

## NOTICE OF SALE

### **Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The Doney Gal Timber Sale is located within Section 16, T15N-R11W on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 9,938 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 **January 22, 2026 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 \$4,099.00**, 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 January 20, 2026, 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: Doney Gal Timber Sale</b>			
<b>Timber Sale Location: Approx. 6 miles northeast of Ovando, MT</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Melissa Laskos</b>			
Phone	406-244-2385	Melissa.Laskos@mt.gov	Clearwater 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	406-542-4200	Southwest Land Office	Missoula 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. **Please contact Melissa Laskos at 406-244-2385 1-2 business days prior to viewing the sale area for access information.**
2. The Forest Improvement fee will be charged and collected concurrent with stumpage.
3. Temporary road use permits with Jacobsen Ranch Co. and Montana FWP will require they be listed as additional insured in Purchaser liability insurance.
4. **This contract is supported by a \$15,000 Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration grant.** The grant will be applied to an estimated 70 acres in Units 3, 4, and 7 for YUM-yarding (Yarding Unmerchantable Material). The Purchaser will need to complete all field work (harvest, skidding, and clean-up of unmerchantable material) prior to payment. Once field work is complete, the Purchaser will notify the Forest Officer for field review. The Purchaser will then send an invoice to the Forest Officer for approval. The maximum amount of grant payment to the Purchaser is \$15,000 and will not change based on actual acreage completed.

**5. LOGGING OPERATIONS – KEY POINTS**

- Operating period: June 16 – March 1 (Grizzly bear closure from April 1-June 15); **no log hauling from June 16 – July 15 due to a red-tailed hawk nest along the haul route, however harvest may occur during that period.**
- Portions of the sale (estimated 25 acres) contain steeper slopes of 45-60%. These approximate areas are delineated on the harvest unit map. A felling and yarding plan must be agreed upon prior to starting operations in these areas. If equipment will cause excessive soil disturbance, hand-felling and winching of timber may be required.
- **Tree marking varies by unit.** See section VII.D. of Sample Contract. See harvest prescriptions and special operating requirements in Section VII.F and G of the Sample Contract.

Unit	Marking Scheme
Units 1, 3, 4, 8, and 10	Two-color marking – western larch and ponderosa pine are marked ORANGE to CUT; all other species are marked BLUE to LEAVE with a horizontal band at DBH.
Units 7, 9, 11	Marked BLUE to LEAVE on all species with a horizontal band at DBH.
Unit 2	Designation by Prescription with sampled-marked areas are marked BLUE to LEAVE on all species with a horizontal band at DBH.
Units 5, 6, and 12	No Marking - Designation by Prescription

- **Unit 12 is optional**
- Purchaser lopping and slashing required in all units.

**6. ROAD BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE – KEY POINTS**

- **0.93** miles of new permanent road construction required.
- Approximately **10.9** miles of road maintenance required. Some roads are optional but if used would require maintenance.
- Road stations are designated in the field with FLUORESCENT PINK ribbon and station numbers are painted in BLUE except where the haul route crosses private ownership, stations are only flagged, not painted.
- There is a red-tailed hawk nest near station 202+15 of Little Doney Haul Road. **Road work and log hauling may not occur within ¼ mile of the nest until after July 15 unless a DNRC wildlife biologist has verified the nest to be unoccupied. This will affect stations 191+40 through 202+15. This will also affect transport of pit run from the source in the sale area to all road stations leading up to 191+40 and must be considered when planning initial maintenance.**
- **Units 8-12 cannot be harvested until after a bridge is installed across Spring Creek (station 89+45 of Section 16 Main Haul Road; this work will occur between July 15 and August 31, 2026). This work is contracted and would not be required of the Purchaser.** Road work west of Spring Creek would be similarly delayed until after bridge installation.
- A temporary, 20 ft. CLT bridge must be transported from the DNRC Missoula Unit (3206 Maverick Lane, Missoula) to the project area to be used at Cat Track Road station 19+15. Once hauling is complete, the bridge must be removed and transported to the Clearwater Unit office (48455 Sperry Grade Road, Greenough) for storage.
- **WEED SPRAYING:** The Purchaser shall be responsible for one application of herbicide on approximately **12** miles of roads and/or landings. The application shall be completed after harvest and prior to the contract termination date.

- **GRASS SEEDING:** The Purchaser is required to supply up to **563 pounds** of grass seed. The Purchaser is required to apply grass seed to newly disturbed surfaces within 7 days of initial road maintenance and construction (estimated 113 pounds needed) as well as following final blade (estimated up to 450 pounds needed).
- **ROAD WORK OPERATING PERIOD:** No road maintenance or construction will occur from October 16 - June 15. This is due to usual break-up conditions, winter conditions, and DNRC spring Grizzly bear closure constraints. Exceptions (outside the Grizzly bear closure) may be allowed depending on conditions and approval of the Forest Officer.
- The following total pipe lengths will be needed on the timber sale roads:

Installation Location	Diameter	Length	Suggested Use of State-Furnished CMPs*
Birdsong Road, station #17+45	18 in.	20 ft.	<b>1 – 20 ft. length (State furnished)</b>
Cat Track Road, station #15+55	24 in.	32 ft.	Purchaser furnished
Little Doney Haul Road, station #19+15	18 in.	28 ft.	<b>1 – 20 ft. length (State furnished) &amp; 1 – 8 ft. length (Purchaser furnished)</b>
Little Doney Haul Road, station #64+50	18 in.	30 ft.	<b>1 – 20 ft. length (State furnished) &amp; 1 – 10 ft. length (Purchaser furnished)</b>
Little Doney Haul Road, station #126+80	18 in.	24 ft.	<b>1 – 18 ft. length (State furnished) &amp; 1 – 6 ft. length (Purchaser furnished)</b>
Little Doney Haul Road, station #134+40	24 in.	30 ft.	Purchaser furnished
Section 16 Main Haul, station #5+35	18 in.	24 ft.	<b>1 – 18 ft. length (State furnished) &amp; 1 – 6 ft. length (Purchaser furnished)</b>
Section 16 Main Haul, station #120+70	18 in.	30 ft.	<b>1 – 20 ft. length (State furnished) &amp; 1 – 10 ft. length (Purchaser furnished)</b>
Section 16 Main Haul, station #144+10	18 in.	18 ft.	<b>1 – 18 ft. length (State furnished)</b>

\*Seven corrugated metal pipes and four connector bands have been staged on-site in the timber sale area. The above table shows suggested lengths to be furnished by the Purchaser; however, other combinations may be used to achieve the final desired installation lengths.

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

Doney Gal												
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												\$8.25
Pounds per cubic foot	51.0	51.0	48.0	46.0	47.0			45.0			40.0	
Estimated CF	4297.4	302484.2	102748.4	9461.7	25771.7			19077.4			3858.1	467,699 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	36.4	2800.9	1840.7	501.5	274.7			1242.9			31.9	6,729 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	106	6584	2135	199	534			323			57	9,938 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	63	38	10	6			23			0	142 tons
Gross MBF	19	1315	453	34	116			75			17	2,030 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	3.3	14.9	13.3	8.0	12.0			25.8			25.7	14.6%
Net MBF	19	1119	393	32	102			56			13	1,733 MBF
Average logs per MBF	21.4	20.7	25.3	36.7	20.5			35.2			22.1	22.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.4	13.9	11.7	9.3	13.1			8.9			14.5	12.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												32 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												71
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,551 and 1,914 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									10.5%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	9,938 estimated tons / 1,733 Net MBF											5.73 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	August 1, 2029	
Operating Period:	June 16 through March 31. <i>*No hauling from June 16-July 15 due to red-tailed hawk nest on haul route.</i>	

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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)	400 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	125.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.79/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$37,665.02
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	paid w/stumpage
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$10,870
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$1.09/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$105,140
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$10.58/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$60.67/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.9 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.3 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.4 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	10.9 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 1	8	232	40	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 2	75	1394	243	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 3	52	1666	290	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 4	24	671	117	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 5	13	641	112	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 6	4	125	22	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 7	19	740	129	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 8	15	821	144	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 9	29	1095	190	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 10	31	1077	188	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 11	33	1317	230	March 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 12	5	160	28	March 1, 2029
	309 Ac.	9,938 tons	1,733 MBF	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Clearwater Unit

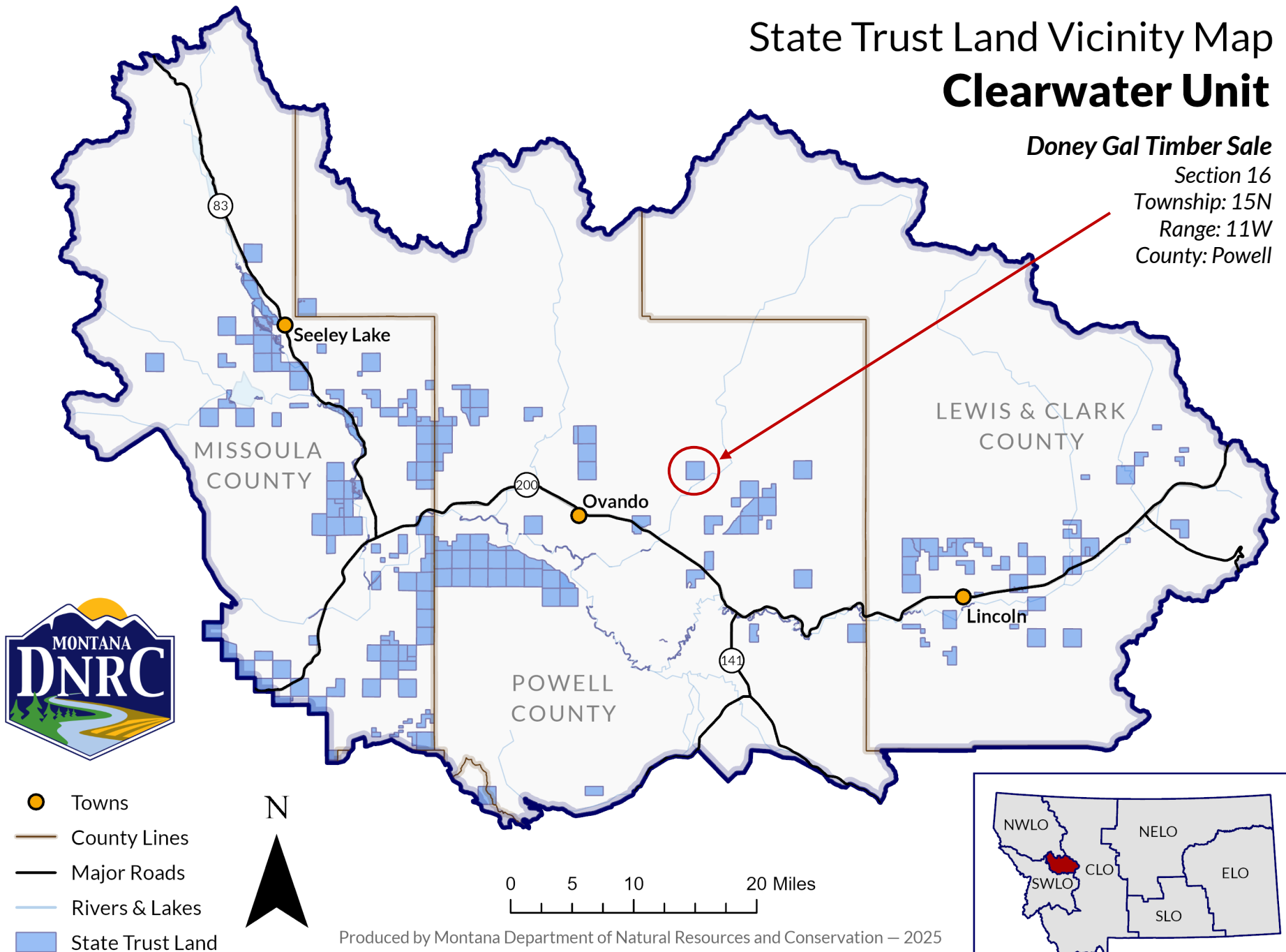
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Section 16

Township: 15N

Range: 11W

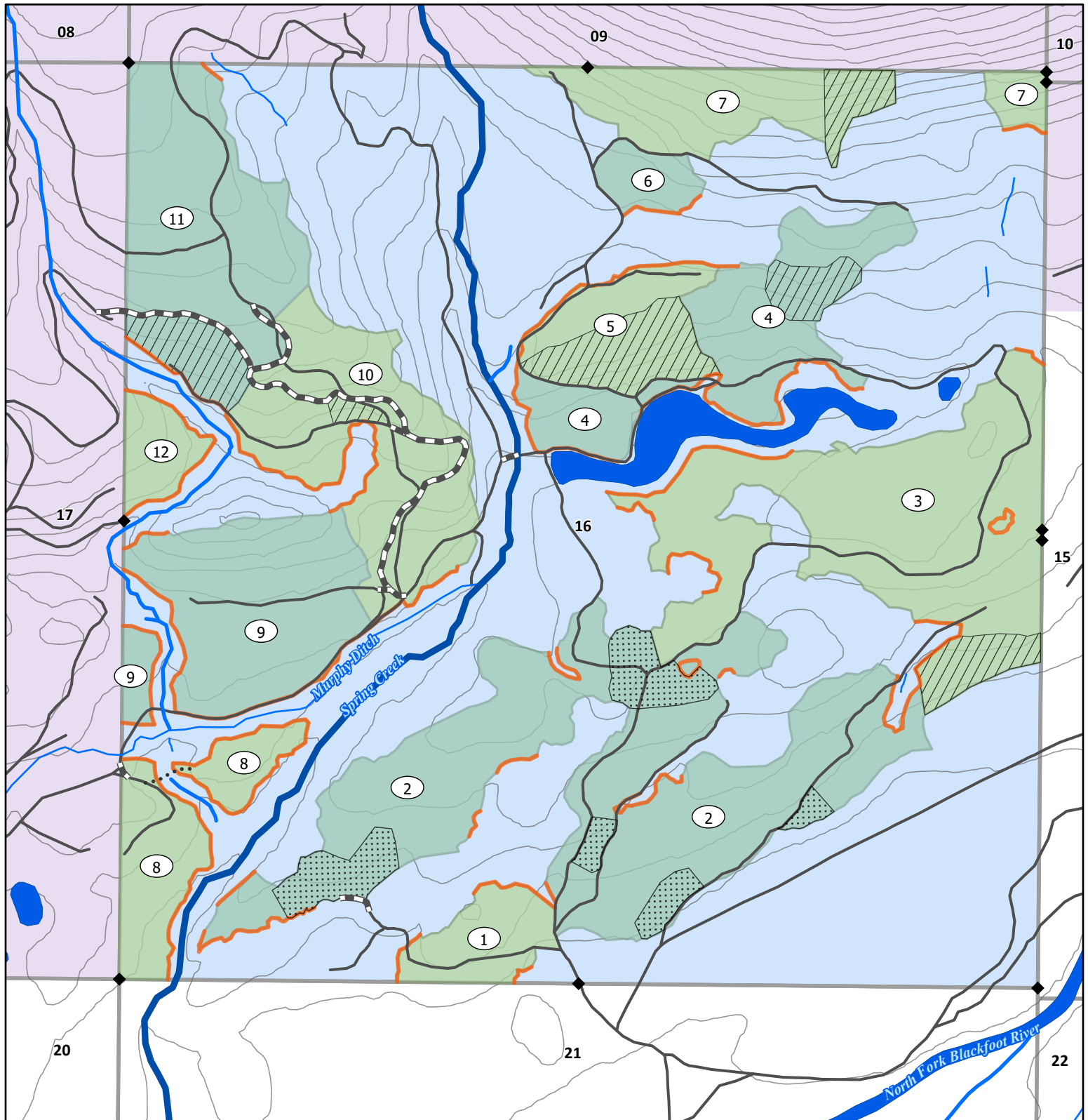
County: Powell



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## Harvest Units

T15N R11W Section 16



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|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sample Marked Areas       | New Construction       | Perennial Waterbody | Corner Monuments                  |
| Steep Ground Restrictions | Temporary Construction | Class 1 Stream      | PLSS First Division               |
| Harvest Units             | Existing Roads         | Class 2 Stream      | DNRC Trust Lands                  |
| Harvest Units             | SMZ/WMZ Boundaries     | Class 3 Stream      | Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks |
|                           | 40 ft Contours         |                     |                                   |



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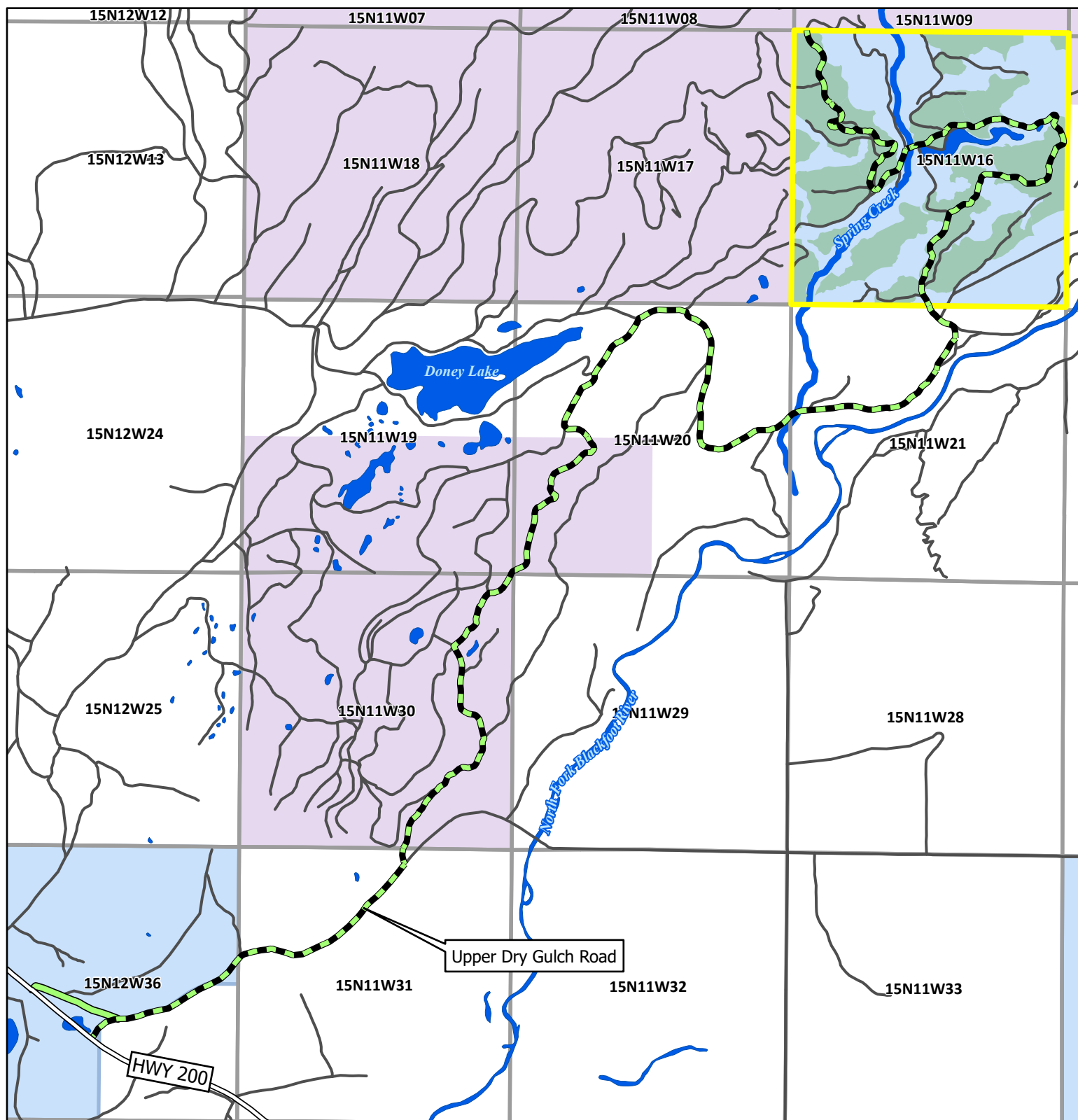
\*Harvest units shown in two colors to provide clarity between units. Colors do not indicate different prescriptions, etc.



# Doney Gal Timber Sale

## Haul Route

T15N R11W Sections 16, 17, 19-21, 30 & 36



— Haul Route

— Alternative Haul Route

— Other Existing Roads

— Highway

— Doney Gal TS Area

— Harvest Units

— Perennial Waterbody

— Class 1 Stream

— PLSS First Division

— DNRC Trust Lands

— Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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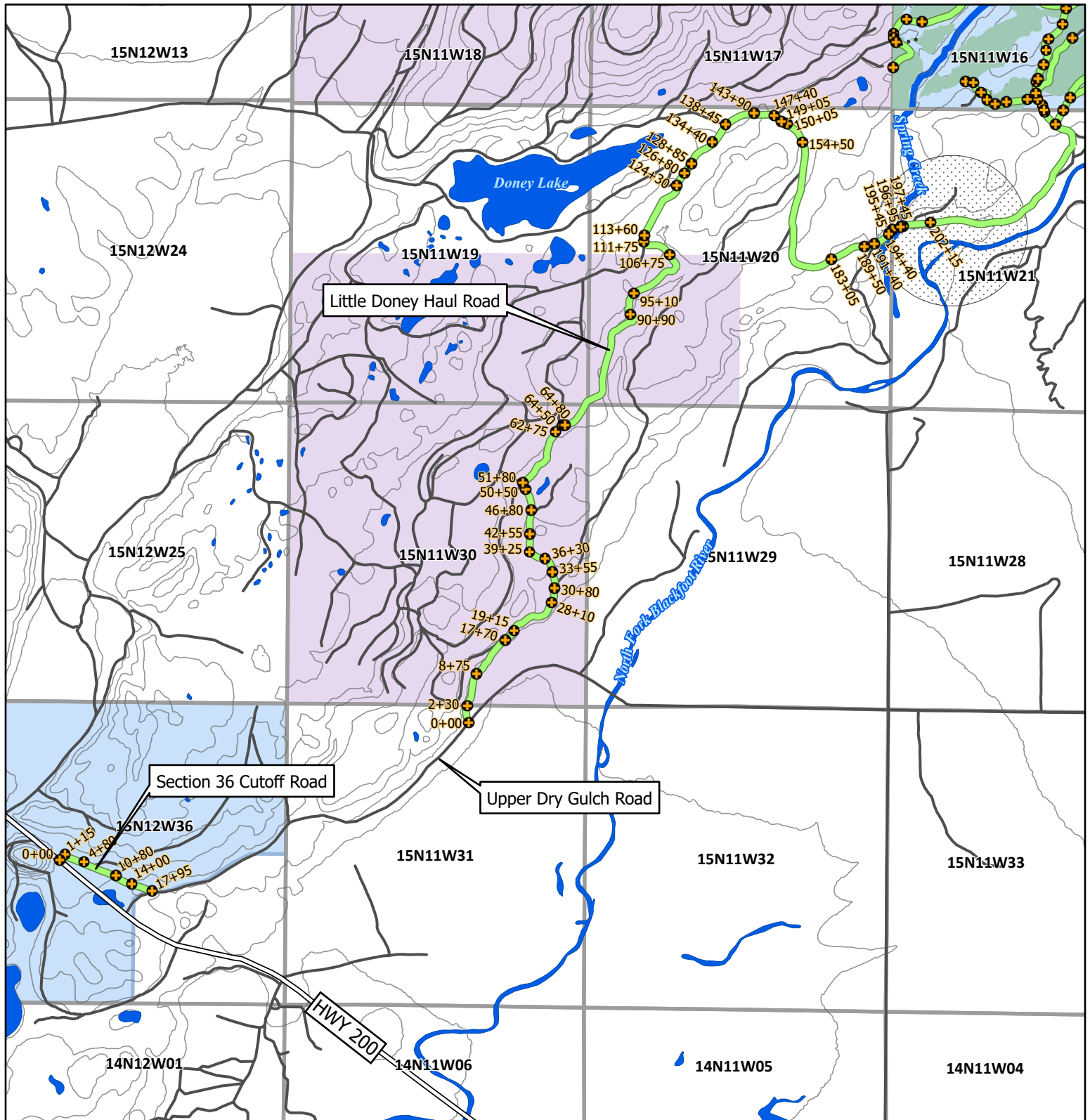
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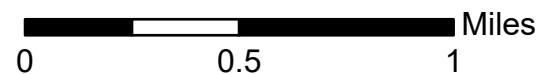
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## Road Work

### T15N R11W Sections 16, 17, 19-21, 30 & 36



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|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Road Stations               | Maintenance            | Perennial Waterbody | PLSS First Division               |
| Red-tailed Hawk Nest Buffer | New Construction       | Class 1 Stream      | DNRC Trust Lands                  |
| Harvest Units               | Reclaim                |                     | Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks |
|                             | Temporary Construction |                     |                                   |
|                             | Other Existing Roads   |                     |                                   |
|                             | HWY 200                |                     |                                   |
|                             | 40 ft Contours         |                     |                                   |

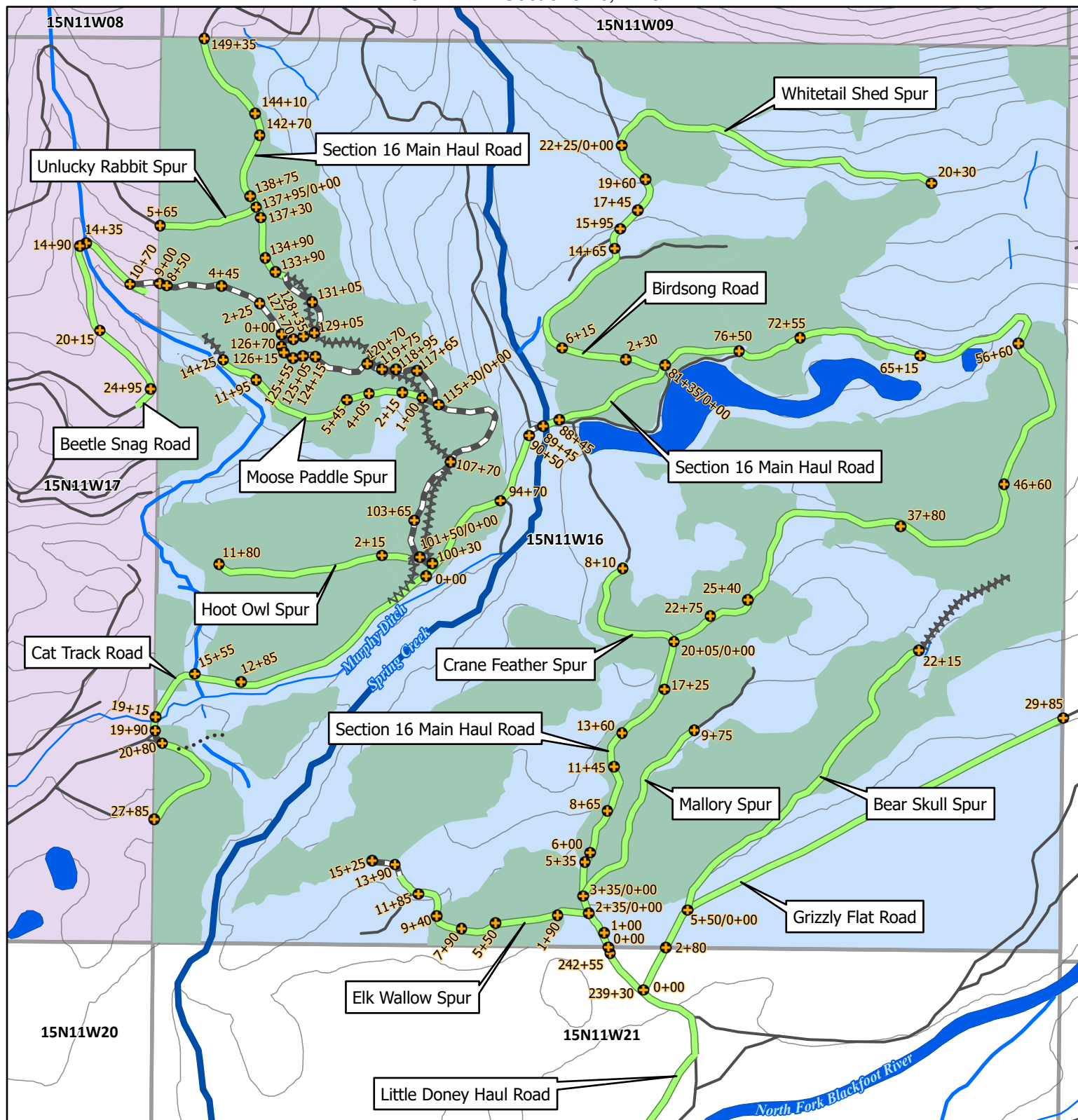


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## Road Work - continued

### T15N R11W Sections 16, 17 & 21



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