

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Dog Rock Timber Sale is located within Sections 2, 11, 12, and 13 of T33N-R24W and Sections 17, 18, 19, 21, 28, 29,30, and 32 of T33N-R23W in the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 22,990 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 **December 9, 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 \$19,822.00**, 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 November 17, 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

Timber Sale Name: Dog Rock			
For specific sale information, contact: Sam Bracken			
Phone	406-881-2668		Stillwater Unit, Olney MT
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
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:

- Units 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13 14, and 15 require Cut-To-Length harvesting systems for the following reasons:

Soil compaction from previous logging operations in the 50-60's has caused surface water ponding making skid trail location challenging.
These units are predominantly western red cedar habitat types and thus are prone to being wet in the driest conditions.
25-foot spacing of leave trees does not allow for adequate maneuvering with standard ground equipment.
Whole-tree skidding with a 25-foot spacing would likely exceed damage clauses in the contract. Cut-to-length yarding would limit skidding return-trips.
In woods processing allows for development of slash mats to enable operations on the area's wet soil types.

- Many of the roads in this project area are gated. Please contact the Stillwater Unit for specific details on access during the bidding window.
- The Dog Rock Timber Sale will require 1 wet culvert replacement, 3 wet culvert removals, as well as the removal of 1 native crossing structure. Access to two of the sites will require brushing of old road prisms to gain access. Followed by rehabilitation by returning slash and debris to the road prism under the direction of the Forest Officer or a project Hydrologist. Any pipes or drainage features removed from this project area will be hauled off-site by the purchaser. DNRC obtained a 124 Permit to complete this work (Attachment E of Contract). Per the 124 Permit all work must be completed by August 14, 2027.
- The Dog Creek Spur Road is an old road prism that traverses the Ewing face and will be utilized to access unit 11. This road segment will require 2 ditch relief pipes and approximately 100' of turnpike construction as directed by the Forest Officer. During reconstruction of this road the purchaser may encounter additional, unforeseen issues. The Purchaser and Forest Officer will coordinate the maintenance and installation of any additional work needed for this road segment to meet BMP standards. Any unused pipes for this segment will be placed in the Stillwater Unit boneyard and are DNRC property.
- Approximately 77 acres will require control of slash and debris, in which 90% of all slash generated during harvest operations must be mechanically piled within 100 feet of the open road, some seasonal open roads and units 19 and 20 which are adjacent to the BPA corridor.
- Roundwood/pulp removal is required in harvest units 2, 8, 11, 16, 17 and 19. In which, material that meets the minimum manufacturing and recovery standards for "Other Material", as described in Table 2 of the contract, shall be removed from the cutting unit, skidded to the landing areas, and hauled. This volume has not been estimated.
- Winter Recreation: There is a winter recreation land use license held within the sale area by Great Northern Powder Guides. Extra coordination and mitigations will be required for harvesting and hauling in winter months. The extra coordination includes the following:
 - Log hauling must be conducted during the normal work week (Monday-Friday). Exceptions to this may be considered by the Forest Officer.
 - Communicate directly with the recreation licensees to deconflict traffic on the Ewing and Stryker Face roads, as well as to coordinate plowing operations if needed.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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Dog 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												\$17.25
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		2897	5300	3298	3106	1862	4483	1787			256	22,990 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		65	219	203	94	60	88	109			1	840 tons
Gross MBF		485	953	544	593	372	1069	324			111	4,450 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		18.2	14.2	20.5	18.3	28.9	25.9	24.8			38.9	21.4%
Net MBF		397	818	432	484	264	792	243			68	3,499 MBF
Average logs per MBF		24.9	26.4	39.8	23.4	31.7	24.4	37.1			15.5	28.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.9	10.0	8.9	10.4	11.0	12.5	9.3			16.1	10.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												48 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												7.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												166
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			2,809 and 4,189 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									19.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	22,990 estimated tons / 3,499 Net MBF											6.57 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	12/1/2029
Operating Period:	Units 1-9 & 12-16 July 1st to March 31st; Units 17-21 June 16th to March 31st; Units 10 & 11 July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026; July 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027; July 1, 2027 – August 14, 2027.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	24%
% of volume logged with tractors	54%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (Cut-to-Length)	46%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	36.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.5 miles

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$53,526
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.33/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$15.30/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$12,266
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.53/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	1.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	11.5 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	20.1 miles

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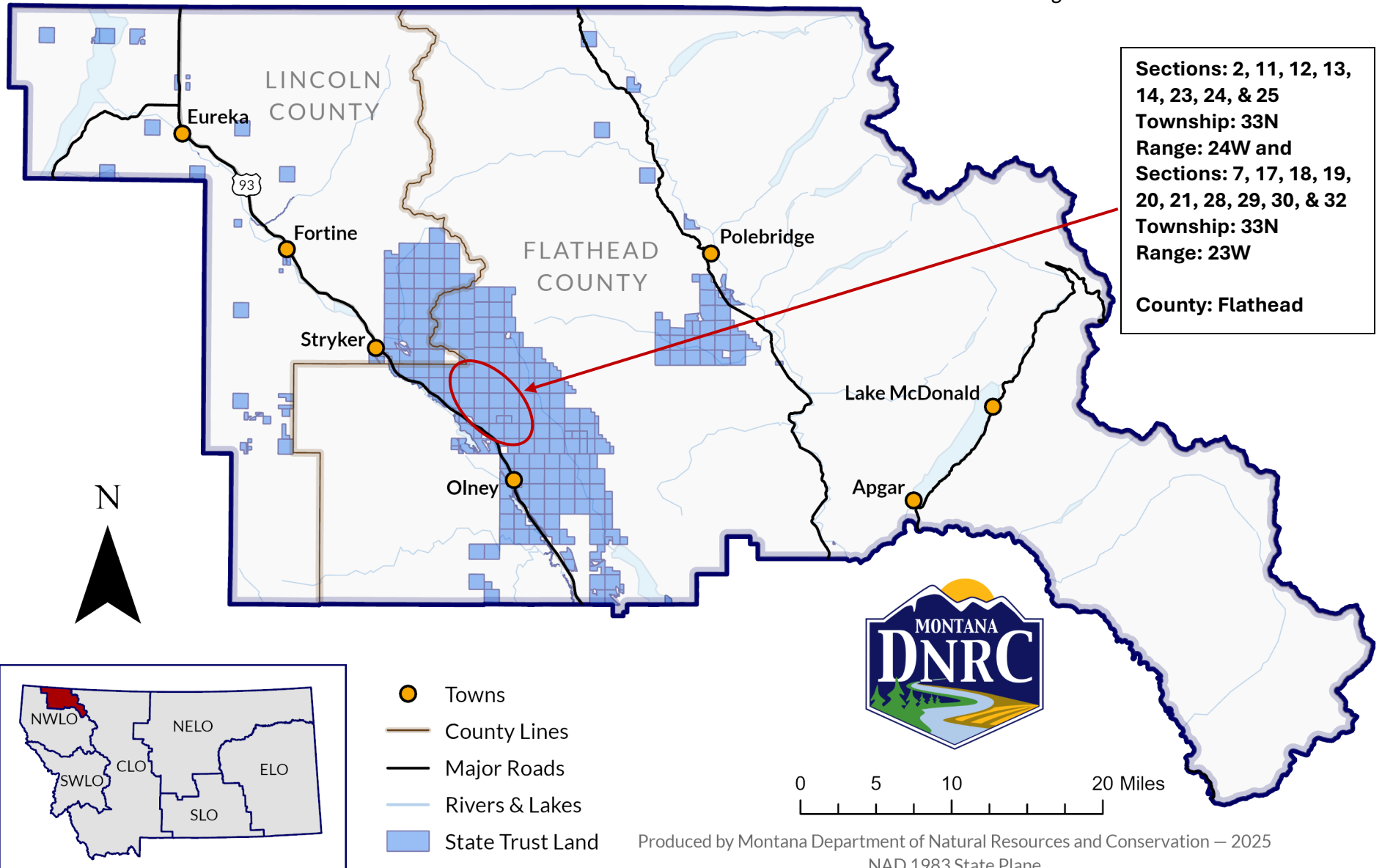
Purchaser fees and estimated costs		
Forest Improvement fee perMBF		\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton		\$4.05/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total		\$93,109.50
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment		\$15,518.25
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$		\$30,376
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton		\$1.32/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total		\$11,550.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton		\$0.50/ton

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	19.7	668	102	30-Sep-2029
2	1.8	77	12	30-Sep-2029
3	17.6	1012	154	30-Sep-2029
4	6.5	231	35	30-Sep-2029
5	33.0	1497	228	30-Sep-2029
6	2.5	50	8	30-Sep-2029
7	20.8	710	108	30-Sep-2029
8	28.1	1104	168	30-Sep-2029
9	50.8	2463	375	30-Sep-2029
10	19.9	782	119	30-Sep-2029
11	24.7	4068	619	30-Sep-2029
12	34.0	1743	265	30-Sep-2029
13	25.6	1678	255	30-Sep-2029
14	12.6	434	66	30-Sep-2029
15	8.4	649	99	30-Sep-2029
16	7.1	98	15	30-Sep-2029
17	2.7	59	9	30-Sep-2029
18	10.9	655	100	30-Sep-2029
19	12.7	351	53	30-Sep-2029
20	117.4	3341	509	30-Sep-2029
21	23.8	1319	201	30-Sep-2029
	481 Ac.	22,990 tons	3,499 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

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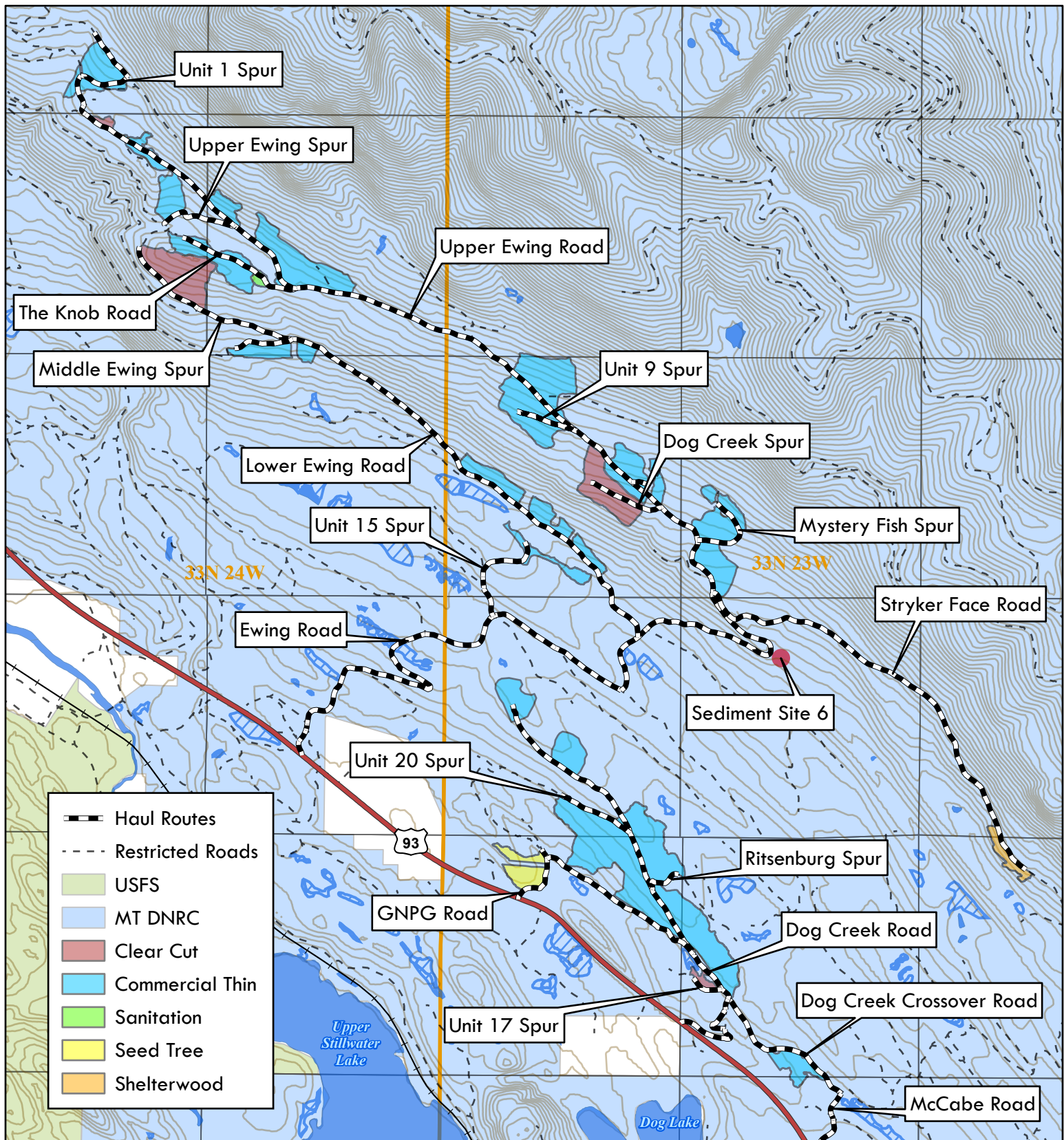




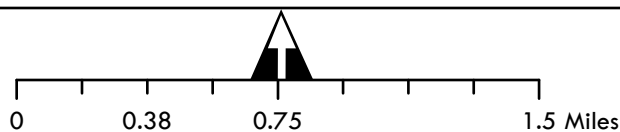
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T33N R24W Sections 2, 11-14 & 23-25
T33N R23W Sections 7, 17-21, 28-30 & 32

Attachment A: Roads Map



June 2025



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