11	1	56.0	9
S1/2	13	33N	R24W	CS	12	28	1,617	262
See Instructions for how to fill in this table								
Totals						288 Ac.	14,948 T	2,449 M

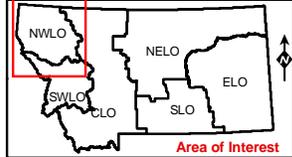
Ewing Central Project Area

Sections 1-3, 9-15, & 23, T33N, R 24W



	Interstate Highway		County		City
	U.S. Route		DNRC other		Township/Range
	State Highway		DNRC managed for timber		Management Unit
	Secondary Roads				

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Technical Services Section/dr

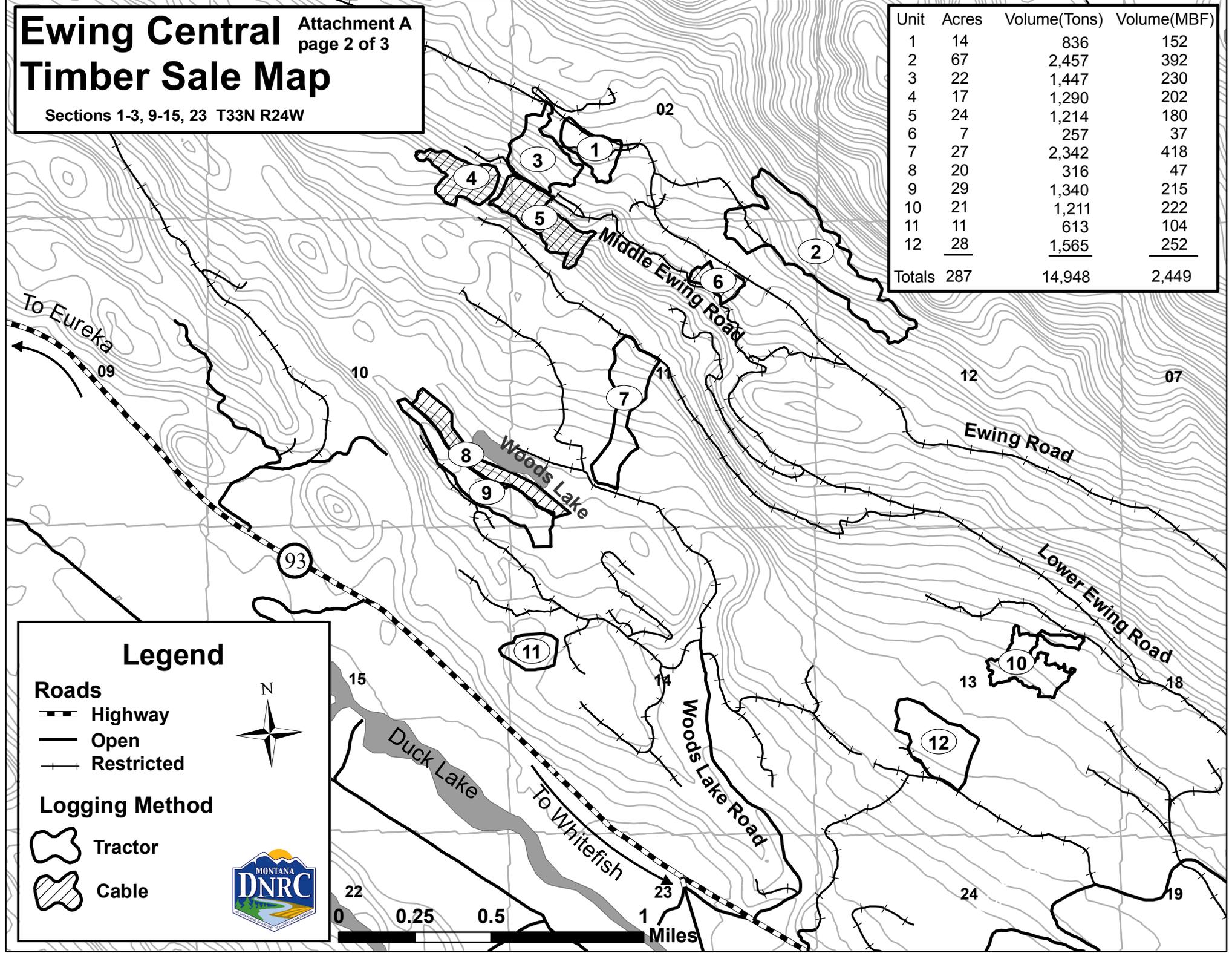


Ewing Central Timber Sale Map

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Sections 1-3, 9-15, 23 T33N R24W

Unit	Acres	Volume(Tons)	Volume(MBF)
1	14	836	152
2	67	2,457	392
3	22	1,447	230
4	17	1,290	202
5	24	1,214	180
6	7	257	37
7	27	2,342	418
8	20	316	47
9	29	1,340	215
10	21	1,211	222
11	11	613	104
12	28	1,565	252
Totals	287	14,948	2,449



Legend

Roads

- Highway
- Open
- Restricted

Logging Method

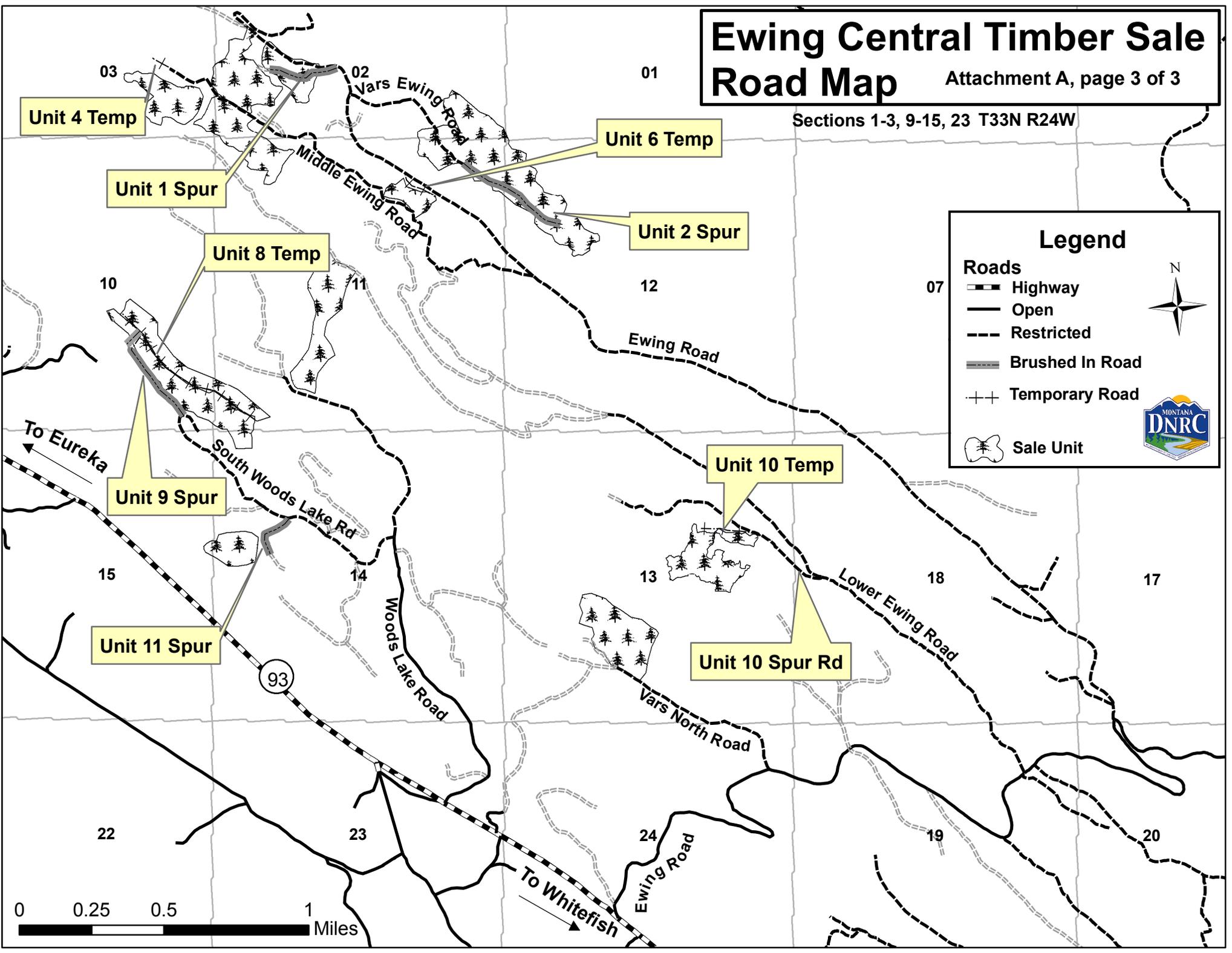
- Tractor
- Cable



Ewing Central Timber Sale Road Map

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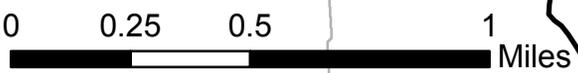
Sections 1-3, 9-15, 23 T33N R24W



Legend

Roads

- Highway
- Open
- Restricted
- Brushed In Road
- Temporary Road
- Sale Unit



To Eureka

To Whitefish