

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Little Big Rock Timber Sale is located within Sections 28 & 30, T25N-R26W on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 13,129 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **June 18, 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 \$10,230.00**, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their May 20, 2024, meeting. 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).

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**

<b>Timber Sale Name: Little Big Rock</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Ty Colombo</b>			
Phone	406-826-4723	Plains	Unit Office
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2257	Northwestern	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:**

1. Section 28 is accessed through a gate in Schroder Creek at 32 mile on the ACM. Call Ty Colombo at 826-4723 to check out a key. Section 30 can be accessed off the Big Rock Creek Road and it is an open road.
2. Mandatory non-sawlog removal in Unit 30-3 (14 acres). See unit description in the contract.
3. Section 30 has a goshawk nest located within the sale area. See unit descriptions in contract for timing restrictions.
4. Units 28-2 and 28-3 will need to process logs on an open road. Purchaser will need to minimize wait time for public through hot decking and/or jump ups.

**Timber Sale Information Sheet**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

Little Big Rock												
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												15.58
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		6487	3067	1288	63	1083		1108			35	<b>13,129 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material				580							0	580 tons
Gross MBF		1189	693	212	13	179		205			34	2,526 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		20.7	20.8	13.3	10.0	23.4		18.7			74.4	20.8%
Net MBF		942	549	184	12	137		166			9	2,000 MBF
Average logs per MBF		23.9	18.5	32.6	10.2	39.7		35.2			55.0	25.3 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.4	13.4	9.2	21.0	9.4		9.7			16.5	11.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											52 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											8.0 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											119
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,730 and 2,270 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											13.5%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	13,129 estimated tons / 2,000 Net MBF											6.56 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2027
Operating Period:	Units 30-1, 30-2, 30-3 : May 16th – March 31st, and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2); unless superseded by “ACTIVE NORTHERN GOSHAWK NEST”. If the nest is active the units will have an operational period of August 16th to March 31st. All other units are year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L. 1&2)

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<b>Logging Information</b>	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	12%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	400 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	49.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	17.0 miles

<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.05/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$53,172.45
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$8,862.08
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

<b>Road development and maintenance fees and estimates</b>	
Estimated road development cost total	\$33,812
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.58/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$16.91/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$8,213
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.63/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.7 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.5 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	11.5 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
28-1	18	916	140	12/31/2026
28-2	40	2539	387	12/31/2026
28-3	11	729	111	12/31/2026
28-4	27	1632	249	12/31/2026
30-1	87	4341	661	12/31/2026
30-2	54	2950	449	12/31/2026
30-3	14	23	3	12/31/2026
	251 Ac.	13,129 tons	2,000 MBF	

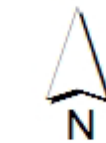
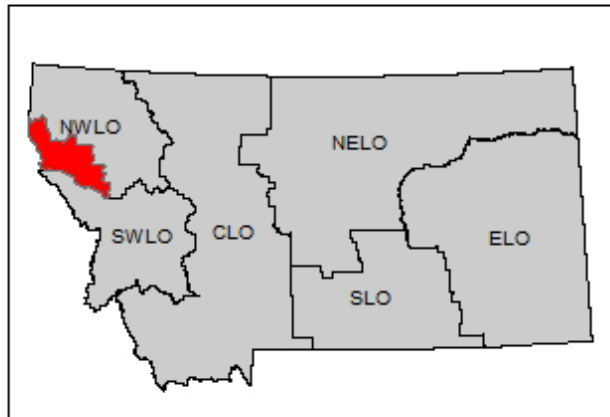
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map Plains Unit

## LITTLE BIG ROCK TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP



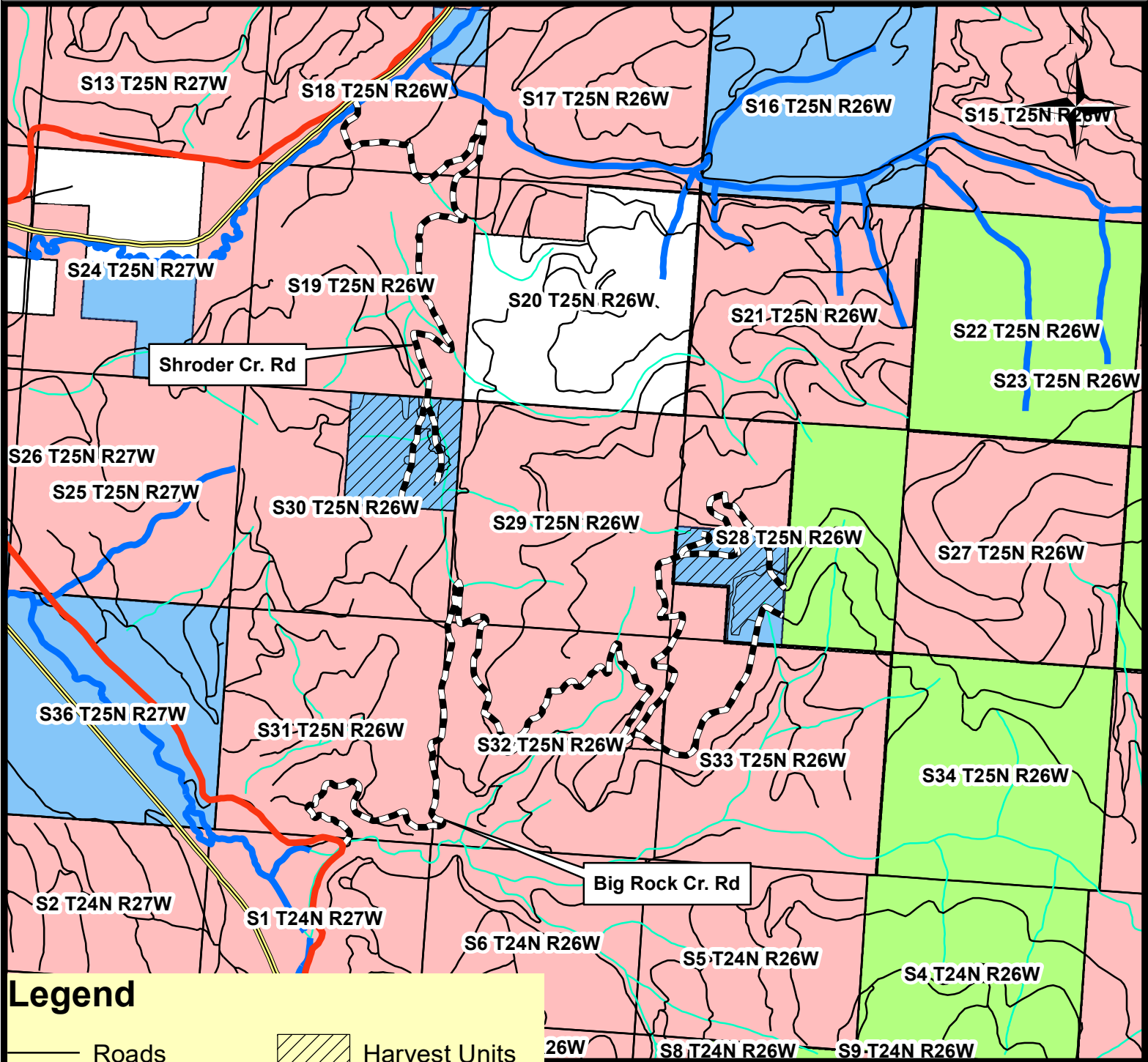
**Project Name:** Little Big Rock  
**Sections:** 28 & 30  
**Township:** 25N  
**Range:** 26W  
**County:** Sanders

- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Lands
- Towns
- Major Roads



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# Attachment A2: Little Big Rock Timber Sale Haul Route Map S28 & S30 T25N R26W



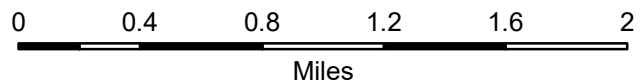
## Legend

- Roads
- ACM Road
- County Road
- Haul Roads
- ▨ Harvest Units
- MT DNRC
- Green Diamond
- USFS

## Haul Route-LBR Ownership

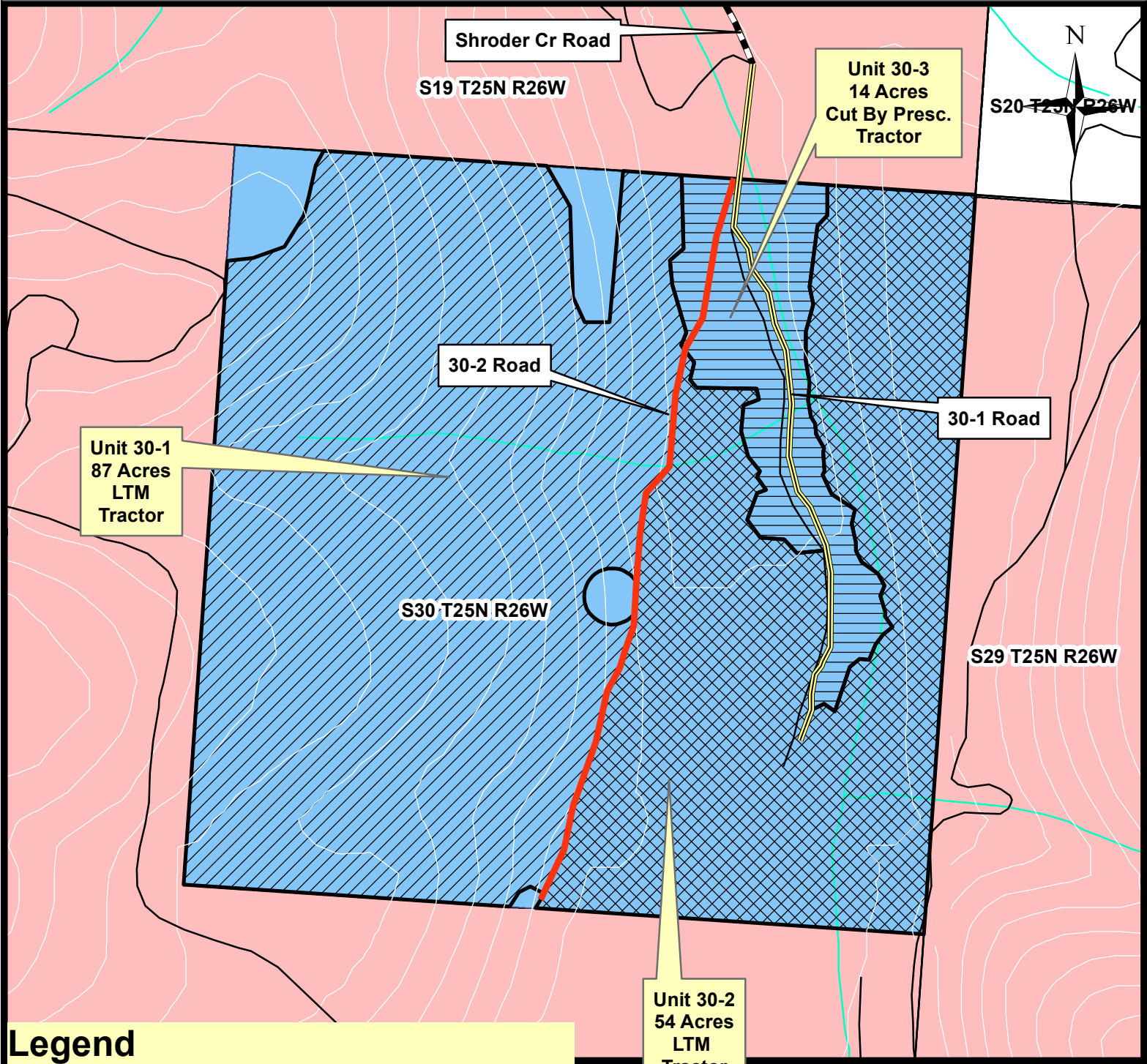
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| Name            | ■ MT DNRC |
| ■ Green Diamond |           |
| ■ USFS          |           |

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# Attachment A3: Little Big Rock Timber Sale Harvest Map S30 T25N R26W



## Legend

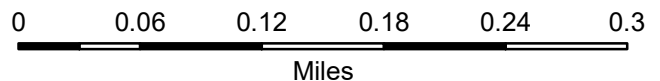
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- Maintenance
- New Construction
- Recondition
- Roads

### Ownership

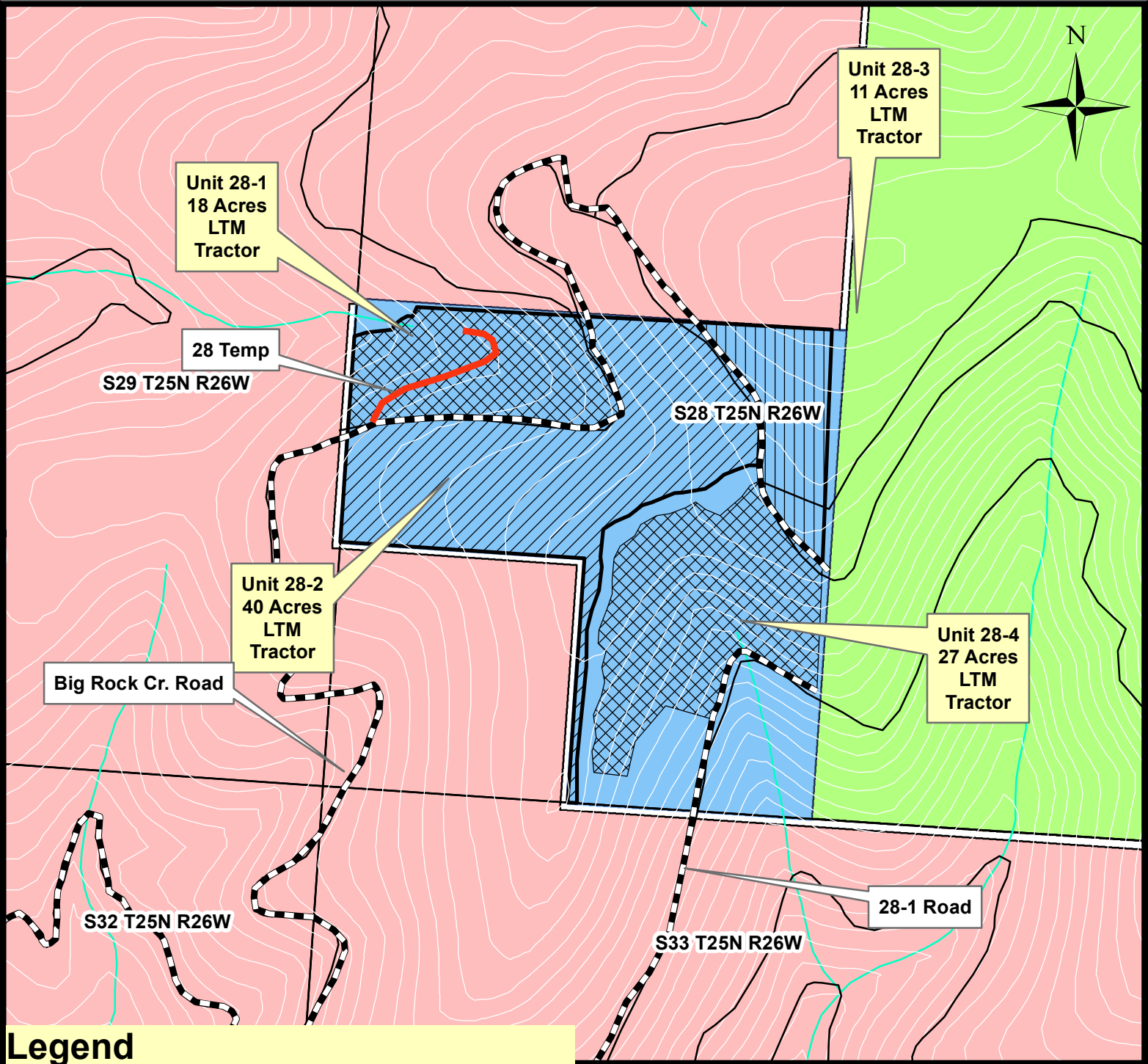
- MT DNRC
- Green Diamond
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# Attachment A4: Little Big Rock Timber Sale Harvest Map S28 T25N R26W



## Legend

### Road Work

- Maintenance
- New Construction
- Reconstruction
- Roads

### Ownership

- MT DNRC
- Green Diamond
- USFS

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