

NOTICE OF SALE

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Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Weimer Creek Salvage Timber is located within Section 16, T7N-R3W, on the State's Helena Unit. Approximately 2,835 tons, consisting primarily of lodgepole pine, Douglas-fir, and ponderosa pine sawlogs are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **January 28, 2009 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 **\$400.00**, 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.

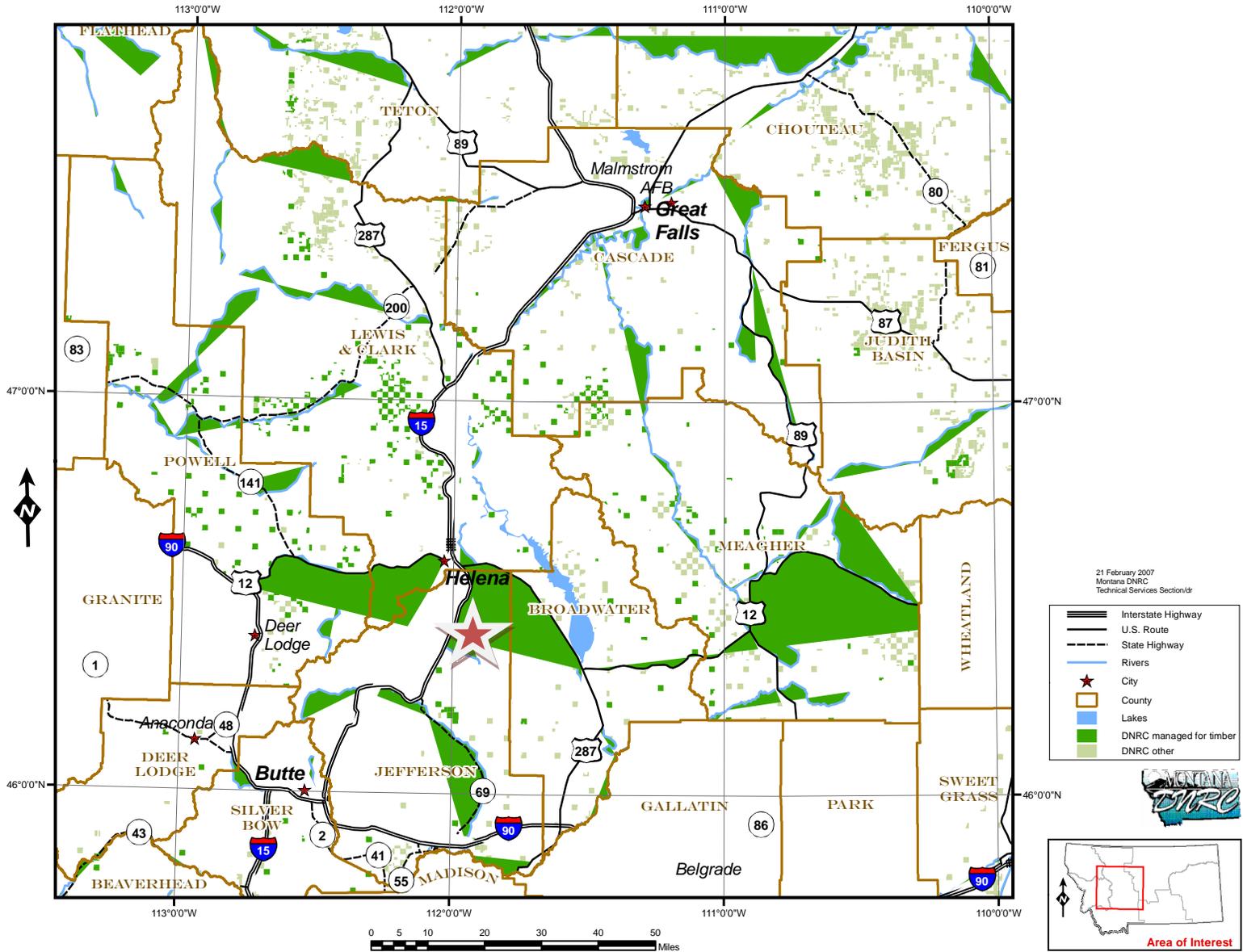
The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. **Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their January 27, 2009 meeting.** If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **15** calendar days from 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), or the Central Land Office - Helena Unit, 8001 N. Montana Ave., Helena, MT 59601 (406-458-3500).

/s/ Shawn Thomas, Chief
Forest Management Bureau
Trust Land Mgmt Division

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Weimer Creek Salvage, Section 16, T7N, R3W



TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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| Timber Sale Name: Weimer Creek Salvage | | |
| Timber Sale Location: Section 16, T7N-R3W | | |
| For specific sale information, contact: Shawn Morgan, Helena Unit Forester | | |
| Phone: 406-458-3516 | Unit Office: Helena | |
| For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: | | |
| Phone: 406-542-4300 | Forest Management Bureau | DNRC Missoula Office |
| Phone: 406-458-3500 | Land Office: Central | |

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 January 27, 2009 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.
14. **Pulp Log and Biomass Bids** – When a bid is submitted for pulp logs and/or biomass, the bids will be considered as part of the total bid and the amount bid will be added to other bid items to determine the total bid price. This total bid price will be used when determining the successful bidder. If a bid price is submitted and the bidder is awarded the sale, the removal of these products is mandatory.

| TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications | | | |
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| Sale Data | | | |
| 50 | Net Sale Area (acres) | N/A | Miles of road construction |
| June 30, 2009 | Contract ending date | N/A | Miles of road reconstruction |
| N/A | Cable logging required (% of volume) | N/A | Miles of road reclamation or abandonment |
| Operating Season: January 28, 2009 – March 31, 2009 (or spring breakup) | | | |
| Charges and Appraised Costs | | | |
| \$400.00 | Bid Guarantee (total \$) | | |
| 20% of bid value | Performance Bond | | |
| \$N/A | Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton) | | |
| \$1.73 | Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton) concurrent with stumpage | | |
| \$N/A | Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments (\$ per payment, first 5 payments) | | |
| \$3.08 | Access Trail Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton) | | |
| \$N/A | Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton) | | |
| \$0.71 | 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 | Mixed Conifer | TOTAL or AVE |
| Minimum Acceptable Bid | | | | | | | | | \$2.82/ton |
| Pounds per cubic foot | | | | | | | | * | |
| Contract Tons | | | | | | | | 2,835 | 2,835 |
| Gross MBF | | | | | | | | 450 | 450 |
| %Cull and Breakage | | | | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Net MBF | | | | | | | | 405 | 405 |
| Average logs per MBF | | | | | | | | * | * |
| Average DBH | | | | | | | | 11 | 11 |
| Average tons per acre harvested | | | | | | | | | 63 |
| Average MBF cut per acre on the timber sale | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise | | | | | | | | | * |
| Calculated Sampling Error (<i>net</i> MBF): N/A | | | | | | | | | |
| Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 7 tons per MBF | | | | | | | | | |

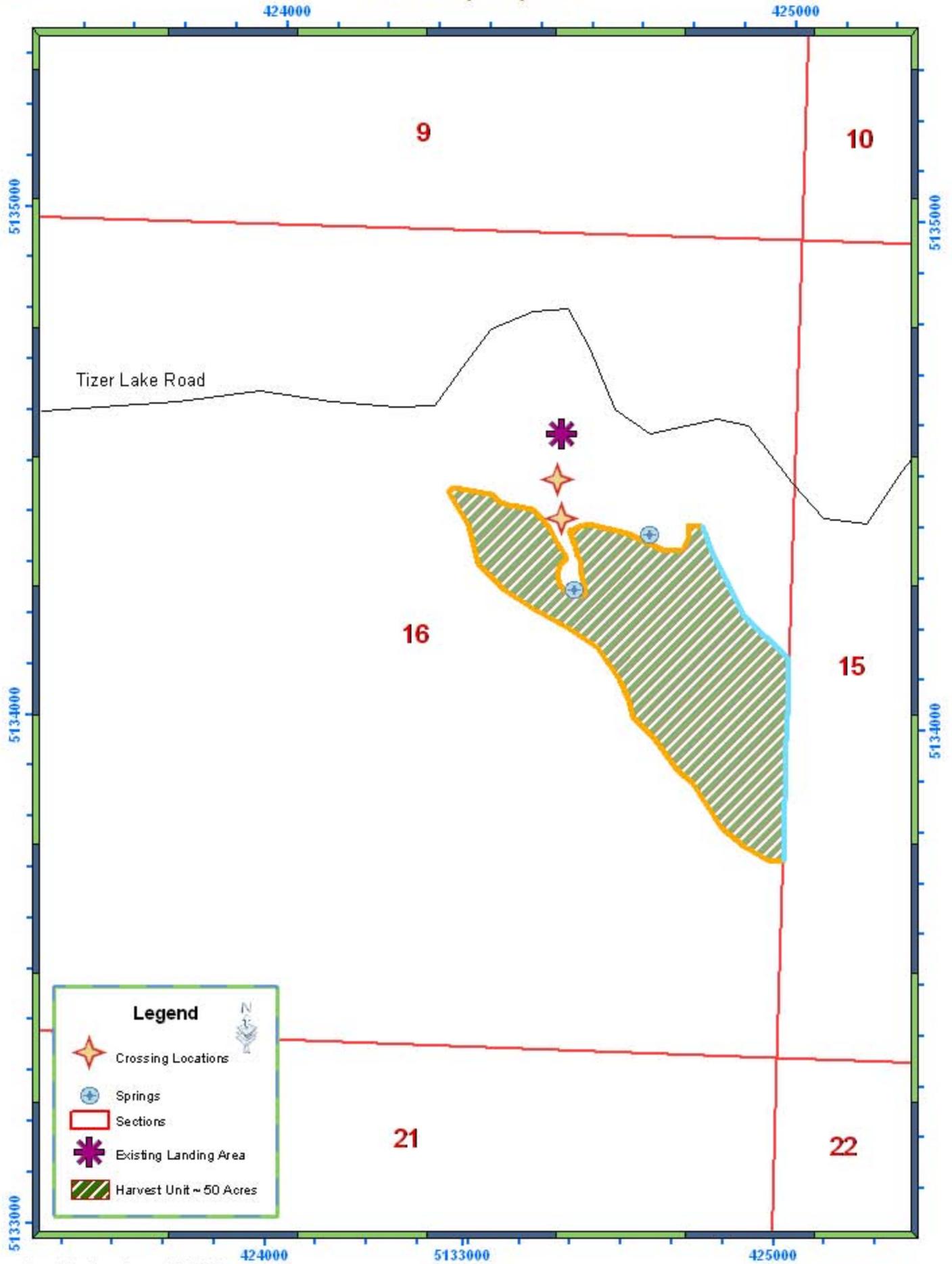
| TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Unit | Section | Acres | Estimated Net Tons | Estimated Net MBF | Removal Date |
| 1 | 16 | 50 | 2,835 | 405 | March 31, 2009 - or break-up |
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Additional Sale Information:

1. **Non-Sawlog and Biomass Removal** - This timber sale contains one unit designated for required non-sawlog product removal at minimum bid value of \$0.10/ton.
2. Forwarder harvesting system is required.
3. Trees with diagonal blue paint mark at breast height are designated as leave trees.
4. Per access agreement with private landowner, Purchaser is required to cut several large logs (suitable for bridge stringers) from the private land owner's property (adjacent to the sale area) and transport them to a specified location on her land.
5. Log-truck speed limit is restricted to 25 MPH on graveled county road, which extends from the sale area to the interstate frontage road.
6. Purchaser is required to pick-up, and drop-off the bridge that is needed for stream crossing from the DNRC, Helena Unit office.
7. Trees shall be limbed in sale area with slash trampled by forwarder. Accumulated slash at the landing area shall be piled to facilitate burning. DNRC reserves the right to require spot piling of slash within the sale area if determined necessary.
8. Timber harvesting operations must be completed by March 31, 2009 or prior to spring break-up. Bridge/ford removal must be done prior to spring break-up with necessary mitigation at crossing sites and bridge drop-off being completed by May 30, 2009. Contract expires June 30, 2009.

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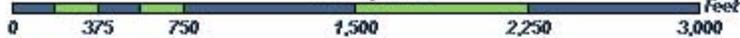


Legend

- Crossing Locations
- Springs
- Sections
- Existing Landing Area
- Harvest Unit ~ 50 Acres

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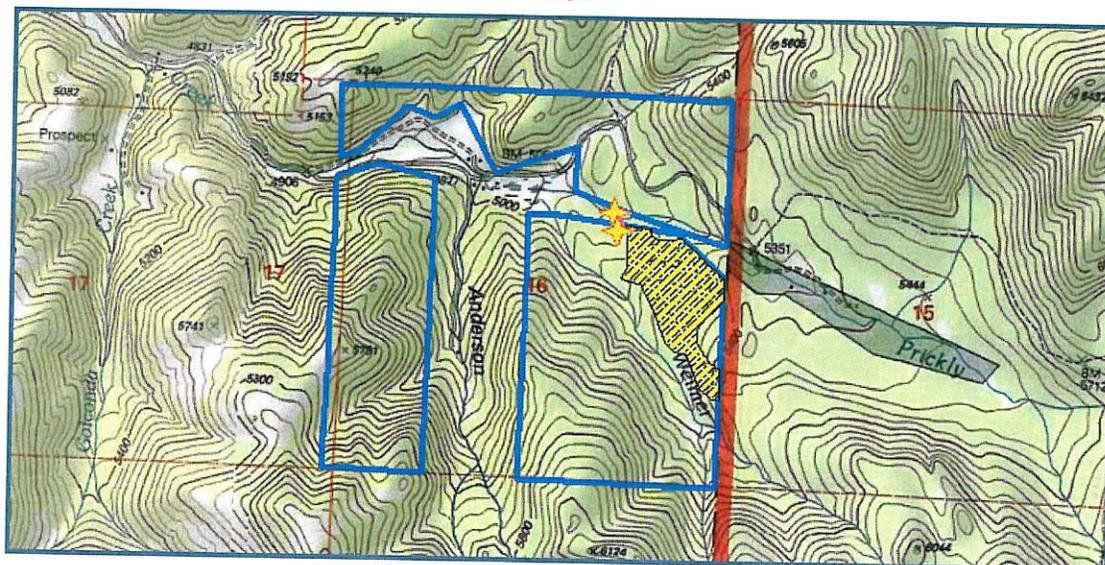
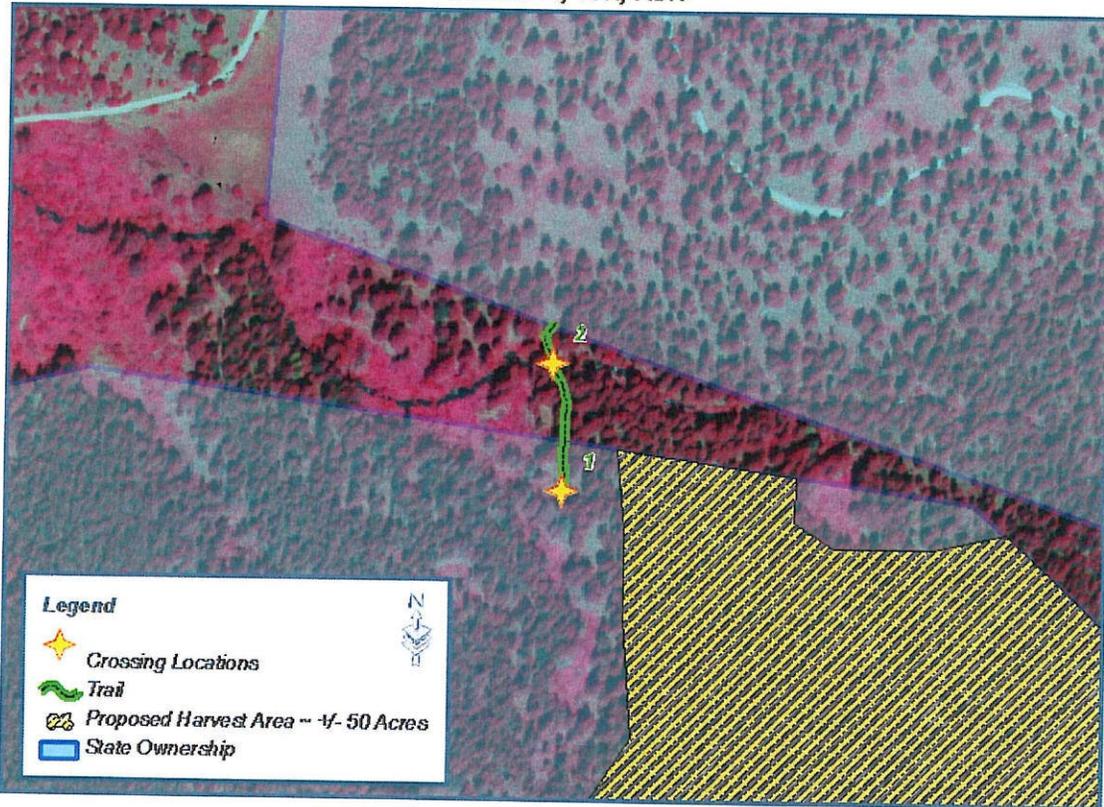
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Contour Interval ~ 40 Feet
GRID: NAD 83, UTM Zone 12 North



Weimer Creek ~ Salvage Timber Sale
Access Map
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