AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers
42487 Complex Blvd.
Pablo, MT

ACTION ITEMS

416-1 **Timber Sales:**

A. Dirty Donovan
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Missoula County

B. Good Martin
Benefits: Public Buildings, Eastern College – MSU/Western College - UM, Montana Tech, MSU Morrill, MSU 2nd Grant
Location: Flathead County

C. Hoffman Gulch Limited Access
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Beaverhead County

D. North Meadow
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Sanders County

E. Osler Limited Access
Benefits: Public Buildings
Location: Flathead County

F. Upper Indian Creek
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Sanders County

Approve 5-0

416-2 **Easements**
Benefits: Common Schools, Eastern College – MSU/ Western College - UM, Pine Hills School, Public Buildings, Public Land
Location: Beaverhead, Dawson, Madison, Phillips, Toole, Valley, Yellowstone Counties
Approve 5-0

INFORMATION ITEM

416-3 **Forest Insect and Disease Update**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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TIMBER SALES:

A. Dirty Donovan

B. Good Martin

C. Hoffman Gulch Limited Access

D. North Meadow

E. Osler Limited Access

F. Upper Indian Creek

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416-1A Timber Sale: Dirty Donovan

Location: Missoula County
Sections 12 &13, T12N, R17W

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: $127,246 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary
The Dirty Donovan Timber Sale is located approximately 15 miles east of Missoula, MT. The sale includes 8 harvest units (*372 acres*) of tractor logging and skyline logging. The estimated harvest volume is 17,998 tons (*2,501 MBF*) of sawlogs. The minimum bid is $7.07 per ton, which would generate approximately $127,246 for the Common School Trust and approximately $56,873 in Forest Improvement fees. The sale area is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) project area and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

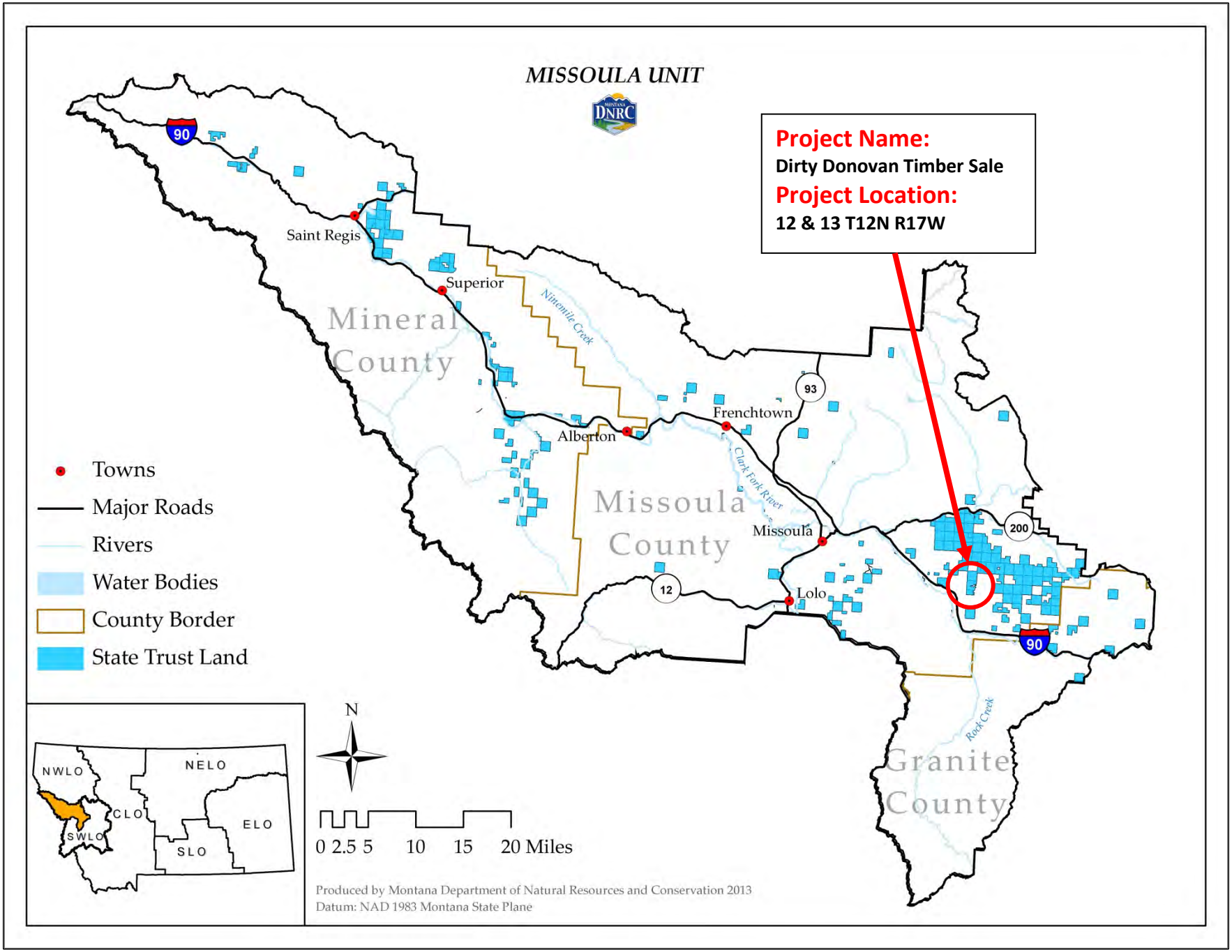
This sale has a harvest prescription of individual tree selection. This treatment will reduce stand density by removing shade tolerant species, primarily Douglas-fir. Douglas-fir trees in the project area are currently being impacted by dwarf mistletoe, root rot, and western spruce budworm. This treatment will also promote the growth of seral species, bringing stands closer to historic conditions. Within some harvest units, individual tree selection cuts would occur at spacing similar to seed tree prescriptions. In these areas, phenotypically inferior leave trees from past harvests would be removed to promote better stand genetics. Post-harvest, areas with high concentrations of dwarf mistletoe will be planted with more resistant species such as ponderosa pine and western larch. Old growth is not present in any of the stands to be harvested. However, approximately 2,500 linear feet of new road construction is required through an old growth stand in an adjacent section. Approximately 1.75 acres right-of-way (ROW) within an old growth stand will be harvested. The stand will still retain old growth status post-harvest.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 2.6 miles of new permanent road construction. One (1) mile of this new construction will be located outside of the general sale area. It will connect two road systems (DNRC acquired ownership and DNRC historic ownership) and will significantly shorten the haul route. DNRC is also proposing 14.2 miles of road maintenance.

Access for this timber sale is primarily through DNRC acquired property. Access through private land is secured with established permanent easements.

Scoping letters were mailed to adjacent landowners and interested parties in December 2014. Notice was also posted on the DNRC website, placed in the *Missoulian*, and posted at the United States Post Office in Clinton, MT. Three comments were received. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes reminded the DNRC that cultural resources important to their Nation are embedded throughout the region and requested to be notified if any new or additional information arose during the project. Two landowners voiced concerns, via phone and letters, regarding aesthetics, logging traffic, water quality issues, noise, and access. All concerns were directed toward a DNRC section which borders a landowners' property. Issues and concerns were incorporated into project planning and design, and mitigations include wood products be hauled north via another drainage so traffic would not directly affect Clinton, MT. DNRC will also implement best management practices to limit effects on water quality.

DNRC Recommendation
The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Dirty Donovan timber sale.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Project Name:
Dirty Donovan Timber Sale
Project Location:
12 & 13 T12N R17W
Saint Regis
Superior
Mineral County
Ninemile Creek
Alberton
Frenchtown
Clark Fork River
Missoula County
Missoula
Lolo
Granite County
Rock Creek
90
93
200
12
Towns
Major Roads
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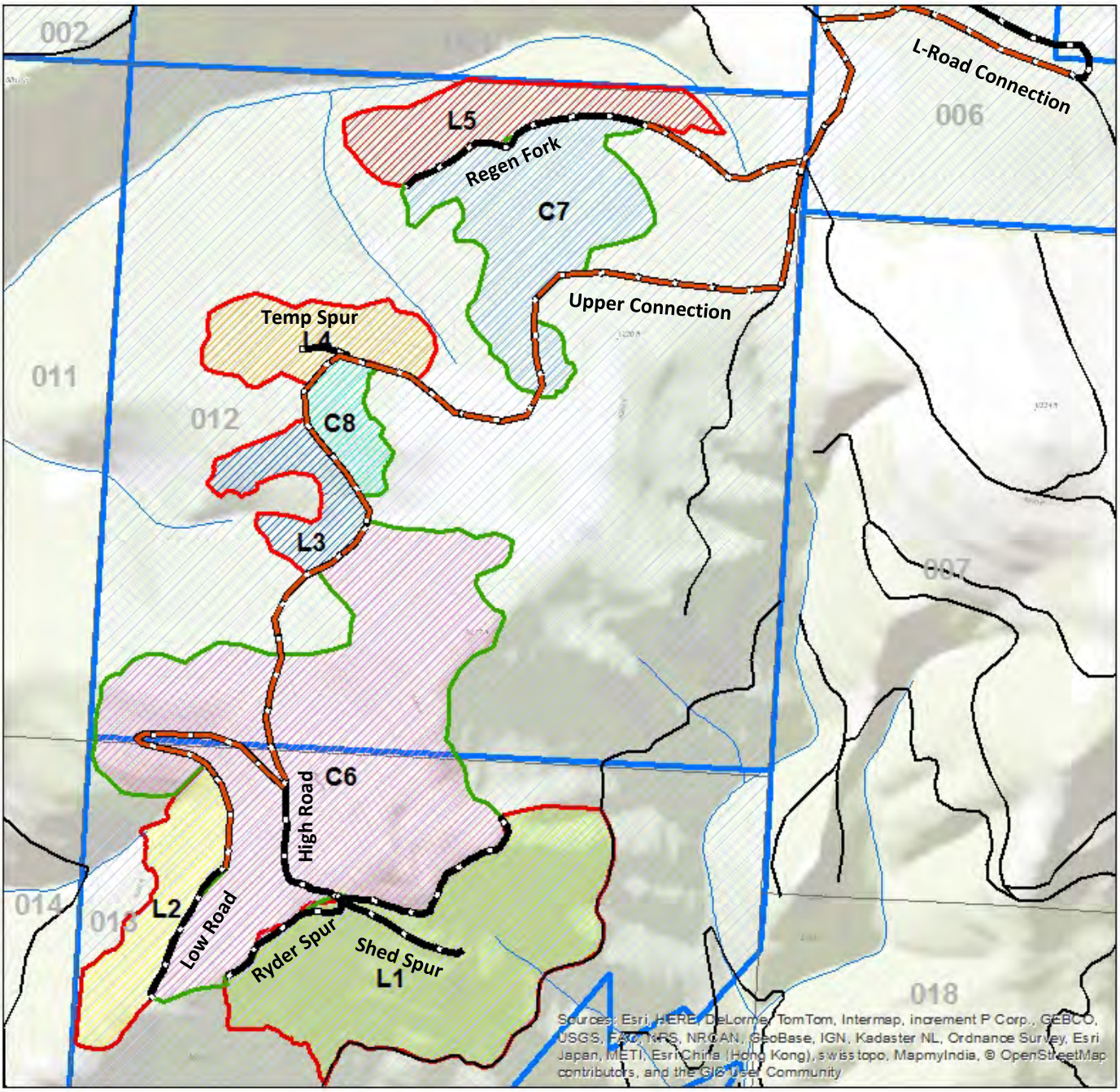
Dirty Donovan Timber Sale
Sections 12 & 13 T12N R17W
Missoula Unit



Legend

- Dirty Donovan Haul Route
- Dirty Donovan New Road Construction
- STREAMS
- Roads
- Unit L1
- Unit L2
- Unit L3
- Unit L4
- Unit L5
- Unit C6
- Unit C7
- Unit C8

Harvest Unit Boundaries:
Blue 3 stripe with blue flagging

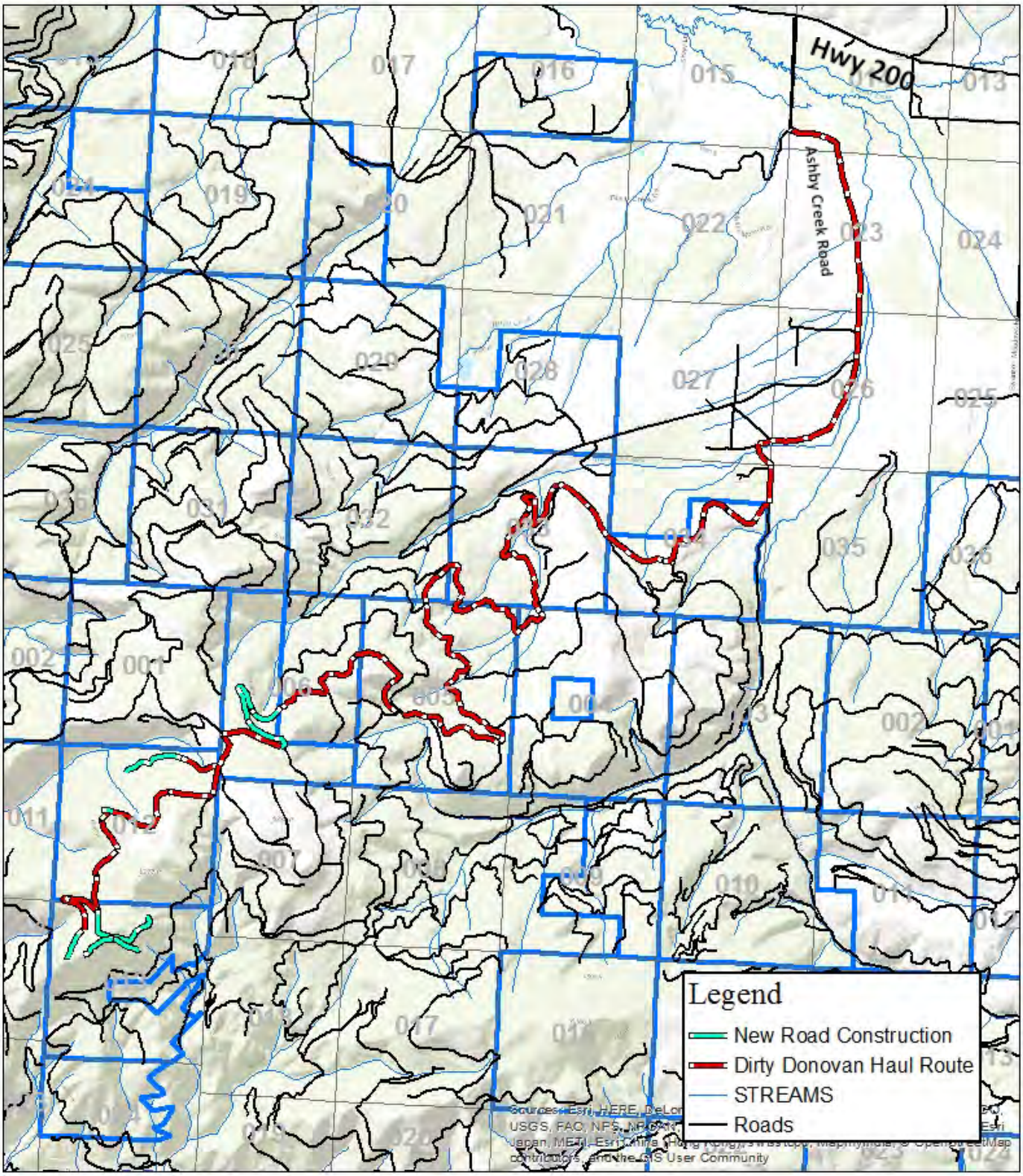
SMZ Boundaries:
Orange 2 dot paint with SMZ flagging

New Road Construction Center Line:
Pink paint with pink flagging

Leave Tree Marking:
Leve tree painted in blue ****exception: Unit C6 is painted with purple leave trees

Attachment A-2 Haul Route

Dirty Donovan Timber Sale
Sections 12 & 13 T12N R17W
Haul Route



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416-1B Timber Sale: Good Martin

Location: Flathead County
Sections 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 32 & 33, T32N R23W

Trust Beneficiaries: Public Buildings, Eastern College – MSU/Western College, UM, Montana Tech, MSU Morrill, MSU 2nd Grant

Trust Revenue: $534,240 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary
The Good Martin Timber Sale is located approximately 11 miles northwest of Whitefish, MT. The sale includes 15 harvest units (*315 acres*) of tractor logging. The estimated harvest volume is 21,200 tons (*3,723 MBF*) of sawlogs. The minimum bid is $25.20 per ton, which would generate approximately $534,240 for the trust beneficiaries and approximately $81,372 in Forest Improvement fees. The project is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

This sale has a prescription of seed-tree with reserves, overstory removal, and commercial thinning. These treatments will promote timber production and conversion to the desired species mix within stands. Units will be mechanically scarified to promote natural regeneration of western larch and Douglas-fir. The commercial thinning will reduce tree stocking density and provide a healthier, more fire resistant stand condition. There are 242 acres of old growth in the project area and 159.5 acres are expected to remain old growth following treatment. Seed-tree harvests within the old-growth stand are one (1) to 4.8 acres in size and dispersed. 82.5 acres will be regenerated with larger-sized seed-tree harvests. This will reduce the amount of old growth by 0.07% and approximately 14.9% of old growth would remain on the Stillwater Unit.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 0.14 miles of temporary road construction. DNRC is also proposing 11.1 miles of road maintenance and improvement. Approximately 2.1 miles of existing unauthorized road will be reclaimed during this project. Road closures on 7 user-created 2-track roads will be reconstructed to improve effectiveness. The temporary road will be reclaimed post-harvest.

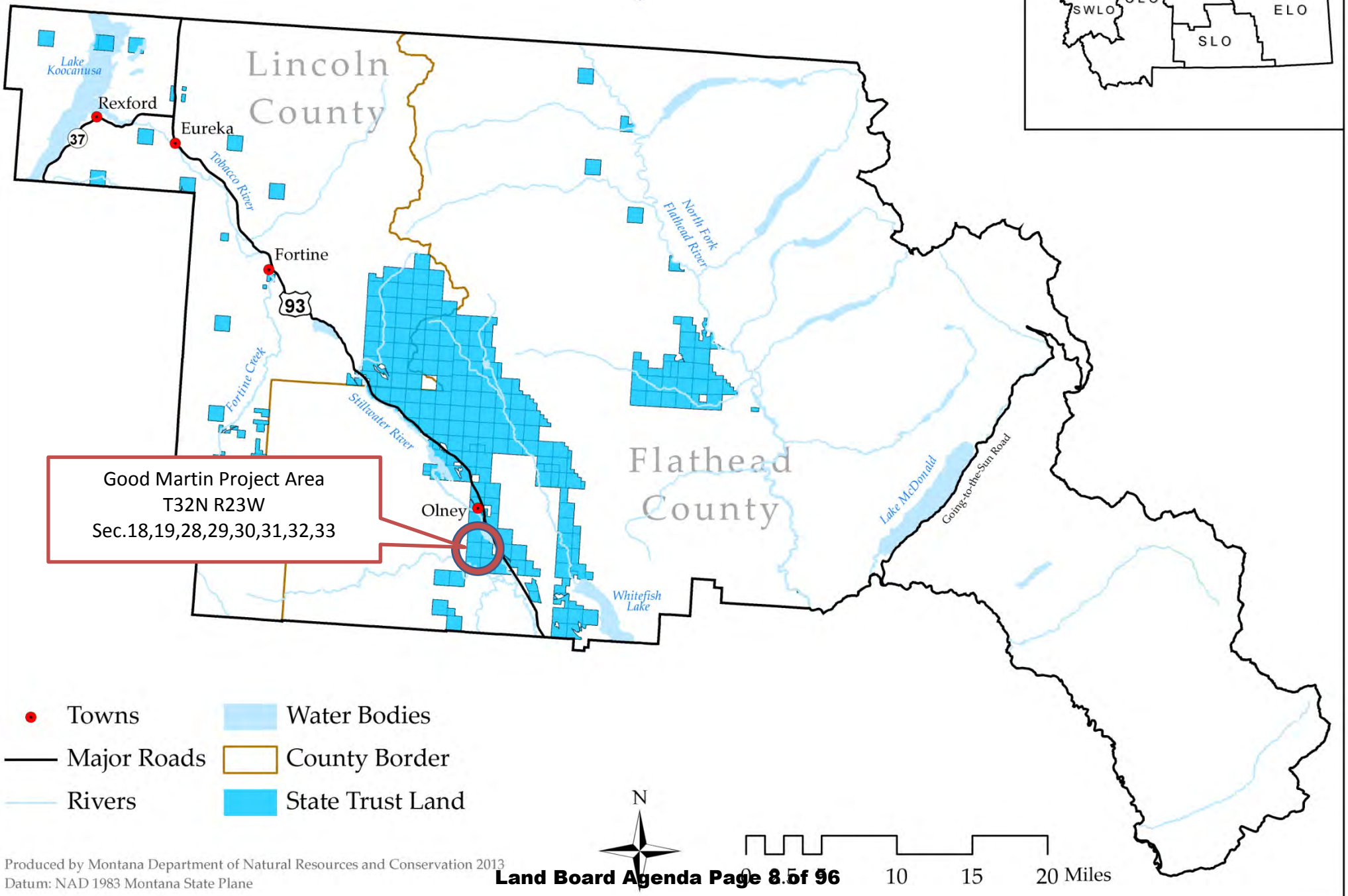
Legal access to this timber sale is through two county roads and state forest roads.

Scoping letters were mailed to adjacent landowners and interested parties in July 2015. The notice was posted on the DNRC website and placed in the *Whitefish Pilot* and Kalispell *Daily Inter Lake*. It was also posted at the Olney Post Office. DNRC received two phone calls, one letter, and five emails. A phone call and email were in general support of the project. A caller expressed concern about the increase in fire danger next to private property due to fuel loading. To address this concern, harvest units adjacent to private property would meet the high standard for reduction of logging slash. The remaining comments were all from a group of residents in the neighborhood located south of the sale area. All were concerned with log truck traffic safety, wear and tear of the road surface from trucks, and noise and dust resulting from truck traffic. These issues were addressed with the previous timber sale and were not an issue with this sale. Project design also mitigated issues with nest sites by implementing timing constraints.

DNRC Recommendation
The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Good Martin Timber Sale.

Attachment A: 1 of 4

GOOD MARTIN TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP
STILLWATER UNIT



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Good Martin Timber Sale

Haul Route

Sections 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33, T32N R23W

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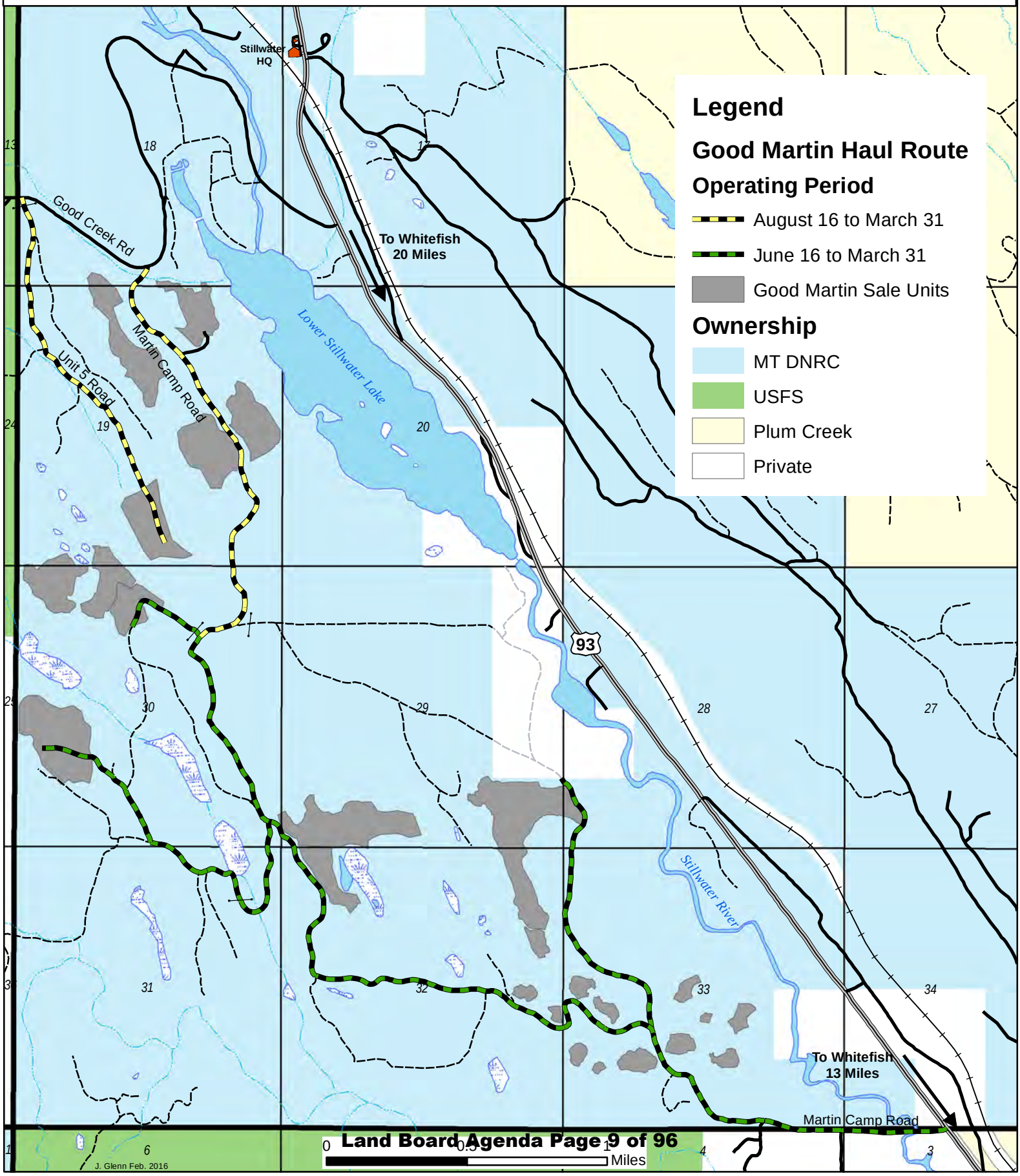

Good Martin Timber Sale

Units and Road Work (North)

Sections 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33, T32N R23W

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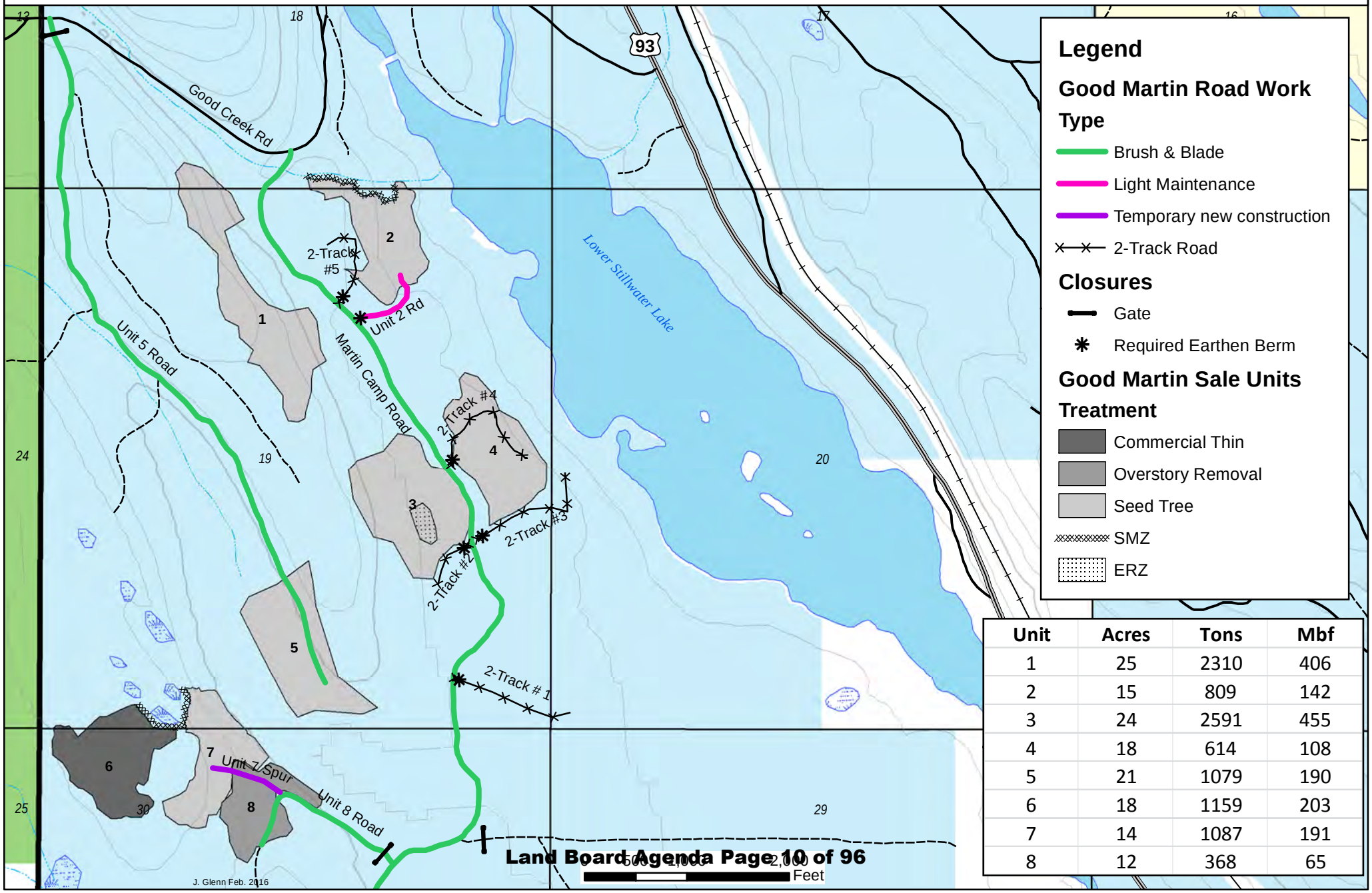

Unit	Acres	Tons	Mbf
1	25	2310	406
2	15	809	142
3	24	2591	455
4	18	614	108
5	21	1079	190
6	18	1159	203
7	14	1087	191
8	12	368	65

Good Martin Timber Sale

Units and Road Work (South)

Sections 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33, T32N R23W

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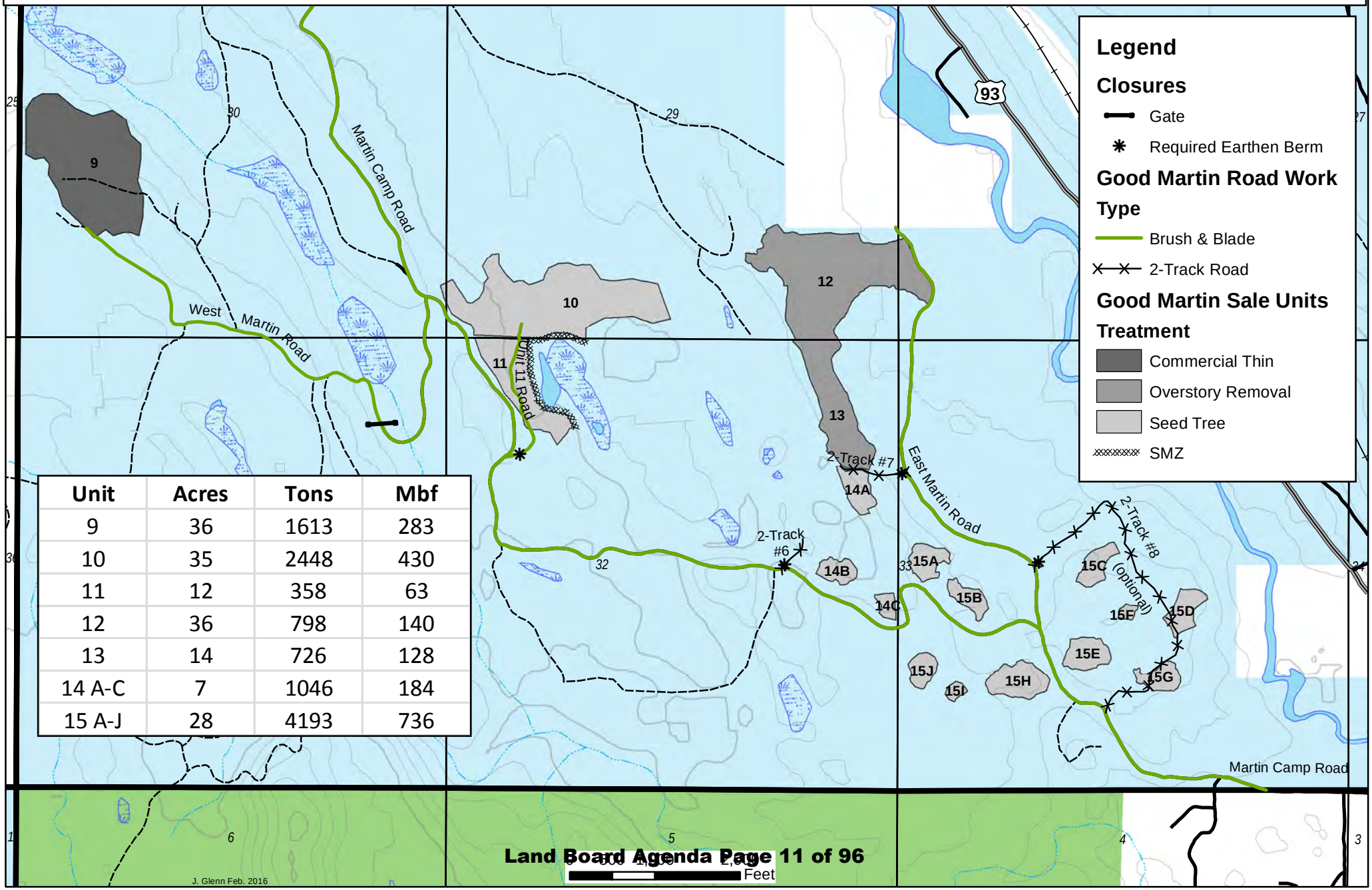

Unit	Acres	Tons	Mbf
9	36	1613	283
10	35	2448	430
11	12	358	63
12	36	798	140
13	14	726	128
14 A-C	7	1046	184
15 A-J	28	4193	736

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416-1C Timber Sale: Hoffman Gulch Limited Access

Location: Beaverhead County
Section 16, T8S, R7W

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: $34,898 (Negotiated Rate for Limited Access Sale)

Item Summary

The Hoffman Gulch Limited Access timber sale is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Dillon, MT. This sale includes 6 harvest units (*146 acres*) of tractor logging. The estimated harvest volume is 4,225 tons (*650 MBF*) of sawlogs, 800 tons of post and rail material, and 800 tons of commercial firewood. The negotiated sawlog rate is $8.26 per ton, which would generate $34,898 for the Common Schools Trust and $5,323 in Forest Improvement fees. The negotiated rate for post and rail material is $6.00 per ton and firewood is $2.00 per ton. This project is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

This sale includes a combination of individual selection harvest, group selection methods, and regeneration harvest prescriptions. These treatments are designed to remove stands as well as individual trees impacted by western spruce budworm and Douglas-fir bark beetle. This will improve forest health, reduce stand density levels, and improve vigor. The treatment will also reduce conifer encroachment, allowing for regeneration in suppressed aspen colonies. Old growth is not present in any of the stands to be harvested.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 0.2 miles of new temporary road construction. DNRC is also proposing 4.7 miles of road maintenance. The proponent will use 3.3 miles of existing private ranch road. Post-harvest, the temporary road and 0.5 miles of an old logging spur will be permanently closed and rehabilitated. All roads will be closed to unauthorized vehicles during and after operations.

Access has been obtained by the proponent via temporary right-of-way agreements with two landowners who control existing access roads to this isolated state parcel.

Public input was solicited through phone calls and meetings with adjacent private landowners, agency representatives of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP), and with conservation groups. Scoping notices were posted in the Butte *Montana Standard* and *Dillon Tribune*. DNRC also sent a 30-day public scoping notice by mail and email on December 2, 2015 to interested parties. Two comments were received from the adjacent landowners in support of the project. Consultation with Montana FWP biologists and Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program representatives did not elicit concerns with the project provided recommended mitigation measures outlined in the environmental assessment (EA) are applied.

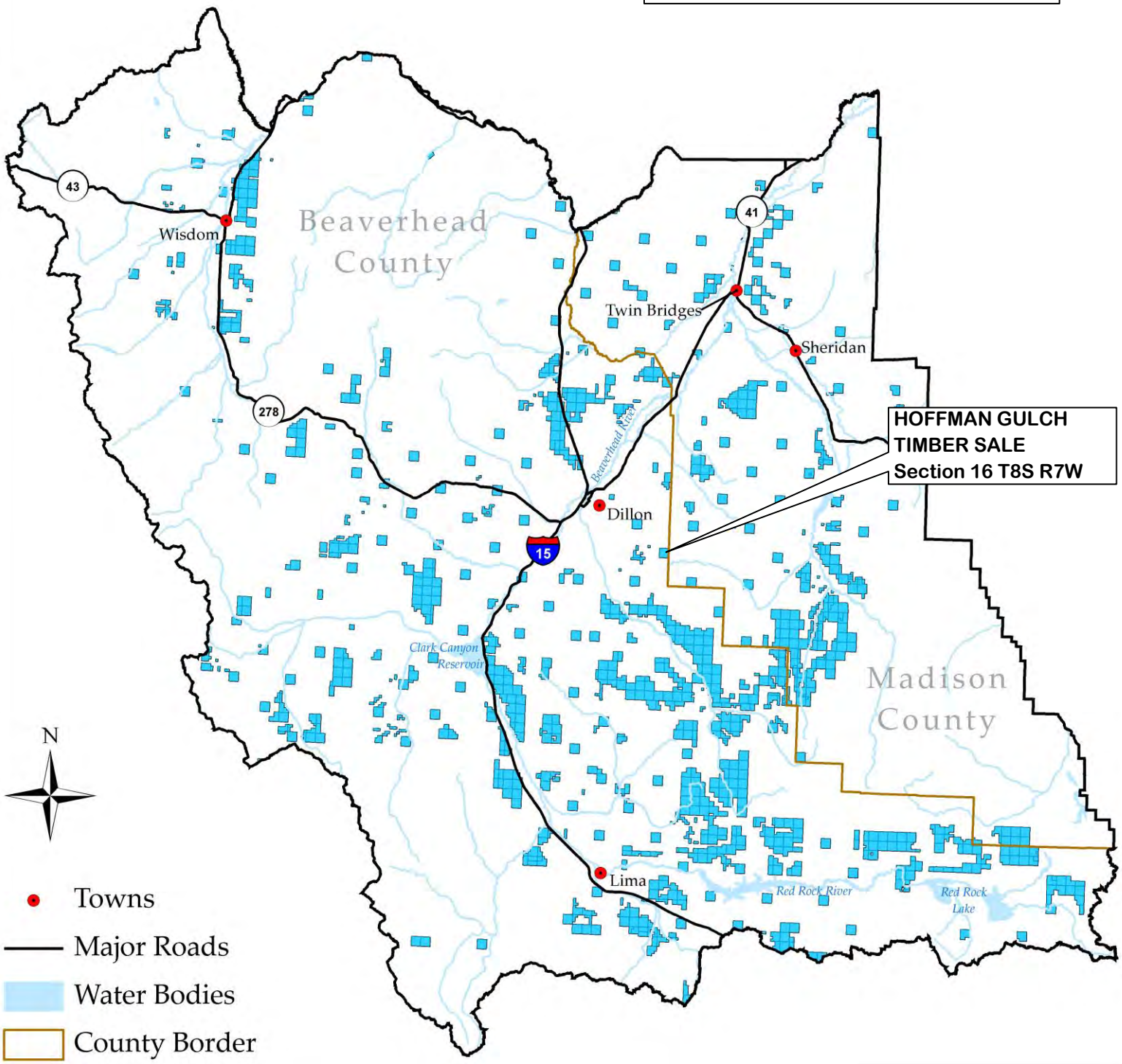
DNRC Recommendation

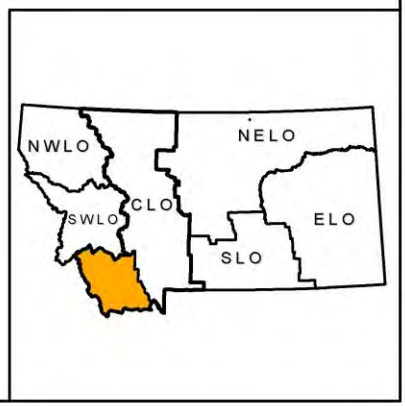
The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to proceed with the Hoffman Gulch Limited Access Timber Sale.

HOFFMAN GULCH TIMBER SALE
DILLON UNIT

416-1C

VICINITY MAP





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Hoffman Gulch Timber Sale

Section 16 T8S R7W, Beaverhead County

Attatchment A-1
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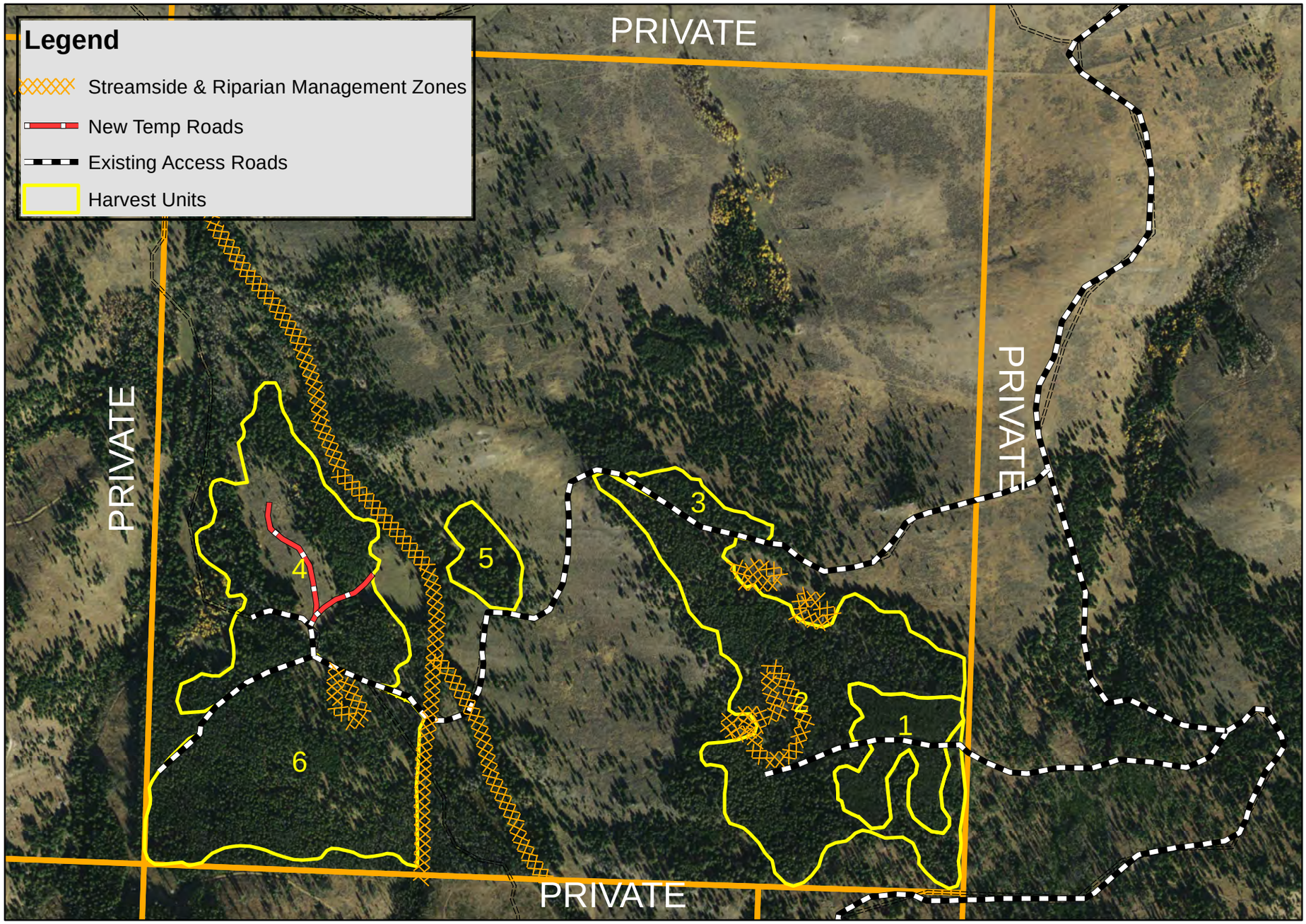
Sale Map



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Hoffman Gulch Sale Road Map

Section 16 T8S R7W, Beaverhead County

Attatchment B-1
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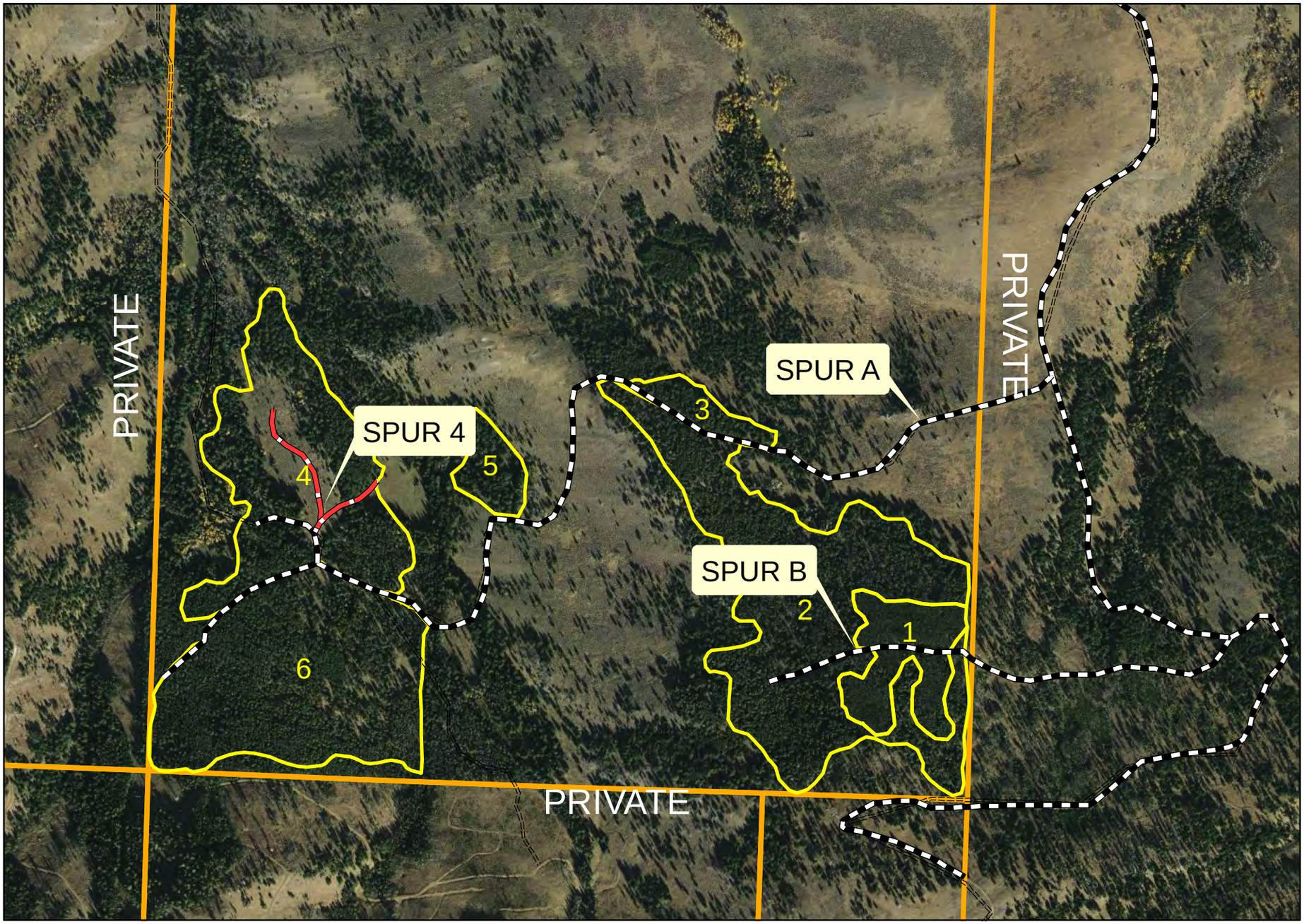
Road Map



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416-1D Timber Sale: North Meadow

Location: Sanders County
S28 T25N R27W

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: $74,943 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

The North Meadow timber sale is approximately ten miles south of Happy's Inn, Montana. The sale includes four (4) harvest units - (*160 acres*) of skyline logging and tractor logging. The estimated harvest volume is 8,860 tons (*1,330 MBF*) of sawlogs. The minimum bid is $8.43 per ton, which would generate approximately $74,943 for the Common School Trust and approximately $33,426 in Forest Improvement fees. The project is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

This sale has a prescription of shelterwood and seed-tree treatments. Douglas-fir beetle has been active in the sale area and harvest activities will improve stand vigor and promote regeneration of ponderosa pine and western larch. The sale will improve overall forest health in the stands and reduce fuel loading. Old growth is not present in any of the stands to be harvested.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 0.8 miles of new permanent road construction. DNRC is also proposing 10 miles of road maintenance. All new roads will be closed to unauthorized vehicles during and after operations.

Access has been obtained via the Meadow Creek easement purchase and the North Meadow reciprocal access agreement. A temporary road use agreement was also issued by Weyerhaeuser for the use of 0.75 miles of road.

Scoping letters were mailed to interested parties in August of 2015. Notices were placed in the *Clark Fork Valley Press*, *Missoulian*, and the *Sanders County Ledger.* DNRC received two comments. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) was concerned about streamside management zones and stream crossings. Field verification determined there are no streams located within the project area and all of the existing culverts are functioning properly. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Officer was concerned about disturbance from the new road construction. DNRC documents and standard timber sale contract language include provisions for protection of cultural resources if they are discovered during operations. If there are any cultural resources found within the project area, operations will be shut down and the archeologist will be contacted. The Sanders County Board of Commissioners supported the project and had concerns regarding weed control which were mitigated in project design.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the North Meadow Timber Sale.

NORTH MEADOW TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP
PLAINS UNIT

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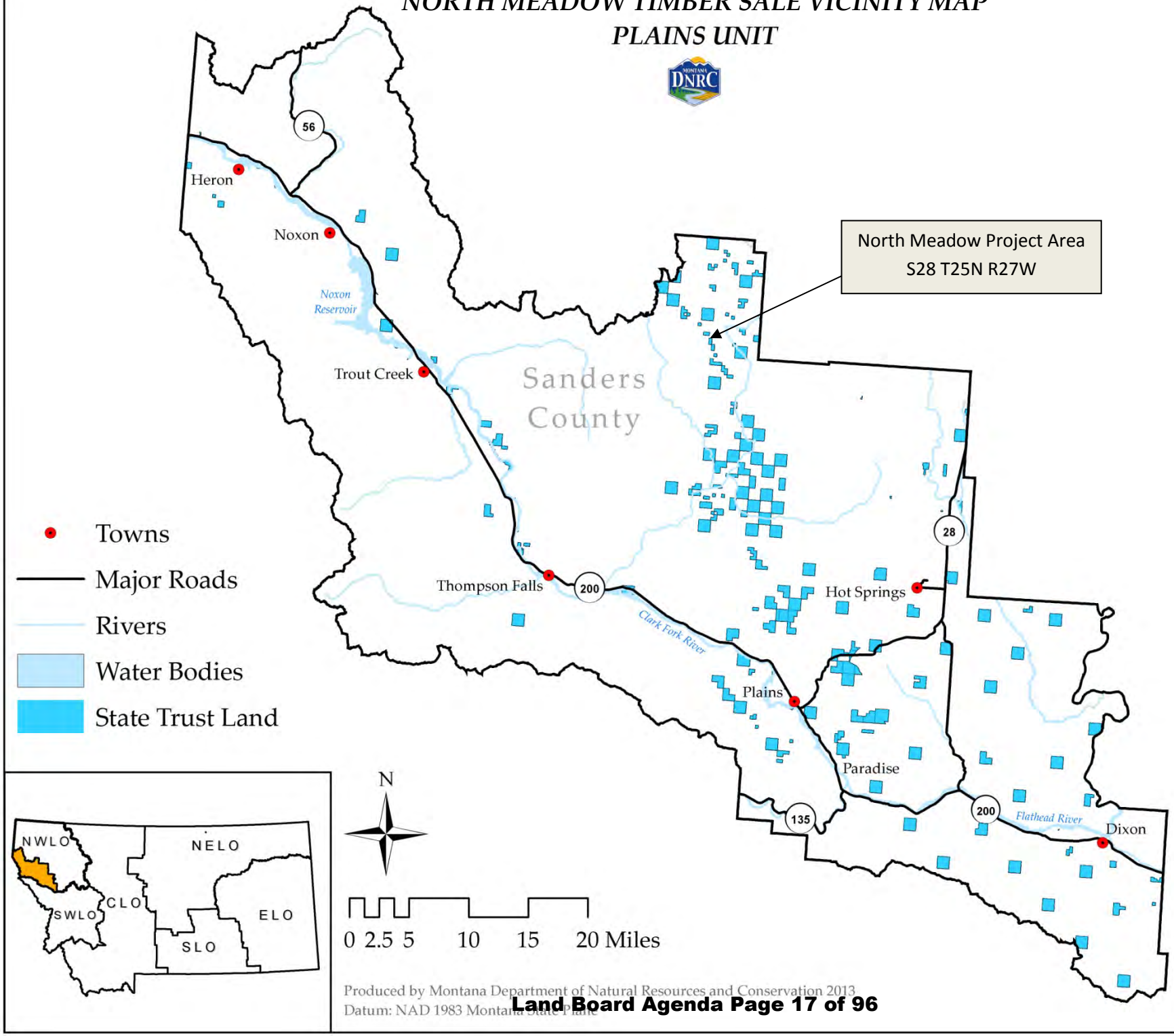

North Meadow Timber Sale

Haul Route Map

S28 T25N R27W

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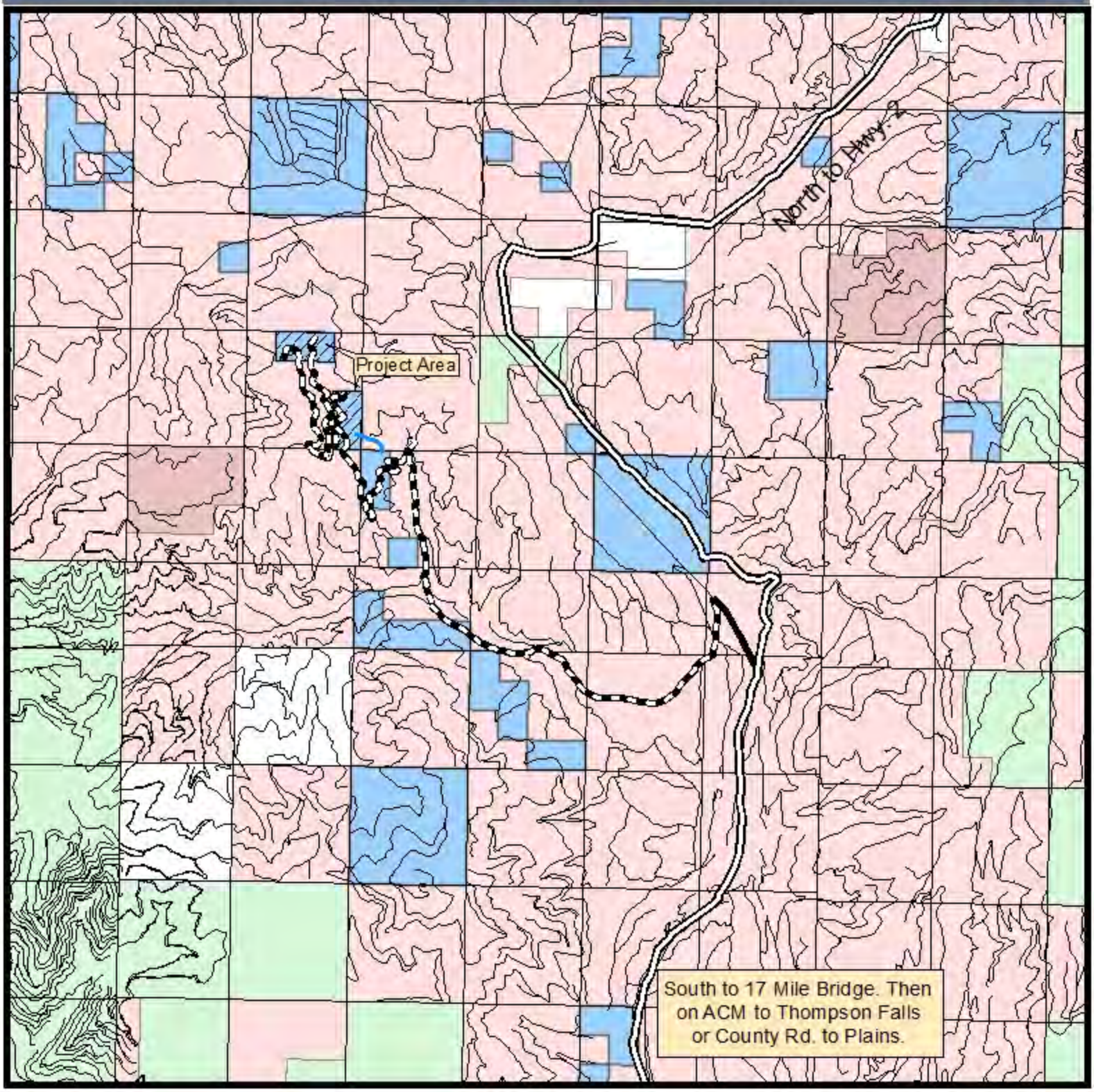

Legend

Route	Ownership
ACM	MT DNRC
County RD	Weyerhaeuser
Haul Route	Stimson Lumber Co
Roads	USFS

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North Meadow Timber Sale
Harvest Map
S28 T25N R27W

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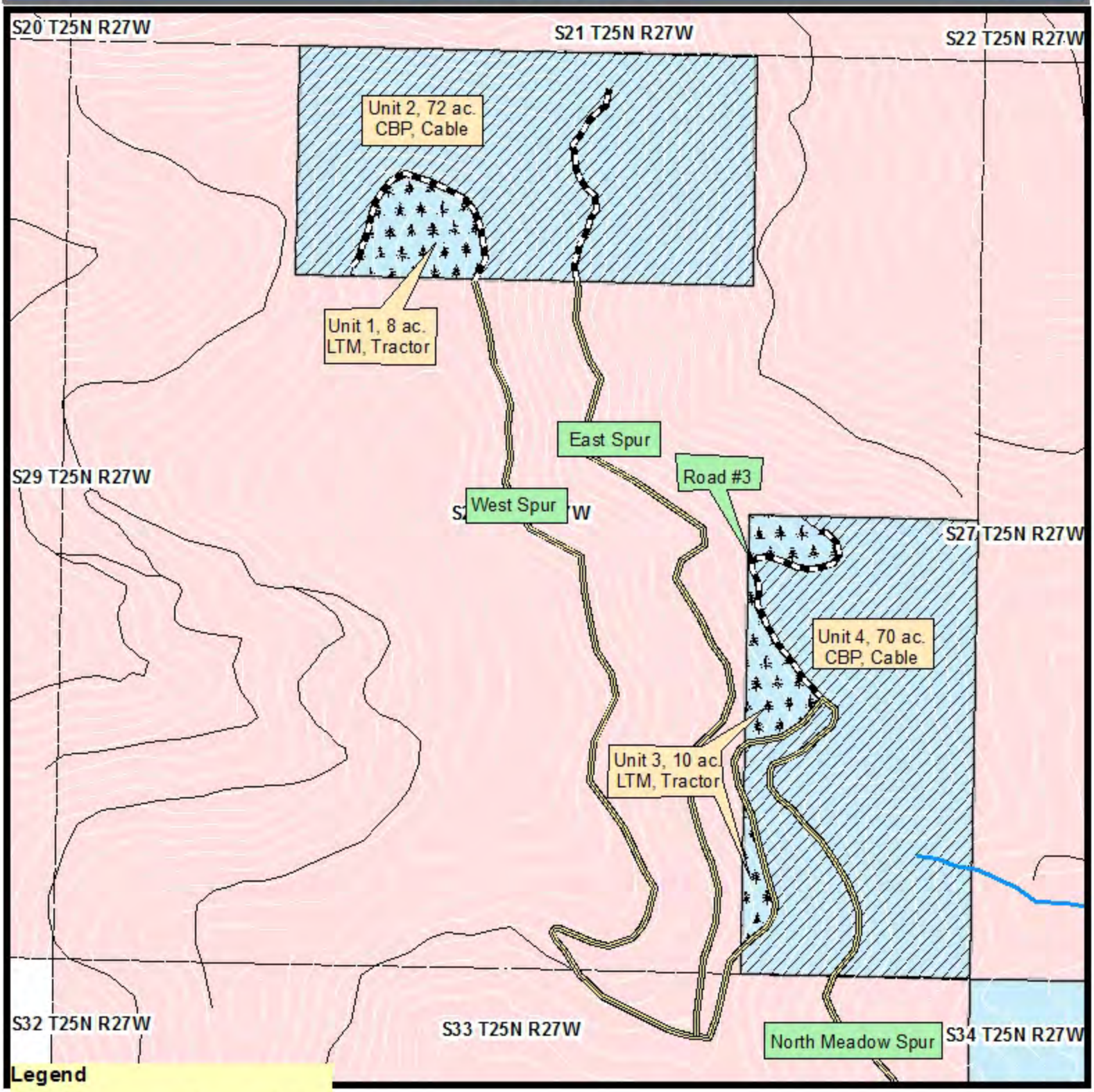

Legend

- Class 3 Stream
- **Road_Type**
  - Maintenance
  - New Construction
  - Roads
- **Harvest Units**
  - Line
  - Tractor
- **Ownership**
  - MT DNRC
  - Weyerhaeuser

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416-1E Timber Sale: Osler Limited Access

Location: Flathead County
Section 34, T28N, R25W

Trust Beneficiaries: Public Buildings

Trust Revenue: $149,325 (Negotiated Rate for Limited Access Sale)

Item Summary

The Osler Limited Access timber sale is located approximately two miles northwest of Marion, Montana. The sale includes three (3) harvest units (*105 acres*) of tractor logging. The estimated harvest volume is 5,430 tons (*867 MBF*) of sawlogs. The negotiated rate is $27.50 per ton, which would generate approximately $149,325 for the Public Buildings Trust and $21,774 in Forest Improvement fees. This project is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

A seed-tree prescription for these units is meant to remove unhealthy, diseased, and insect infected trees, as well as those with poor vigor, from the overstory. The stands are comprised of an uneven aged mix of Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, western larch, and lodgepole pine. This treatment will favor leaving dominant and co-dominant ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir. This treatment will also improve long-term forest health by limiting the effects of insect and disease. Old growth is not present in any of the stands to be harvested.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing one mile of new permanent road construction on private land to access the sale area. DNRC is also proposing 1.5 miles of road maintenance. All roads will continue to be closed to public motorized use upon completion of the sale.

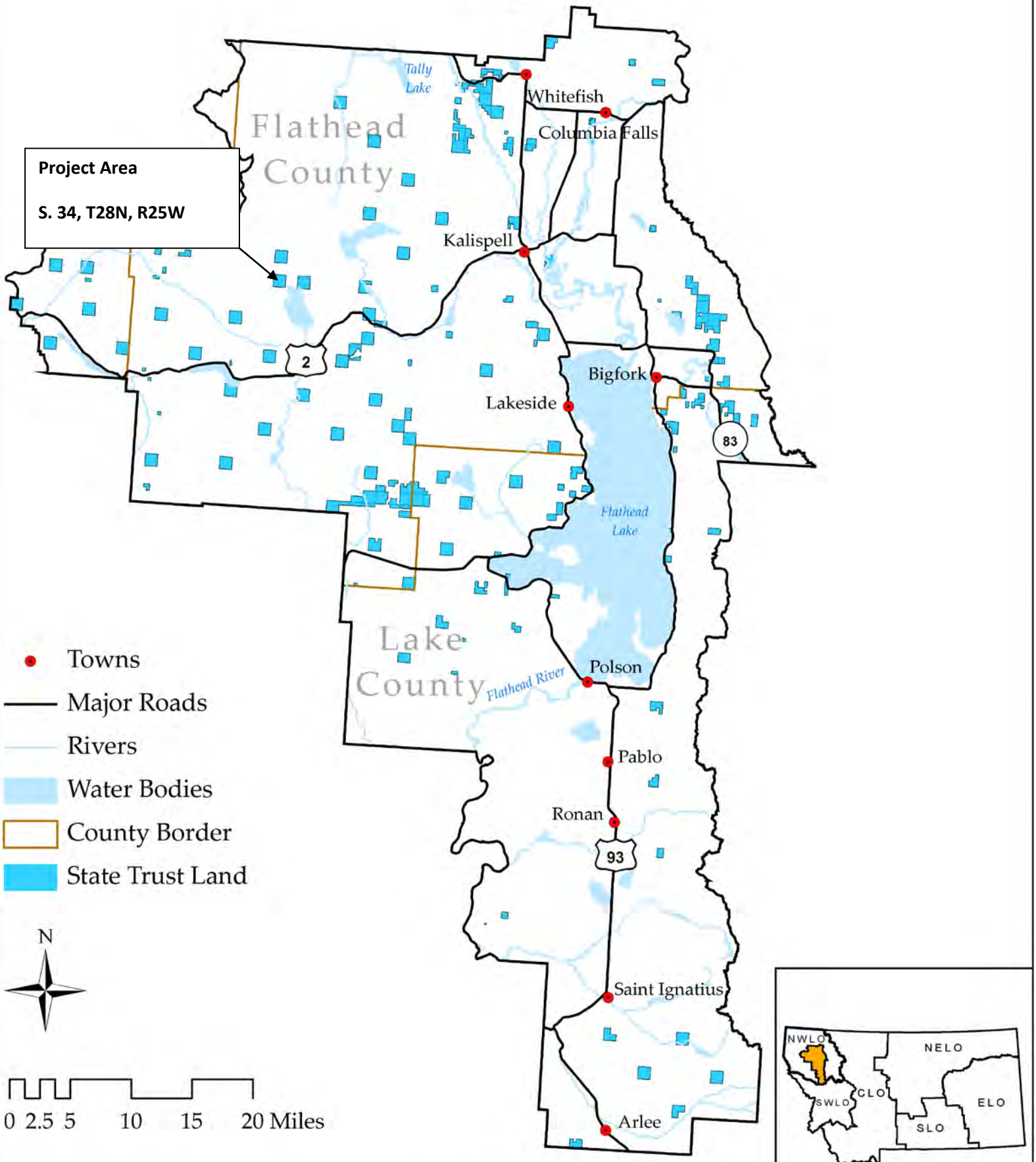
State trust lands within the project area share property boundaries with Weyerhauser as well as private lands. This project presents an opportunity to take advantage of access granted by a local landowner.

Scoping letters were mailed to adjacent landowners and interested parties in September 2011. The notice was also placed in the *Daily Inter Lake* and posted to the DNRC website. Seven comments were received. Two comments were in support of the project, one had concerns regarding big game winter range and new road construction, and the other comments were specific to a different project area covered under the same environmental assessment. Issues and concerns were resolved or mitigated through project design.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Osler Limited Access Timber Sale.

OSLER LIMITED ACCESS VICINITY MAP 416-1E
KALISPELL UNIT



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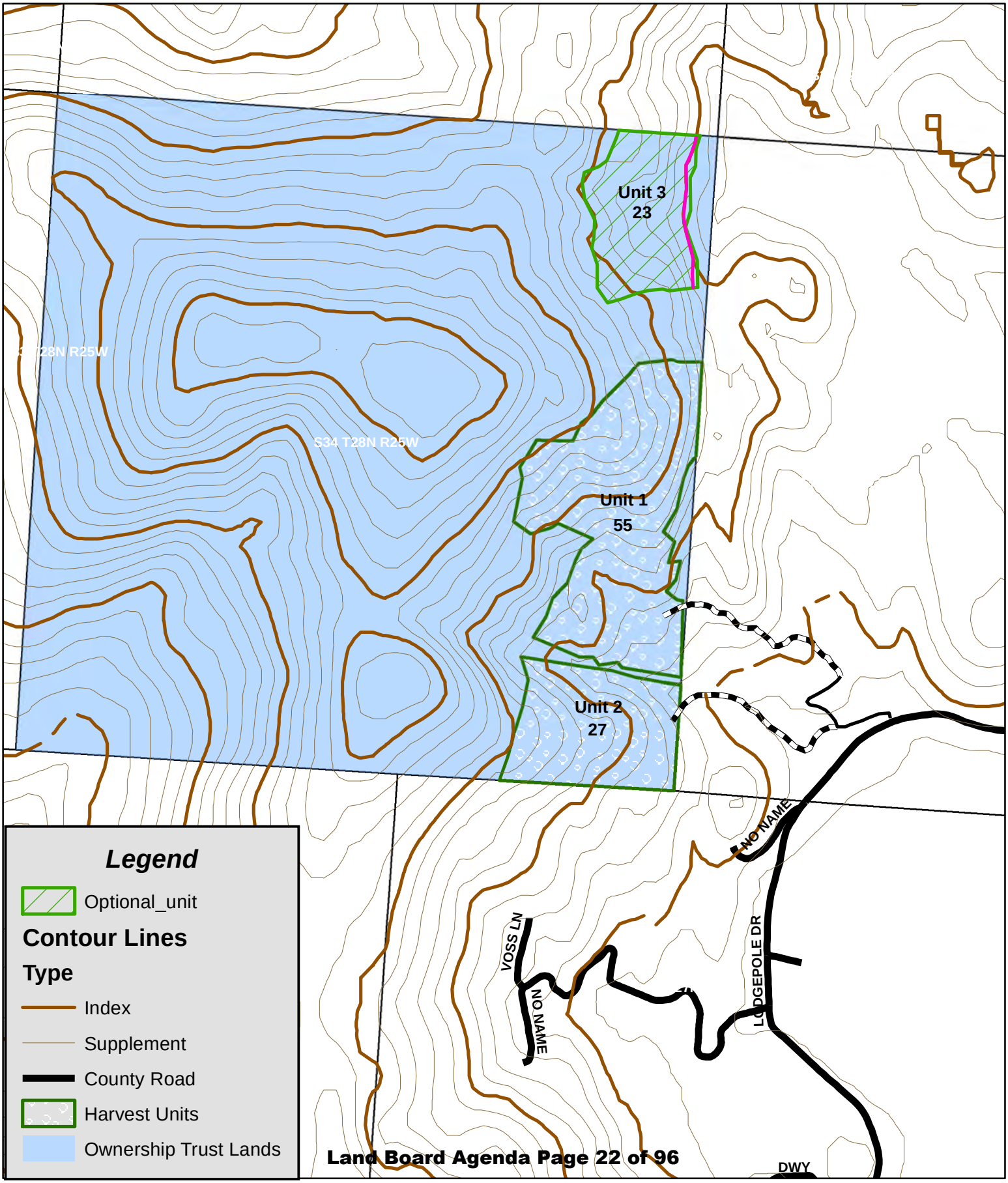
Osler Limited Access Timber Sale - Harvest Map

Sec. 34 T28N R25W



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416-1F Timber Sale: Upper Indian Creek

Location: Sanders County
Section 4, T25N, R27W

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: $71,150 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

The Upper Indian Creek Timber Sale is located approximately 36 miles north of Plains, MT. The sale includes five (5) harvest units (*120 acres*) of tractor logging and skyline logging. The estimated harvest volume is 8,150 tons (*1,210 MBF*) of sawlogs. The minimum bid is $8.73 per ton, which would generate approximately $71,150 for the Common School Trust and $30,399 in Forest Improvement fees. The project is within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and complies with the commitments outlined in the HCP.

This sale has a prescription of seed-tree harvest and old growth maintenance. The treatment will maintain and improve forest health, reduce fuel loadings, and increase productivity. These prescriptions favor leaving dominant and co-dominant ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir. The project area contains nine acres of old growth, which would be maintained.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 1.0 mile of new road construction and 0.4 miles of reconstruction. DNRC is also proposing 8.0 miles of road maintenance.

DNRC has existing access across neighboring private lands.

Scoping letters were mailed to interested parties in August of 2015. Notices were placed in the *Clark Fork Valley Press*, *Missoulian, and Sanders County Ledger.* DNRC received two comments. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) voiced concerns regarding streamside management zones and stream crossings. Field verification confirms that there are no streams located within the project area and all of the existing culverts are functioning properly. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Officer was concerned about disturbance from new road construction. DNRC documents and standard timber sale contract language include provisions for protection of cultural resources if they are discovered during operations. If there are any cultural resources found within the project area, operations will be shut down and the archeologist will be contacted. The Sanders County Board of Commissioners supported the project and had concerns regarding weed control which were mitigated in project design.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Upper Indian Creek Timber Sale.

UPPER INDIAN CREEK VICINITY MAP

PLAINS UNIT

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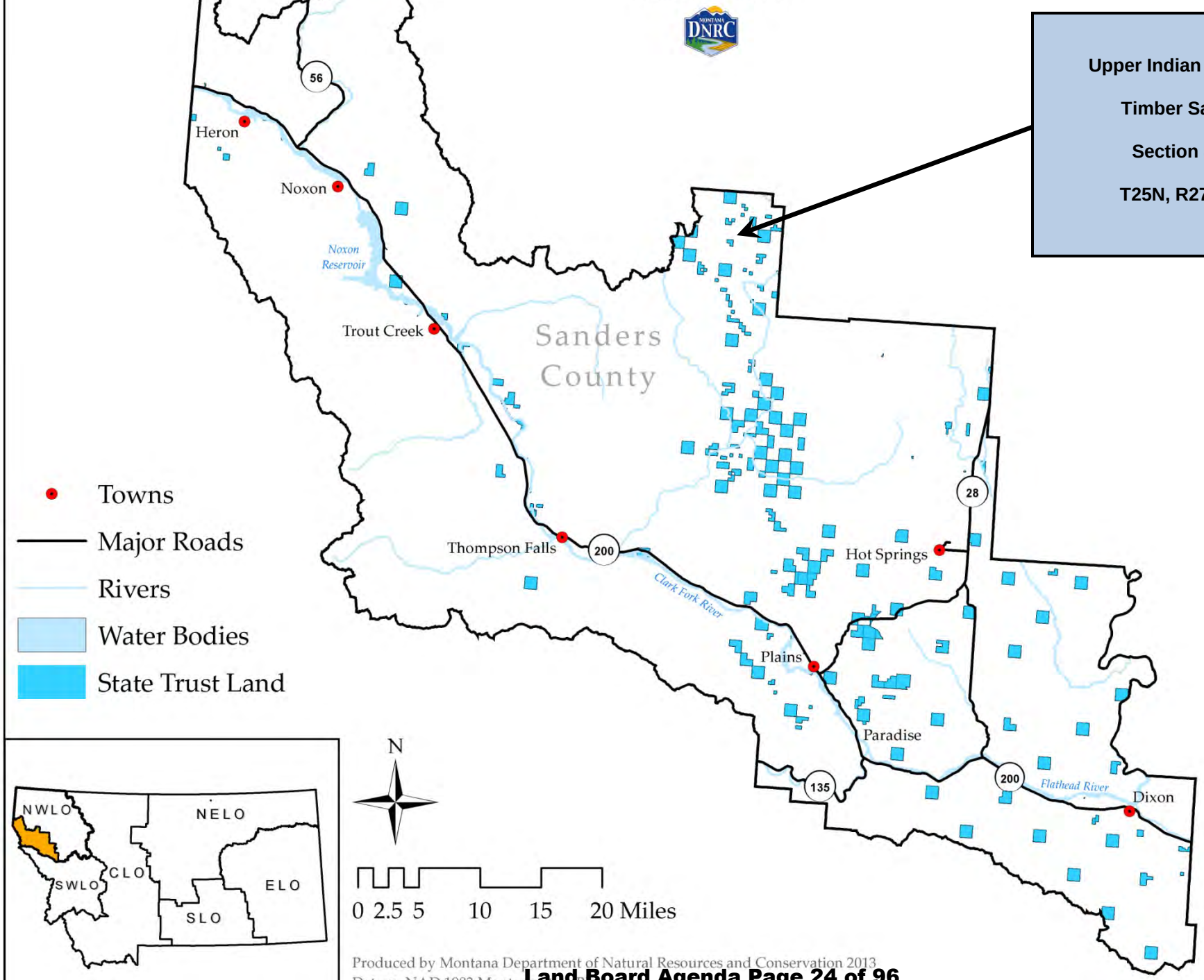
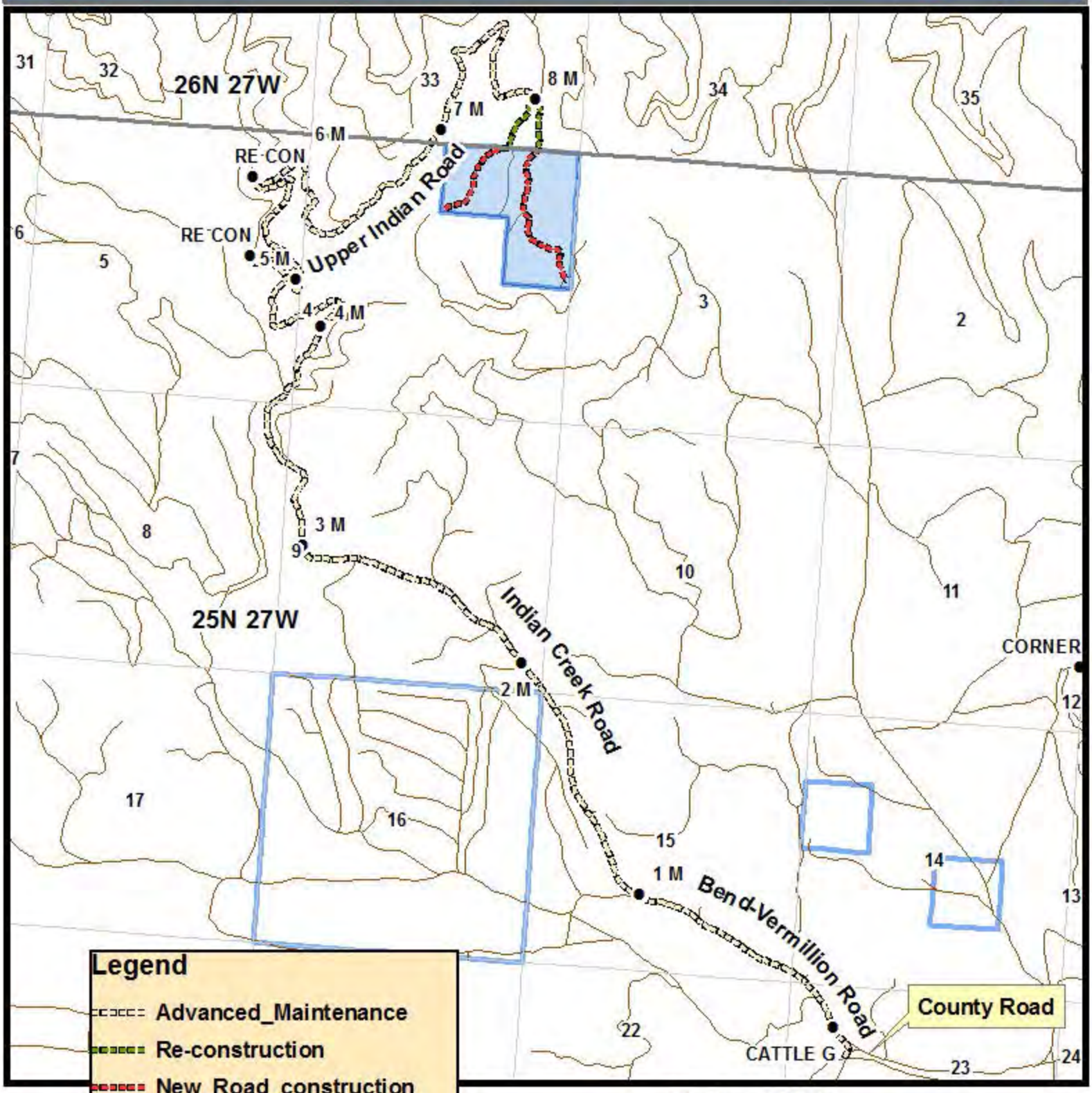


Upper Indian Creek; T25N R27W S4
Transportation Plan; Haul Route



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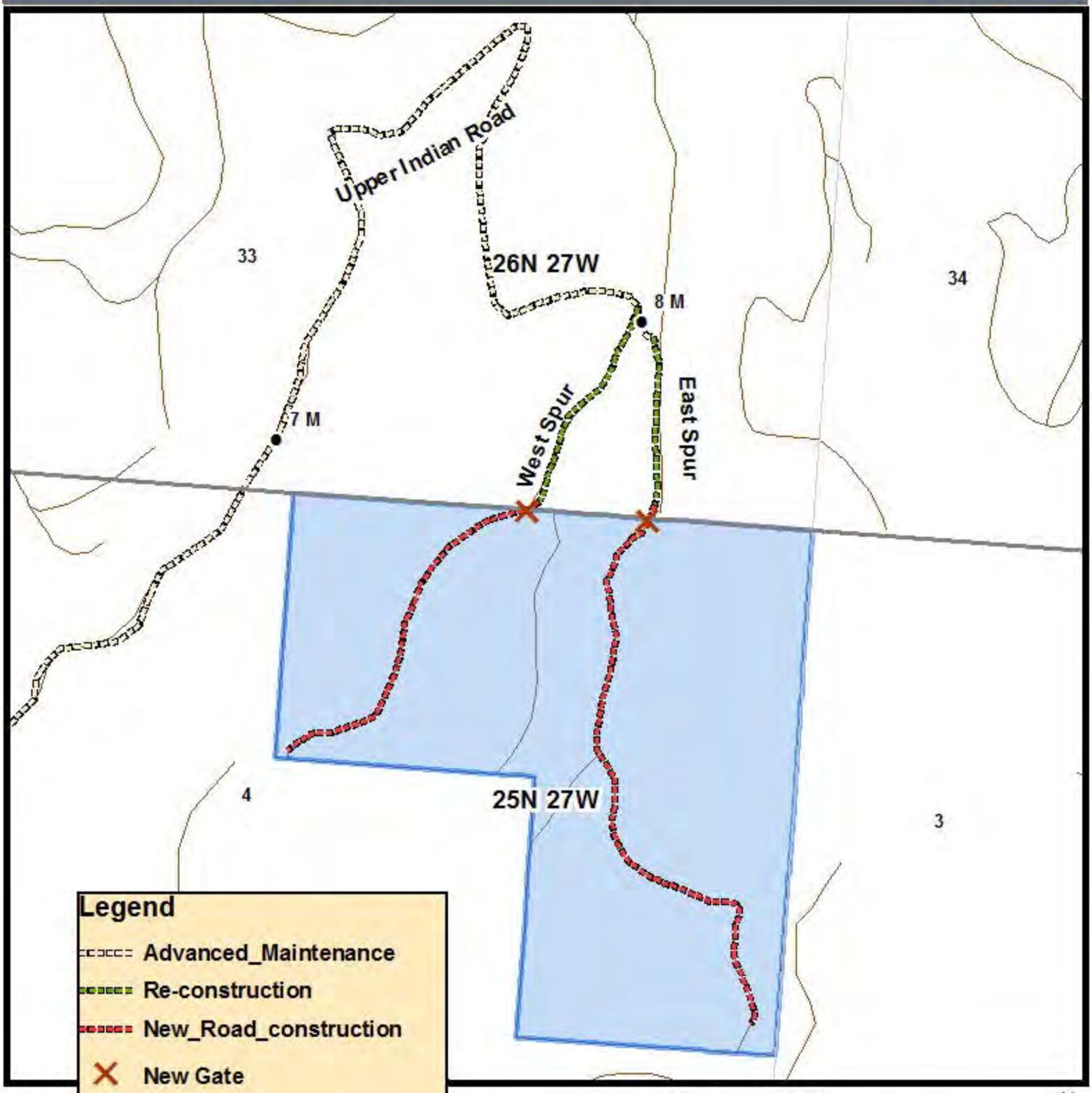
Upper Indian Creek; T25N R27W S4 Transportation Plan



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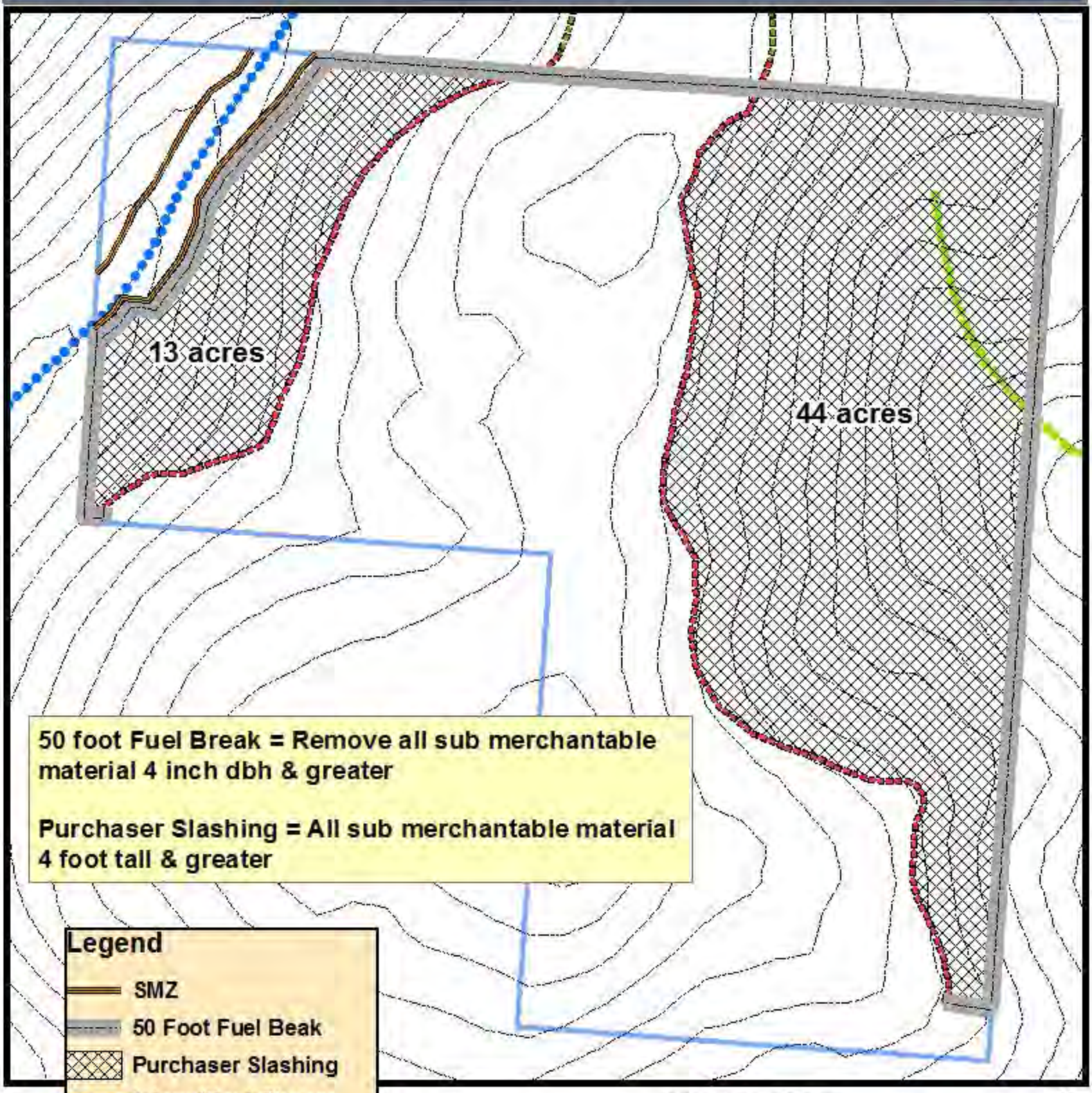

Legend

- SMZ
- 50 Foot Fuel Beak
- Purchaser Slashing
- Intermittent Stream
- Ephemeral Draw
- Ownership Trust Lands

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Trust Land Management Division
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Harvest Plan; Upper Indian Creek TS
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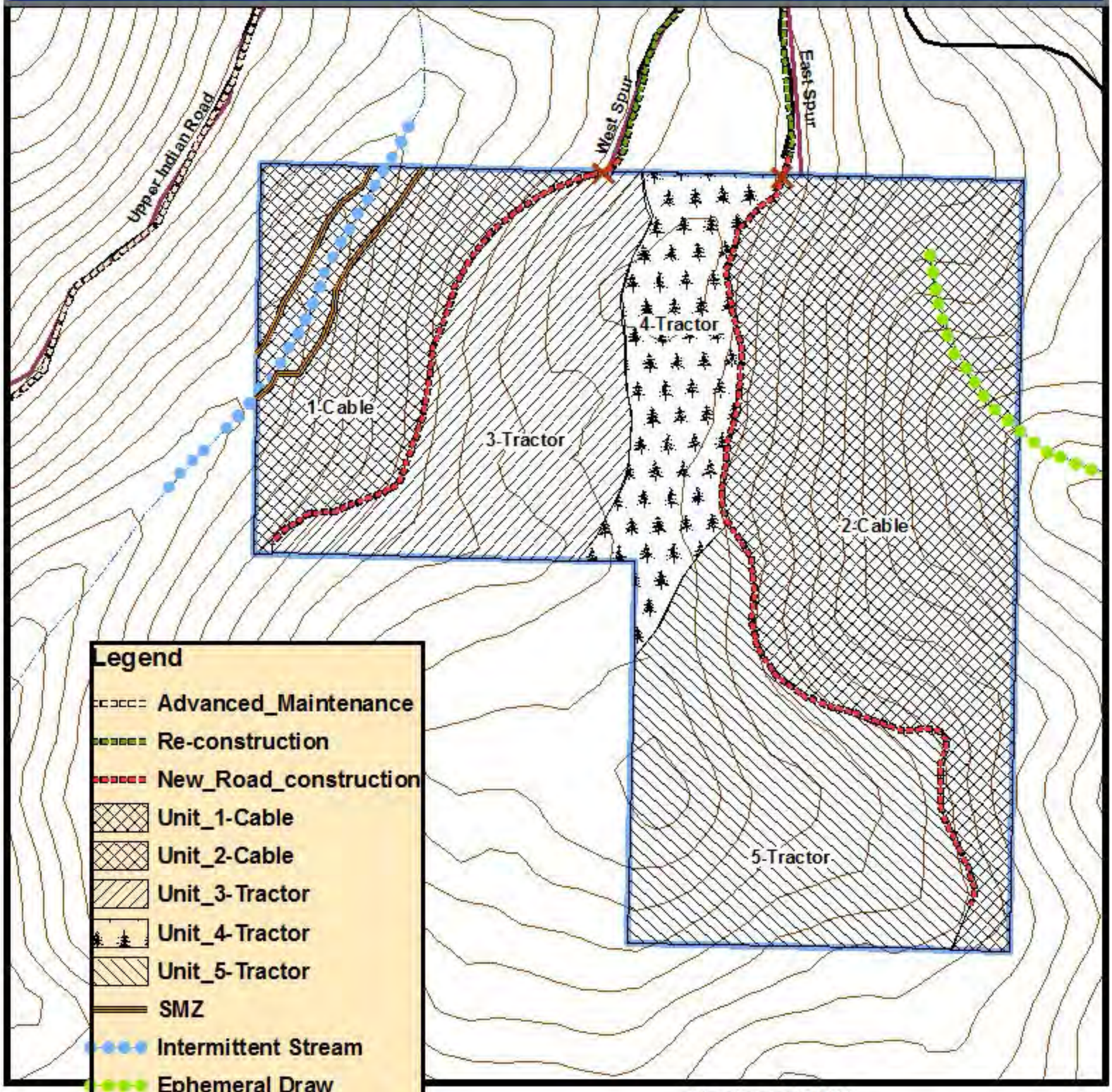

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EASEMENTS

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416-2 Easements

Location: Beaverhead, Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Madison, Phillips, Toole, Valley, Yellowstone

Trust Benefits: Common Schools, Eastern College – (MSU)/Western Montana (UM), Pine Hills, Public Buildings, Public Land

Trust Revenue: Common Schools= $41,642.00
Eastern College – (MSU)/Western (UM) = $100.00
Pine Hills= $1,460.00
Public Buildings= $1,082.00
Public Land= $11,865.00

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Toole County 226 1st Street South Shelby MT 59474
Application No.:	16828
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Negu Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	4.54
Compensation:	$1816.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through E2E2, Sec. 36, Twp. 34N, Rge. 4W & SW4SW4, Sec. 6, Twp. 34N, Rge. 3W, Toole County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools & Public Buildings

Item Summary

Toole County has made application for this county road that was constructed on state lands many years ago without proper authorization from the Land Board. Pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA the County is requesting recognition of this road as a historic right of way.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this historic right of way for Toole County.

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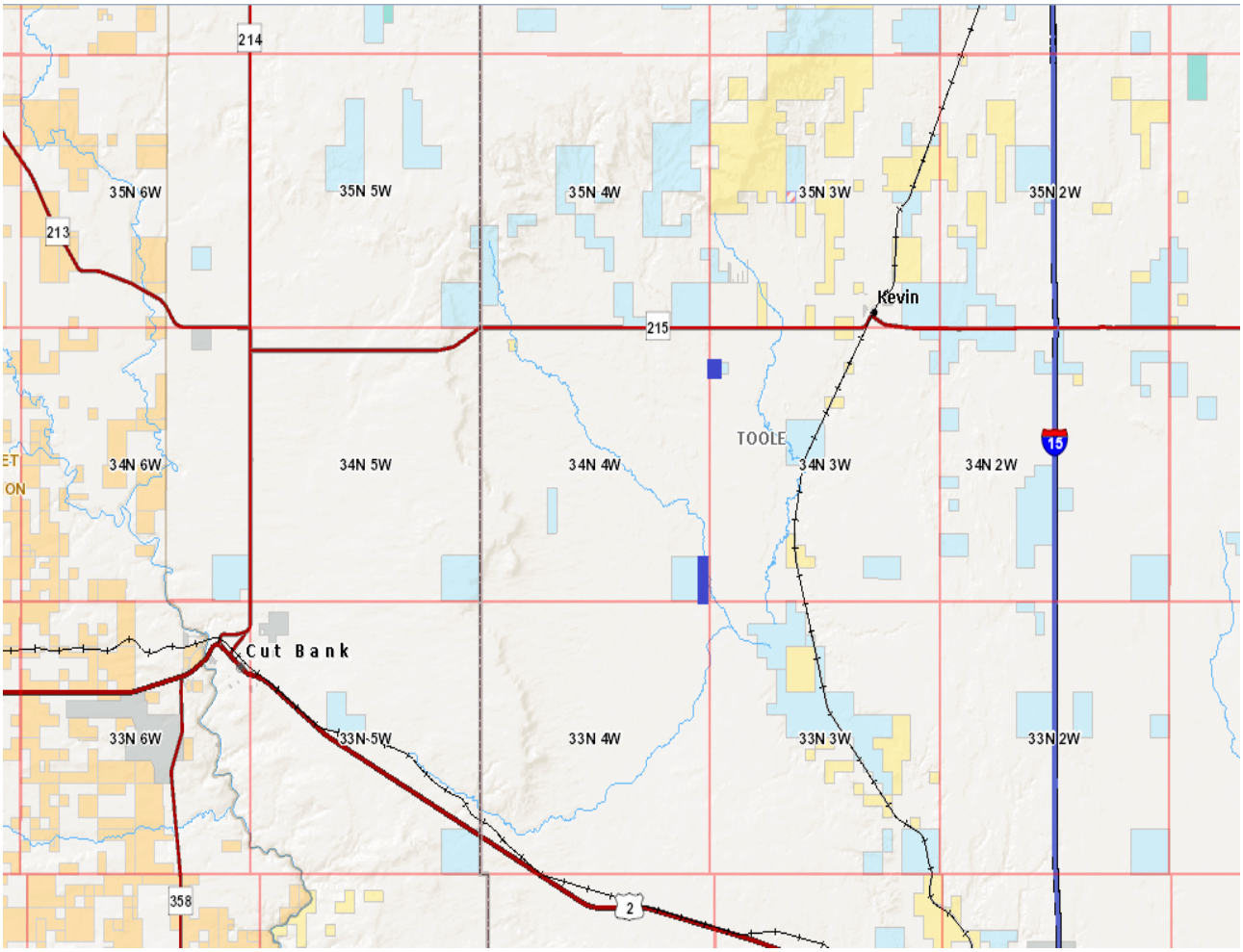

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Toole County

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16841
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.15
Compensation:	$592.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SW4NW4, NW4SW4, E2SW4, SW4SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 31N, Rge. 35E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

Nemont Telephone Cooperative has made application for a buried telecommunications cable upgrade project within the Hinsdale/Hinsdale North exchanges. The proposed project involves the use of a vertical plow for installation of the cable. The proposed route was chosen as it provides the most direct route and cost effective method to complete the linear fiber optic cable project in as timely a manner as possible. The proposed route is within sage grouse connectivity, general and core habitat areas. Pursuant to *Sage Grouse Executive Order No. 12-2015*, special stipulations will be placed in the easement document to address mitigation measures such as restrictions related to construction time periods. This project, identified as Project No. 1455116683474, has been approved by the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this buried telecommunications cable.

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16842
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.96
Compensation:	$264.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2SE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 31N, Rge. 35E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16843
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.22
Compensation:	$732.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through W2NE4, Sec. 17, Twp. 31N, Rge. 36E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16847
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.69
Compensation:	$190.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SE4NE4, Sec. 11, Twp. 32N, Rge. 36E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16848
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.62
Compensation:	$655.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through E2NE4, NW4NE4, NE4SE4, Sec. 21, Twp. 33N, Rge. 34E, Phillips County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16850
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.68
Compensation:	$737.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through E2E2, Sec. 26, Twp. 33N, Rge. 36E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Cooperative PO Box 600 Scobey MT 59263
Application No.:	16852
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.44
Compensation:	$121.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 32N, Rge. 36E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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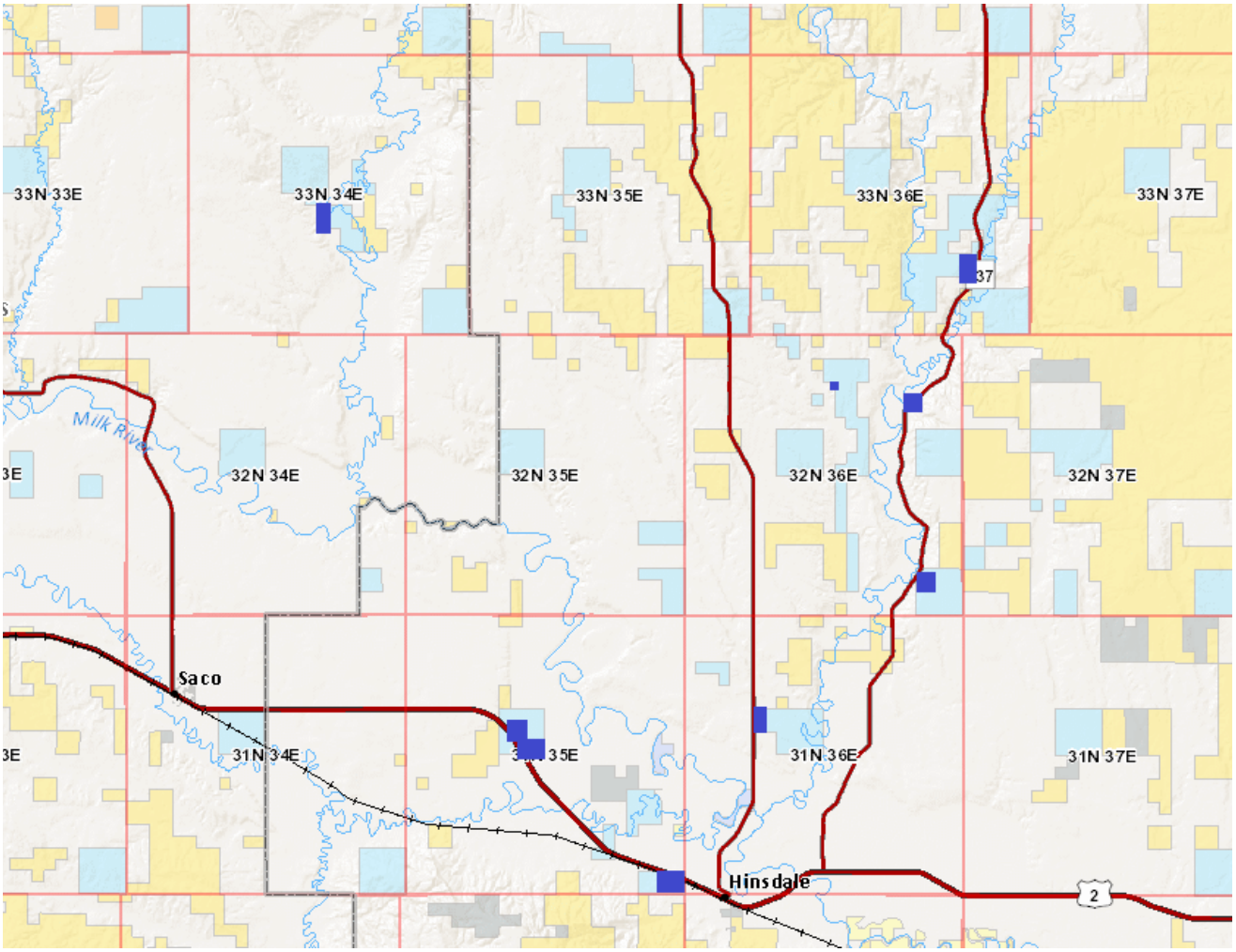

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Nemont

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Applicant:	Dawson County 207 West Bell Glendive MT 59330
Application No.:	17210
R/W Purpose:	a buried 12" wastewater pipeline across the Yellowstone River
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Navigable River)
Acreage:	0.21
Compensation:	$1155.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through E2SW4, Sec. 26, Twp. 16N, Rge. 55E, Dawson County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land

Item Summary

Dawson County has made application for a 12" wastewater pipeline across the Yellowstone River. The purpose of the project is to bring the West Glendive wastewater collection and treatment system into compliance with the Clean Water Act and Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permitting. The project involves rerouting West Glendive's sanitary sewer east and across the Yellowstone River to the City of Glendive's new wastewater treatment plant, currently under construction. The County's current treatment system is not meeting current discharge permit limits, therefor the County has been issued an Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) for their facility. The AOC requires a compliance plan, including an upgrade to their wastewater collection and treatment system. The implementation of HDD bore on the project will ensure that the pipeline is at a minimal depth of 40 feet below the riverbed. This depth is below the anticipated maximum scour depth of the river.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this wastewater pipeline across the Yellowstone River.

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Dawson County 207 West Bell Glendive MT 59330
Application No.:	17211
R/W Purpose:	a buried 12” wastewater pipeline across the Yellowstone River
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Navigable River)
Acreage:	0.65
Compensation:	$3575.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through NW4SE4, Sec. 26, Twp. 16N, Rge. 55E, Dawson County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land

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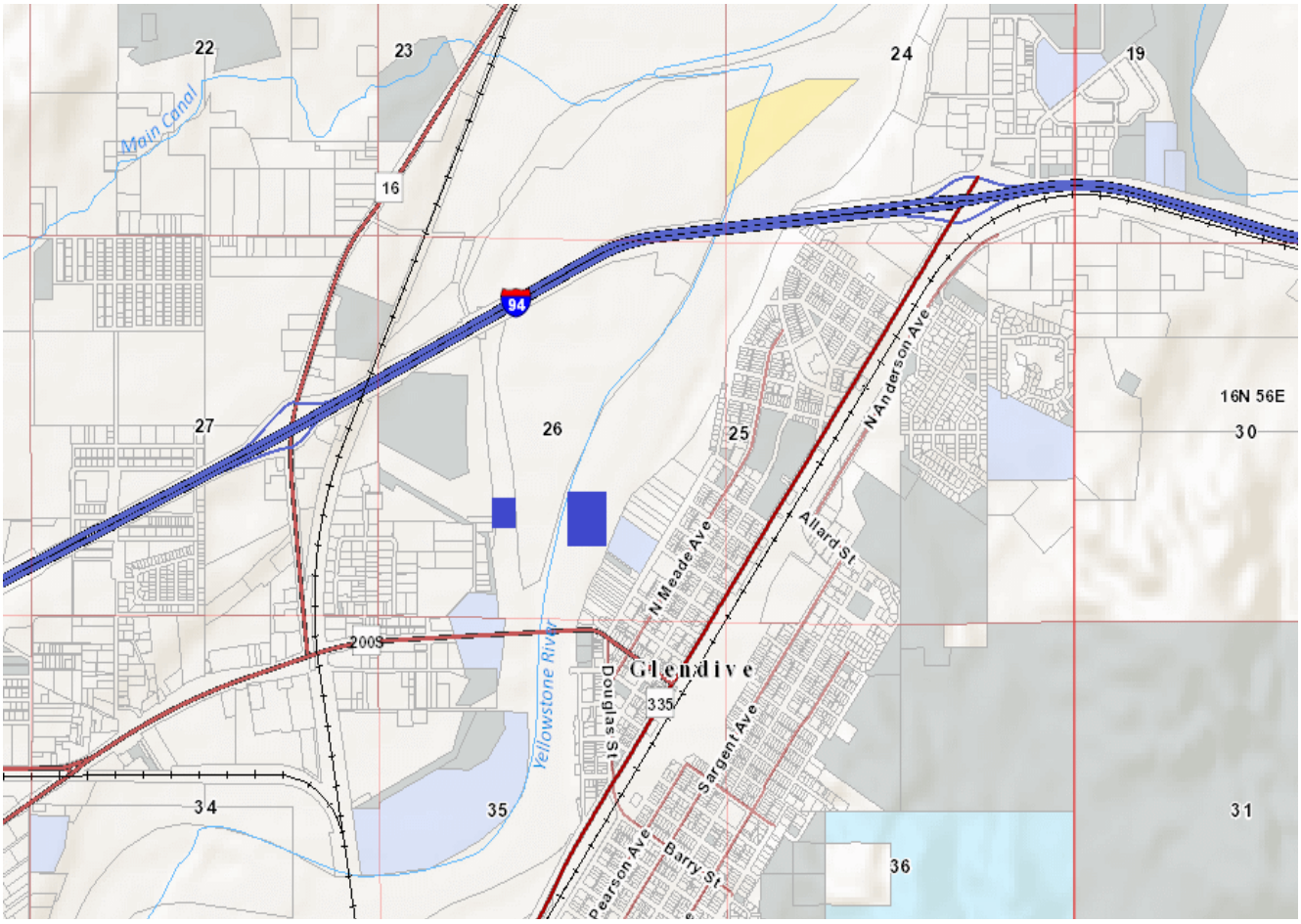

Application #'s 17210 & 17211
Dawson County

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Applicant:	Exxon Mobile Pipeline Company 800 Bell Street Houston TX 77002
Application No.:	17212
R/W Purpose:	a buried 12” crude oil pipeline across the Yellowstone River
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Navigable River)
Acreage:	0.32
Compensation:	$6935.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SE4SE4, Sec. 27 & NE4NE4, Sec. 34, Twp. 1N, Rge. 26E, Yellowstone County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land

Item Summary

Exxon Mobile Pipeline Company has made application for the installation of a 12” crude oil pipeline underneath the Yellowstone River. The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and increase commercial viability. The new pipeline will be installed approximately 50 feet below the river using horizontal directional drill (HDD). There is an existing pipeline in the bed of the river between the HDD tie-ins that will be cleaned of all crude, filled with nitrogen and capped. The capped line will be monitored for exposure using the same protocols employed for active pipelines. The existing pipeline is part of a 5-pipeline “bundle” that was installed in the early 1990s under easements approved by the Land Board to Exxon, Conoco, Cenex, Yellowstone Pipeline Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities. The bundle of active pipelines is tied together with cables and timber with approximately a one-foot space between each pipeline. For this reason, it is not feasible to remove the single pipe owned by Exxon. The DNRC has facilitated meetings in the past with all pipeline owners within this bundle and there appears to be agreement amongst the parties to replace their respective pipelines with new HDD pipes in the near future.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this 30-year term easement for a 12” crude oil pipeline across the Yellowstone River.

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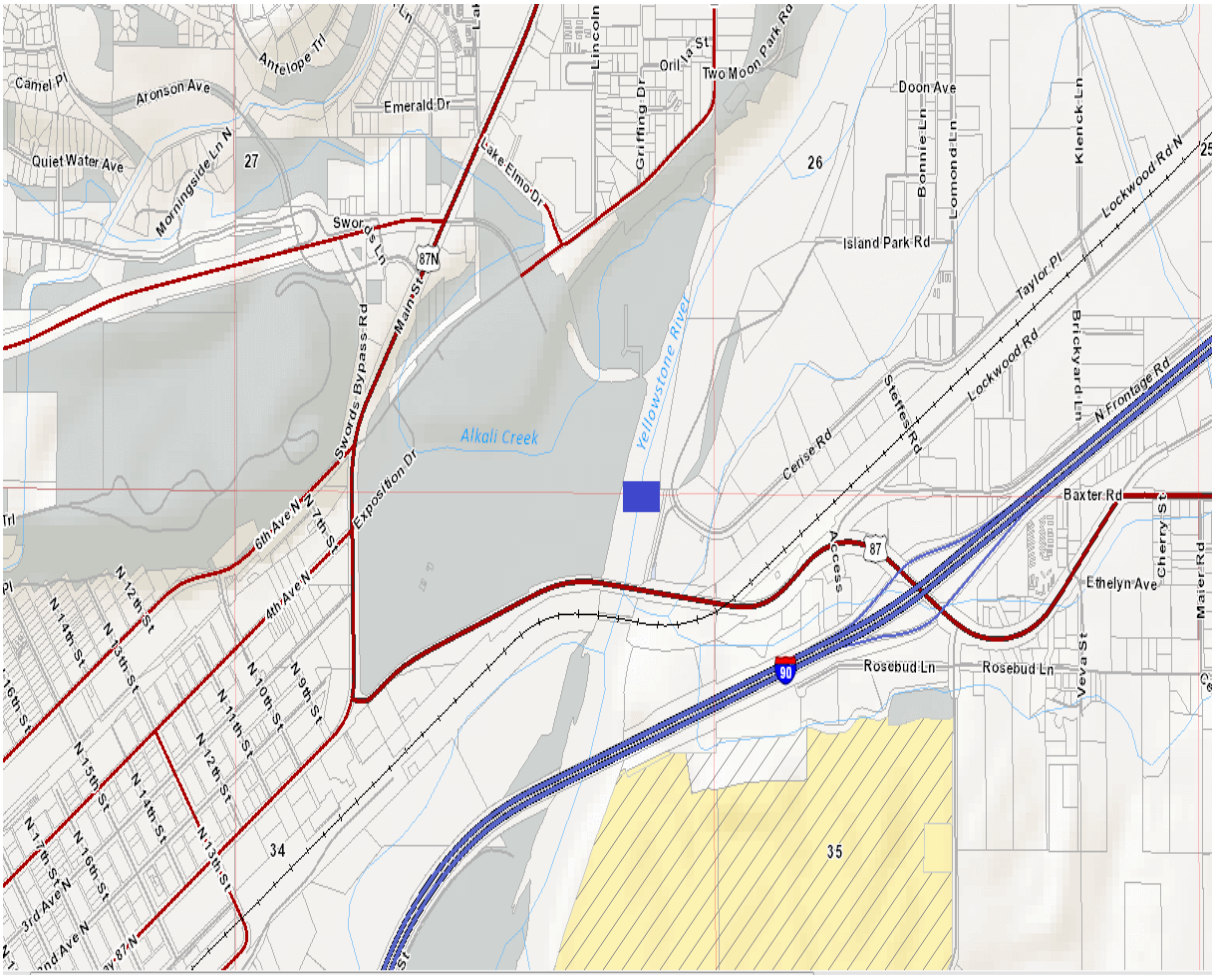

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Exxon

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17233
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.61
Compensation:	$610.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SW4SW4, Sec. 23, Twp. 11S, Rge. 8W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has made application for a buried telecommunications project which covers multiple state trust land sections. The purpose of this project is to provide "Fiber to the Home" facilities capable of providing telephone, high-speed data, and broadband services. Currently the Lima exchange and surrounding areas are serviced by old, antiquated copper cables that are currently at 100% capacity, preventing them from being able to fulfill service requests. The new cable will be installed through the use of plowing, trenching and boring where appropriate, and the use of a vibratory plow drawn by a crawler tractor. The proposed route is within sage grouse connectivity, general and core habitats. Pursuant to *Sage Grouse Executive Order No. 12-2015*, special stipulations will be placed in the easement document to address mitigation measures, such as restrictions related to construction time periods. This project, identified as Project No. 1454965933717, has been approved by the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this buried telecommunications cable.

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17234
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.86
Compensation:	$1860.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through W2NW4, NW4SW4, Sec. 26, Twp. 11S, Rge. 8W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17235
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.56
Compensation:	$2560.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through W2W2, Sec. 23, Twp. 12S, Rge. 8W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17236
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	0.24
Compensation:	$240.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2SE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 12S, Rge. 9W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17237
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	0.58
Compensation:	$580.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SE4SW4, Sec. 18, Twp. 13S, Rge. 2W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17238
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.95
Compensation:	$950.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2SE4, Sec. 24, Twp. 13S, Rge. 3W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17239
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.45
Compensation:	$2450.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2S2, Sec. 14, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17240
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.07
Compensation:	$1070.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2SE4, Sec. 15, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17241
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	1.8
Compensation:	$1800.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2NE4, Sec. 21, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17242
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.76
Compensation:	$1760.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NE4NW4, NW4NE4, S2NW4, Sec. 22, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17243
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.18
Compensation:	$2180.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2NW4, E2NE4, Sec. 24, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17244
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.21
Compensation:	$1210.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through E2SE4, Sec. 25, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17245
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.49
Compensation:	$2490.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through E2E2, Sec. 36, Twp. 13S, Rge. 5W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17246
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	2.59
Compensation:	$2590.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2S2, NW4SW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 13S, Rge. 7W, Beaverhead County
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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17247
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	1.46
Compensation:	$1460.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2NW4, NW4SW4, Sec. 15, Twp. 13S, Rge. 9W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Pine Hills

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17248
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	3.89
Compensation:	$3890.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through S2SW4, SW4SE4, N2SE4, NW4SW4, SW4NW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 13S, Rge. 9W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17249
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	0.22
Compensation:	$220.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 21, Twp. 13S, Rge. 9W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17250
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	needed
Acreage:	0.76
Compensation:	$760.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4SE4, Sec. 30, Twp. 13S, Rge. 9W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17251
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.57
Compensation:	$570.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 14S, Rge. 6W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17252
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.35
Compensation:	$2350.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NE4NW4, N2NE4, Sec. 20, Twp. 14S, Rge. 7W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17253
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.77
Compensation:	$770.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2NE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 14S, Rge. 7W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17254
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.93
Compensation:	$930.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through N2NE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 14S, Rge. 8W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	3 Rivers Telephone Coop. Inc. PO Box 429 Fairfield MT 59436
Application No.:	17255
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.86
Compensation:	$1860.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SW4NE4, W2SE4, Sec. 30, Twp. 14S, Rge. 8W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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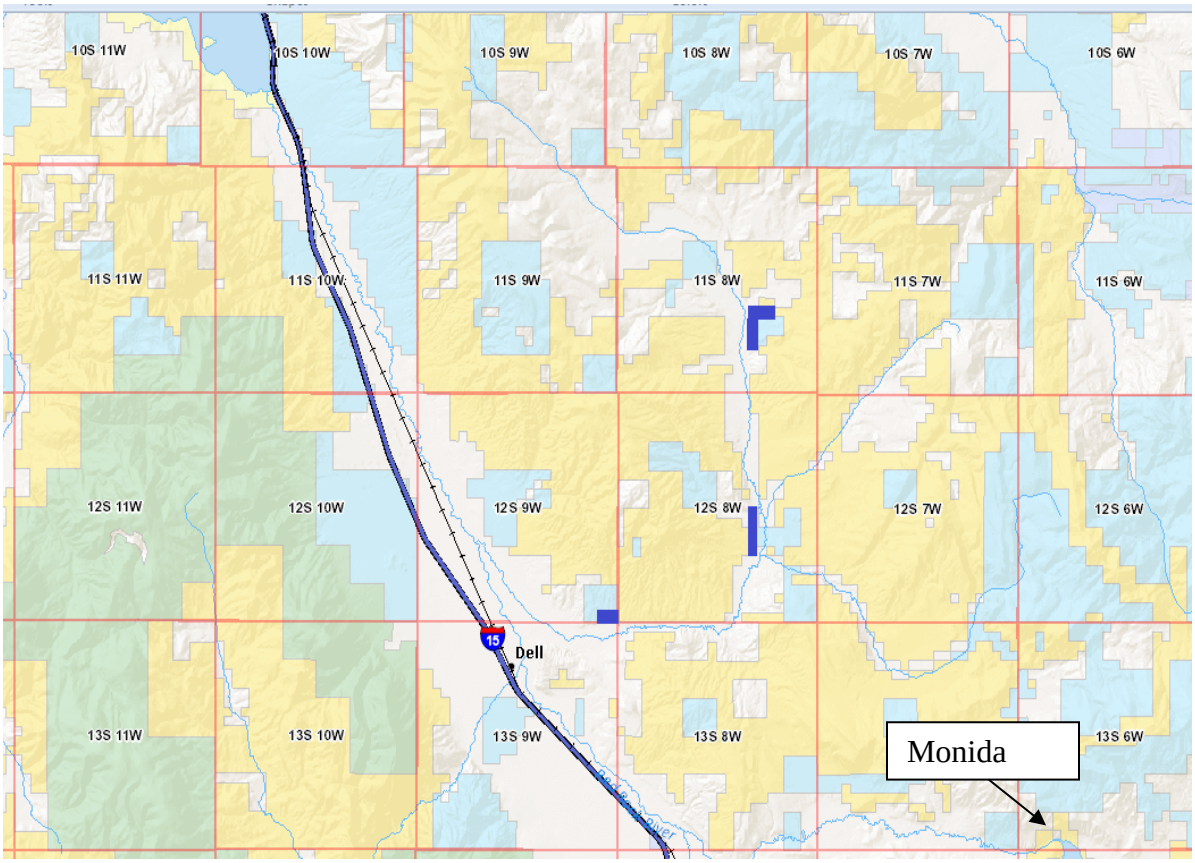

Application #'s 17233-17236
3 Rivers

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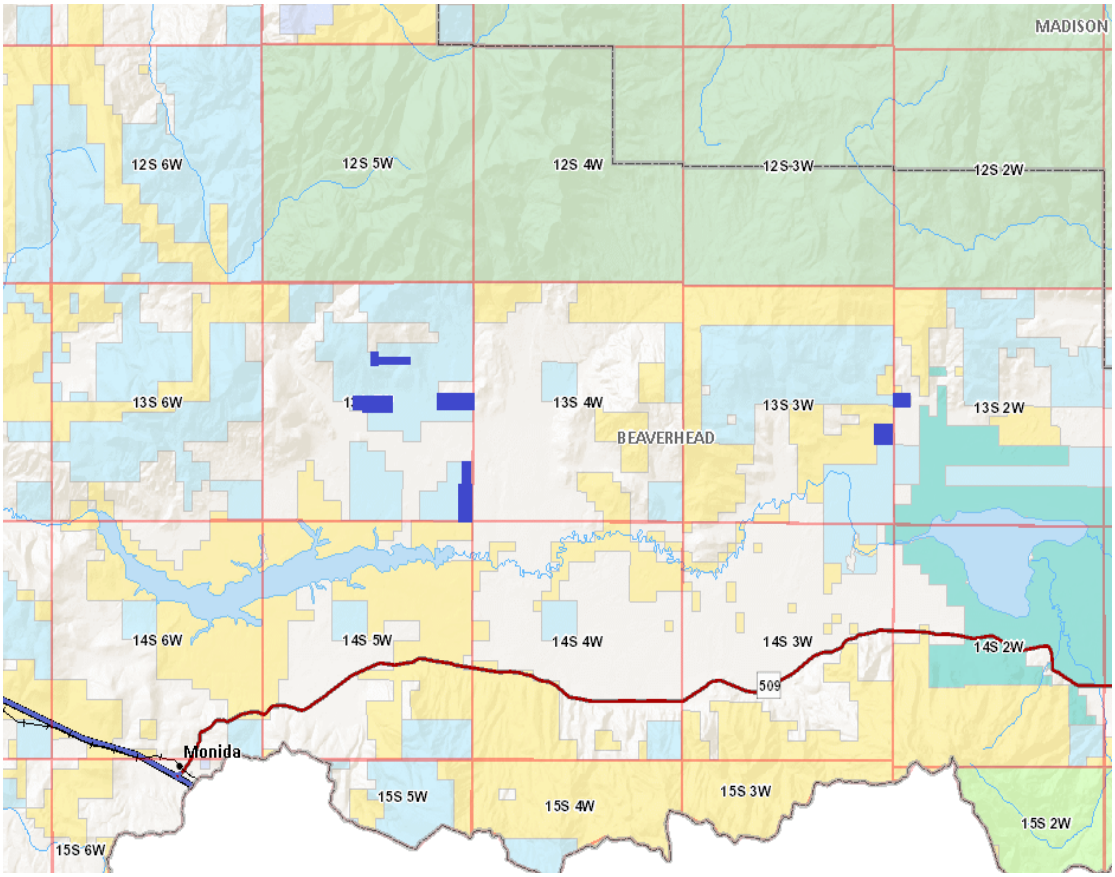

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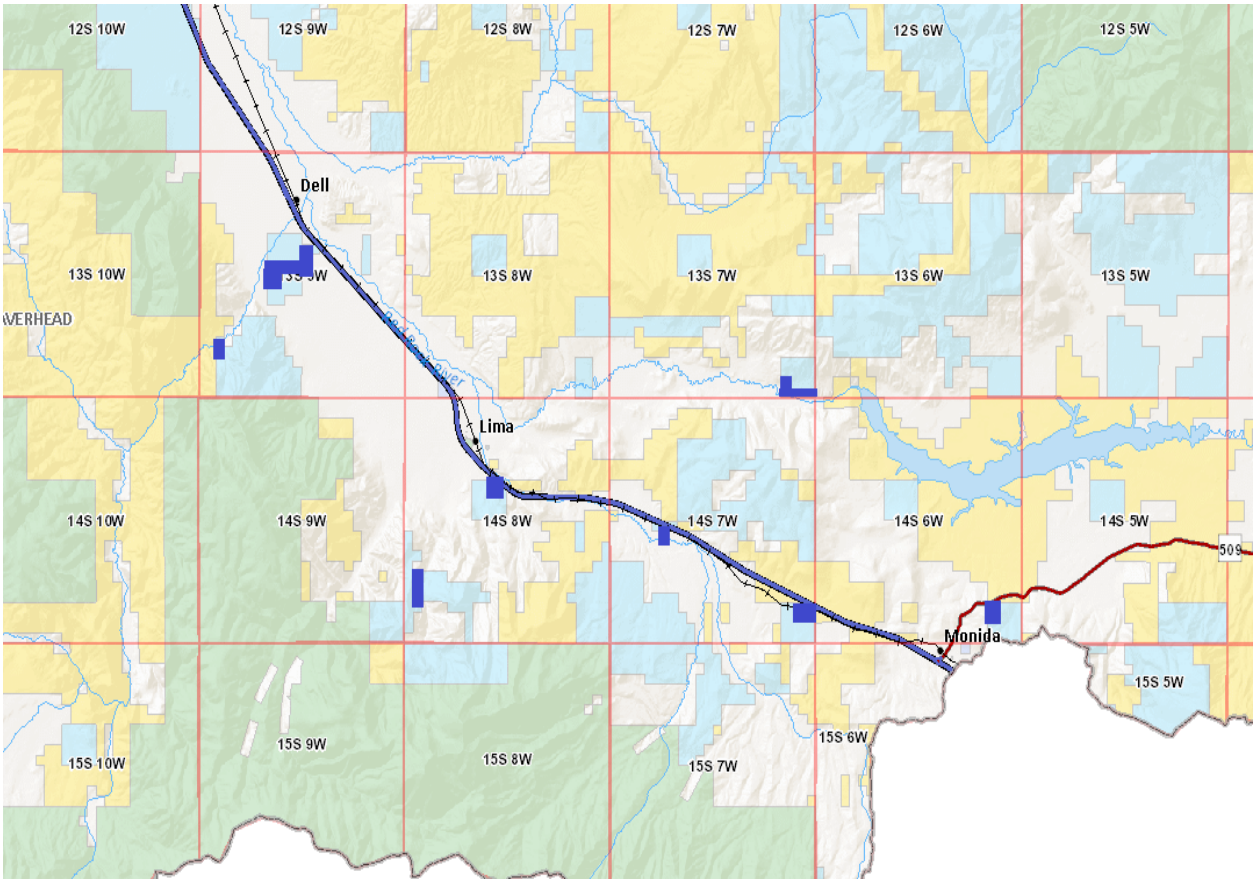

Application #'s 17246-17255
3 Rivers

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17256
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.9
Compensation:	$900.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SW4NW4, NW4SW4, Sec. 15, Twp. 1S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Buildings

Item Summary

Southern Montana Telephone Company has made application for the installation of a new buried telecommunications cable to upgrade their current facilities to the Wisdom Exchange serving area in and around Wisdom, Montana. These improvements will offer state-of-the-art telecommunications toll and distribution facilities, as well as future growth capabilities. This upgrade crosses four sections of state trust land and two separate crossings of the Big Hole River. The proposed route is within sage grouse general habitat area. Pursuant to *Sage Grouse Executive Order No. 12-2015*, special stipulations will be placed in the easement document to address mitigation measures, such as restrictions related to construction time periods. This project, identified as Project No. 1454347514716, has been approved by the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this buried telecommunications cable.

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Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17257
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.06
Compensation:	$1060.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through E2NE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 1S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17258
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.45
Compensation:	$1450.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through SW4SW4, N2SW4, Sec. 35, Twp. 1S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17259
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.48
Compensation:	$480.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through Government Lot 4, Sec. 2, Twp. 2S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

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Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17260
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable across the Big Hole River
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Navigable River)
Acreage:	0.12
Compensation:	$100.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 35, Twp. 1S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land

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Applicant:	Southern Montana Telephone Company PO Box 205 Wisdom MT 59761
Application No.:	17261
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable across the Big Hole River
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Navigable River)
Acreage:	0.01
Compensation:	$100.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NE4NE4, Sec. 34, Twp. 1S, Rge. 15W, Beaverhead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land

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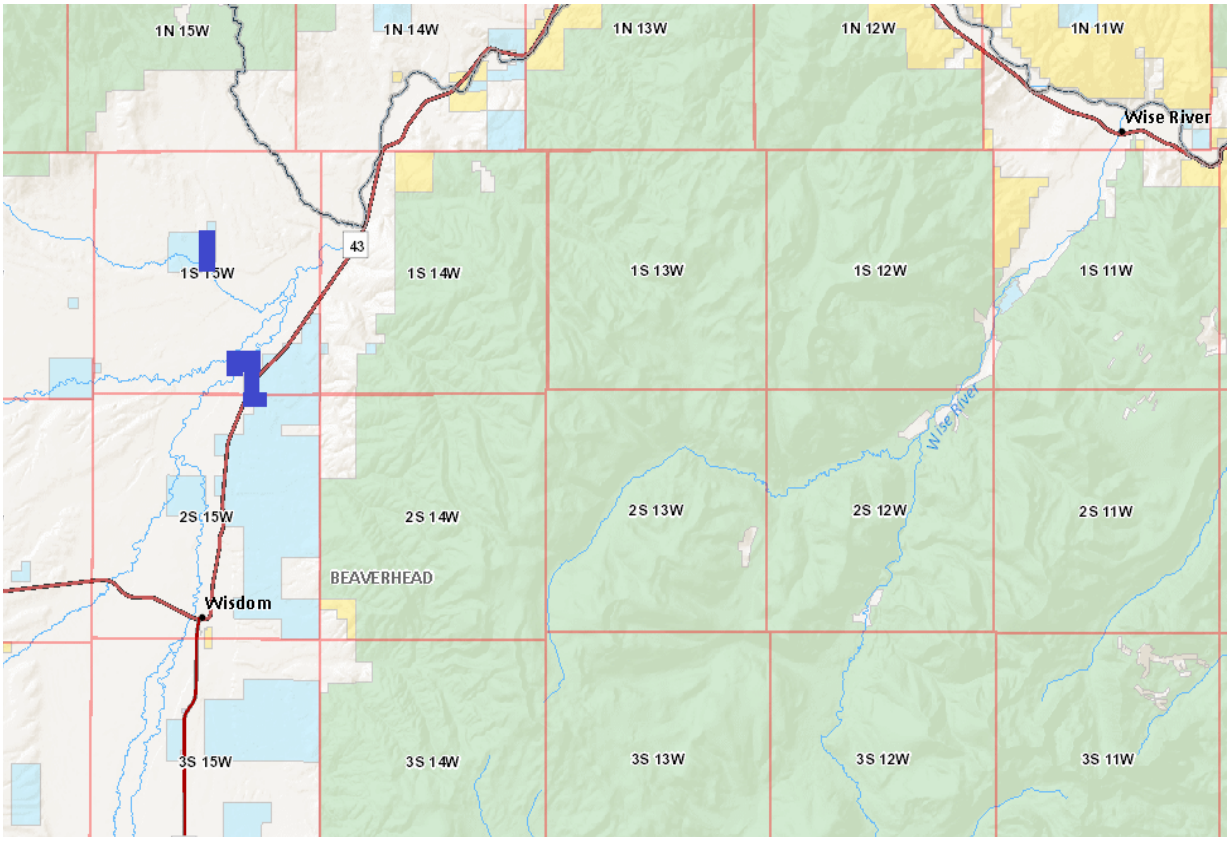

Application #'s 17256-17261
Southern Montana Telephone

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Northwestern Energy 11 East Park Street Butte MT 59701
Application No.:	17264
R/W Purpose:	a buried 7.2kV power distribution line
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.033
Compensation:	$100.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NW4SW4, Sec. 29 & NE4SE4, Sec. 30, Twp. 3S, Rge. 6W, Madison County
Trust Beneficiary:	Eastern College (MSU)/Western (UM)

Item Summary

Northwestern Energy has made application for a new electric distribution service per request of the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The proposed new line will be attached to an existing power pole to provide service to a radio repeater. All impacts and ground disturbances will be kept to a minimum at this location.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this buried distribution line.

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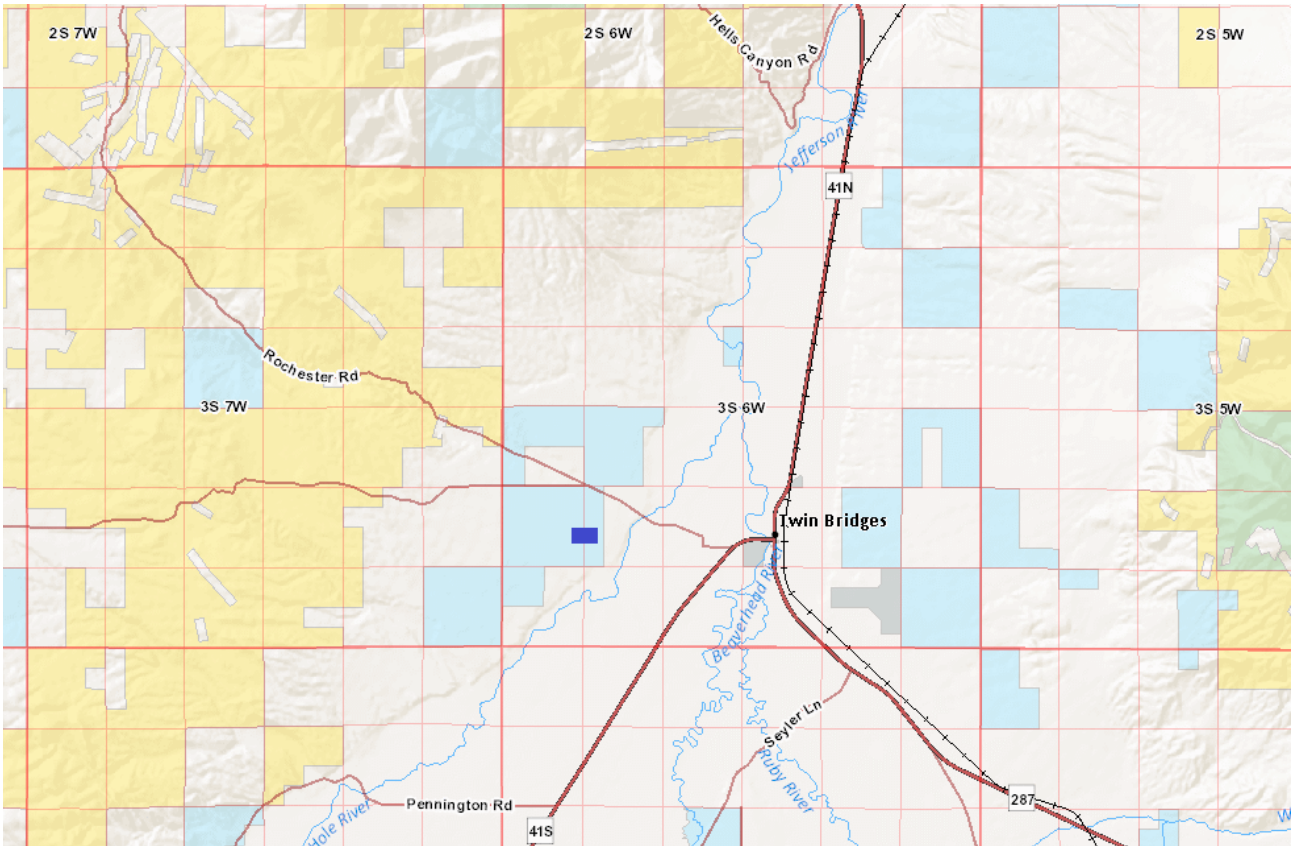

Application # 17264
NWE

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~
	~~P O Drawer 2360~~
	~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4457A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.08~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$17,658.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through W2W2, Sec. 36, Twp. 2N, Rge. 57E, Carter County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

~~Item Summary~~

~~Butte Pipeline Company (Butte) has submitted new easement applications to amend four existing easements granted by the Land Board in 1956. Under a Plan of Development submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Butte is proposing to install a second active pipeline within the existing easement corridors on state land. During the winter of 2013, Butte abandoned in place the existing 1956 pipeline and installed a replacement pipeline within the corridor. In 2014, Butte was planning on constructing a new pipeline, known as Thunderbird Phase 2 & 3 parallel to the existing corridor on state land, and submitted applications for four new easements to the DNRC for review. Due to several factors the applications did not progress forward. In the Plan of Development, Butte is requesting amendment of the existing 1956 easement corridor to allow for the second pipeline that was proposed in Thunderbird 2 & 3. As Butte had decommissioned the 1956 pipeline, the proposed amendment request is to allow for two active pipelines (proposed new install and replacement installation from 2013) and one inert pipeline (abandoned 1956 pipeline). As the existing 1956 corridor was previously disturbed, the installation of the new pipeline within it will create less ground disturbance. Three of these four existing corridors are within core sage grouse habitat. Stipulations regarding prohibition of ground-disturbing activities between March 15 to July 15 would be inserted in new easement documents. Further, Butte has agreed to provide mitigation in the form of providing restoration of sagebrush densities where applicable.~~

~~DNRC Recommendation~~

~~The Director recommends approval of the amendment requests.~~

Withdrawn

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~~APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION~~

~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~
	~~P O Drawer 2360~~
	~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4458A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~3.38~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$0.00 (See Explanation Below)~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through Gov. Lots 5 & 6, SE4NW4, Sec. 6, Twp. 2N, Rge. 58E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

~~Item Summary~~

~~Butte Pipeline Company (Butte) submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, a plan of development to utilize an existing corridor across six parcels of state land for multiple pipelines. The original pipeline and corridor was established in 1956 through the grant of easements by the Land Board. In 2012 Butte received approval from the Land Board to construct a second pipeline known as Thunderbird Phase I in a new easement corridor parallel to the existing 1956 pipeline corridor. The pipeline associated with Thunderbird Phase 1 was not constructed due to pending action by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). During the winter of 2013, Butte abandoned in place the existing 1956 pipeline and installed a replacement pipeline within the corridor. Under the plan of development, Butte is requesting that the 2012 Thunderbird Phase I easement corridor be relocated to overlay the 1956 corridor. As part of this plan, Butte is requesting the Land Board amend the existing 1956 easements to allow for co-location of two active pipelines (proposed new install from 2012 easement authority and replacement installation from 2013) and one inert pipeline (abandoned 1956 pipeline). This proposal will eliminate a second easement corridor encumbrance across all six sections of state land. Additionally, because the existing 1956 corridor was previously disturbed, the installation of the new pipeline within it will create less ground disturbance. As Butte compensated the trust for the 2012 Thunderbird easement that will be placed within the existing 1956 corridor, no additional compensation is due. Two of these six existing corridors are within general sage grouse habitat. Stipulations regarding season of use involving ground-disturbing activities would be inserted in new easement documents. Butte has agreed to provide mitigation in the form of providing restoration of sagebrush densities where applicable.~~

~~DNRC Recommendation~~

~~The Director recommends approval of the amended easement requests.~~

Withdrawn

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~ ~~P O Drawer 2360~~ ~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4459A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~2.17~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$0.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through Gov. Lot 3, NE4SW4, Sec. 4, Twp. 4N, Rge. 58E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant: Butte Pipeline Company~~
~~P O Drawer 2360~~
~~Casper WY 82602~~

~~Application No.: 4460A~~
~~R/W Purpose: two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement: ok~~
~~Acreage: 3.68~~
~~Compensation: $0.00~~
~~Legal Description: 50-foot strip through NW4SW4, W2NW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 4N, Rge. 58E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~ ~~P O Drawer 2360~~ ~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4461A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~3.23~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$0.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through W2SE4, NE4SE4, Sec. 20, Twp. 4N, Rge. 58E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~ ~~P O Drawer 2360~~ ~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4462A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.1~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$0.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through W2W2, Sec. 36, Twp. 5N, Rge. 57E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~
	~~P O Drawer 2360~~
	~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4463A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.18~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$0.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through E2SW4, NW4SE4, SE4NW4, W2NE4,~~
	~~Sec. 16, Twp.7N, Rge. 58E, Fallon County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~ ~~P O Drawer 2360~~ ~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4469A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.28~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$18,248.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through E2W2, W2NE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 1S, Rge. 57E, Carter County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~ ~~P O Drawer 2360~~ ~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4470A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.07~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$17,623.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through W2W2, Sec. 36, Twp. 6S, Rge. 57E, Carter County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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~~Applicant:~~	~~Butte Pipeline Company~~
	~~P O Drawer 2360~~
	~~Casper WY 82602~~
~~Application No.:~~	~~4471A~~
~~R/W Purpose:~~	~~two active 16" crude oil pipelines and one inert 16" pipeline~~
~~Lessee Agreement:~~	~~ok~~
~~Acreage:~~	~~6.09~~
~~Compensation:~~	~~$17,672.00~~
~~Legal Description:~~	~~50-foot strip through E2E2, Sec. 16, Twp. 9S, Rge. 57E, Carter County~~
~~Trust Beneficiary:~~	~~Common Schools~~

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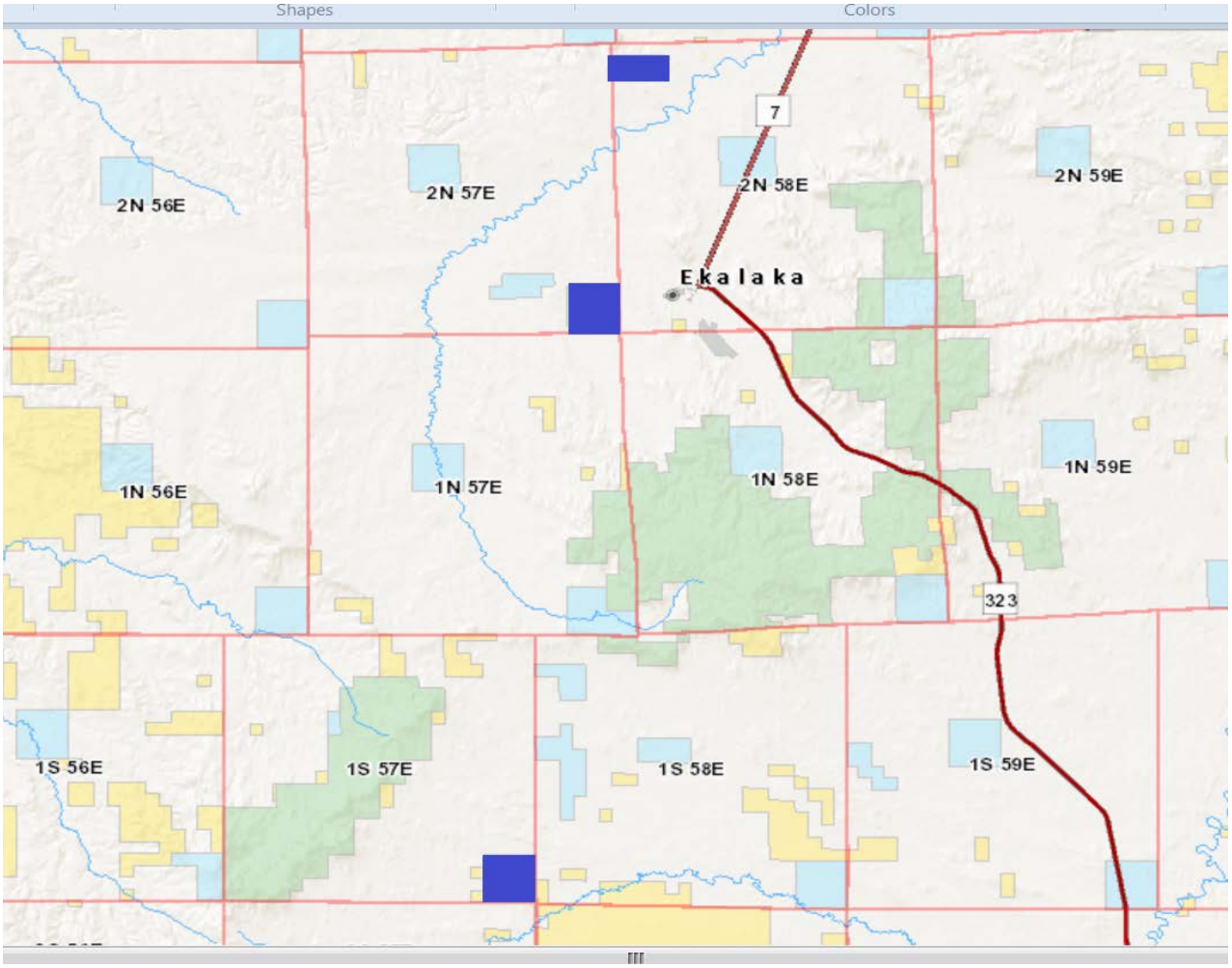

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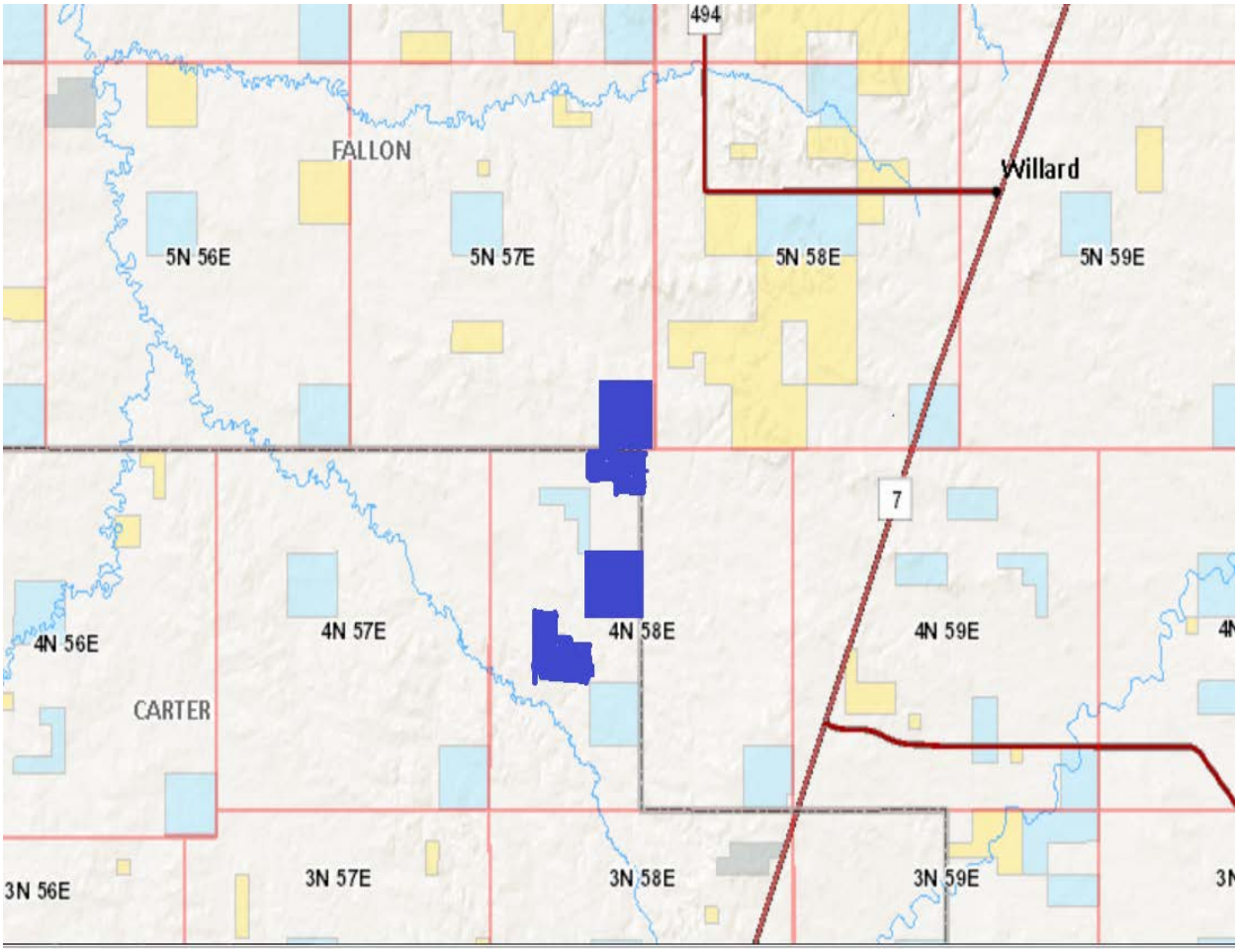

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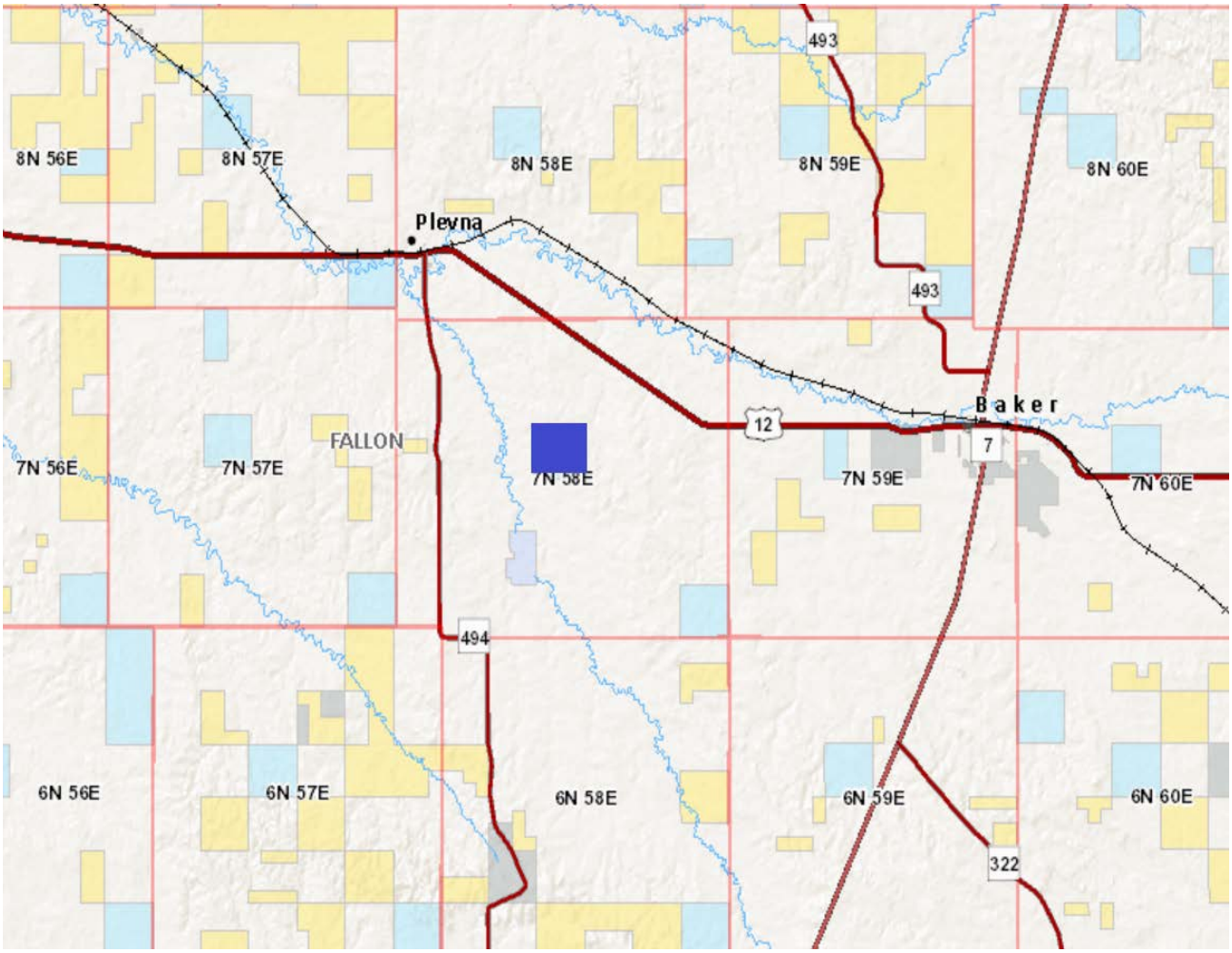

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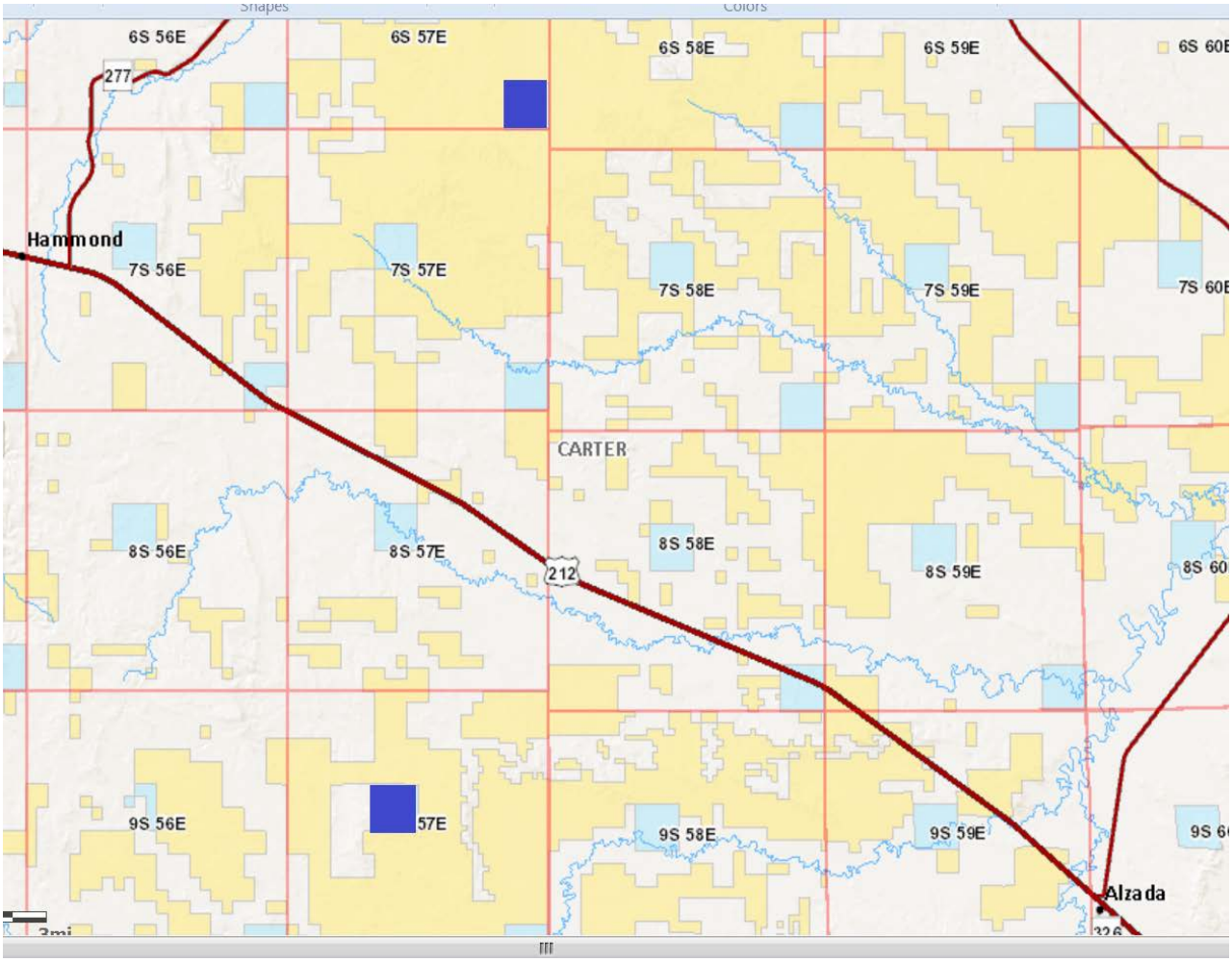

Right of Way Application Nos. 4470A & 4471A

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Forest Insect and Disease Update

416-3 **Forest Insect and Disease Update**

Location: N/A

Trust Benefits: N/A

Trust Revenue: $0

Item Summary

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will present an update to the Land Board.