

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **Blacktail Again Timber Sale** is located within Sections 11, 14, 15, 22, 23 & 24 of T12S-R6 on the State's Dillon Unit. Approximately 14,094 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 21, 2024 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 **\$5,072.00**, 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300) or the Dillon Unit Office (406-683-6305).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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| Timber Sale Name: Blacktail Again Timber Sale | | | |
| For specific sale information, contact: Riley Stevenson | | | |
| Phone | 406-925-7073 | Unit Office: Dillon | |
| For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: | | | |
| Phone | 406-542-4300 | Forest Management Bureau | DNRC Missoula Office |
| Phone | 406- | Land Office | |

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 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 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. At rates specified in the Contract, the purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement Fees** on all sawlog volume. All applicable **Road Use and/or Maintenance fees** will also be paid by the Purchaser in addition to stumpage payments.
8. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Bidders are encouraged to examine the complete Timber Sale Package and Sale Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
12. Estimates for sale volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Sale Contract are not guaranteed.
13. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.

Additional Sale Information:**Special Operating Requirements**

1. **PURCHASER CUT TREE SELECTION:** The purchaser will be responsible for cut tree selection in each harvest Unit as specified in Attachment G, Designation by Description .

If the Purchaser fails to meet the cutting specifications, cutting operations will be suspended and the Forest Officer will require leave trees to be marked by the Purchaser, and the marking to be approved by the Forest Officer prior to harvest.
2. **RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to conifer regeneration. If damage is excessive as determined by the Forest Officer, operations may be suspended until suitable arrangements are made to reduce damage. This stipulation does not apply to mature trees in the intermediate and suppressed canopy.
3. **SLASH REDUCTION:** In the event slash accumulations within the harvest unit exceeds DNRC recommended maximum fuel loading specifications (during harvest or upon completion), Purchaser may be required to spot pile, lop, trample or yard excessive material to landing piles. Woody debris (slash) consists of dead and green material that has occurred naturally or from harvest operations. Fuel loading determination is based on slash size class, weight (tons per acre), and slope that will result in a maximum flame length of 4' with ignition. All areas determined to exceed desired fuel loads greater than 2 acres may be designated for treatment. The Montana DNRC Photo Series Handbook for Appraising Timber Slash in Montana will be used to evaluate slash hazard conditions for this sale activity. Portions of units within 100 feet of property boundaries, public access roads, railroads and powerline corridors must meet the 4-foot flame length standard. The 4-foot fame length standard is defined as 90% of the area logging slash being reduced to a level at which a fire starting under conditions similar to a "Standard Day" (87 degrees, 17% RH, 12 mph wind speed) would burn with a flame length of 4 feet or less as calculated by the BEHAVE model.
4. **CONSTRUCTED SKID TRAIL RECLAMATION:** All constructed skid trails will be reclaimed after use. This includes installing drainage features and reshaping to near natural contours. Use of an excavator is required.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

| Blacktail Again | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | \$7.20 |
| Pounds per cubic foot | | 61.7 | | 56.0 | 57.0 | | | | | | 40.0 | |
| Estimated tons of sawlogs | | 13389 | | 69 | 398 | | | | | | 238 | 14,094 tons |
| Estimated tons of non-sawlog material | | 313 | | 15 | 13 | | | | | | 5 | 347 tons |
| Gross MBF | | 1900 | | 7 | 69 | | | | | | 333 | 2,309 MBF |
| % Cull and Breakage | | 16.5 | | 12.5 | 14.0 | | | | | | 85.6 | 25.6% |
| Net MBF | | 1605 | | 6 | 60 | | | | | | 48 | 1,719 MBF |
| Average logs per MBF | | 29.2 | | 62.2 | 24.9 | | | | | | 26.5 | 29.2 logs/MBF |
| Average DBH | | 11.4 | | 7.1 | 10.6 | | | | | | 12.7 | 11.4 in. |
| Average tons to cut per acre | → | | | | | | | | | | | 47 tons/ac |
| Average MBF to cut per acre | → | | | | | | | | | | | 5.7 MBF/ac |
| Total Average TPA Cut | → | | | | | | | | | | | 152 |
| Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between | 1,292 and 1,678 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises | | | | | | | | | | | 13.0% |
| Tons Per Thousand Board Feet | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet | 14,094 estimated tons / 1,719 Net MBF | | | | | | | | | | | 8.20 tons/MBF |

| Contract Information | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Contract Termination Date: | 10/31/2028 |
| Operating Period: | Year-round as conditions permit |

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| Logging Information | |
|---|------------|
| % of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut | 15% |
| % of volume logged with tractors | 100% |
| % of volume logged by skyline | 00% |
| % of volume logged by other system (specify) | 00% |
| Yarding distance tractor (average) | 900 ft. |
| Yarding distance skyline (average) | 0 ft. |
| Yarding distance other system (specify) | 0 ft. |
| Estimated haul distance (paved) | 93.0 miles |
| Estimated haul distance (unpaved) | 40.0 miles |

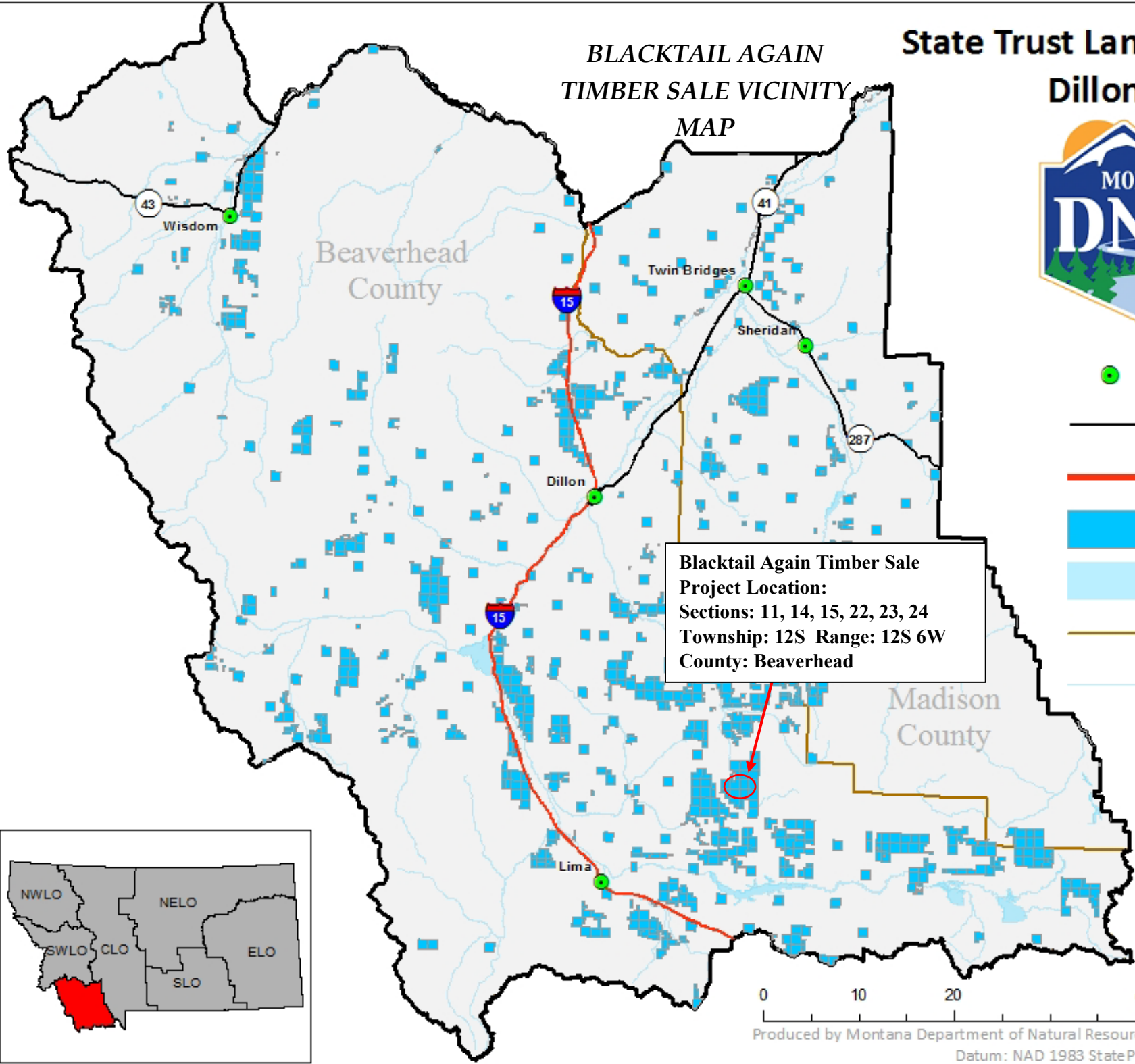
| Purchaser fees and estimated costs | |
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| Forest Improvement fee perMBF | \$8.20/MBF |
| Forest Improvement fee per ton | \$1.00/ton |
| Forest Improvement fee estimated total | \$14,094.00 |
| Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment | \$2,349.00 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$ | \$0 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton | \$0.00/ton |
| Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total | \$0.00 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton | \$0.00/ton |

| Road development and maintenance fees and estimates | |
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| Estimated road development cost total | \$86,424 |
| Estimated road development cost per ton | \$6.13/ton |
| Estimated road development cost perMBF | \$50.29/MBF |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total | \$4,178 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton | \$0.30/ton |
| Private road maintenance charges per ton | \$0.00/ton |
| USFS road maintenance charges per ton | \$0.00/ton |
| Miles of road construction | 3.7 miles |
| Miles of road reconstruction | 0.0 miles |
| Miles of road with site improvements | 0.0 miles |
| Miles of road reclamation or abandonment | 0.4 miles |
| Miles of road maintenance and blading | 6.8 miles |

| Unit harvest volume | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Unit # | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF | Harvest Deadline |
| Cutting Unit 1 | 64.00 | 3862 | 467 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 2 | 34.39 | 1893 | 229 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 3 | 25.59 | 1306 | 158 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 4 | 45.16 | 1631 | 197 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 5 | 25.22 | 1010 | 122 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 6 | 29.99 | 1312 | 159 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 7 | 37.12 | 1275 | 154 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 8 | 15.00 | 601 | 75 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 9 | 71.00 | 1084 | 144 | October 1, 2028 |
| Cutting Unit 10 | 3.00 | 120 | 15 | October 1, 2028 |

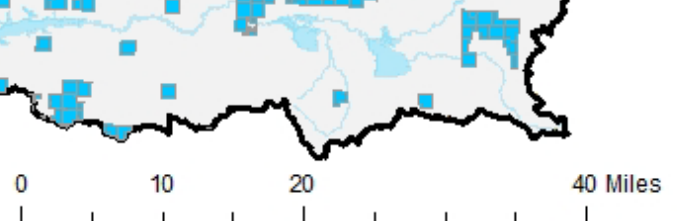
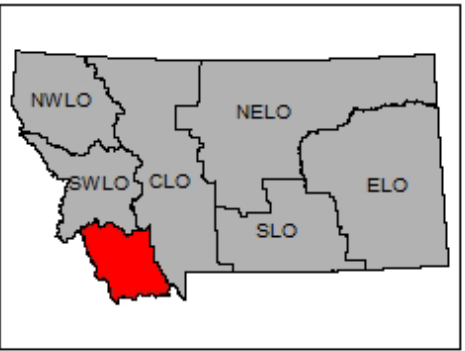
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TIMBER SALE VICINITY
MAP*

**State Trust Land Vicinity Map
Dillon Unit**



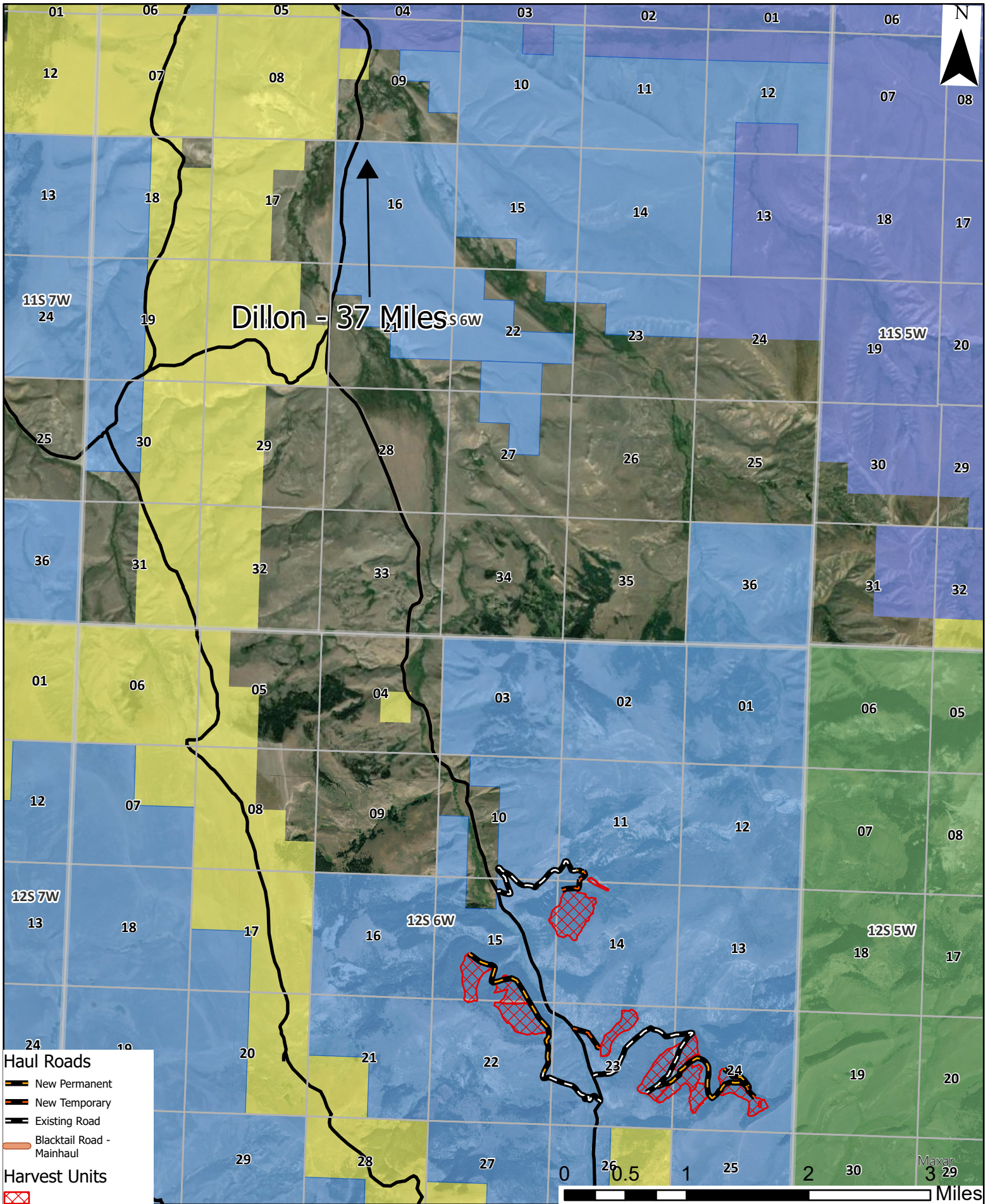
**Blacktail Again Timber Sale
Project Location:**
Sections: 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24
Township: 12S Range: 12S 6W
County: Beaverhead

- Towns
- Major Roads
- Interstate
- State Trust Land
- Water Bodies
- County Lines
- Rivers



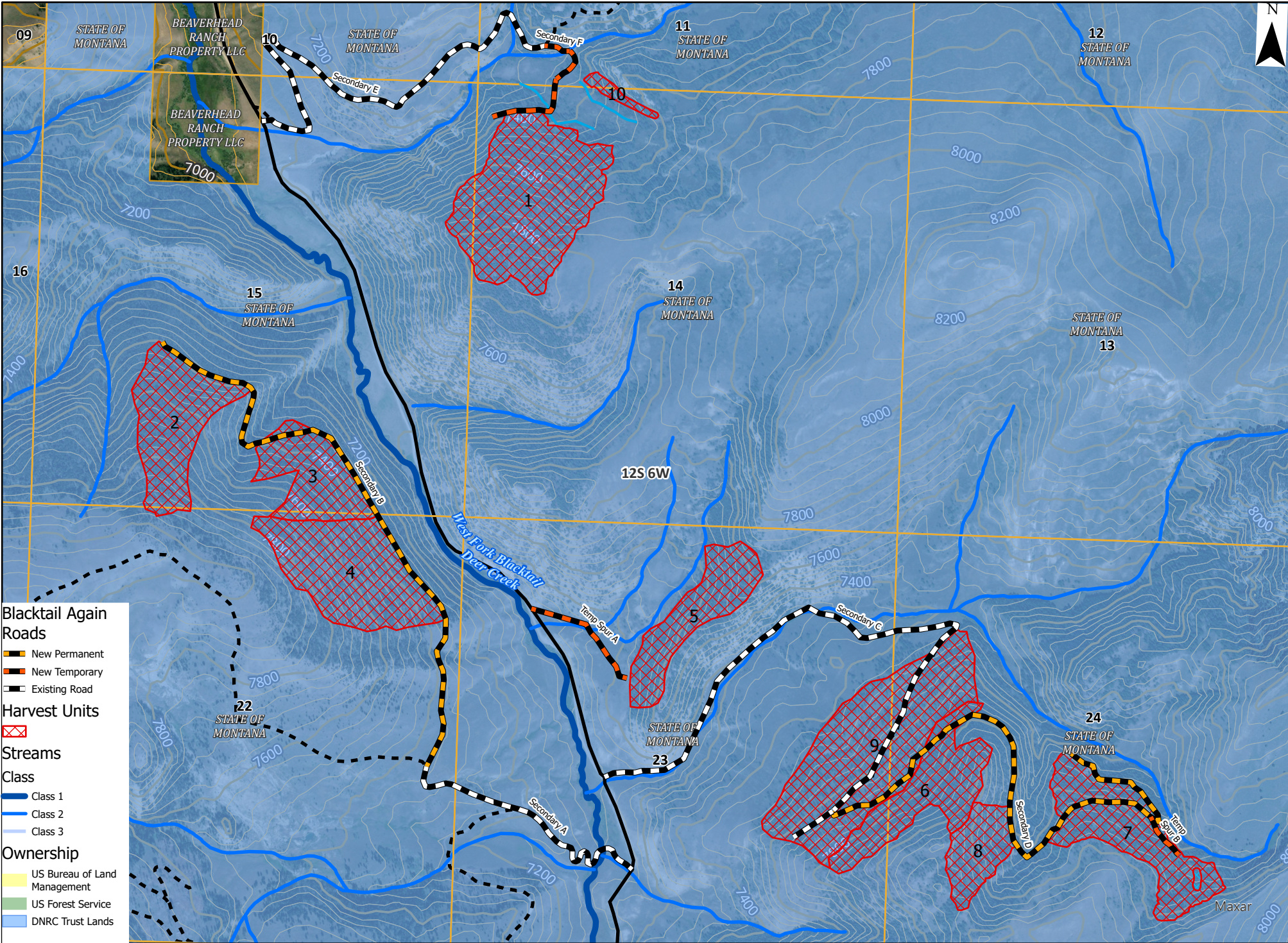
Blacktail Again Timber Sale - Haul Route

Attachment A



Blacktail Again Timber Sale Harvest Map

Attachment A



- Blacktail Again Roads**
- New Permanent
 - New Temporary
 - Existing Road
- Harvest Units**
- Harvest Unit
- Streams**
- Class
- Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
- Ownership**
- US Bureau of Land Management
 - US Forest Service
 - DNRC Trust Lands