

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **Fish Stix Timber Permit** is located within Section 32, of T16N-R14W, on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 659 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir, sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 21, 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 \$279.00**, 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 Permit Contract and Timber Permit Bond.

The permit 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 permit 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 permit prospectus, permit 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: Fish Stix Timber Permit			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-244-2385	Melissa Laskos	Clearwater Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-244-2385	Melissa Laskos	Southwest 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. Please contact Melissa Laskos at 406-244-2385 1-2 business days prior to viewing the sale area for access information.
2. A volume cruise was not conducted. Volume estimates are based off Stand Level Inventory data and ocular estimate.
3. Operating period is June 16 – March 31 (Grizzly bear closure from April 1-June 15).
4. This sale is located on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range. The haul route is open to the public from May 15 – November 30 annually.
5. Landing locations on FWP have been pre-approved to facilitate harvest of the 2 acres south of the unnamed stream along the southern unit boundary.
6. Overhead and buried powerlines are present within the harvest unit.
7. This sale is Designation by Prescription (not marked) with a sample-marked area.
8. Portions of the sale contain steeper slopes of 45-60%. Hand-felling and winching or shoveling of timber may be required if equipment causes excessive soil disturbance.
9. **Scarification of the harvest unit is required (40-50% of the harvest unit).** If the Forest Officer finds that adequate scarification did not take place via harvest operations (e.g. due to logging over snow or frozen ground), then the Purchaser is required to scarify non-regenerated areas within this unit as soon as conditions allow.
10. The Purchaser shall be responsible for one application of herbicide on approximately **0.8** miles of roads AND all landing areas. The application shall be completed after harvest and prior to the contract termination date.

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

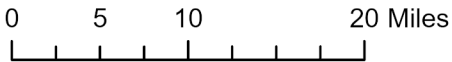
Clearwater Unit

Fish Stix Timber Permit

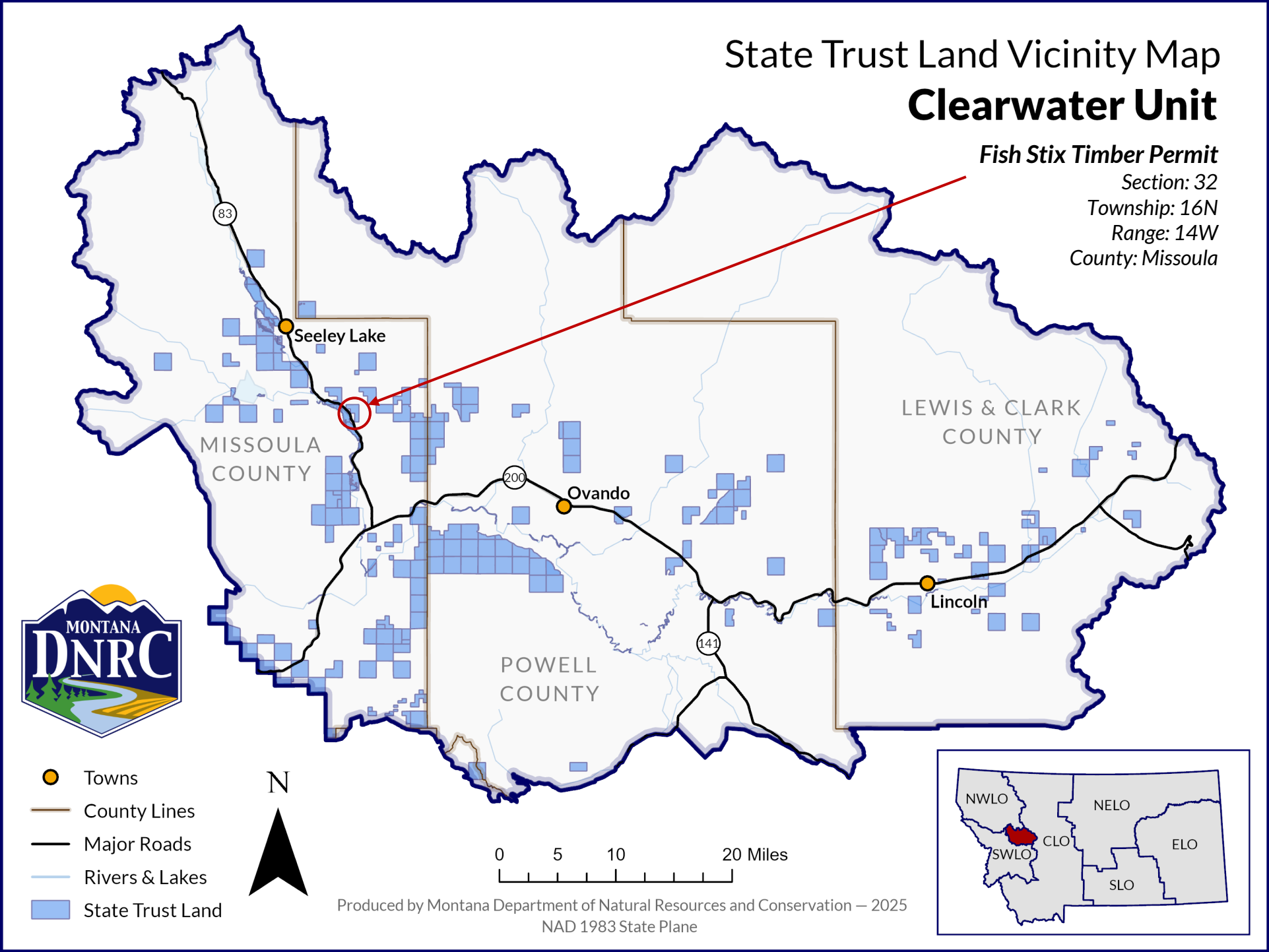
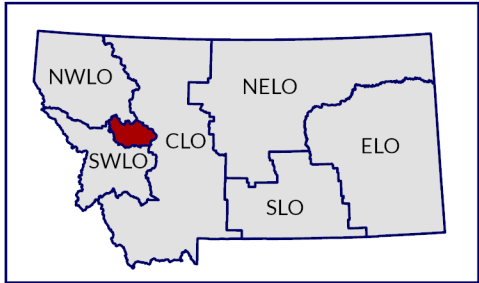
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Township: 16N
Range: 14W
County: Missoula



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

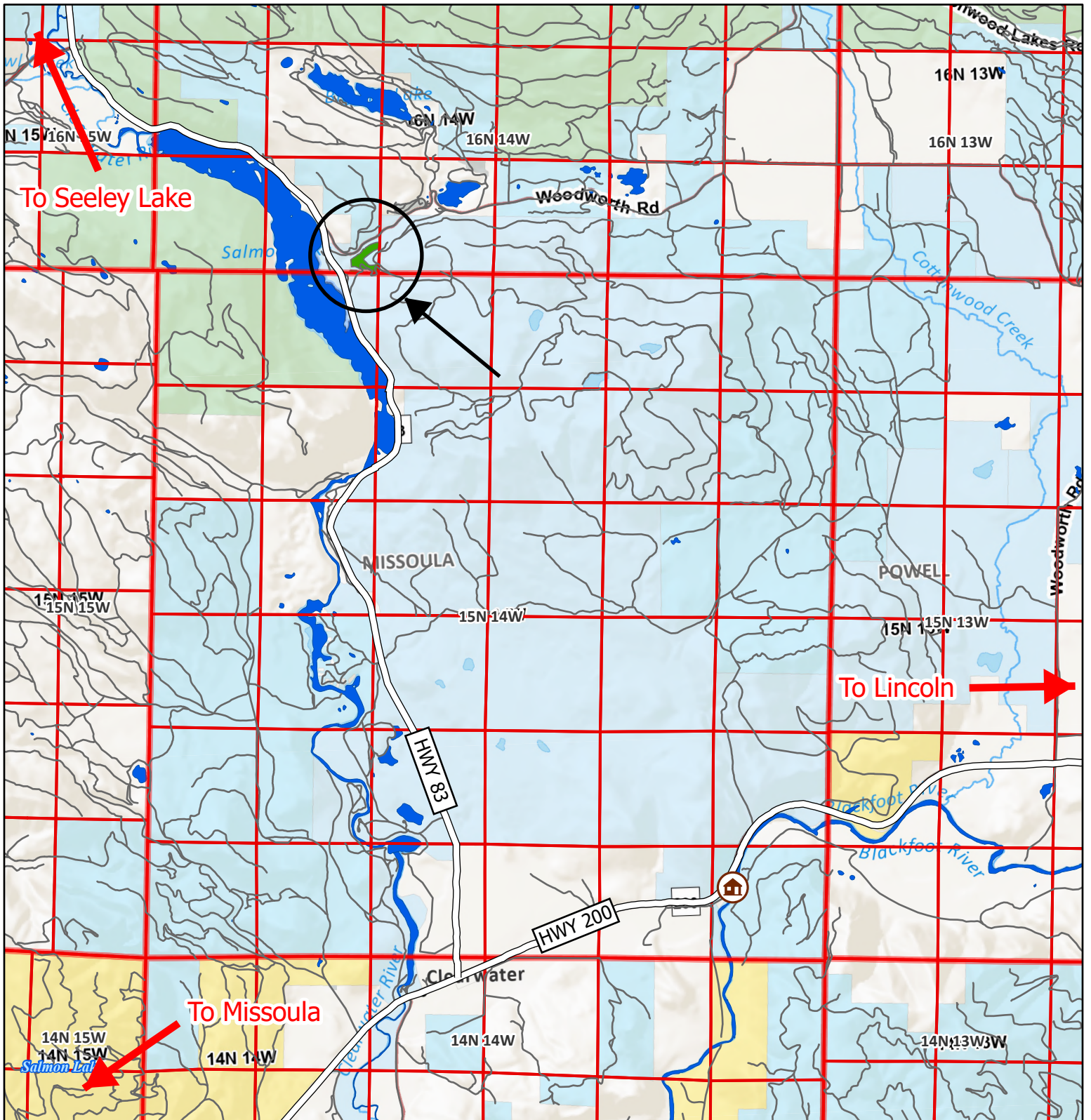










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NAD 1983 State Plane




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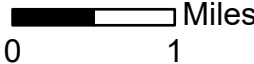


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|  Fish Stix Timber Permit |  Perennial Waterbody |
|  DNRC Clearwater Unit Office |  PLSS Township |
|  Highway |  PLSS Township |
|  Existing Roads |  PLSS First Division |

Directions: From Clearwater Junction, travel 6.7 miles north on Highway 83. Turnoff is on the right. Turnoff is approximately 1/4 mile after Salmon Lake boat launch and 1/2 mile before junction with Woodworth Road.



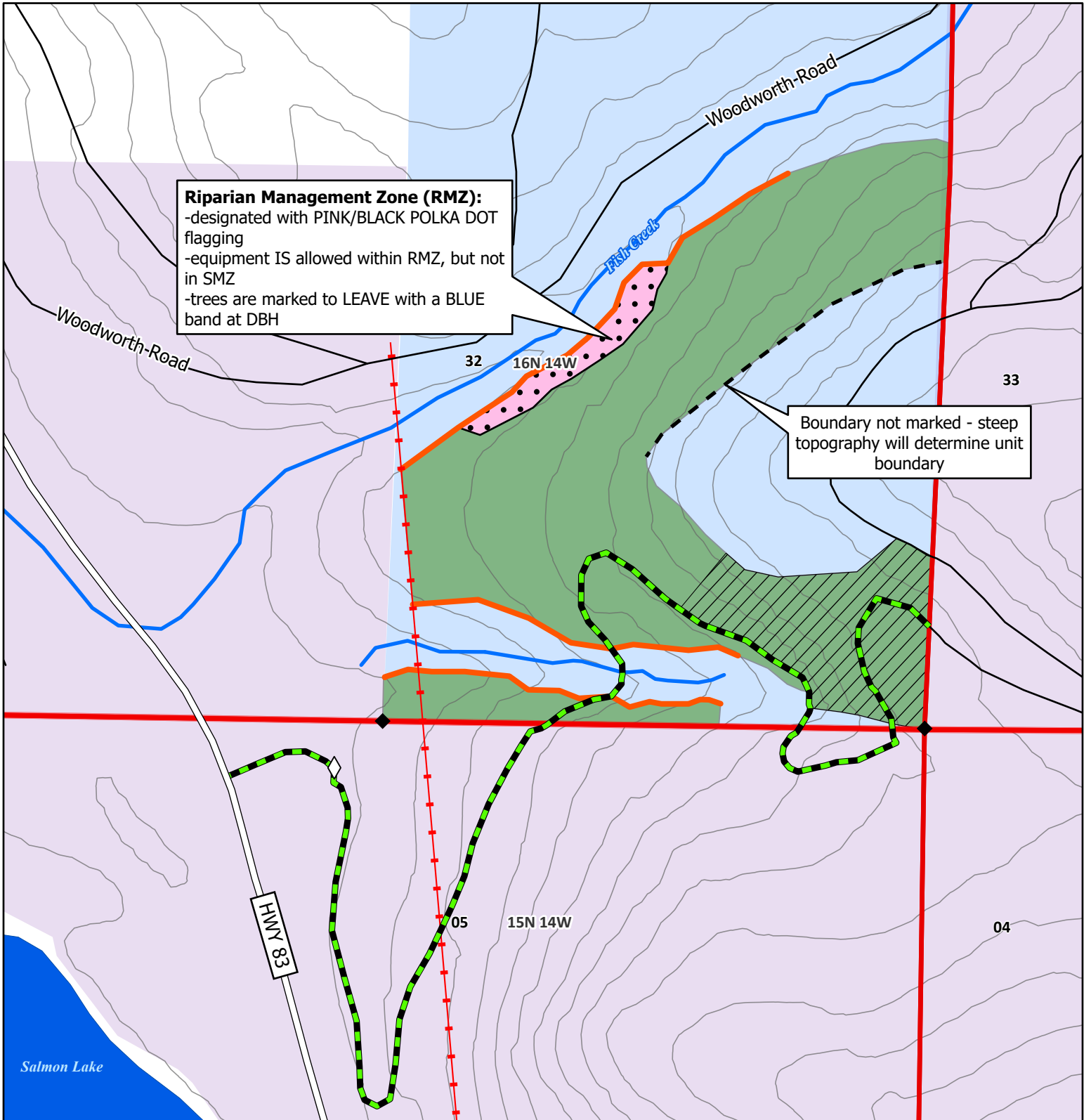




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Riparian Management Zone (RMZ):
 -designated with PINK/BLACK POLKA DOT flagging
 -equipment IS allowed within RMZ, but not in SMZ
 -trees are marked to LEAVE with a BLUE band at DBH

Boundary not marked - steep topography will determine unit boundary

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| ◇ Gates | —+— Power Line | ■ Perennial Waterbody |
| ◆ Corner Monuments | - - - Boundary not marked | ■ DNRC Trust Lands |
| ■ Harvest Unit | — SMZ | ■ Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks |
| ▨ Sample Marking | — Streams | — PLSS Township |
| ■ Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) | — Haul Route | ■ PLSS First Division |
| | — Highway | |
| | — Existing Roads | |
| | — 40 ft Contours | |

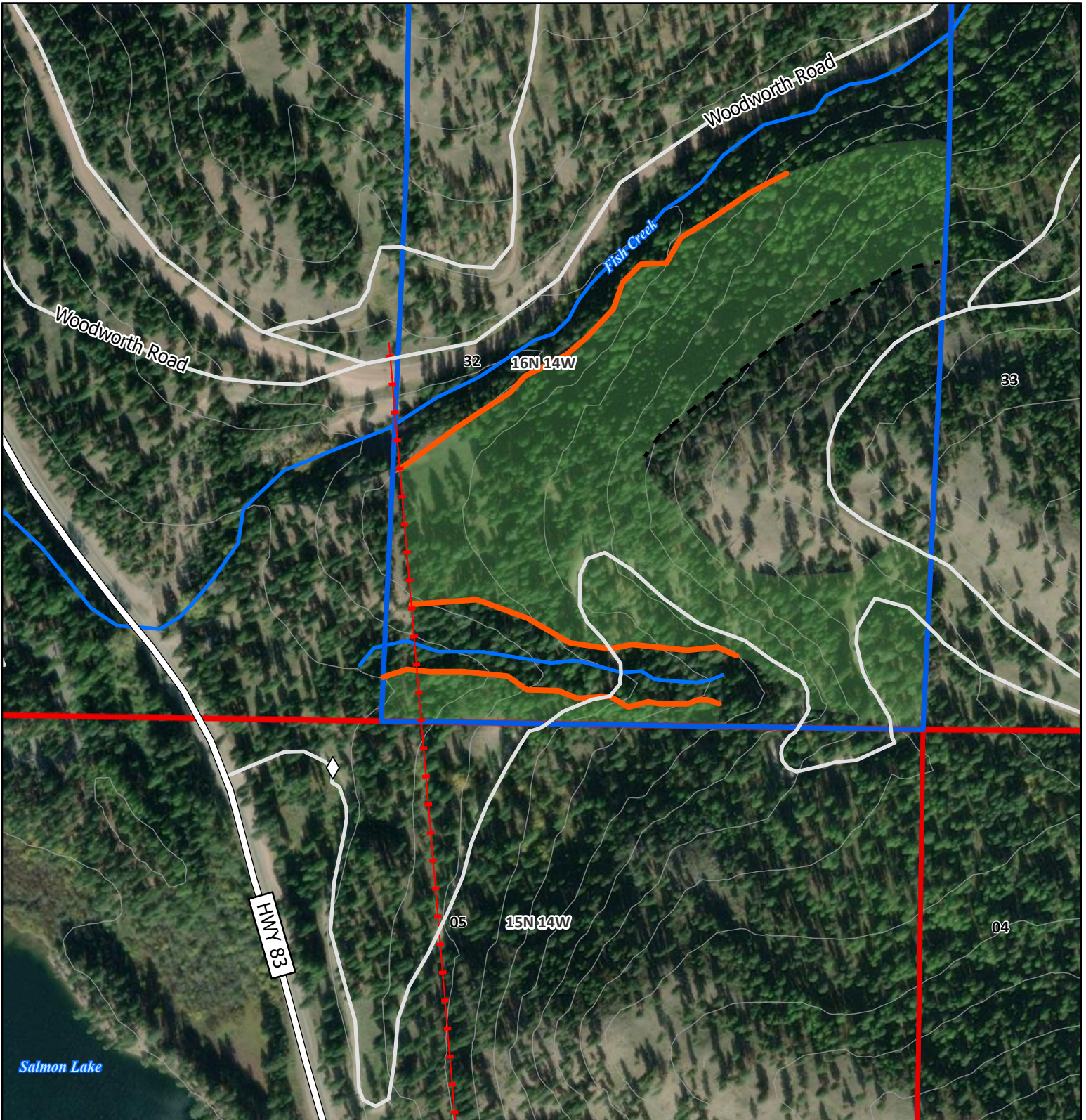
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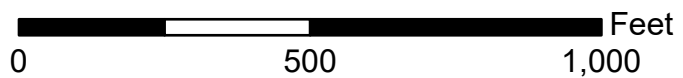
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