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Public Notice

Moose Wisdom Timber Permit

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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Dillon Field Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcel:

Section 36, T3S R17W

This section is located in the Beaverhead Mountains/West Big Hole.

The primary objective of the proposed project is to improve forest health and stand resilience through the commercial harvest of dead, dying, and diseased timber impacted by insect infestations and overstocked forests. Revenue will be generated for the Common School Trust through competitive bidding by qualified bidders in late summer of 2016 at the Dillon Unit office.

Two operating seasons are planned to complete the work through 2018. Commercial products consisting of sawlogs, post and rails, and firewood would be harvested from 3 harvest units covering 80 acres of state land. Harvest prescriptions will utilize regeneration harvest methods (irregular shaped clear-cuts), while maintaining adequate vegetative cover for wildlife as per DNRC's Habitat Conservation Plan. Estimated harvest volume is approximately 2,000 tons (330 MBF) or about 75-80 log truck loads.

Access has been obtained to this parcel via State highway, existing county road, and low-standard county road right-of-way. Existing older timber harvest and grazing access roads will be used with approximately 0.25 miles of new temporary road planned. All new roads constructed for this project will be physically closed and rehabilitated upon completion. Other activities planned with the proposed action include closure of all new temporary roads, noxious weed mitigation, burning of slash piles, and pre-commercial thinning of young lodgepole pine stands present.

The proposed salvage harvest is in accordance with State Statute 77-5-207. DNRC's intent is to salvage timber before there is a substantial value loss. Additionally, the proposed harvest would contribute to DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

DNRC is in the public scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. DNRC invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by July 29th 2016 to:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Attn: Tim Egan, Unit Manager

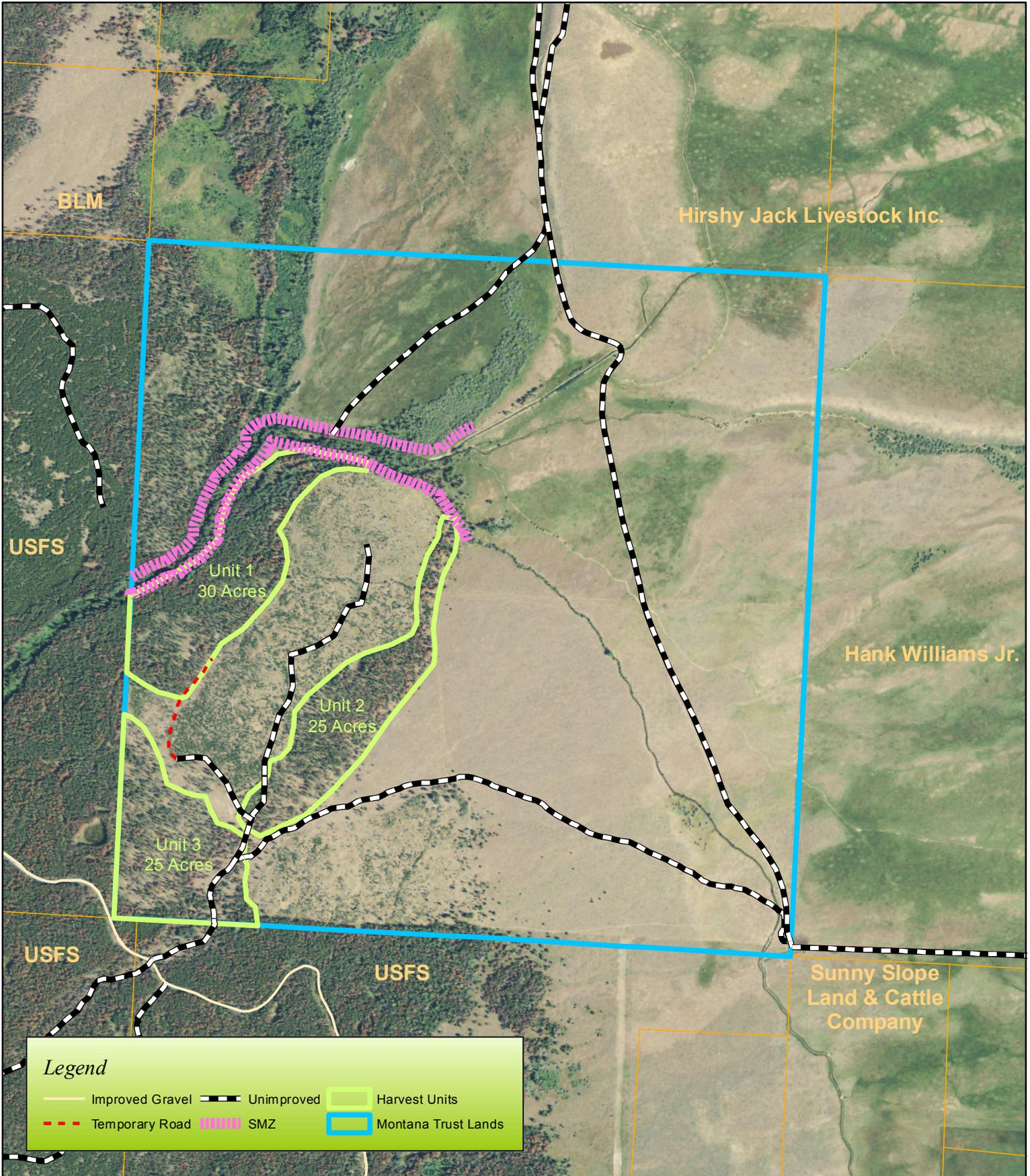
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