

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The North Elliston Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 16, T10N-R6W, on the State's Anaconda Unit. Approximately 5,306 tons of lodgepole pine sawlogs and 1,800 tons of post/rail material will be offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **September 5, 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 **\$4,660.00**, 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 **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 Anaconda Unit Office (406-563-6078).

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

/s/ Shawn Thomas, Acting 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: North Elliston Salvage			
Timber Sale Location: Section 16, T10N-R6W			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-563-6078	Brian Robbins	Unit Office: Anaconda
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 DNRC bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. DNRC 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, bank money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **performance bond** within **15** days of the sale award. It will amount to 20% or more of the 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.
6. The Purchaser must submit an **advance stumpage payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance will be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. The Purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement fees** and any special **Road Use and Maintenance fees** in addition to stumpage payments.
8. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price is per ton. The price is for all species, green and dead. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for every load.
9. The Department has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase under this contract. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The Department 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 the tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. DNRC strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
10. DNRC 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 its market value. Purchasers should make their own estimates based on contract requirements.
11. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above. **Since the section is behind a locked gate with limited access, please call Brian Robbins at (406) 563-6078 for the combination to the gate.**
12. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates 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.
14. **Non-Sawlog Products** – Post and Rail Material will be bid and will be required to be cut and removed. The bid for post and rails will be added to the bid for sawlogs to determine the successful bidder. Pulp removal is optional however, if removed the contract price will be \$50/Load.

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications			
Sale Data			
113	Net Sale Area (acres)	N/A	Miles of road construction
July 31, 2010	Contract ending date	6.19	Miles of road maintenance
N/A	Cable logging required (% of volume)	0	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Logging – October 1 – February 15			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$4,460.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
\$0	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$3.54	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)		
\$3,130.54	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$10,000	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$0	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do		
\$0	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$0	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do		

TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP/AF	ES	WF	CE	DD	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$17.56/ton
Gross Cubic Feet (in thousands)									
% Cull and Breakage		25		15					15
Net Cubic Feet (in thousands)									
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7		45					45.2
Net tons		413		4,893					5,306
Gross MBF		64		906					970
Net MBF		48		778					826
Average logs per MBF		41.6		66.5					58.2
Average DBH		11.7		9.2					9.6
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units									46.95
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units									N/A
Average net MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale									7.307
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									
Calculated Sampling Error (net MBF): 18%									
The total cruised volume will fall between 677.5 and 974 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 5,306 net tons per 826 net MBF = 6.42 tons per MBF									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
All	16	113	5,306 1,800 (post/rail)	826 N/A	February 15, 2010

Additional Sale Information:

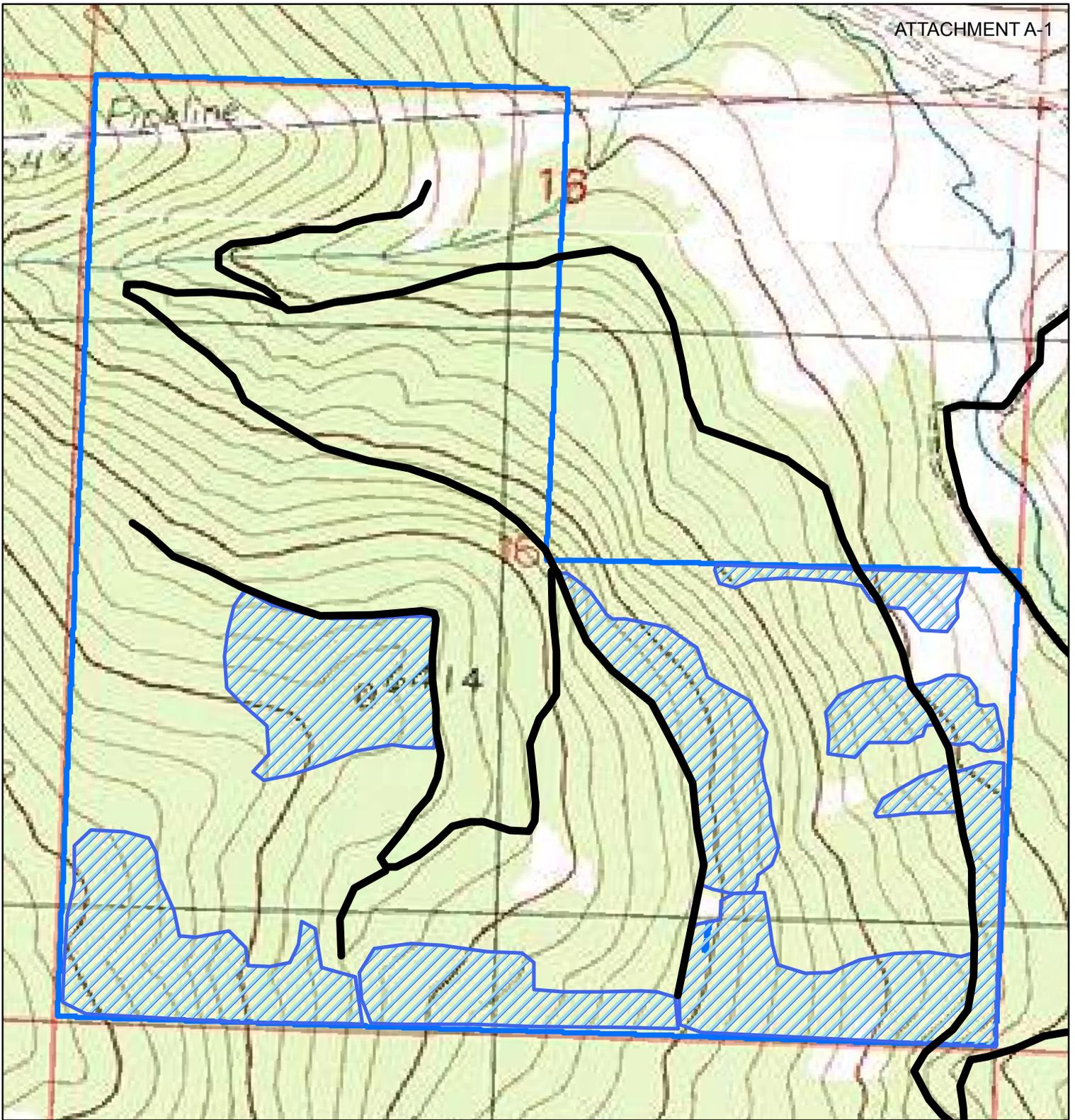
1. Purchaser will be required to power wash all off road harvesting equipment prior to entering State Land.
2. Purchaser will be required to return skid slash to the harvest units as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. Purchaser will be required to furnish and install the following:
 - 2 – 18" X 20' relief CMP's
 - 1 – 18" X 24' relief CMP

ROAD LOG

*** Existing drain dips shall be maintained or reconstructed as directed by the Forest Officer.**

Existing Road

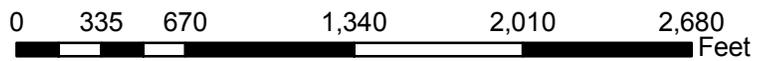
0.00	Start at Sieben Gate
0.53	Clean ditch for approximately 50'
0.57	Install 18"x20' relief CMP and reshape 100' of ditch
0.59	Clean out catch basin
0.62	Clean out catch basin
0.67	Clean out catch basin
0.87	Clean catch basin and reshape ditch to 0.92
1.34	Approximately 100' of ditch
1.79	Reshape 100' of ditch
2.77	Clean inlet of catch basin
2.79	Clean inlet of catch basin
2.82	Clean inlet of catch basin
2.88	No work to inlet but reshape ditch
2.94	No work to inlet but reshape ditch
3.06	Install 18" x 24' relief culvert and reshape ditch
3.10	Reshape ditch
3.12	Clean out inlet
3.17	Reconstruct catch basin and ditch
3.31	Construct 50' of ditch and install 18" x 20' CMP

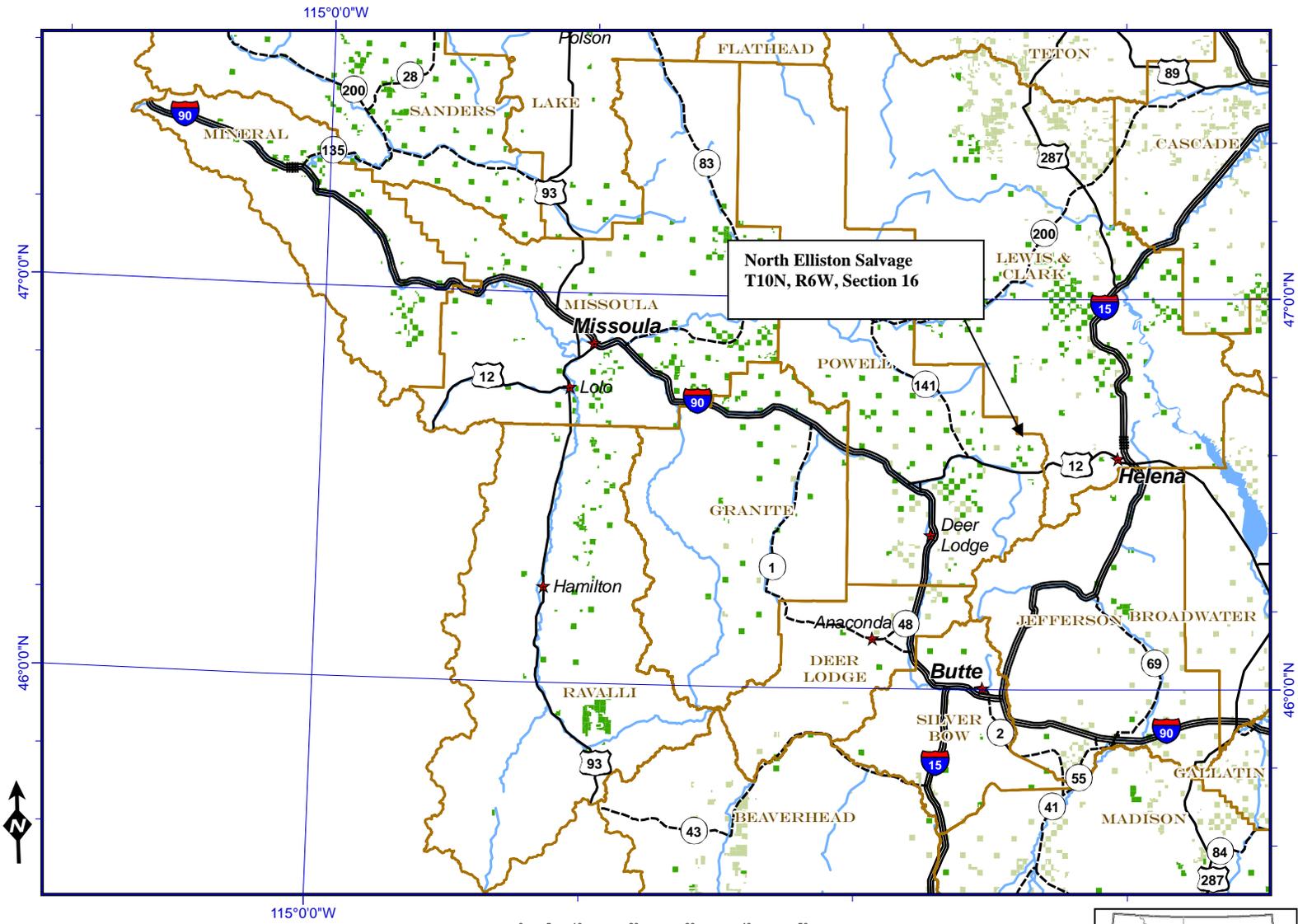


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Legend

-  Haul Roads
-  Harvest Units
-  State Land

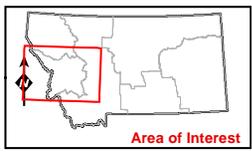


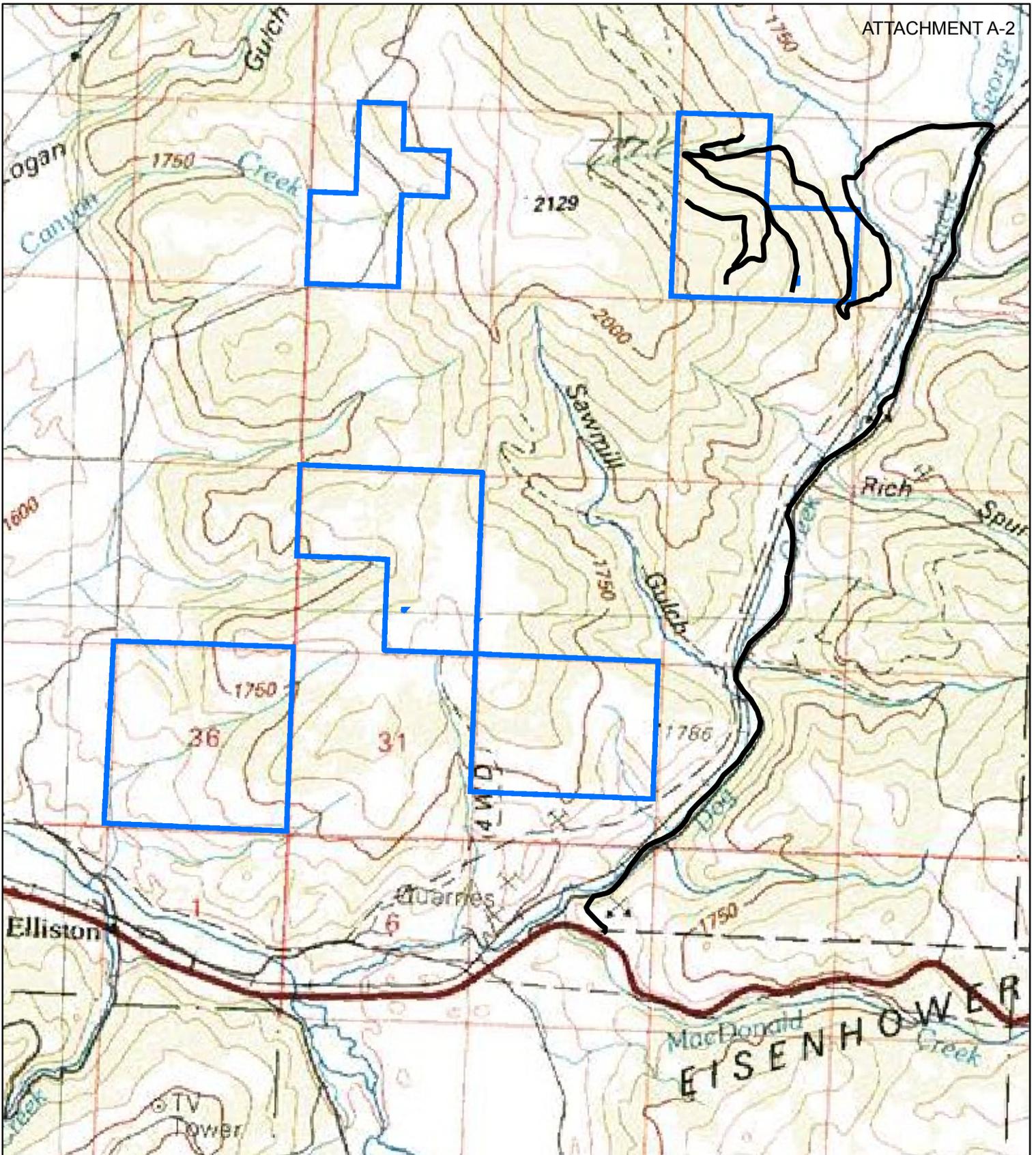


	Interstate Highway		Rivers		Lakes
	U.S. Route		City		DNRC managed for timber
	State Highway		County		DNRC other



21 February 2007
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 Technical Services Section/dr





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