

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Swift Stryke Timber Sale is located within Sections 9,22,23,25,26,27,34,35, & 36 of T32N-R23W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 34,271 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 12, 2025 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 \$40,046.00**, 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 19, 2025, 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: Swift Stryke</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b> Matt Lufholm, Forest Management Supervisor			
Phone:	406-881-2667	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. Access: Highway 93N to Olney and take Upper Whitefish Road approximately 1.9 miles to the kiosk to access "Kiosk Road". The bulk of the sale is accessible through the gate on Upper Whitefish Road at mile marker 4. Combination for both locks is **2-3-7-1**.
2. Roadwork includes:
  - a. Extensive tractor brushing, excavator brushing, 10 culvert installations (including 2 wet-installations on Class I streams), blading, and culvert cleanout.
  - b. Some gravel and talus will be required to be hauled from either the Chicken Pit (3/4 crush) or West Fork Pit (Talus).
  - c. Stillwater Blend Grass seed will be required on all roads post-harvest.
3. Harvest Details – 4.4 MMBF
  - a. Ground Based logging
  - b. 22 Units:
    - i. 5 sanitation units to remove mistletoe infected larch
    - ii. 17 commercial-thin units
4. Open Road Hazard Reduction –A total of 7.1 acres will require open-road hazard reduction. This requires 100 feet inside the identified portion of the cutting unit boundary to be mechanically piled in which 90% of the slash generated through logging and small tree slashing be machine piled for burning (minimum pile size of 6 feet) as directed by the Forest Officer.
5. There are multiple Winter Recreation Land Use Licenses held within the sale area. Extra coordination and mitigations will be required for harvesting and hauling in winter months. The extra coordination during the winter includes the following:
  - a. Log hauling must be conducted during the normal work week (Monday – Friday). Exceptions to this may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Forest Officer.
  - b. Log hauling will not be conducted on holidays.
  - c. Communicate timelines, schedules, and changes with the Forest Officer allowing for time to make appropriate changes.
  - d. Snow plowing operations will leave 1 – 2 inches of snowpack on the haul route to accommodate snowmobile traffic.
  - e. Feather edges of plowed snow berms for cross traffic on haul route.
  - f. Communicate directly with recreation licensees to deconflict traffic.
  - g. Extra traffic signs will be required at intersections.

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

Swift Stryke												
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												\$23.37
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0	60.0		40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		4547	13966	2363	5804	3012	195	3474	821		0	<b>34,271 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		202	653	198	386	256	55	210	106		0	2,066 tons
Gross MBF		558	2389	306	761	390	21	552	89		0	5,065 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9.0	13.5	8.6	12.5	12.1	10.6	18.1	10.0		0.0	12.9%
Net MBF		508	2067	280	666	343	19	452	80		0	4,413 MBF
Average logs per MBF		39.1	26.0	45.1	44.0	40.8	60.1	36.2	48.2		0.0	34.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH		9.7	9.4	8.5	8.8	8.4	6.7	9.2	7.7		0.0	8.9 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	_____											27 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	_____											3.4 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	_____											134
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	3,765 and 5,079 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											14.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	34,271 estimated tons / 4,413 Net MBF											7.77 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	11/1/2030	
Operating Period:	June 16 - March 31 annually as soil conditions allow	

Logging Information	
% 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)	500 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	27.0 miles

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$90,498
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.64/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.51/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$22,830
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.67/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton

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Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	9.8 miles
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<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.42/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$117,206.82
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$19,534.47
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$1,593.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.05/ton

Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	13.3 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	15.0 miles

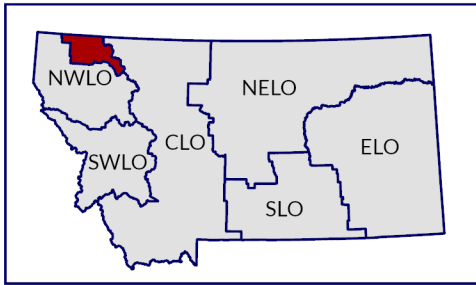
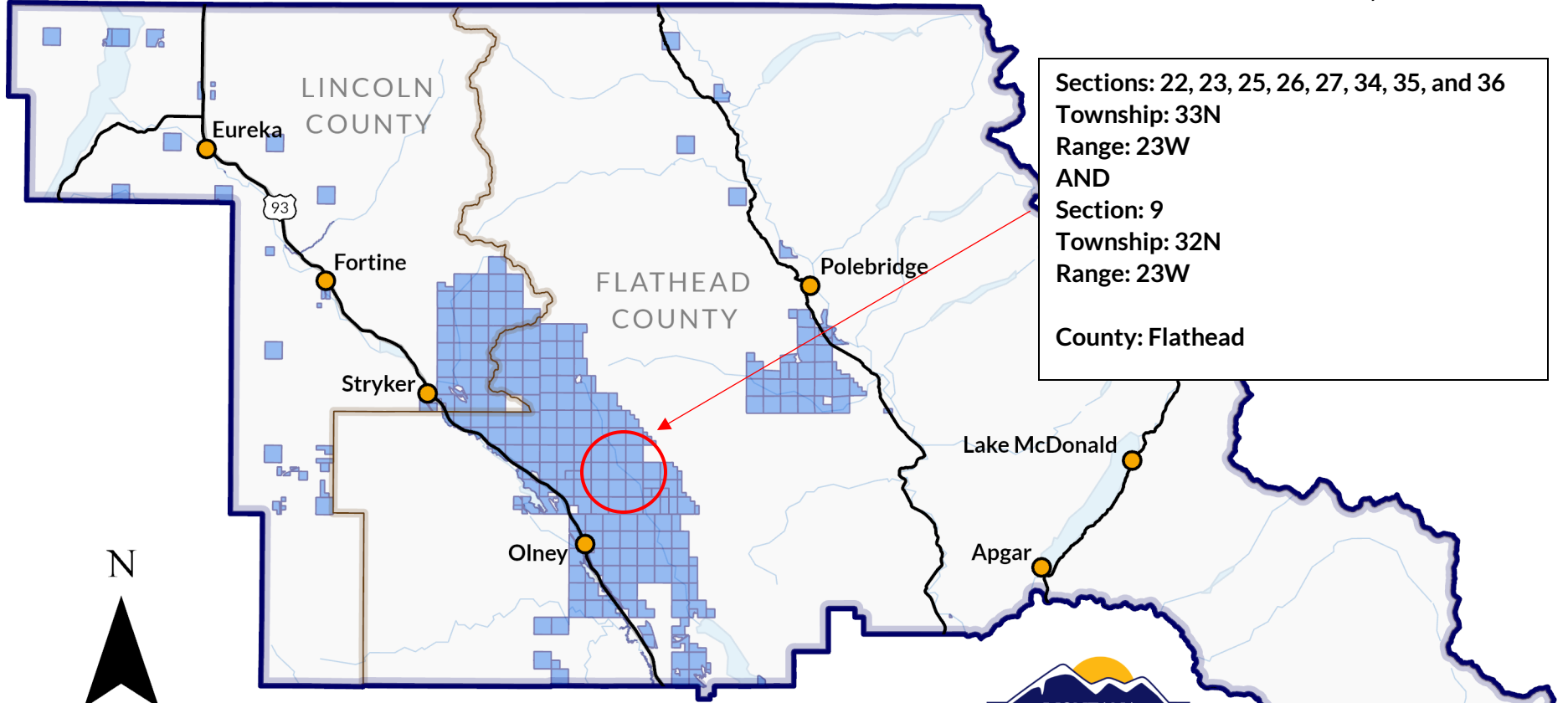
<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	98.5	3086	398	1-Oct-2030
2	86.5	1297	167	1-Oct-2030
3	67	1534	198	1-Oct-2030
4	41.5	894	115	1-Oct-2030
5	63.8	1780	230	1-Oct-2030
6	21.1	559	72	1-Oct-2030
7	86.4	2605	336	1-Oct-2030
8	320.4	6667	860	1-Oct-2030
9	213.9	6550	845	1-Oct-2030
10	9.3	232	30	1-Oct-2030
11	26.5	933	120	1-Oct-2030
12	15.7	429	55	1-Oct-2030
13	36.2	1785	230	1-Oct-2030
14	7.7	490	63	1-Oct-2030
15	36.7	870	112	1-Oct-2030
16	3.9	483	62	1-Oct-2030
17	6.7	164	21	1-Oct-2030
18	80	2291	296	1-Oct-2030
19	6.6	244	32	1-Oct-2030
20	23.7	932	120	1-Oct-2030
21	15.4	305	39	1-Oct-2030
16A	2.1	142	18	1-Oct-2030
	1,270 Ac.	34,271 tons	4,422 MBF	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

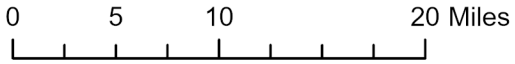
## Stillwater Unit

Swift Stryke Timber Sale

Sections: 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36  
Township: 33N  
Range: 23W  
AND  
Section: 9  
Township: 32N  
Range: 23W  
County: Flathead



- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land

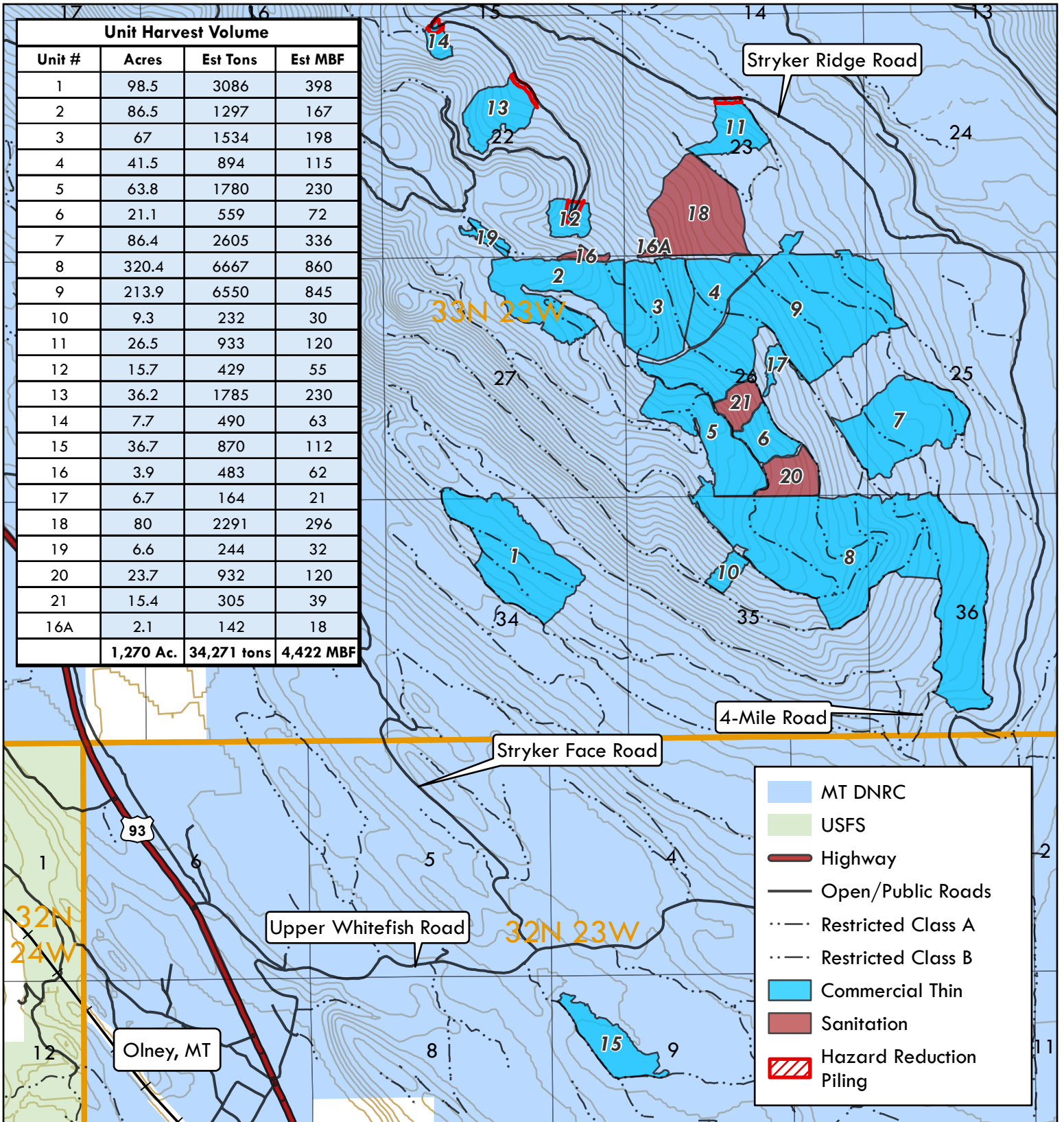


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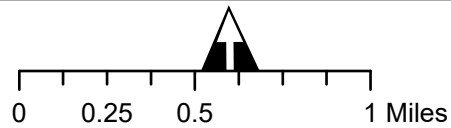
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<b>Total</b>	<b>1,270 Ac.</b>	<b>34,271 tons</b>	<b>4,422 MBF</b>



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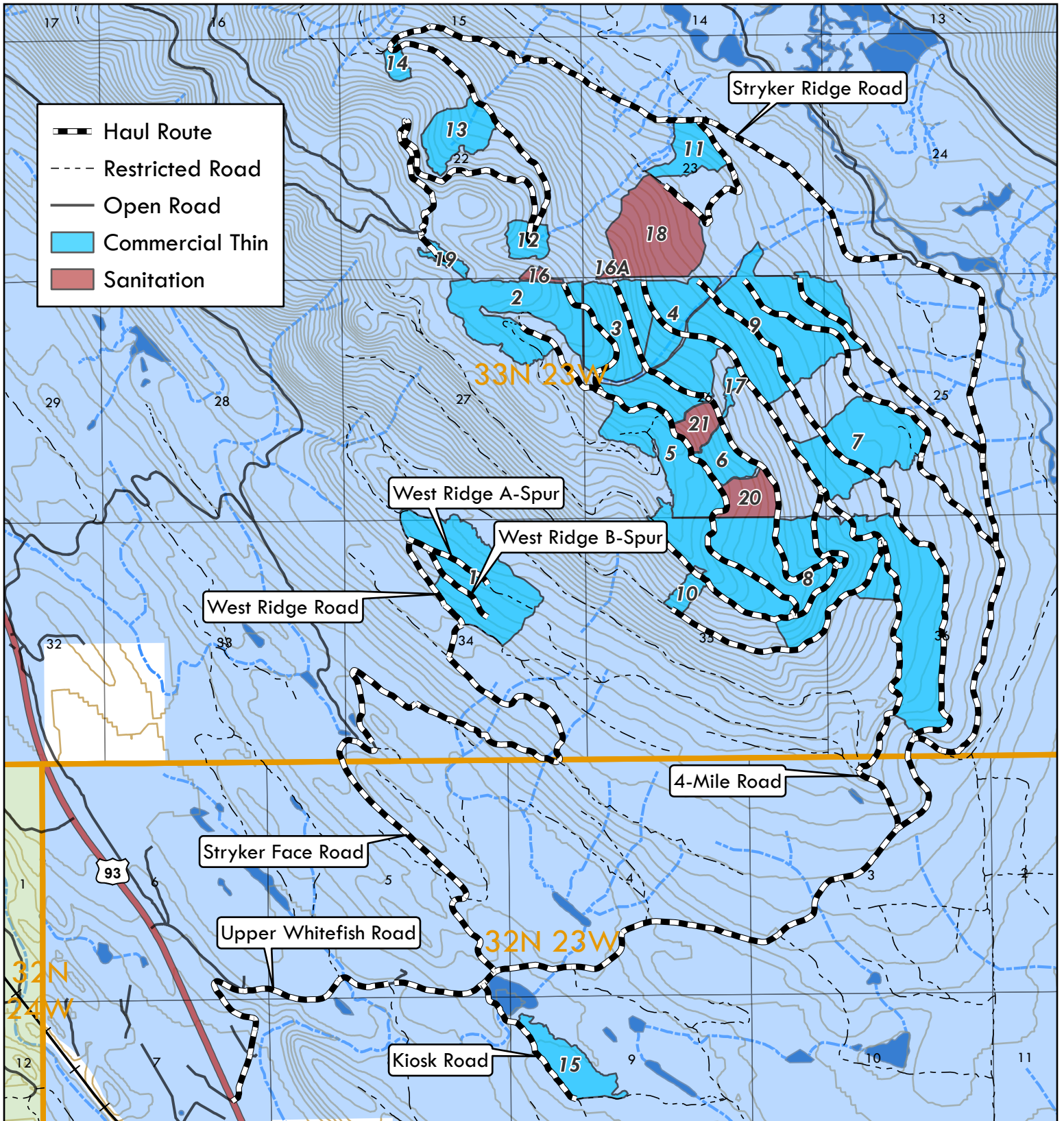




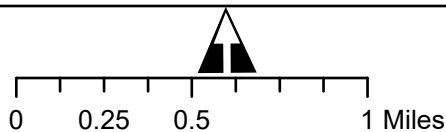
# Swift Stryke Timber Sale Road Map

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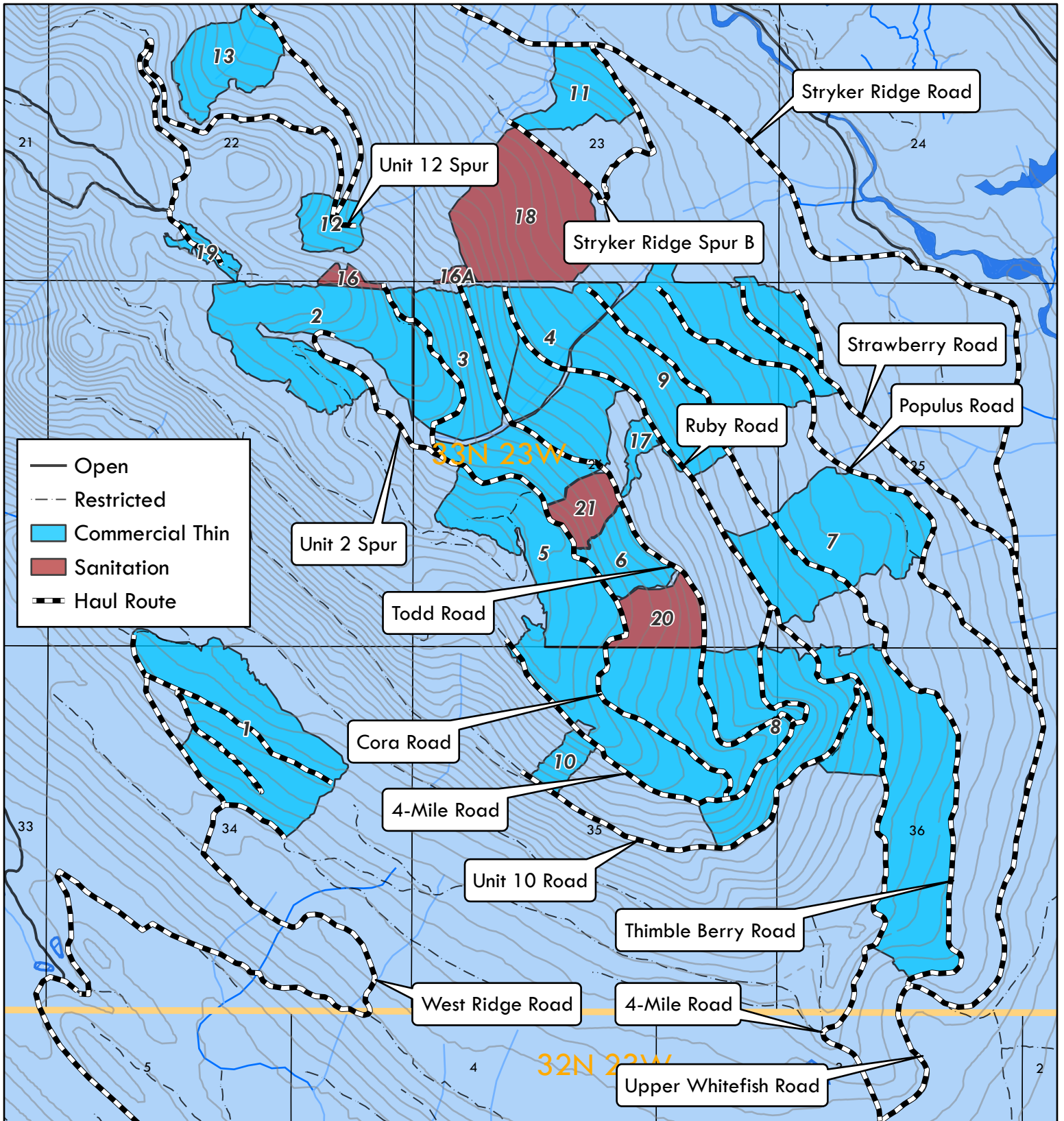




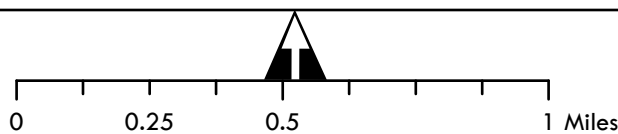
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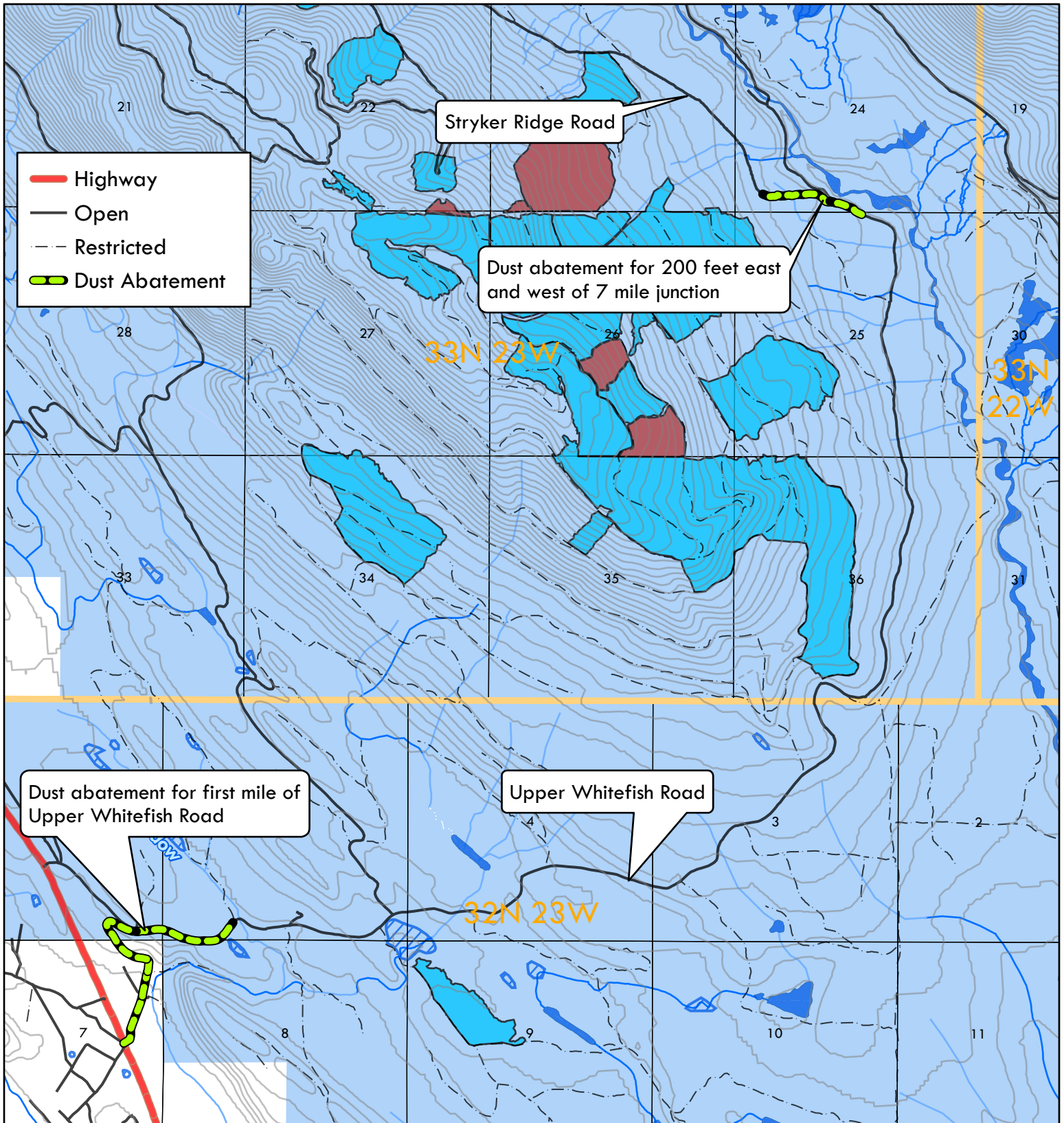
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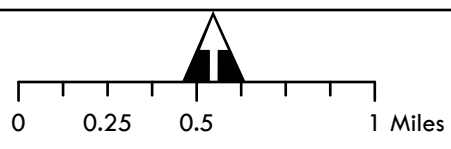
# Swift Stryke Timber Sale: Dust Abatement

T33N R23W Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34-36  
and T32N R23W Sections 3, 4 & 9

Attachment A: Dust Map



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