

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Round Meadows timber sale is located within sections 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17 of T31N – R23W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 18,253 tons, consisting of sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Wednesday, October 29th at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry 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 **\$11,547.00** 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 first sale invoice 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 **30** 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: GNA Round Meadows			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-751-2267	Forester Rachel Cutler	Kalispell Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** 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 State within 30 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 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 Timber 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 cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. 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 otherwise 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.
8. The State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold 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 State 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 State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
9. The State 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 State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements. Cost estimates provided are not guaranteed.
10. 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.
11. Estimates for sale volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Sale Contract are not guaranteed.
12. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:

1. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Considering Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. The Purchaser is required to **cut, skid and haul Other Material** that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1.
4. Special operating requirements: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in the contract: Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

SLASHING REQUIRED: In units 15, 15A, 15B, 25, 27A, 27B, 27C, 29, 34A, and 41 the following requirements and specifications apply:

- a. The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material taller than 4 feet except large cull trees and snags after harvest operations are complete and approved in each unit. This includes leaners and pushovers.
- b. High quality western larch and Douglas fir may be left with approval from the forest officer.
- c. Stems shall be cut below the lowest live limb and completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side.
- d. Slashed material must be felled directionally so that it remains totally within the harvest unit.

EXCAVATOR PILING REQUIRED: In units 15, 15A, 15B, 25, 27A, 27B, 27C, 29, 34A, and 41 the following requirements and specifications apply:

- e. Piling will be completed with an excavator, Class EX2 (76-100 H.P.) or smaller, equipped with bucket and thumb, clamshell, double rake head or other slash piling implement head approved by the Forest Officer.
- f. Prior to operation, the Purchaser's Supervisor and Forest Officer will visit each harvest unit and agree on piling needs and acreage to be treated.
- g. Operations will be conducted under dry or frozen soil conditions only. The Forest Officer may temporarily suspend operations under unfavorable operating conditions.
- h. 8 - 15 tons/acre of woody debris 3 inches or larger in diameter will be left on site.
- i. All piles will be clean, 6 feet or greater in height, and compacted with piling equipment to a sufficient degree to allow complete burning.
- j. No piles will be constructed within 20 feet of residual trees, or underneath any portion of the crown of a residual tree. If spacing of residual trees makes this impractical, piles will be constructed in the largest openings available.
- k. The operator will avoid damaging residual trees and will avoid displacement of soil during piling operations.

TRAIL REHAB REQUIRED: In units 15, 19, 29, 33, 33A, 34, 34B, 44A, and 44B the purchaser is required to rehab Forest Service cross-country ski trails, and the following requirements and specifications apply:

- l. All slash must be removed from system ski trails (refer to trails map) if the purchaser skids across trails.
- m. Trail crossings are to be limited to the minimum amount necessary.
- n. Skidding down the length of the trail is prohibited unless it is approved by the forest officer.
- o. The running surface of the trail must be smoothed out after harvest.
- p. At the end of each operating season, trails that have been skidded across must be rehabilitated to allow for winter grooming.

HARVEST LAST ON ROAD SYSTEM: Unit 34A is to be harvested last on road 2934. This unit will serve as a dust break for the adjacent private landowner while the other units on this road are being harvested.

TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED: Purchaser is required to construct temporary spur roads for access to Units 29, 29A, 33, 33A, 35, 44A and 44B as shown in Attachment A maps. The roads must be constructed and reclaimed to specifications in Attachment B.

- 5. **Summer harvest only:** The sale is located at the Round Meadows cross-country ski area and will only be harvested during the summer months to allow for recreational use in winter. The operating periods are 4/15/2026-11/30/2026, 4/15/2027-11/30/2027, 4/15/2028-11/30/2028, and 4/15/2029-11/30/2029.
- 6. The Forest Officer will be notified at least 10 days ahead of operations beginning in the sale area. This will allow time for the Forest Service recreation team to place signage and close trails.
- 7. Access is off Star Meadows Road on the north side and there are two gates. One gate is located at the Round Meadows ski trail parking lot. The second gate is 2.7 miles down Star Meadows Road from the intersection of Farm to market. The Gate combination is 2267.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Round Meadows												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF	5125.7	73726.0	10584.2	497004.0	94272.7	4546.7		11882.8			6392.5	703,535 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	512.4	1977.2	246.7	29217.4	3872.0	62.6		586.5			477.6	36,952 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	159	2058	241	12930	2371	123		252			119	18,253 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	16	465	157	1077	226	2		39			9	1,991 tons
Gross MBF	15	300	46	1920	384	19		47			26	2,756 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	0.0	9.3	21.8	7.0	11.1	10.0		23.4			6.9	8.4%
Net MBF	15	272	36	1785	341	17		36			24	2,525 MBF
Average logs per MBF	58.6	26.5	29.2	34.3	28.5	23.6		37.5			28.7	32.6 logs/MBF
Average DBH	8.2	10.9	11.3	9.0	9.8	12.0		9.3			8.2	9.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												36 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.9 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												133
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			2,236 and 2,815 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									11.5%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	18,253 estimated tons / 2,525 Net MBF											7.23 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	10/1/2030	
Operating Period:	4/15/2026-11/30/2026, 4/15/2027-11/30/2027, 4/15/2028-11/30/2028, 4/15/2029-11/30/2029	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	63%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$8,848
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.48/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$3.50/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,542

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Yarding distance skyline (average)	N/A
Yarding distance other system (specify)	N/A
Estimated haul distance (paved)	26.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	N/A
Forest Improvement fee per ton	N/A
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	N/A
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	N/A
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	N/A
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	N/A
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.14/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	N/A
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	N/A
Miles of road construction	0.6 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.6 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	3.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
15	66.27	3389	469	11/30/2029
17	13.64	522	72	11/30/2029
19	37.53	739	102	11/30/2029
24	20.95	423	59	11/30/2029
25	14.03	381	53	11/30/2029
26	6.44	87	12	11/30/2029
29	25.25	1471	204	11/30/2029
33	53.64	2226	308	11/30/2029
34	53.38	1524	211	11/30/2029
35	44.53	808	112	11/30/2029
41	6.68	423	59	11/30/2029
29A	26.16	527	73	11/30/2029
34B	16.19	398	55	11/30/2029
34A	4.29	123	17	11/30/2029
27A	1.56	88	12	11/30/2029
27B	2.56	82	11	11/30/2029
27C	0.66	21	3	11/30/2029
44C	1.42	61	8	11/30/2029
44A	27.44	649	90	11/30/2029
44B	40.15	2382	330	11/30/2029
33A	34.04	1271	176	11/30/2029
15B	3.49	120	17	11/30/2029
15A	10.46	536	74	11/30/2029
	511 Ac.	18253	2,525 MBF	



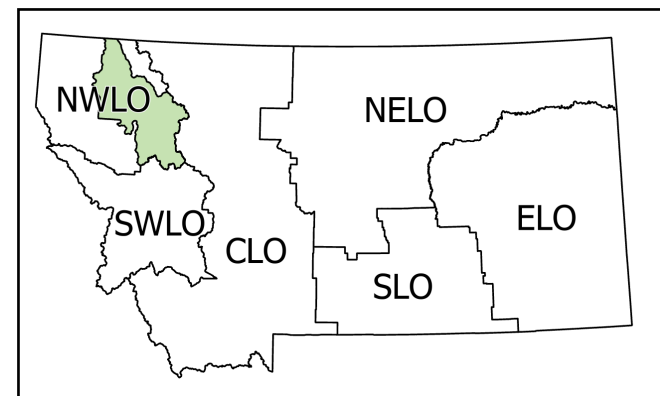
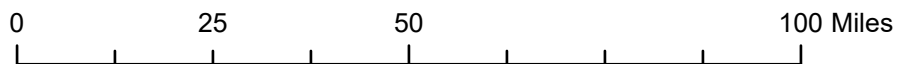
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Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map



Sale is located approximately 10 miles west of Whitefish, MT along the Star Meadows Road. It is contained within Township 31N, Range 23W in sections 4,8,9,10,15,16 & 17.

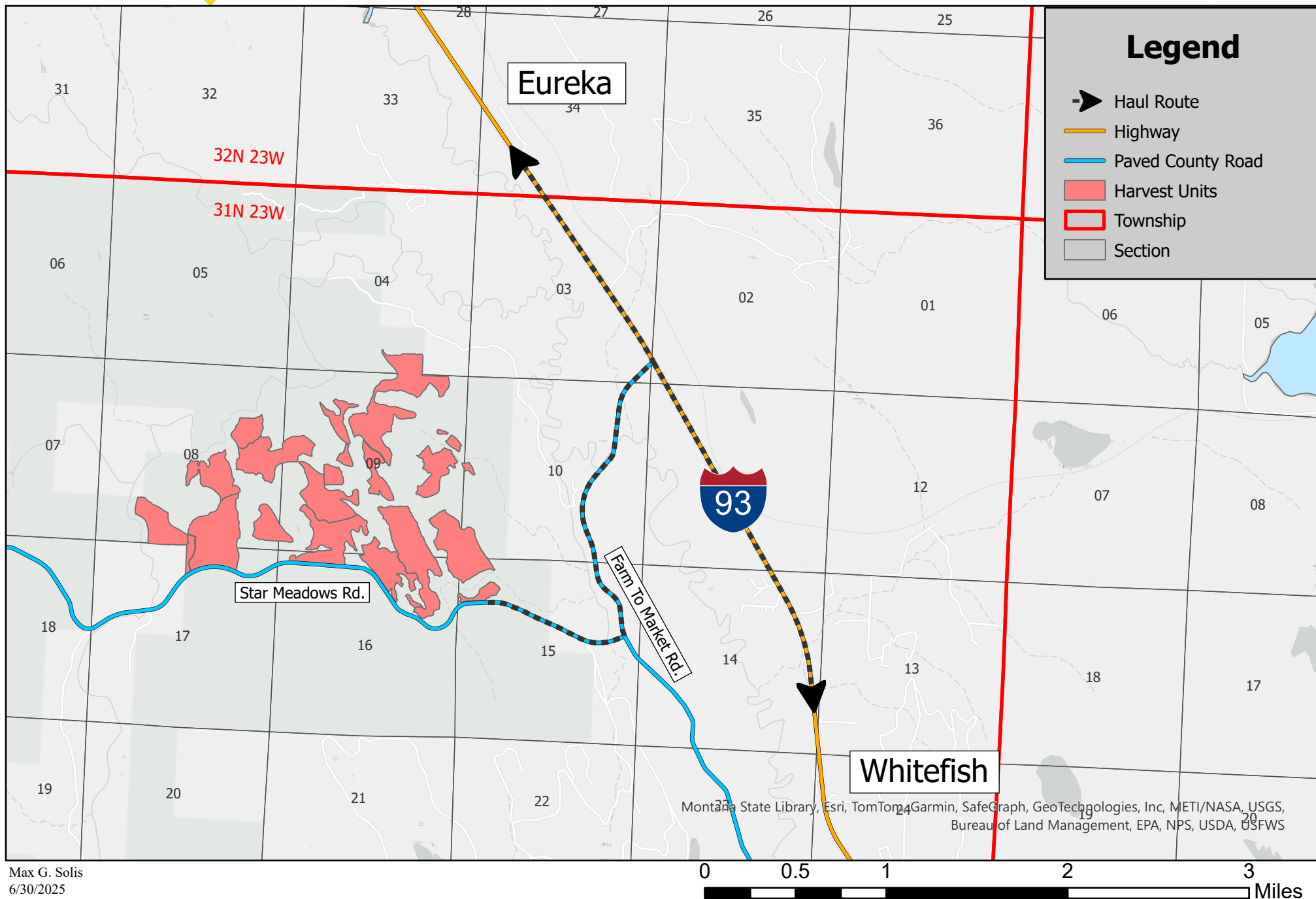
- NWLO
- Major Roads
- County Lines
- Water Bodies
- Flathead National Forest
- Towns





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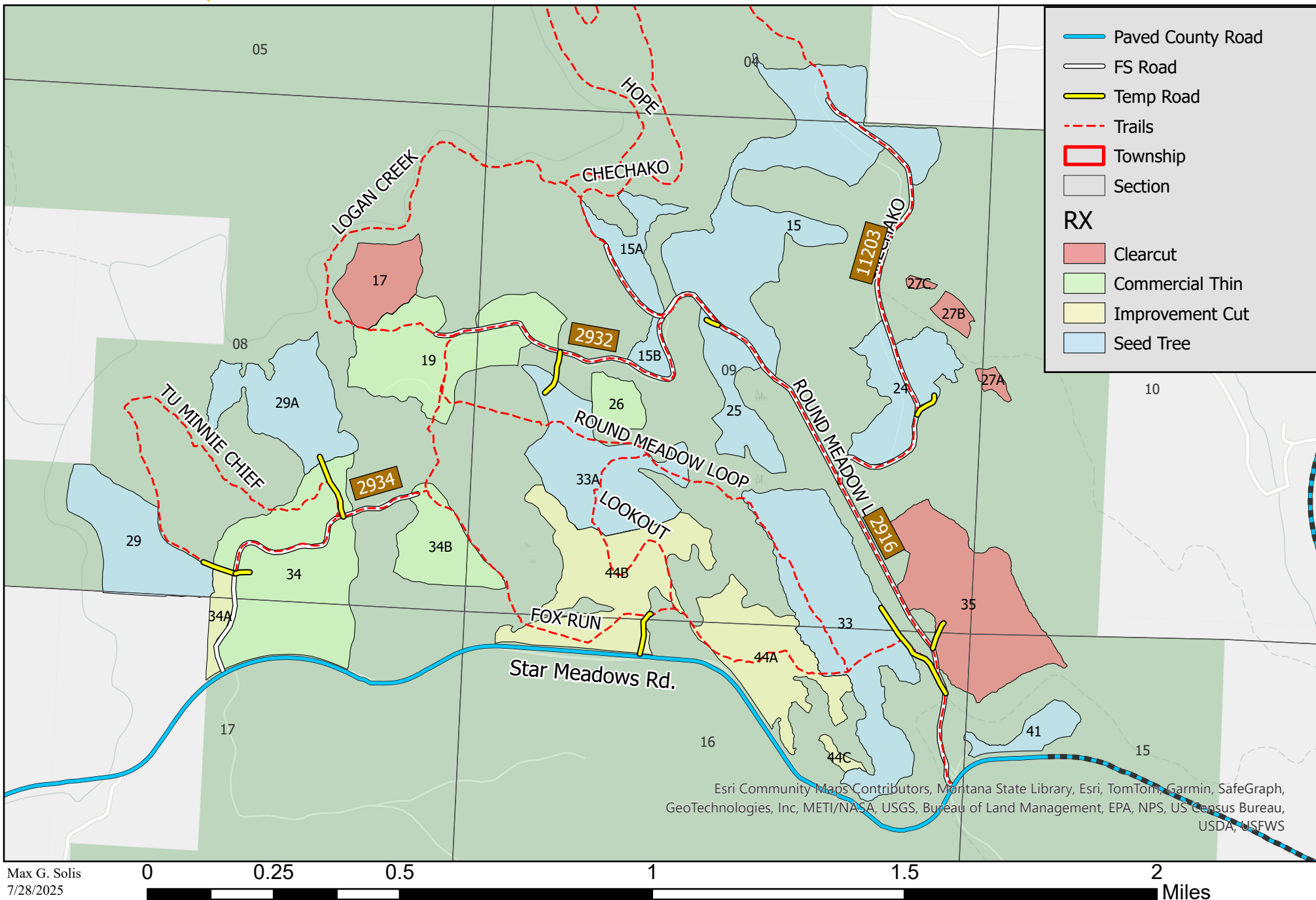
Attachment A-2: Haul Map





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Attachment A-3: Sale Map





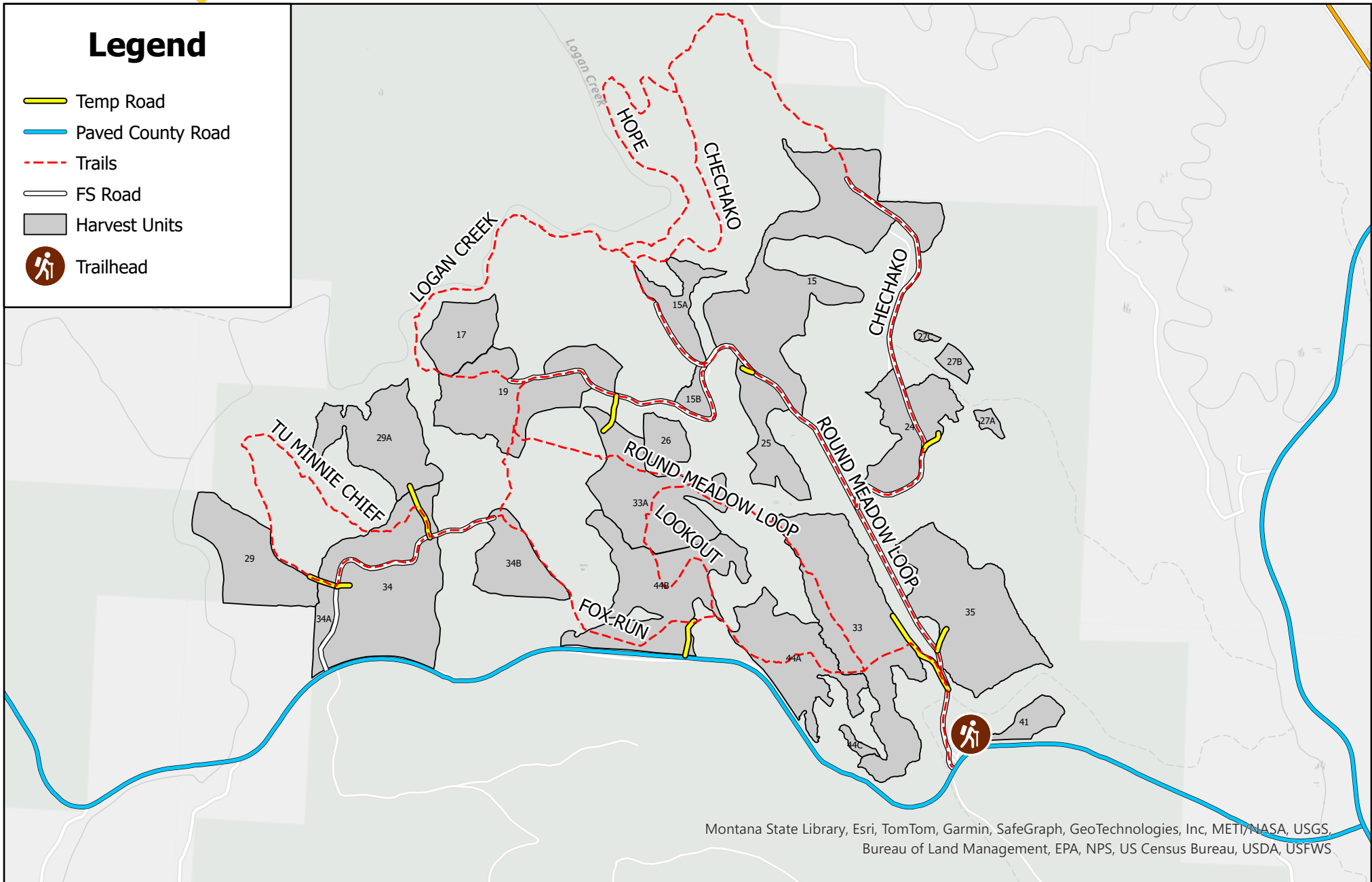
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Attachment A-4: Trail Map



Legend

- Temp Road
- Paved County Road
- Trails
- FS Road
- Harvest Units
- Trailhead



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