

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The North Lake Timber Sale is located within Section 6, T31N-R22W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 5,966 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 **August 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 \$7,565.00**, 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:</b> North Lake			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-881-2371	Stillwater	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	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. Non-sawlog price will be **\$1.00** per ton. The amount of non-sawlog (small roundwood) has been estimated at 33 tons but there may be additional amounts. Purchaser will be responsible for meeting, and not exceeding, the 10 to 20 tons of downed-woody material per acre.
2. Access obtained through a private easement on Lazy Creek Ranch (LCR). See attached Bidders Access map for road access during the advertisement period. When you plan to access the site for your walkthrough, **please contact Zach Leach, Property Manager for LCR at (801) 865-1134.**
3. Log hauling will use a different route from the route identified in #2 above. Hauling will utilize 2 easements for access – 1 across Southern Pines Plantation and 1 across the Lazy Creek Ranch properties. See Haul Route Map for details.
4. The North Lake Timber Sale will require approximately 2.1 miles of initial and final road maintenance on private and state ownership. Roadwork includes minor shaping, minor brushing, weed spraying, and final maintenance.
5. Unit 2 has a high-water table. To reduce impacts of soil compaction and displacement, cut-to-length operations are required on this unit.
6. Unit 1 has been leave-tree marked (orange). All other units are cut by description.
7. Slashing of shade tolerant advanced regen is required for Unit 1 only.
8. High Hazard Fuels Reduction is required on 5.6 acres on the east and north edge of the project area as delineated on the Harvest Unit Map.

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

North Lake												
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												\$25.36
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		657	157	47	4434	42		100			529	<b>5,966 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		1	1	0	27	0		2			3	33 tons
Gross MBF		137	32	10	897	9		19			160	1,264 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		12.0	14.3	13.0	12.2	20.0		12.5			16.1	12.8%
Net MBF		121	27	9	788	7		17			134	1,102 MBF
Average logs per MBF		8.8	18.9	11.9	15.7	12.9		25.2			16.2	15.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH		23.9	15.0	18.0	15.1	22.0		11.9			15.4	15.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											79 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											14.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											76
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	948 and 1,256 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											14.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,966 estimated tons / 1,102 Net MBF											5.41 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	July 31, 2025
Operating Period:	June 16, 2024 - March 31, 2025

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<b>Logging Information</b>	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	19.7 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.1 miles

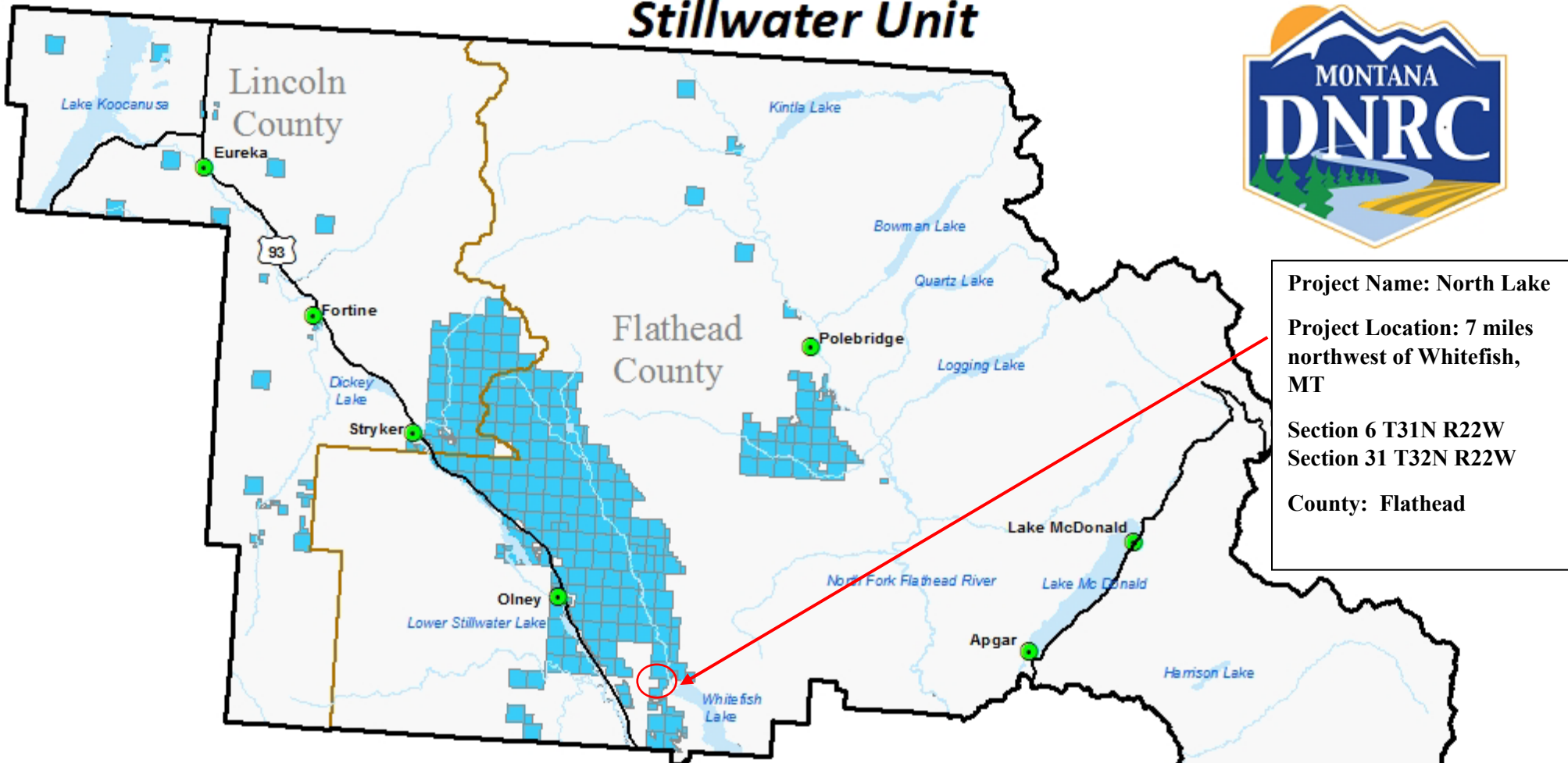
<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.92/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$29,352.72
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$4,892.12
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$2,000.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.34/ton

<b>Road development and maintenance fees and estimates</b>	
Estimated road development cost total	\$4,802
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.80/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$4.36/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$4,081
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.68/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	2.1 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 1	34.5	2211	409	March 31, 2025
Cutting Unit 2	29.6	2540	469	
Cutting Unit 3	11.2	1214	224	

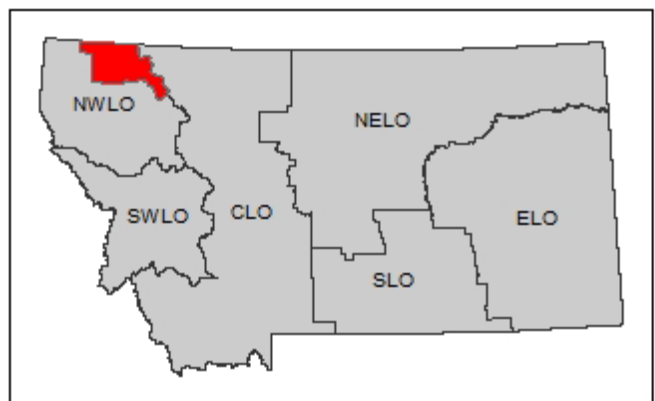
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Stillwater Unit

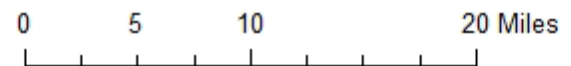


**Project Name:** North Lake  
**Project Location:** 7 miles northwest of Whitefish, MT  
**Section 6 T31N R22W**  
**Section 31 T32N R22W**  
**County:** Flathead

### NORTH LAKE SALVAGE VICINITY MAP

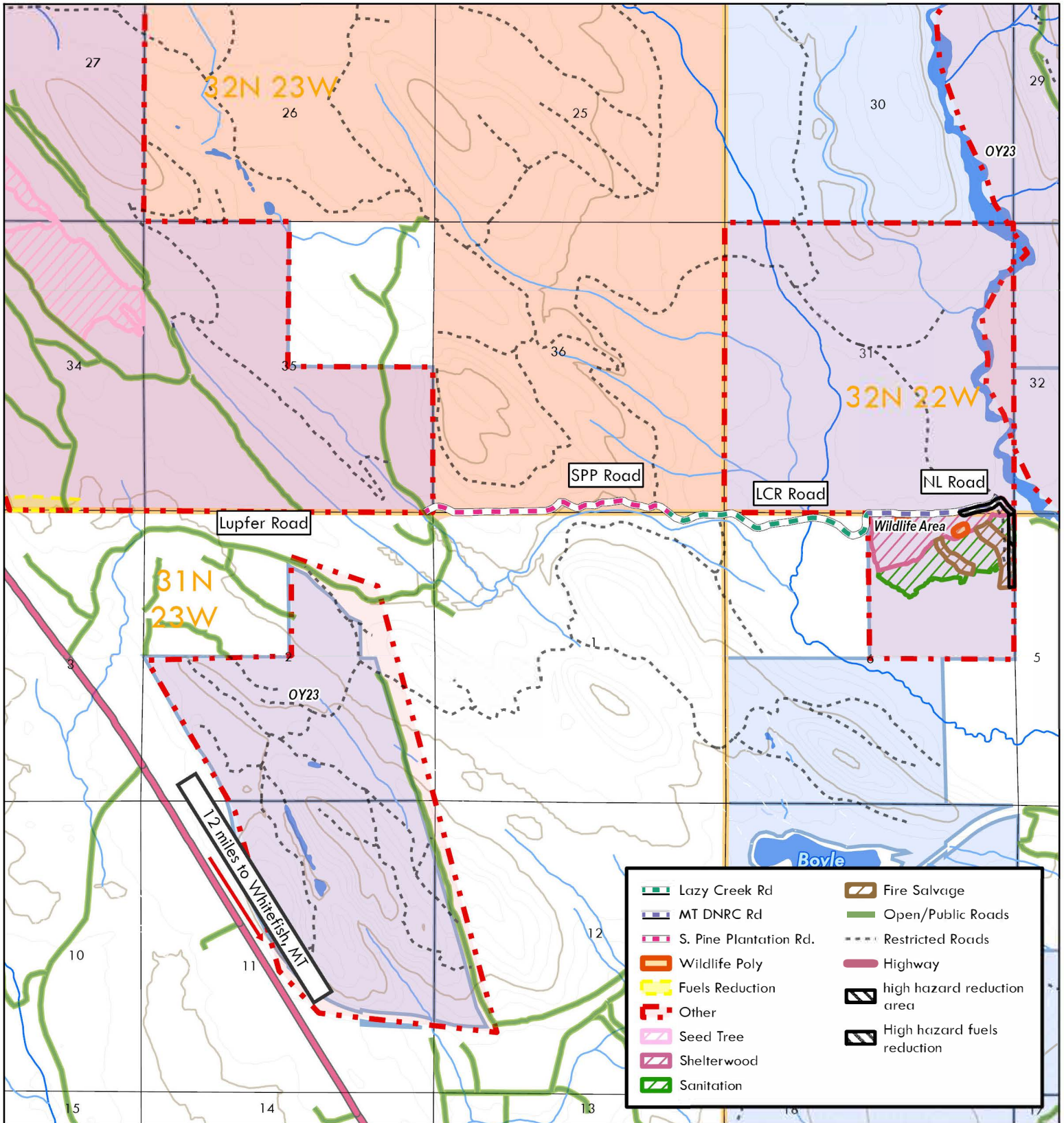


- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Land



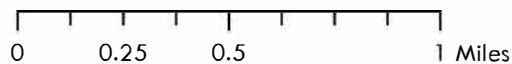
# North Lake Haul Route Map

Sections 31 & 06  
T32N R22W



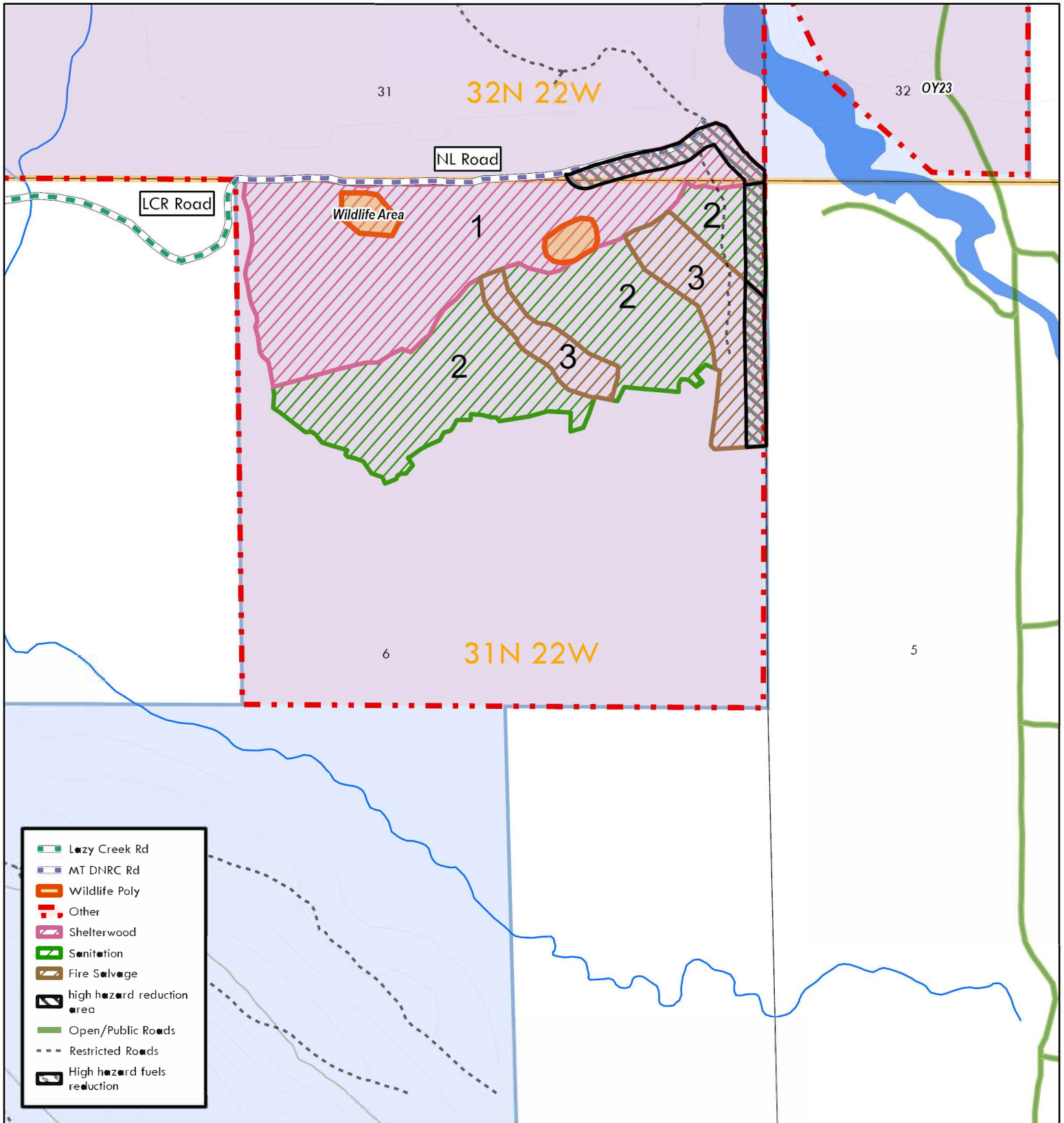
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February 5, 2024



# North Lake Harvest Units

Sections 31 & 06  
T32N R22W



- Lazy Creek Rd
- MT DNRC Rd
- Wildlife Poly
- Other
- Shelterwood
- Sanitation
- Fire Salvage
- High hazard reduction area
- Open/Public Roads
- Restricted Roads
- High hazard fuels reduction



Cullen O'Brien  
February 5, 2024

