

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Seared Gulch Fire Salvage Timber Sale is located within Sections 20 & 28, T23N-R26W, on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 18,520 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 **December 6, 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 **\$17,131.00**, 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 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 Northwest Land Office, in Kalispell (406-751-2240), or the Unit Office in Plains, MT (406-826-3851).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/fmb.htm> 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

Timber Sale Name: Seared Gulch Fire Salvage			
Timber Sale Location: Sections 20 & 28, T23N-R26W			
For specific sale information, contact: David Olsen			
Phone	406-826-4723	DNRC, Plains Unit, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859	DNRC Plains Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
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 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			
578	Net Sale Area (acres)	2.29	Miles of road construction
June 30, 2009	Contract ending date	3.48	Miles of road reconstruction
18%	Cable logging required (% of volume)	NA	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Year Round, except when soil condition restrictions apply.			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$17,131.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond (
\$ NA	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton)		
\$ 5.13	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)		
\$ 15,834.60	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments)		
\$ 55,037.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$ 0.46	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$	Timber Stand Improvement Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids

SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	Dead PP	Dead DF	Dead WL	Dead GF	Dead LP	ROW	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid											\$18.50/ton
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58	56	40	40	40	40	40	40	42
Contract Tons	353	1,829	219	202	4,726	9,686	462	440	284	320	18,520
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)	50	235	49	22	1,117	1,915	127	100	38	63	3,716
%Cull and Breakage	16	4.0	16	0	5.0	7.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	6.0%
Net MBF	42	225	41	22	1,062	1,787	114	95	36	59	3,483
Average logs per MBF	39	21	5	15	15	25	14	11	118	25	22
Average DBH	10	11	19	8	13	11	14	12	8	10	11
Average tons per acre harvested											32
Average MBF cut per acre on the timber sale											6.03
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise											45-125
Calculated Sampling Error (net MBF): 12 %											
The total cruised volume will fall between 3,003 and 3,845 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises											
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet:											
<u>Timber character estimate-estimated tons Scribner per thousand board feet (5.6" top):</u>											
5.04 tons per MBF = 17,554 estimated tons to a 5.6" top/ 3,483 net MBF Scribner-5.6" top DIB.											
<u>Contract value-estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet (4.6" top):</u>											
5.32 tons per MBF = 18,520 estimated tons to a 4.6" top/ 3,483 net MBF Scribner- 5.6" top DIB. This value is the timber sale contract conversion factor and will be used for calculating FI fees and for reporting DNRC harvest totals.											

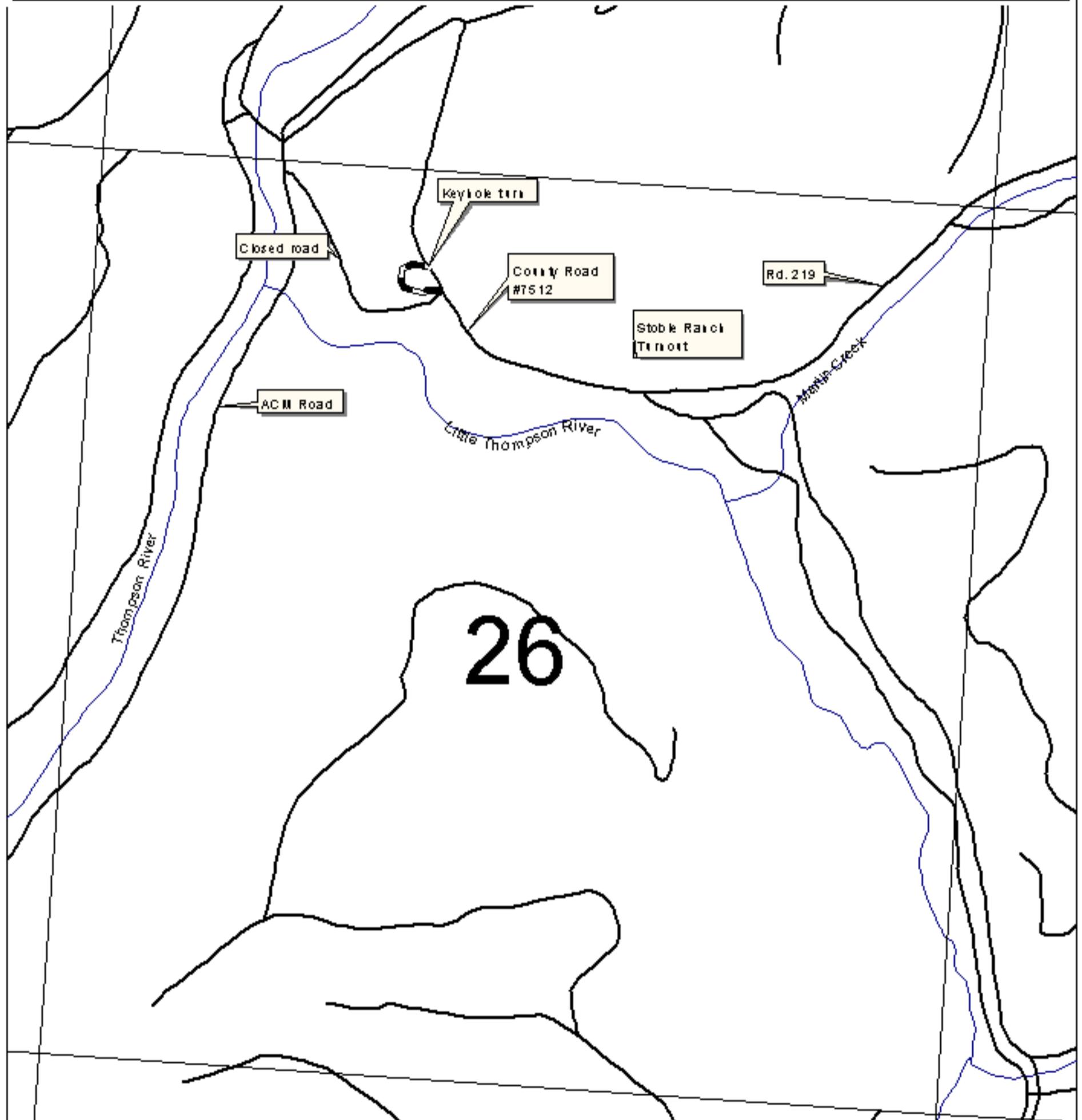
TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
20-1	20	315	7,691	1,453	June 30, 2008
28-T1	28	118	4,997	938	May 31, 2009
28-T2	28	31	1,335	250	May 31, 2009
28-S1	28	96	4,177	783	May 31, 2009
ROW	28	18	320	59	Concurrent with Logging
Total		578	18,520	3,483	May 31, 2009

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 may be purchased if approved by the Forest Officer. Other products will be billed at a negotiated rate detailed in a contract modification.

Keyhole Truck-Turnout

Section 26, T23N, R26W



	Keyhole turn-around
	Existing Roads

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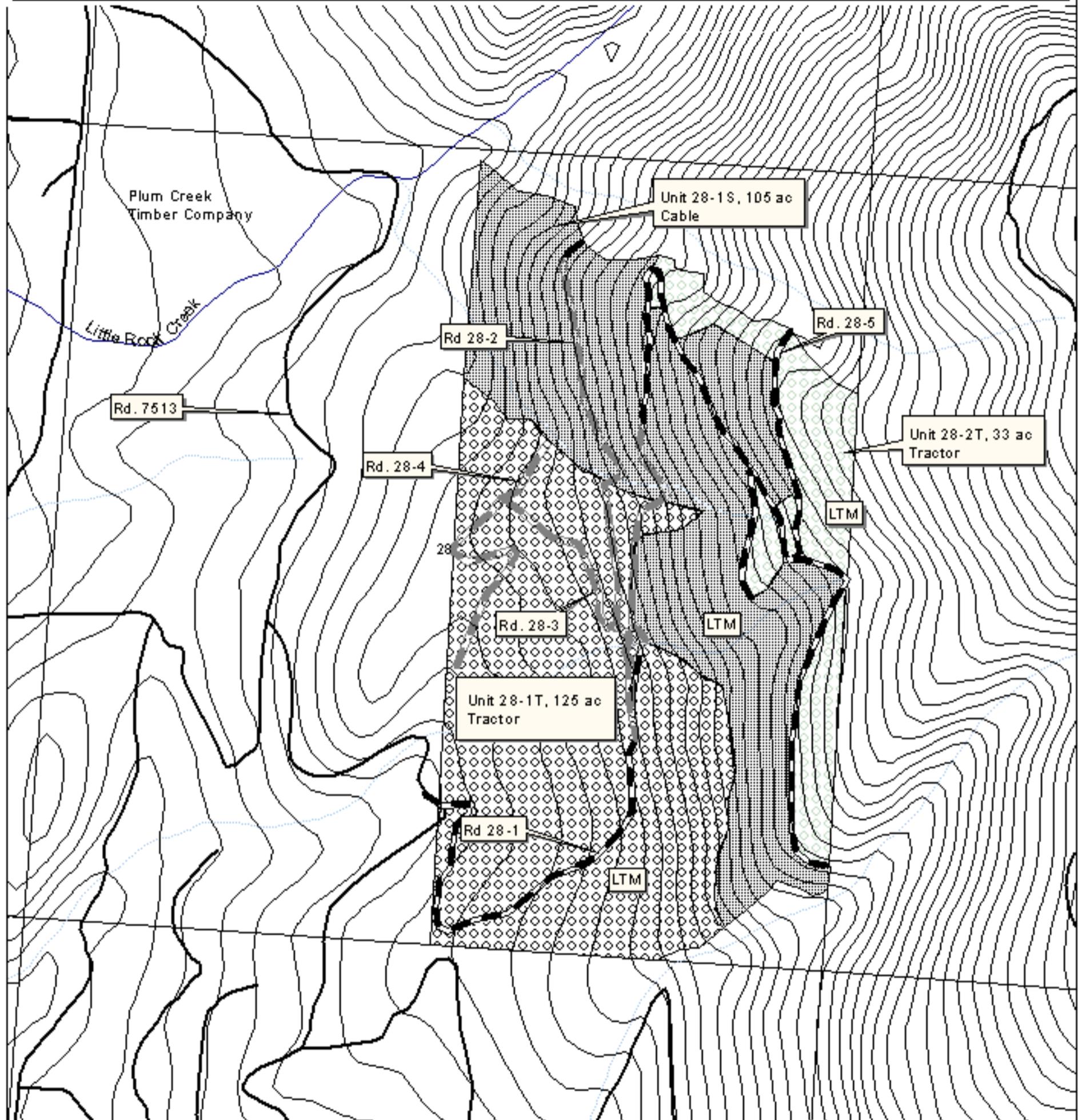


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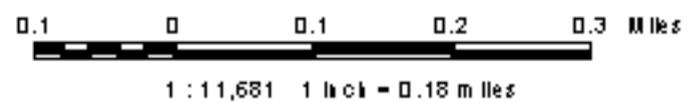
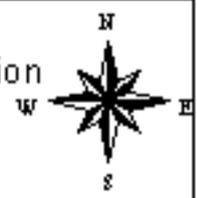
Seared Gulch Salvage, Harvest Plan

Sec. 28, T23N, R26W



Reconclusion	Streams	U 28-1S, 105 ac
New Construction	L. Manmade	
Existing Roads	L. Water	
Open, Unsettled Open	P. Water	
	U 28-1T, 125 ac	
	U 28-2T, 33 ac	

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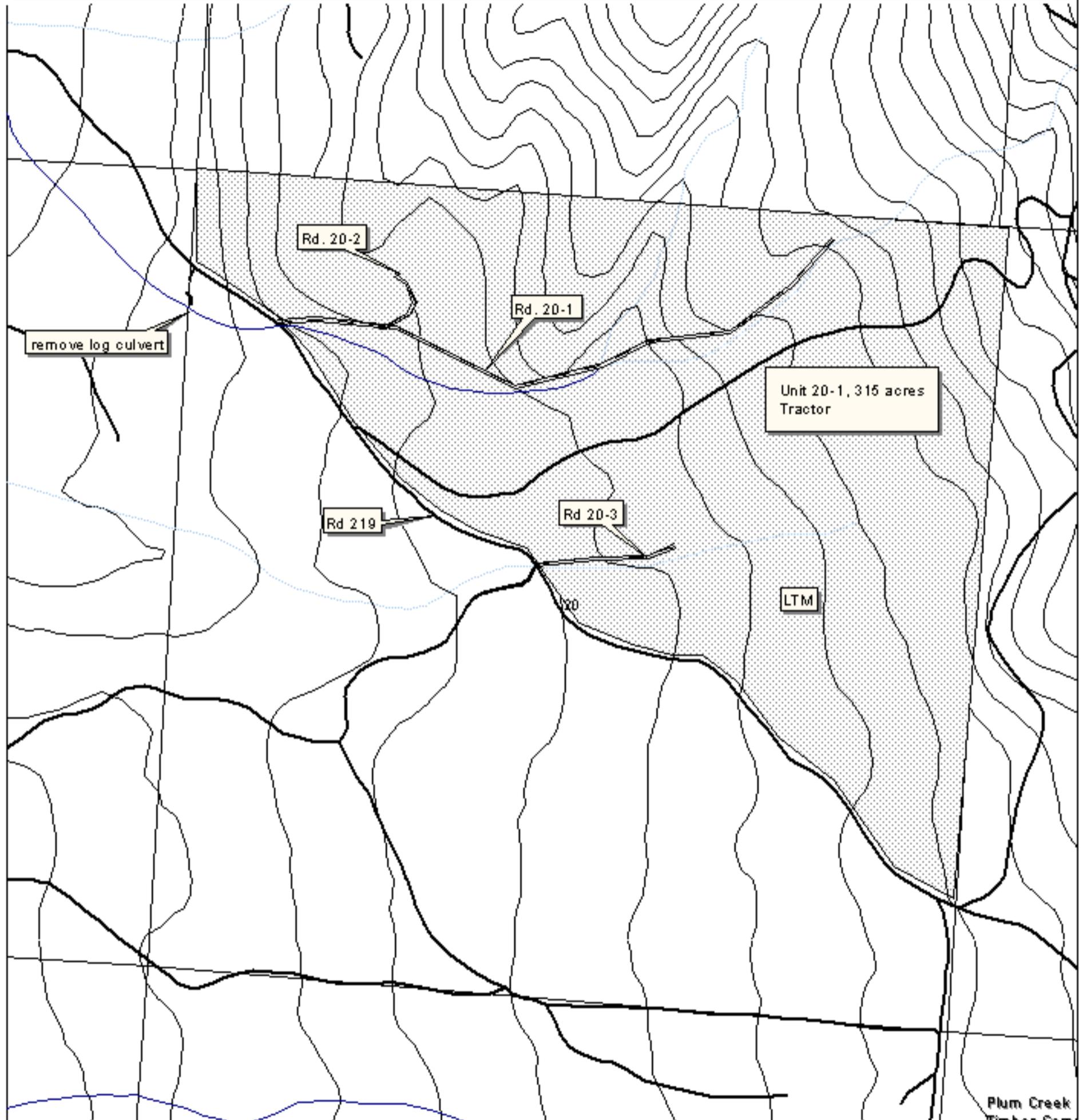
Attachment A
Vicinity Map



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

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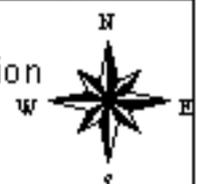
Sec. 20, T23N, R26W



Plum Creek
Timber Co.

- - - Abandoned road
- Reconstruction
- Existing Roads
- Open, Unedited Open
- ▨ Unit 20-1, 315 ac

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