

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Main Soup Timber Sale is located within Sections 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29 of T24N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 8,302 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 **October 15, 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 \$10,323.00**, 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).

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: Main Soup</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-837-8107	Josh Reed	Swan 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	406-751-2240		Northwest 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. The Main Soup Timber Sale consists of five units (204 acres).**

- a. 20-26 (13 Acres, ground-based yarding 36 MBF)
- b. 20-27 (57 Acres, ground-based yarding 364 MBF)
- c. 20-28 (24 Acres, primarily ground-based yarding 172 MBF) On the western portion of the unit, approximately 5 acres of steep-slope harvest may require an alternative method of harvesting (see contract Special Operating Requirement #5).
- d. 28-24 (45 Acres, ground-based yarding 256 MBF)
- e. 28-27 (65 Acres, ground-based yarding 562 MBF)

### **2. The Main Soup Timber Sale Road package includes:**

- a. Approximately 6.5 miles of road maintenance including drain feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.
- b. Approximately 0.5 miles of new temporary road construction will include being built to meet best management practices, intermediate blading, obliteration, grass seeding and weed spraying.

### **3. Access/Directions**

- a. The Main Soup Timber Sale is located in Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, and 29, T24N R17W, northeast of the Swan Unit Office.
- b. To access units 20-26 and 20-28 travel east on Soup Creek Road off Highway 83 at mile marker 64.8. Approximately 0.8 miles east on Soup Creek Rd, turn left on Graves Meadow Road. Approximately 0.5 miles down Graves Meadow Road, go right on Dead Larch Road. Approximately 0.3 miles down Dead Larch Road, unit 20-26 will be on the right side of the road. Continue down Dead Larch Road approximately 1.2 miles and unit 20-28 will be on the right side of the road.
- c. To access units 20-27 and 28-24 drive east on Soup Creek Road off of Highway 83 at mile marker 64.8. Travel east on Soup Creek Road approximately 2.2 miles and unit 20-27 will be on the left side of the road. Continue 0.25 miles east on Soup Creek Rd and unit 28-24 will be on the left and right side of the road.
- d. To access unit 28-27 drive east on Soup Creek Road off of Highway 83 at mile marker 64.8. Travel east on Soup Creek Road approximately 3.5 miles. Unit 28-27 will be on the left and right side of the road.
- e. \*See Attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.

### **4. Harvest Operational Period**

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: November 16, 2024 through March 30, 2025; November 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; November 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027. As weather provides favorable conditions for the work to be completed. When Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply

### **5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period**

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: Award Date through March 30, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; June 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027; June 16, 2027 through September 1, 2027 and when Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.

Main Soup												
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	
Minimum Bid per ton												\$24.87
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0				
Estimated tons of sawlogs	232	1724	3671	265	229	2130		49				<b>8,302 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	9	30	49	7	5	53		1				153 tons
Gross MBF	26	286	853	44	38	488		9				1,745 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	11.4	10.5	15.3	8.5	10.0	37.5		15.0				20.4%
Net MBF	23	256	723	41	34	305		8				1,390 MBF
Average logs per MBF	44.4	20.4	12.6	25.3	26.4	34.2		29.8				20.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	9.9	11.9	13.7	10.7	11.0	11.4		11.0				12.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												41 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												77
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,115 and 1,665 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											19.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	8,302 estimated tons / 1,390 Net MBF											5.97 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	September 30, 2027	
Operating Period:	November 16, 2024 through March 30, 2025; November 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; November 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	12%
% of volume logged with tractors	95%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (steep slope downhill)	05%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	300 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	50.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.6 miles

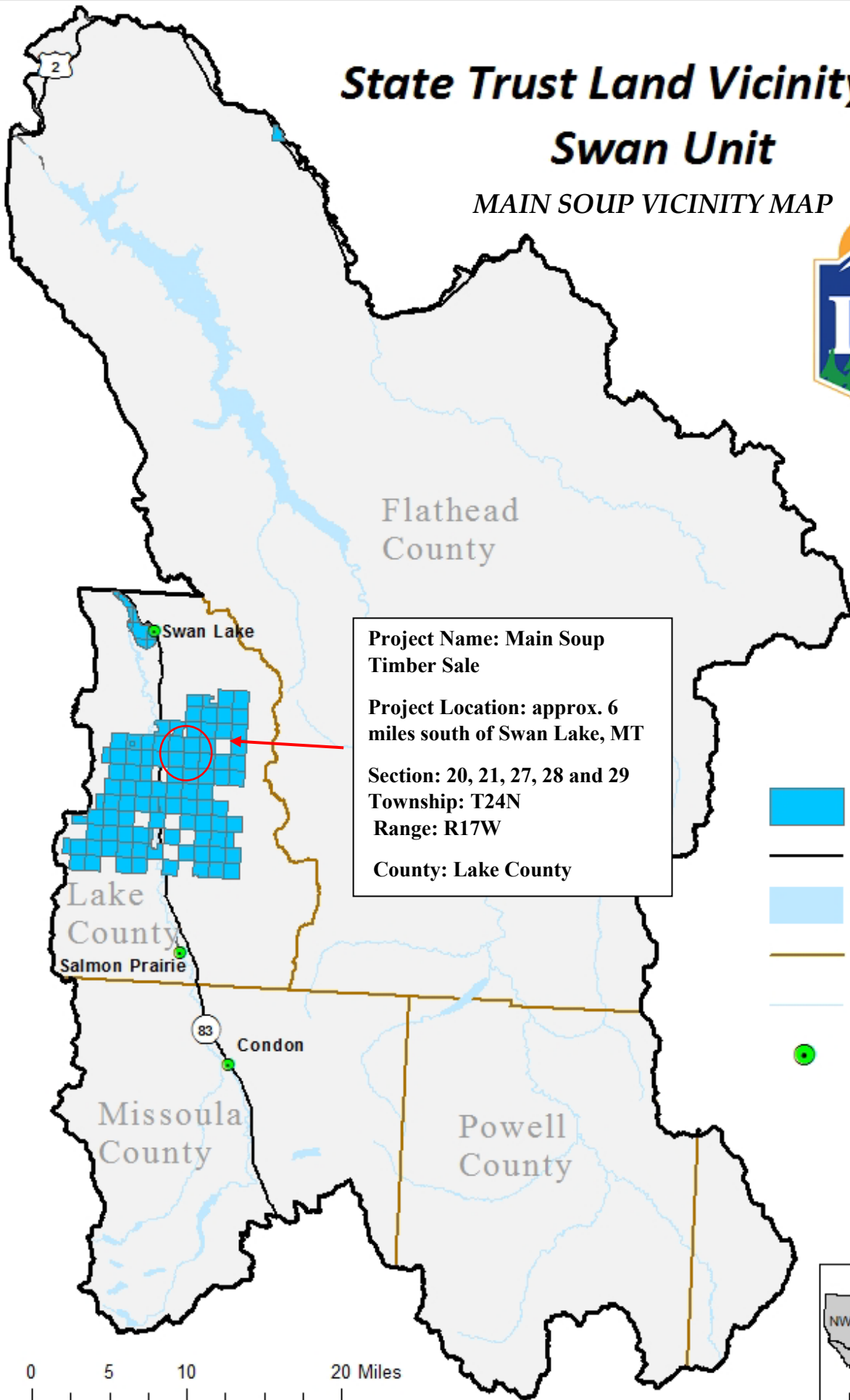
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$8,014
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.97/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$5.77/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$9,846
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.19/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.5 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.2 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	6.5 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.46/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$37,026.92
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$6,171.15
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$530.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.06/ton

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
20-26	12.99	215	36	March 30, 2027
20-27	56.90	2172	364	March 30, 2027
20-28	24.42	1025	172	March 30, 2027
28-24	45.04	1531	256	March 30, 2027
28-27	64.59	3359	562	March 30, 2027
	204 Ac.	8,302 tons	1,389 MBF	

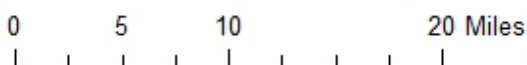
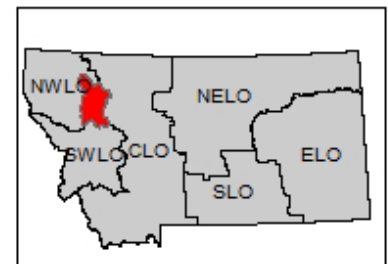
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map Swan Unit

MAIN SOUP VICINITY MAP



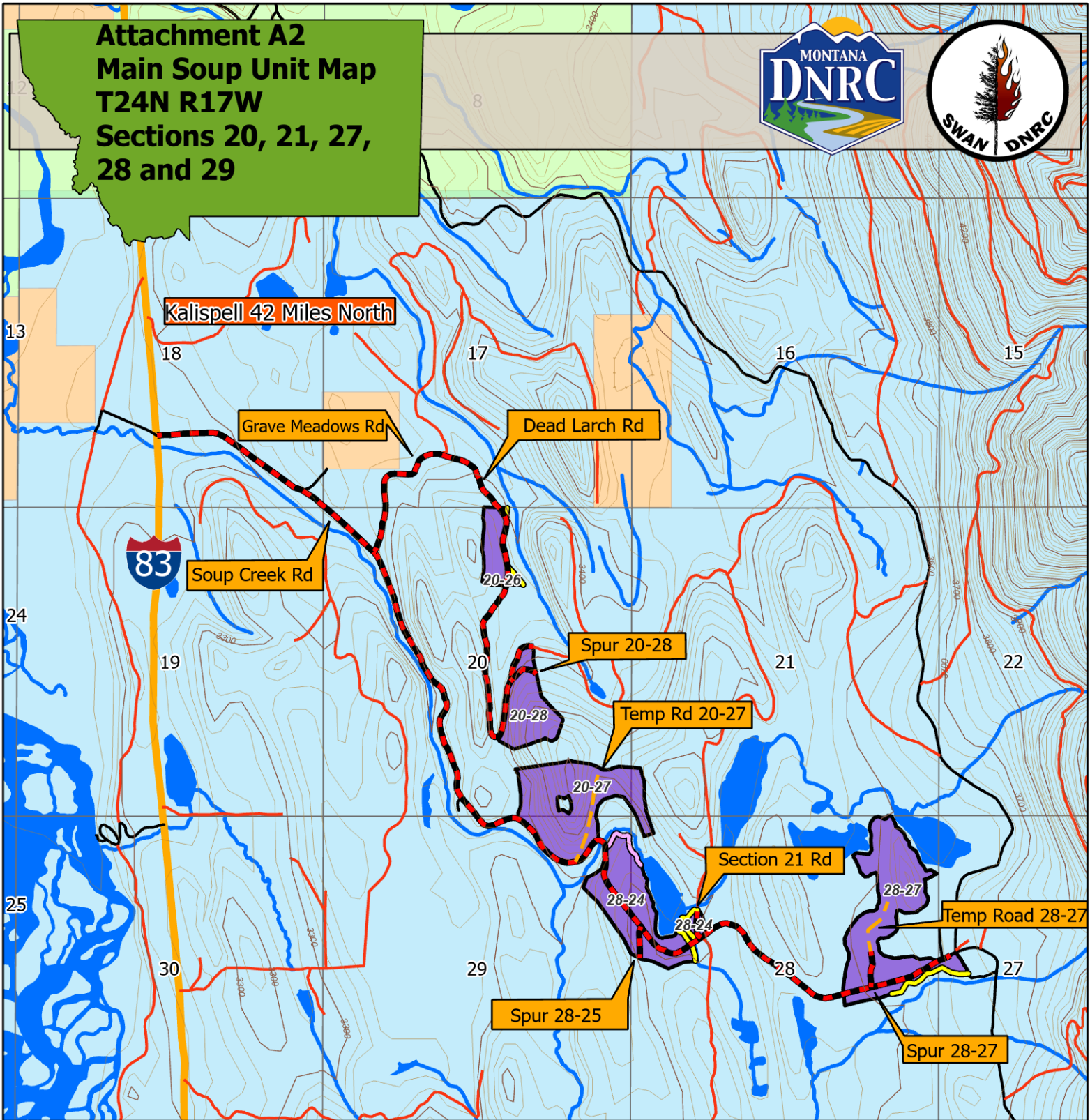
**Project Name:** Main Soup Timber Sale  
**Project Location:** approx. 6 miles south of Swan Lake, MT  
**Section:** 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29  
**Township:** T24N  
**Range:** R17W  
**County:** Lake County

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





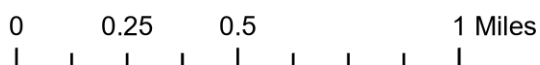
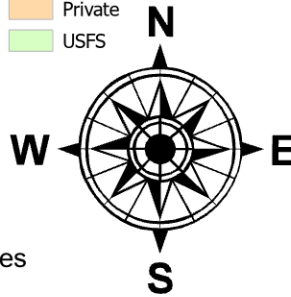
**Attachment A2  
Main Soup Unit Map  
T24N R17W  
Sections 20, 21, 27,  
28 and 29**



- Cutting Unit
- Hydro
- SMZ
- RMZ
- Haul Route

- HIGHWAY
- OPEN
- Restricted Closure Class A
- Temporary Road Construction

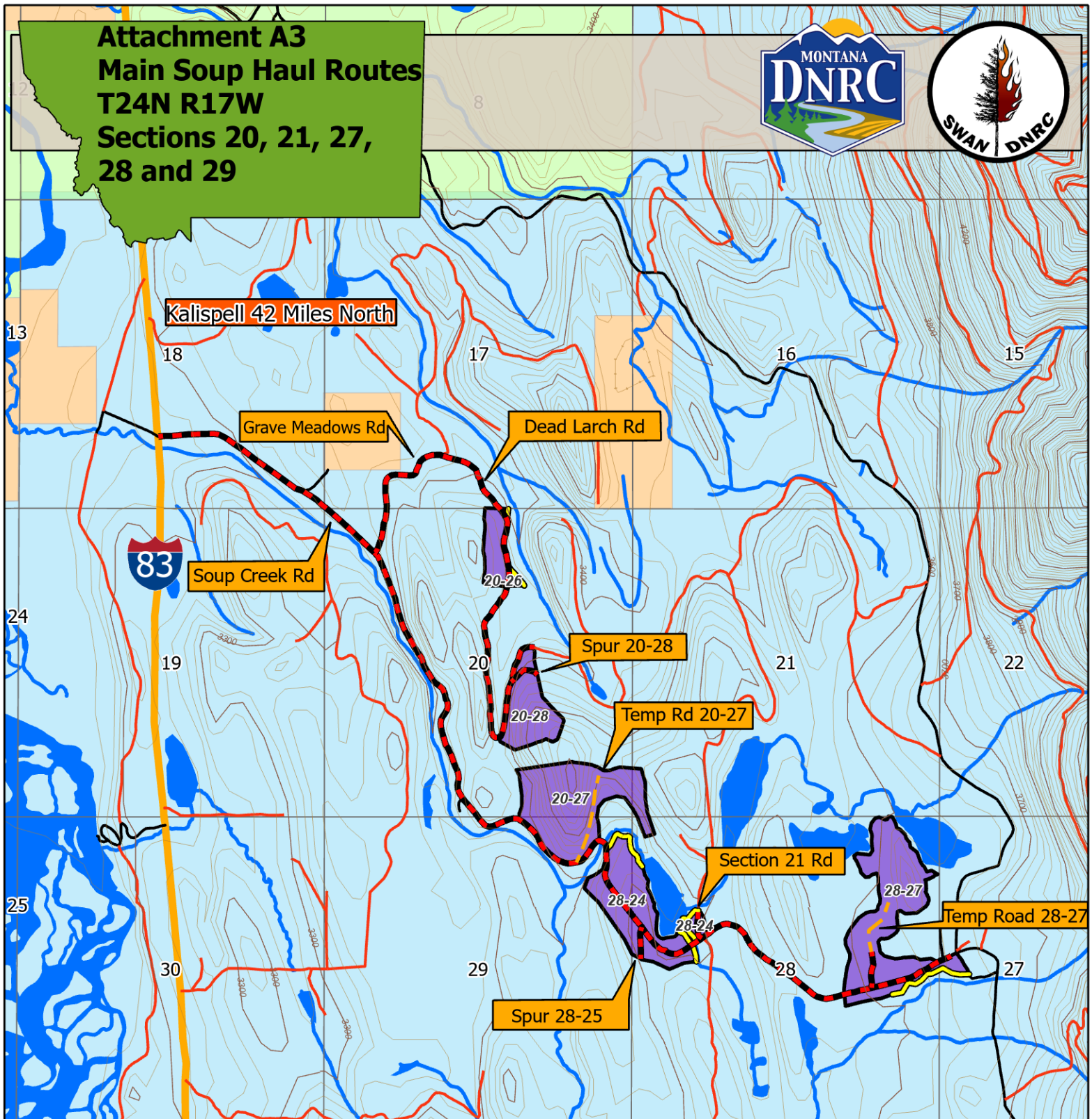
- MT DNRC
- Private
- USFS



Unit #	Rx	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
20-26	Commercial Thin	12.99	215	36
20-27	Shelterwood	56.90	2172	364
20-28	Seedtree	24.42	1025	172
28-24	Individual Tree Selection	45.04	1531	256
28-27	Shelterwood	64.59	3359	562



**Attachment A3  
Main Soup Haul Routes  
T24N R17W  
Sections 20, 21, 27,  
28 and 29**



- Cutting Unit
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