

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Island Lake Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T29N-R27W, on the State's Libby Unit. Approximately 16,286 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 **April 9, 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 **\$16,612.00**, 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 March 16, 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), the Northwestern Land Office in Kalispell (406-751-2257), or the Libby Unit Office in Libby, MT (406-293-2711).

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: Island Lake Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact: Jessica Mannion			
Phone	406-283-3529	Unit Office: Libby	
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:

1. Grizzly Bear Closure: Commercial forest management activities (including log hauling and roadwork) are prohibited from April 1 - June 15.
2. Hawk Nest restriction: An red-tailed hawk nest occurs immediately east of Unit 1 and NF 2383 road. A DNRC wildlife biologist or appropriate representative will determine the status of the nest site each breeding season. If the hawk nest is active, portions of units 1 and 2 that within a ¼ mile would have an operational restriction of April 1 – August 15 (See Attachment A: Project Overview Map). Roadwork and hauling on NF 2383 and B Main East Spur would be restricted within that ¼ mile buffer area.
3. SALVAGE OF RECENT BLOWDOWN TIMBER WITHIN HARVEST UNITS: The Purchaser and the Forest officer will agree to a plan for removal of merchantable blowdown timber within the harvest units at the sawlog bid rate.
4. The assigned Haul Route for this sale is through public county roads heading out of the parcel. These roads are: Island Lake Rd, Pleasant Valley Rd, and Lost Prairie Rd leading out to US Highway 2. Any alternate route must be approved by the Forest Officer and may require the Purchaser to apply for temporary road use permits or agreements at the Purchaser's expense. The Forest Officer will require proof of road access if an alternate route is pursued by the Purchaser.
5. There are two gates located on the parcel leading to the harvest units. Libby Unit DNRC will provide keys or combination codes to interested bidders for the duration of advertisement, and to the purchaser after execution of contract. Due to the Grizzly Bear Closure, no motorized vehicle access behind gates will be allowed from April 1-June 15 (foot traffic only).

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Island 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												\$20.40
Pounds per cubic foot		56.0	57.0	56.0				55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		9802	1957	4393				134			0	16,286 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		235	72	181				7			0	495 tons
Gross MBF		1690	378	680				33			0	2,781 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		9.8	11.7	8.4				45.3			0.0	10.2%
Net MBF		1523	334	623				18			0	2,498 MBF
Average logs per MBF		23.7	21.2	30.0				50.8			0.0	25.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.1	10.5	9.7				9.9			0.0	10.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												38 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												101
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,158 and 2,838 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											13.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	16,286 estimated tons / 2,498 Net MBF											6.52 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	8/15/2030
Operating Period:	June 16 - March 31 when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2), If hawk nest is active annually, August 16- March 31 operation 1/4 mile from nest site.

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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)	N/A
Yarding distance tractor (average)	700 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	N/A
Estimated haul distance (paved)	37.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	19.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.08/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$66,446.88
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$11,074.48
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$64,500.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$3.96/ton

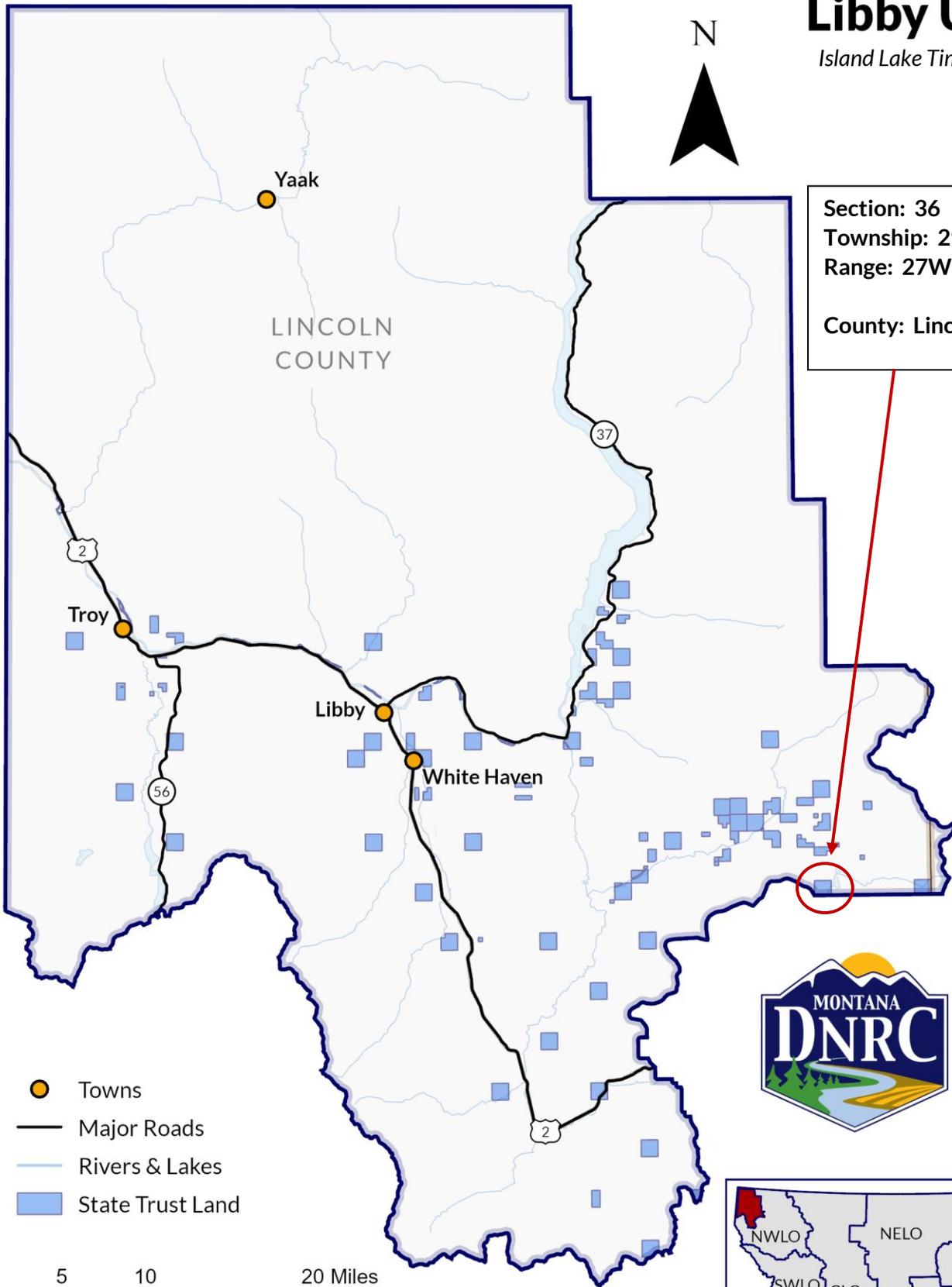
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$7,955
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.49/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$3.18/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$4,946
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.30/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	4.5 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	93.00	1402	215	July 15, 2030
2	290.18	12841	1970	July 15, 2030
3	47.15	2043	313	July 15, 2030
	430 Ac.	16,286 tons	2,498 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

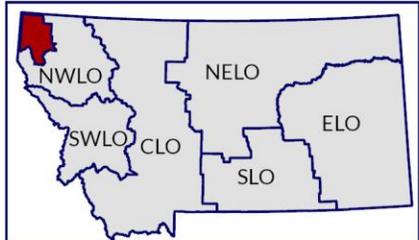
Libby Unit

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Section: 36
Township: 29N
Range: 27W
County: Lincoln

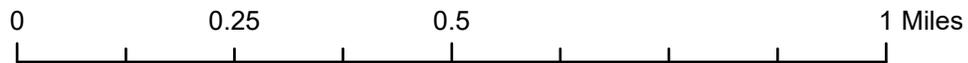
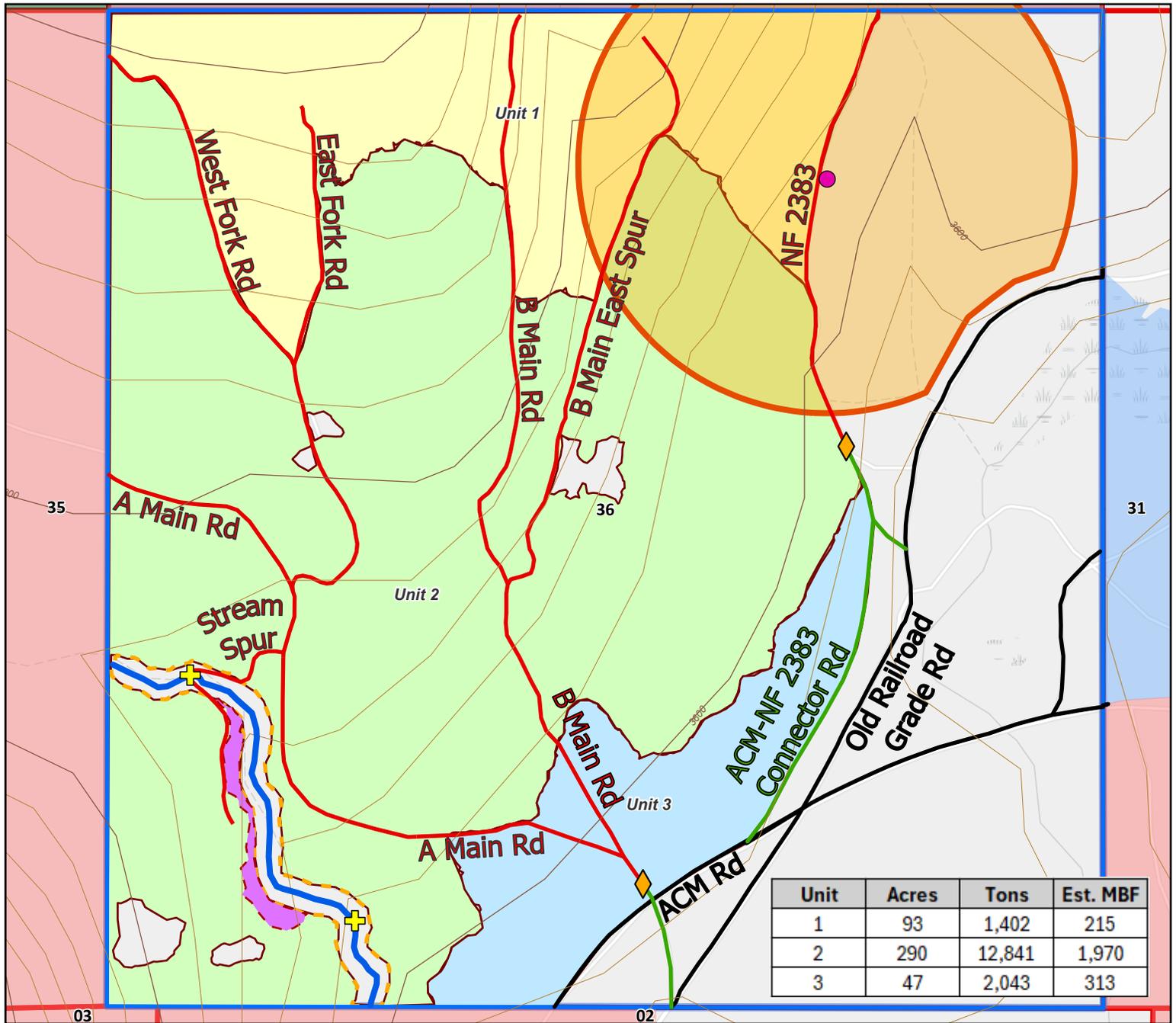
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land



Island Lake Timber Sale - Project Overview

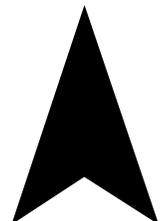
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Attachment A



- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- Montana State Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Southern Pine Plantation
- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3
- Nest - Seasonal Restriction
- Equipment Restriction Zone (ERZ)

- Streamside Management Zone (SMZ)- No Harvest
- Class 3 Stream
- Existing Roads
- Open Road Maintenance
- Restricted Road Maintenance
- Stream Crossing
- Gate
- Red-tailed Hawk Nest



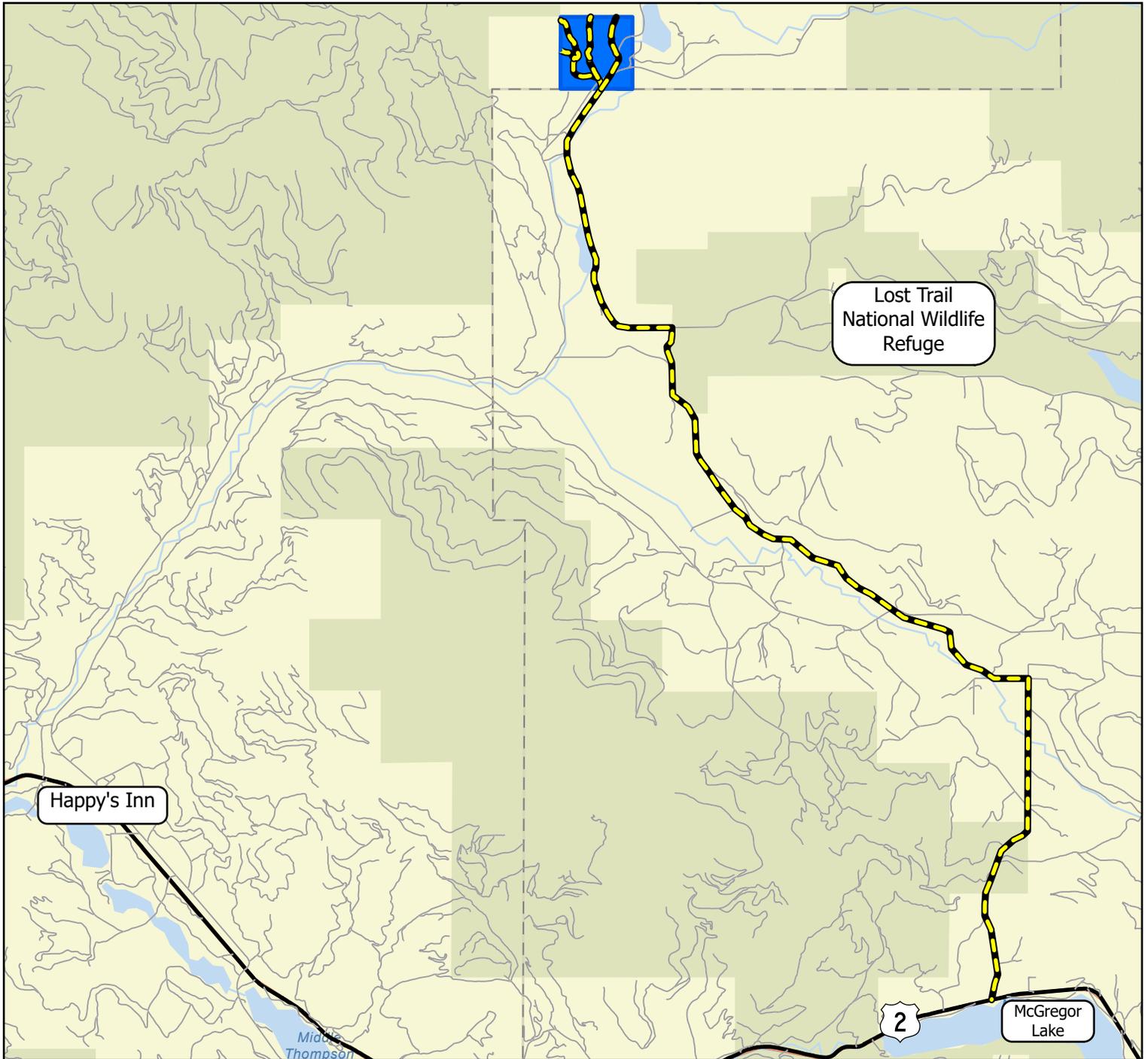
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Island Lake Timber Sale - Haul Route

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Attachment A



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-  Island Lake Timber Sale
-  Haul Route
-  Highway
-  Open/Public Road

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