

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The Mill Pocket Fire Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T24N-R25W, on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 21,381 tons, consisting primarily of green and fire killed Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, Western larch and grand fir sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **January 11, 2008 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 **\$21,386.00**, 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. **Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their December 17, 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 Northwest Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2240), or the Unit Office in Plains, MT (406-826-4725).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov> Online Services for upcoming sales and bid results

/s/ David A. Groeschl, Chief  
Forest Management Bureau  
Trust Land Mgmt Division

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**TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

<b>Timber Sale Name: Mill Pocket Fire Salvage</b>			
<b>Timber Sale Location: Section 36, T24N-R25W</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Kyle Johnson</b>			
Phone	406-826-4725	Plains Unit Office	
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern Land Office	DNRC Kalispell 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 December 17, 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	
572 Net Sale Area (acres)	.78 Miles of road construction
July 31 2009 Contract ending date	1.7 Miles of road recondition
8 Cable logging required (% of volume)	.78 Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Whenever soil conditions allow	
Charges and Appraised Costs	
\$21,386.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)
20% of bid value	Performance Bond
\$N/A	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)
\$ 4.44	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)
\$15,821.94	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)
\$ 22,998.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)
\$ 0.24	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)
\$0.00	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)
\$0.00	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)

**TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids**

SPECIES	PP	Dead PP	DF	Dead DF	WL	Dead WL	LP	Dead LP	ES	GF	Dead GF	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid												\$20.00/T
Pounds per cubic foot	62	40	61.7	40	58.3	40	56	40	57	60	40	48
Contract Tons	3,535	3,592	2,218	4,813	3,693	1,395	292	584	82	459	718	21,381
Gross MBF	522	732	286	941	558	305	36	74	12	62	140	3,668
% Cull and Breakage	6	4	5	5	6	9	0	2	0	0	3	5%
Net MBF	491	703	272	892	527	279	35	72	12	62	134	3,479
Average logs per MBF	18.6	26.9	19.1	22.6	22.1	28.6	49.4	92.8	24.5	23.9	27.5	25
Average DBH	11.9	11.1	12.	11.6	11.5	11.3	9.4	7.7	11	11.8	10.9	11
Average tons per acre harvested												37
Average MBF cut per acre on the timber sale												6
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise												94-105
<p><b>Calculated Sampling Error (net MBF): 11.0 %</b></p> <p>The total cruised volume will fall between <b>3,061.0</b> and <b>3,816.5</b> thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises</p>												
<p><b>Tons Per Thousand Board Feet:</b></p> <p>Timber character estimate-estimated tons Scribner per thousand board feet (5.6" top):</p> <p><b>5.82 tons per MBF = 20,255 estimated tons to a 5.6" top / 3,479 net MBF Scribner - 5.6" top DIB.</b></p> <p>Contract value-estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet(4.6" top):</p> <p><b>6.15 tons per MBF = 21,381 estimated tons to a 4.6" top / 3,479 net MBF Scribner-5.6" top DIB.</b> This value is the timber sale contract conversion factor and will be used for calculating FI fees and for reporting DNRC harvest totals.</p>												

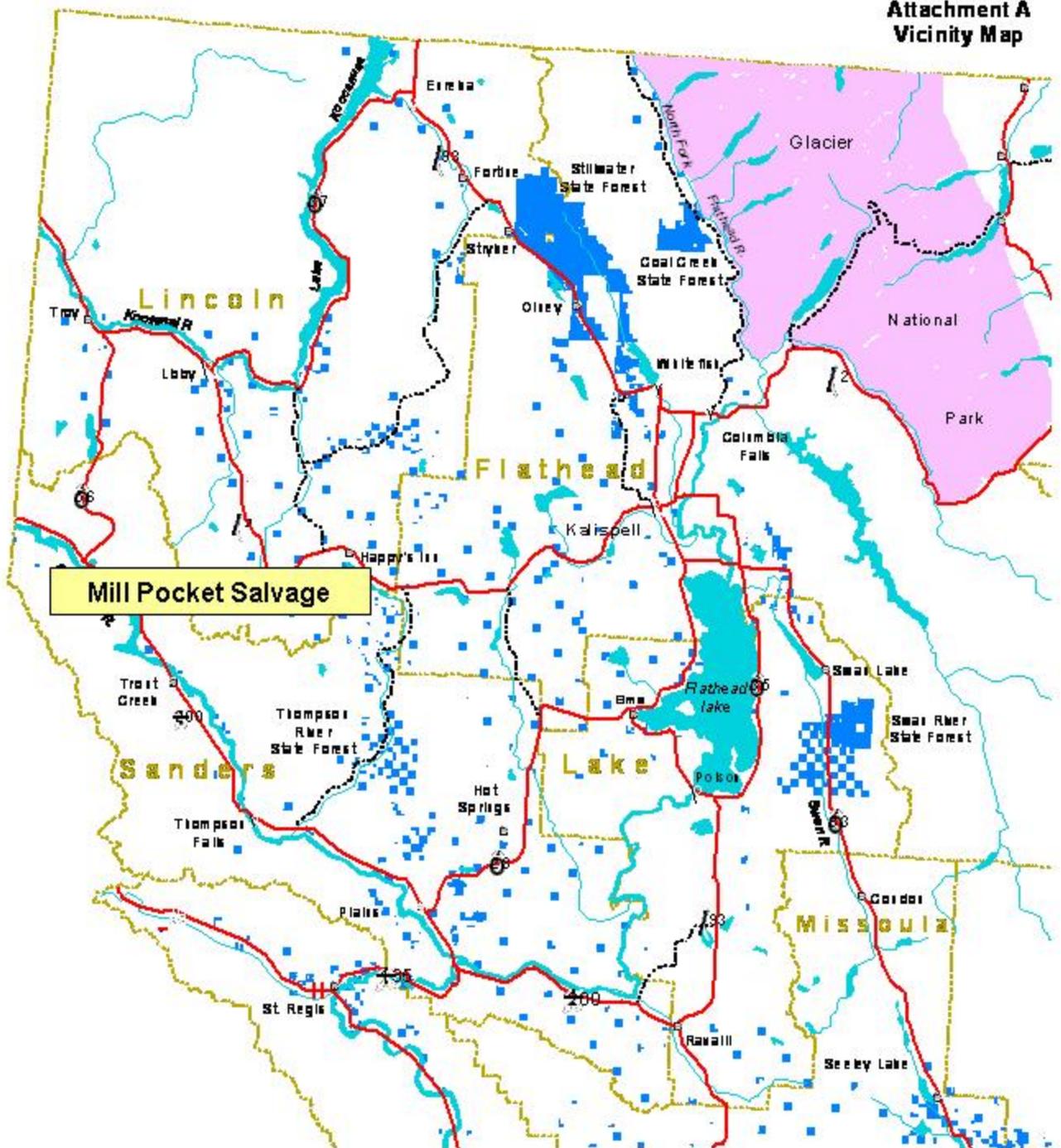
<b>TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule</b>					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
36-1	16	505	18,669	3,023	July 15, 2009
36-2	16	60	2,452	416	July 15, 2009
ROW	16	7	260	40	Concurrent With Logging
<b>Total</b>		572	21,381	3,479	

**Additional Sale Information:**

1. Top sizes will be 5.6" for ponderosa pine and 4.6" for all other species.
2. Ton volume calculations used in this prospectus are based on cubic volume to a 4.6-inch top (5.6" for PP). Scribner volume calculations are based on a 5.6-inch top size for all species.
3. Material other than sawlogs (pulp, post & pole, biomass) may be purchased if approved by the Forest Officer. Other products will be billed at a negotiated rate detailed in a contract modification.
4. Northwestern Land Office has changed its method of estimating road development costs. Contact Plains Unit for more information about appraised road costs for this sale.

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S36, T24N, R25W

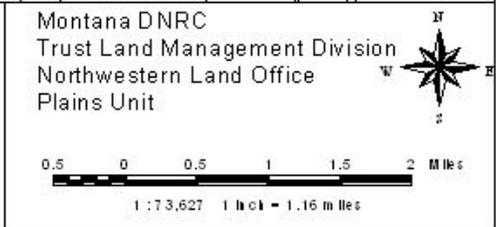
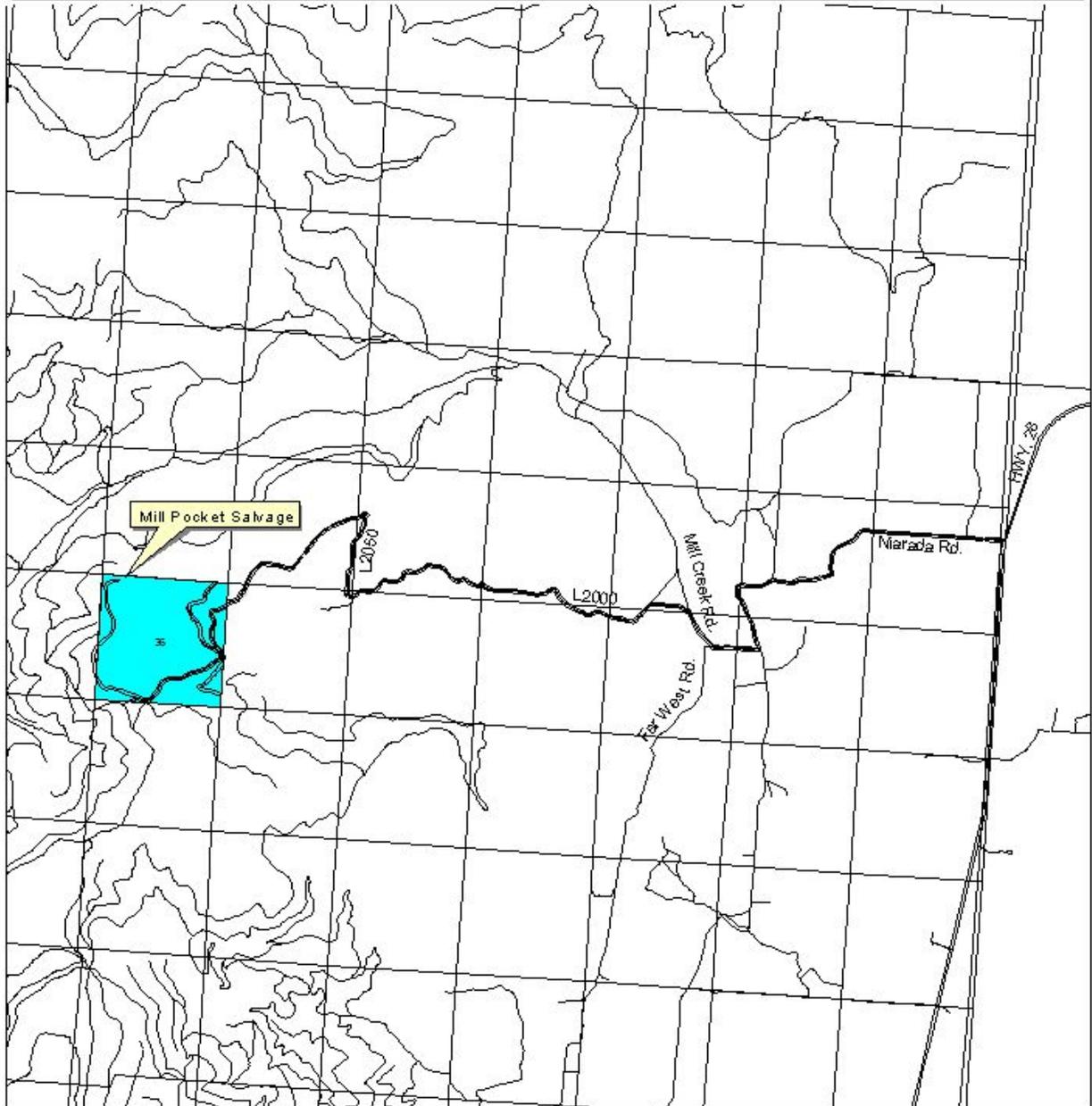
Attachment A  
Vicinity Map



- Highways
- Other Roads
- County line
- Lakes
- Streams
- State Land

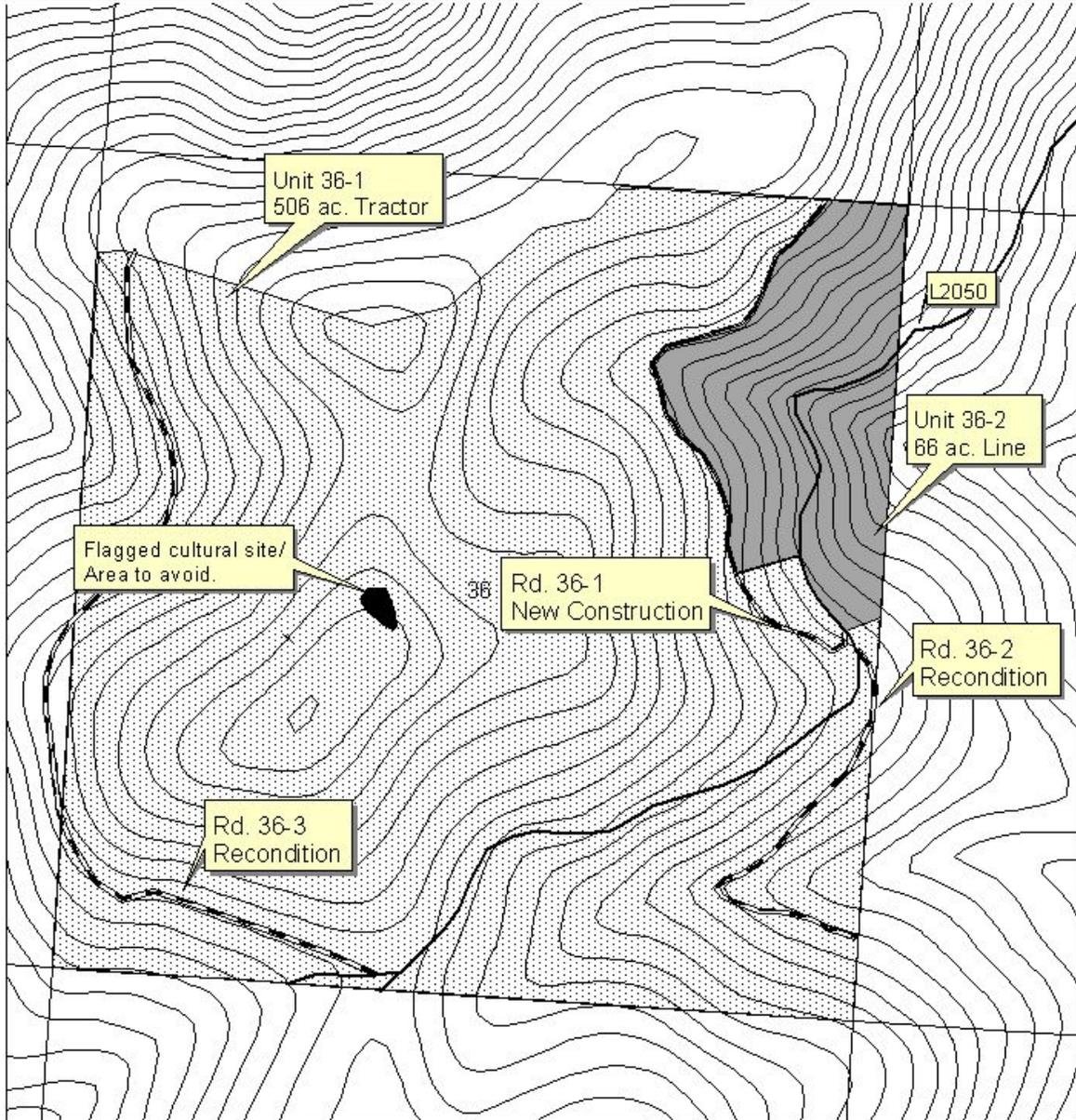
# Mill Pocket Salvage

## Proposed Haul Route



# Mill Pocket Salvage, Harvest Plan

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed boundary</li><li>Cultural Site</li><li>New Construction</li><li>Recondition</li><li>Unit 36-2, 66 ac.</li><li>Unit 36-1, 506 ac.</li></ul>	<p>Montana DNRC Trust Land Management Division Northwestern Land Office Plains Unit</p> <p>0.1 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 Miles 1 : 11,405 1 inch = 0.18 miles</p>
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