NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Wild Horse Mountain Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T27N-R22W, on the State's Kalispell Unit. Approximately 29,217 tons, consisting of Douglas-fir and western larch sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 25, 2006 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 **$42,803.00**, 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), or the Northwest Land Office in Kalispell, MT (406-751-2240).

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

Timber Sale Name:	**Wild Horse Mountain**		
Timber Sale Location:	**Section 36, T27N-R22W**		
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-751-2265	Brent Kallander	Unit Office: Kalispell
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	

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 45 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. The successful bidder must sign an agreement that prohibits exporting State logs.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
13. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates in the sale contract are not guaranteed.
14. 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			
503	Net Sale Area (acres)	2.5	Miles of road construction
November 1, 2008	Contract ending date	10.5	Miles of road reconstruction
18%	Cable logging required (% of volume)	0	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Year round, but only when Soil Compaction Restrictions are met			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
$42,803.00	Bid Guarantee (total $)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
$	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges ($ per ton)		
$ 3.02	Collected Forest Improvement Fee ($ per ton)		
$ 14,705.89	Quarterly Installment of Forest Improvement Payments ($ per payment, first 5 payments)		
$ 67,561.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total $)		
$ 0.17	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)		

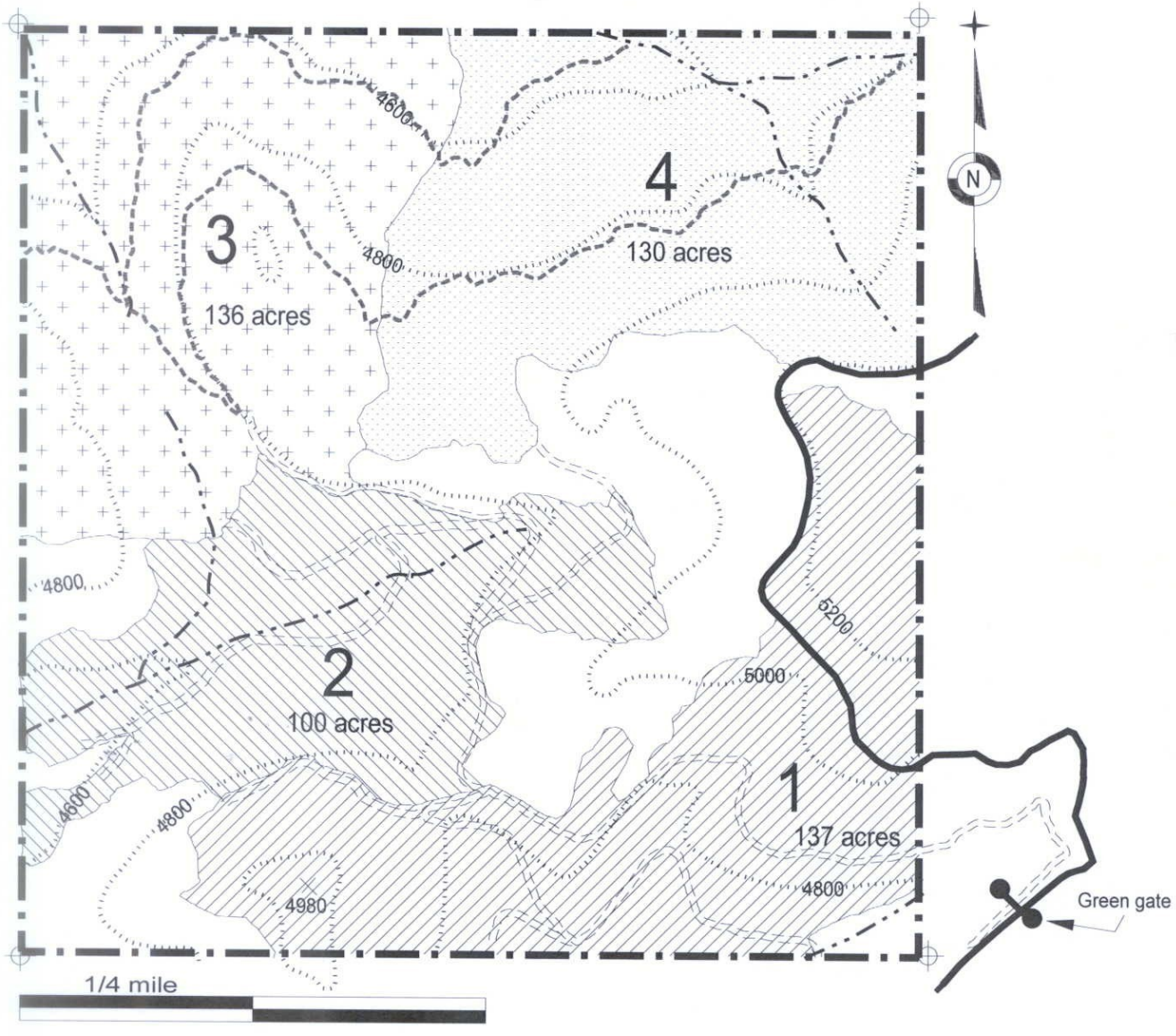
TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids									
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	CE	DD	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									$29.30/ton
Gross Cubic Feet (in thousands)	0	803.9	112.9	0	49.7	34.5	0	62.6	1063.6
% Cull and Breakage		7	5		7	8		28	8
Net Cubic Feet (in thousands)		745.2	107.5		46.3	31.8		44.9	975.7
Pounds per cubic foot		61.70	58.33		57.00	55.00		40.00	
Net tons		22989.6	3134.8		1318.4	875.4		898.9	29217.1
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)		3726.1	538.2		229.7	145.5		287.5	4927.0
%Cull and Breakage		7	5		7	8		28	8
Net MBF		3464.2	513.6		214.6	134.2		205.6	4532.2
Average logs per MBF		18.7	20.3		21	28.4		17.7	19.2
Average DBH		12.1	11.6		9.5	9.4		13.2	11.7
								Average tons per acre harvested in units	58.1
								Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	9.0
								Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	65-141
Calculated Sampling Error (*net* MBF): 90% The total cruised volume will fall between 4,009 and 5,055 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 29217.1 net tons per 4532.1 net MBF = 6.45 tons per MBF									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	36	137	5,469.8	790.1	October 1, 2008
2	36	100	3,889.5	606.3	October 1, 2008
3	36	136	9,216.6	1,468.0	October 1, 2008
4	36	130	10,641.2	1,667.8	October 1, 2008

TABLE 4: Total Net Cubic Feet (6" top diameter) by Diameter Class and Species (Cut trees)									
	Thousand Cubic Feet								
DBH Class	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	CE	DD	TOTAL
≥7 and < 9		15	3		4	5		0	28
≥9 and < 11		67	9		8	11		8	102
≥11 and < 13		119	21		9	13		4	166
≥13 and < 15		174	35		2	4		6	220
≥15 and < 17		124	26		9	0		8	167
≥17 and < 19		110	11		3	0		10	134
≥19 and < 21		60	3		11	0		7	81
≥21 and < 23		41	0		0	0		2	43
≥23 and < 25		14	0		0	0		1	15
≥25 and < 27		8	0		0	0		0	8
≥27 and < 29		12	0		0	0		0	12
TOTAL		745	108		46	32		45	976

TABLE 5: Total Number of Cut Trees by Diameter Class and Species									
DBH Class	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	CE	DD	TOTAL
≥7 and < 9		5828	895		2040	1071		0	9833
≥9 and < 11		8395	819		748	1069		991	12022
≥11 and < 13		8092	1180		580	748		335	10935
≥13 and < 15		7258	1131		94	123		357	8963
≥15 and < 17		3665	668		214	0		326	4872
≥17 and < 19		2500	193		72	0		302	3067
≥19 and < 21		1077	40		149	0		143	1409
≥21 and < 23		580	0		0	0		59	639
≥23 and < 25		161	0		0	0		27	188
≥25 and < 27		77	0		0	0		0	77
≥27 and < 29		97	0		0	0		0	97
TOTAL		37729	4926		3898	3010		2539	52102

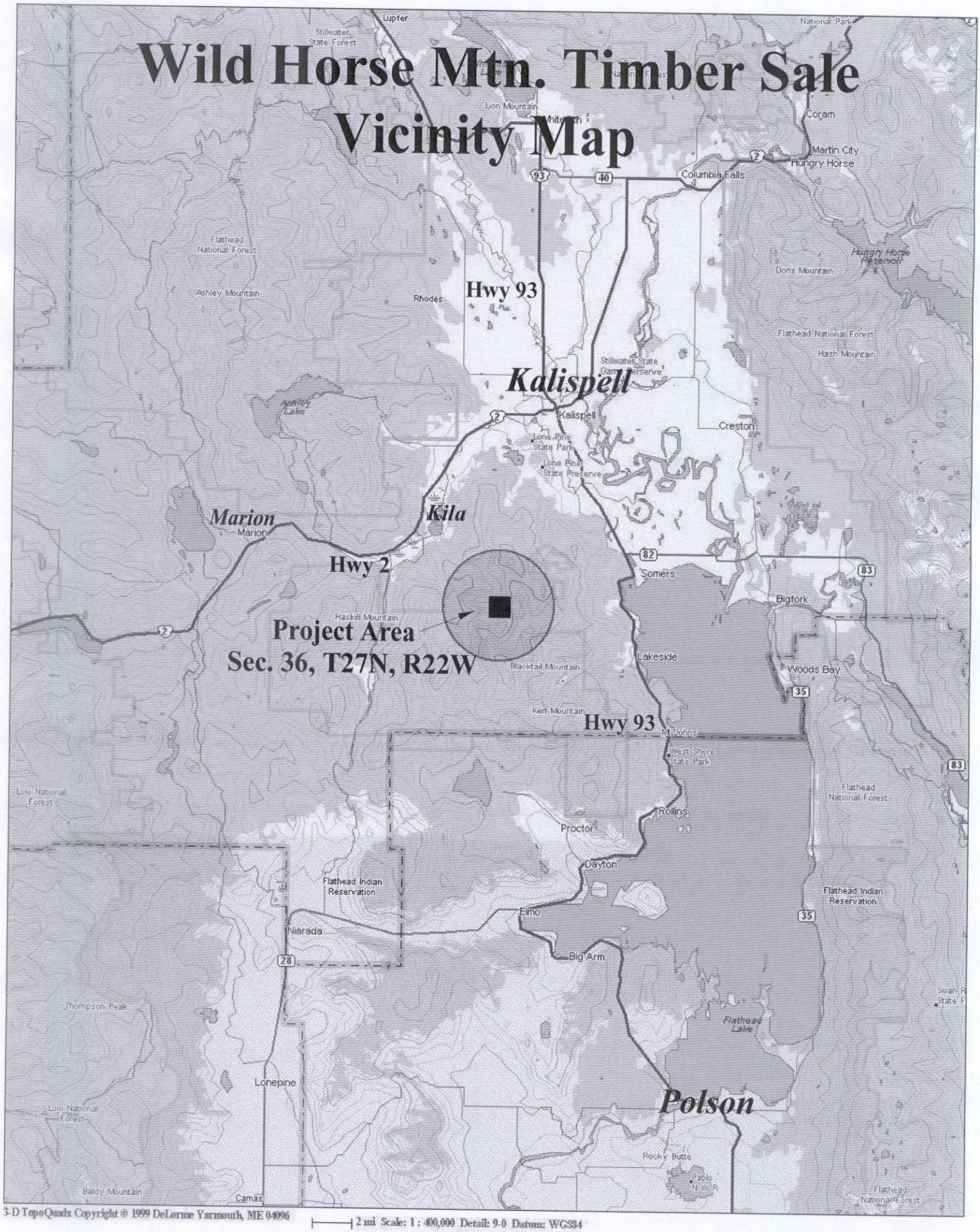
Wild Horse Mtn
Harvest Unit Map
Sec. 36, T27N, R22W



Legend

State Section Line		Contour Line	4600
Main Forest Road		Stream	
Spur Road		Proposed New Road Construction	
Harvest Units			

Wild Horse Mtn. Timber Sale
Vicinity Map



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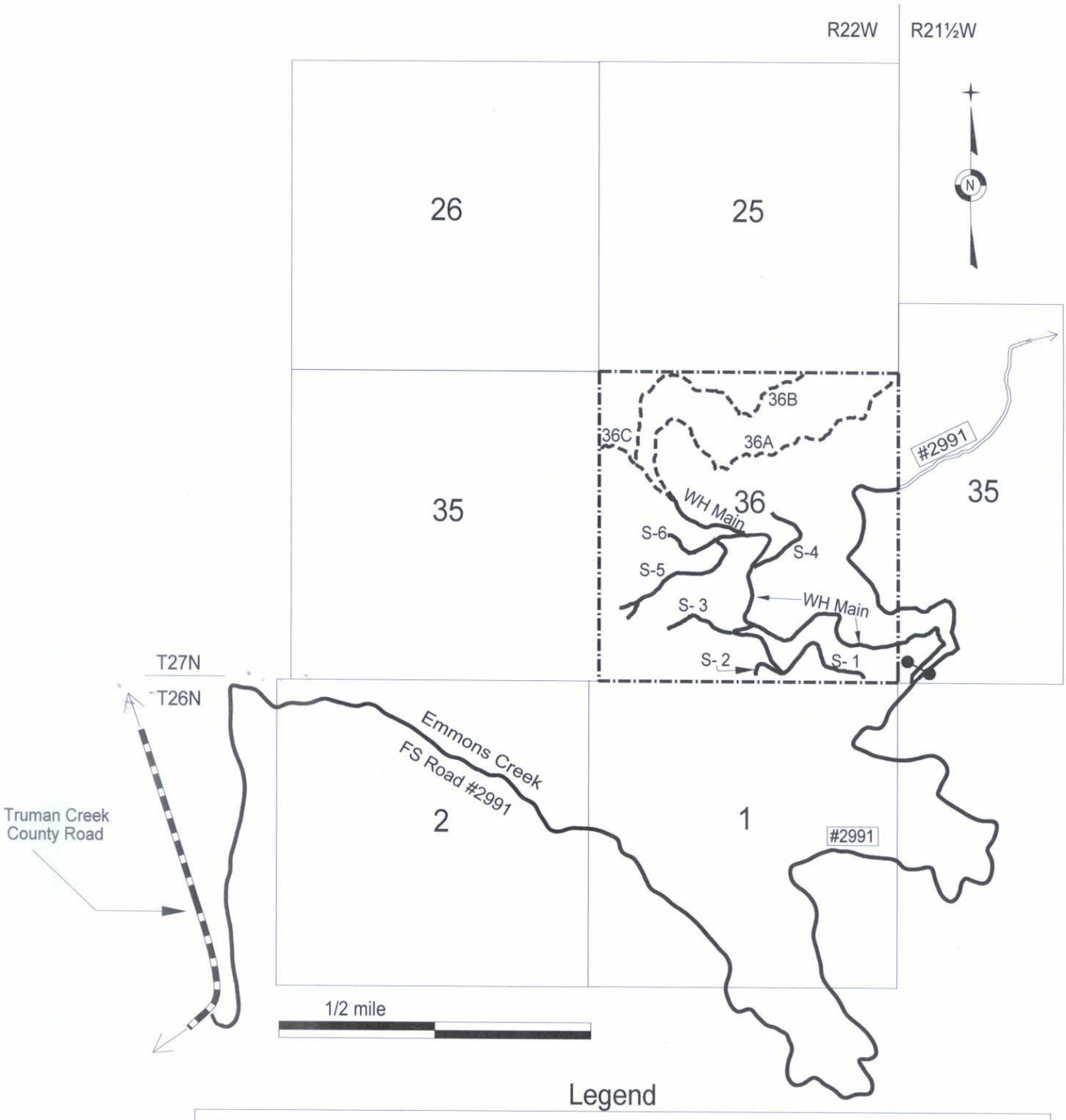
Wild Horse Mtn
Designated Haul Route
Sec. 36, T27N, R22W