

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Sawdust Gulch Timber Sale is located within Sections 22 and 23, T2N-R19W on the Hamilton Unit. Approximately 5,677 tons, consisting primarily of Douglas-fir and Ponderosa pine, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **April 14, 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 \$2,265.00**, 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. 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: Sawdust Gulch			
For specific sale information, contact: Daniel McConnell			
Phone	406-499-2670	Unit Office: Hamilton	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office	Missoula

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. Sale units are accessed through private property temporary road use permit (TRUP) with gate. **For access to sale contact** Hamilton Unit Forester – **Dan McConnell** at 406-499-2670
2. The Forest Improvement fee will be charged and collected concurrent with stumpage.
3. Georeferenced PDF maps are available
4. Timber has not been marked for harvest units 2 & 3. See VII. F. Unit Designations for harvest requirements.
5. Timber has been marked for harvest units 1 & 4.
6. See VII. G. for “Special Operating Requirements,” including felling and slashing of submerchantable trees.
7. No logging or road maintenance will be allowed during deer and elk game general hunting season (10/15 – 11/30)
8. There are **NO** grass seeding requirements for the contractor. Hamilton Unit will handle all necessary seed purchase and application.
9. A temporary road use permit (TRUP) for access across private land to the sale area is included in this Timber Sale Contract. The purchaser will be required to list the two landowners as additional insured in the Purchaser’s liability insurance, worker’s compensation insurance, and automotive insurance prior to Timber Sale Contract execution.
10. The TRUP also requires delivery of 2 log truck loads (approximately 60 tons) of firewood to be collected from the sale area and delivered to the landowners at a location near the private road access (see Section I.B. of Attachment B).

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Sawdust Gulch Timber Sale												
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												\$7.98
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7									40.0	
Estimated CF	29643.7	193422.8									0.0	223,066 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	304.6	1633.5									0.0	1,938 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	731	4946									0	5,677 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	7	42									0	49 tons
Gross MBF	129	878									0	1,007 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	20.0	17.1									0.0	17.5%
Net MBF	103	728									0	831 MBF
Average logs per MBF	24.1	21.4									0.0	21.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.2	13.9									0.0	13.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	_____											33 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	_____											4.9 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	_____											48
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	701 and 960 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											15.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,677 estimated tons / 831 Net MBF											6.83 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2029
Operating Period:	11/30 - 10/15 Outside of big game rifle hunting season

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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)	750 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	114.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.3 miles

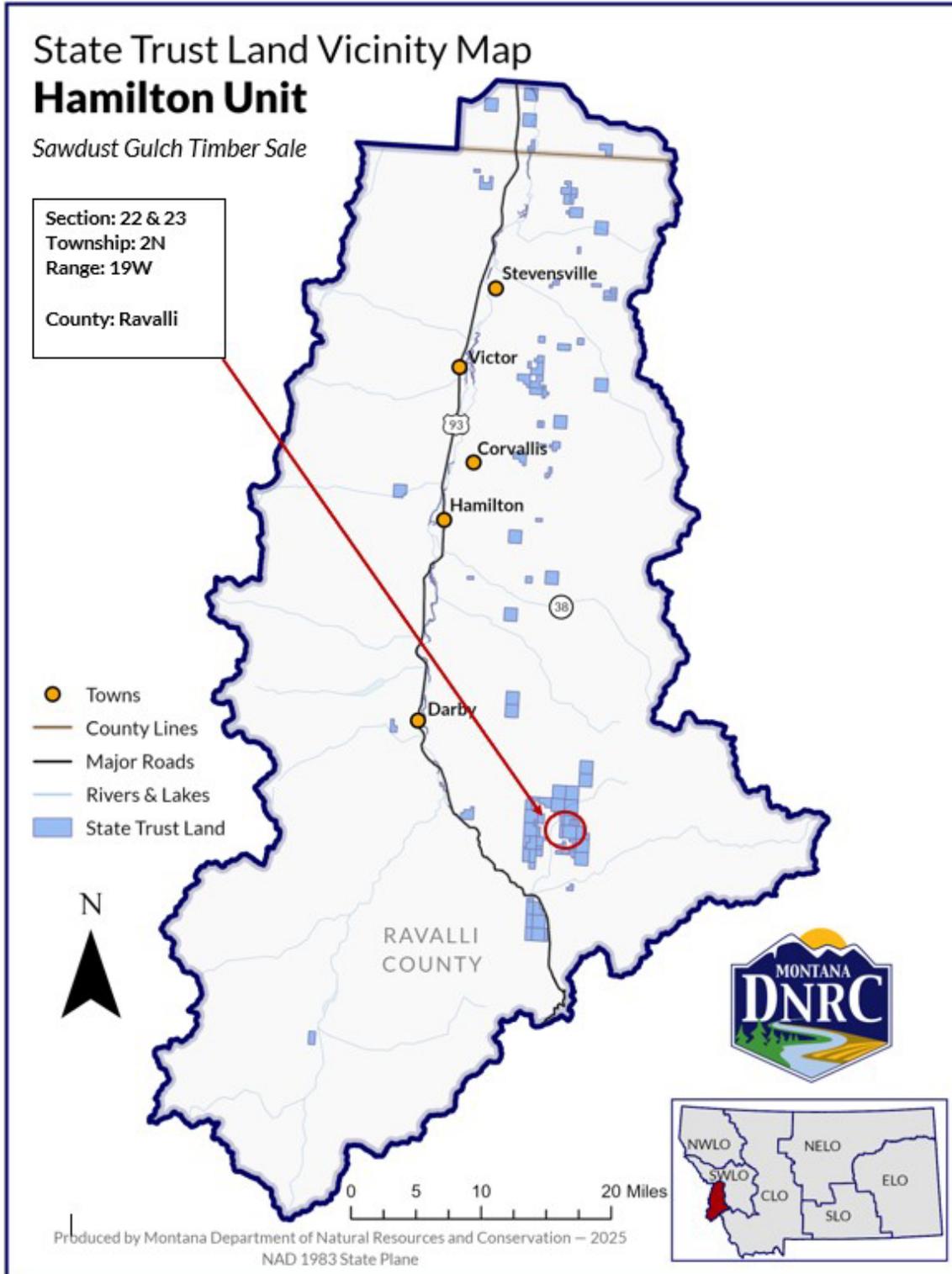
Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.18/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$18,053
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	N/A-to be billed with concurrent with stumpage
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$6,832
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$1.20/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	\$48,572
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$8.56/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$58.46/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$3,003
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	0.7 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	4.2 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	63	2,709	396	9/30/2029
2	53	1,459	214	9/30/2029
3	36	970	142	9/30/2029
4	19	540	79	9/30/2029
	171 Ac.	5,677 tons	831 MBF	

STATE OF MONTANA
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT
ATTACHMENT A

A-1 Vicinity Map

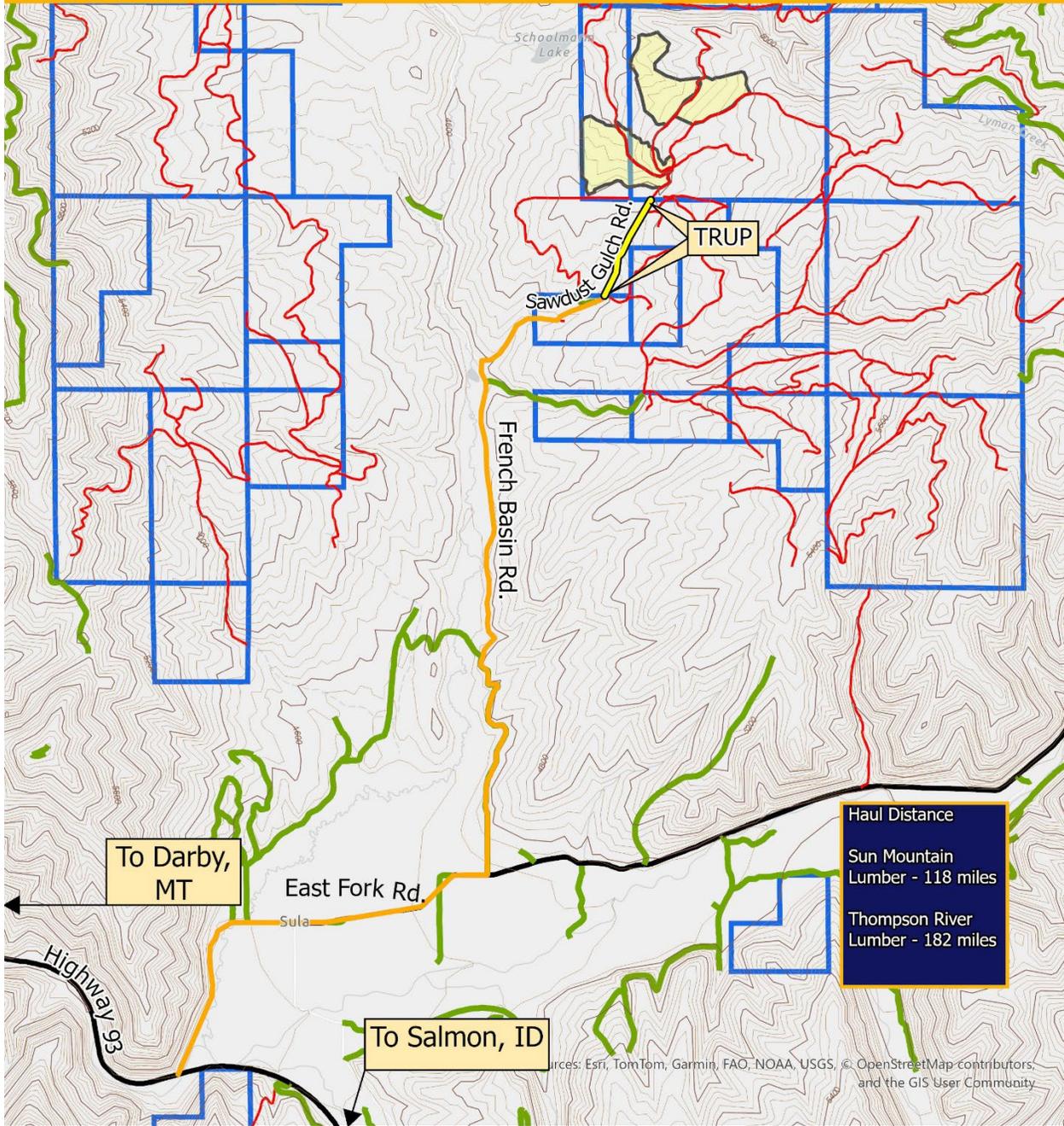


A-2 Haul Route

Sawdust Gulch Timber Sale
Haul Route Map

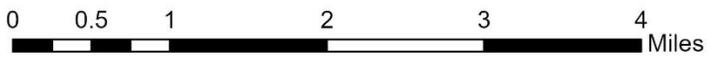


2N 19W Sec 22 & 23



- Legend**
- Tractor Units
 - DNRC Property Boundary

- Haul route
- TRUP
- Highway
- Open/Public Roads
- Restricted Class A



Map Created By: Dan McConnell - HAM Unit
3/12/2026

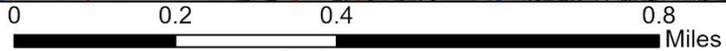
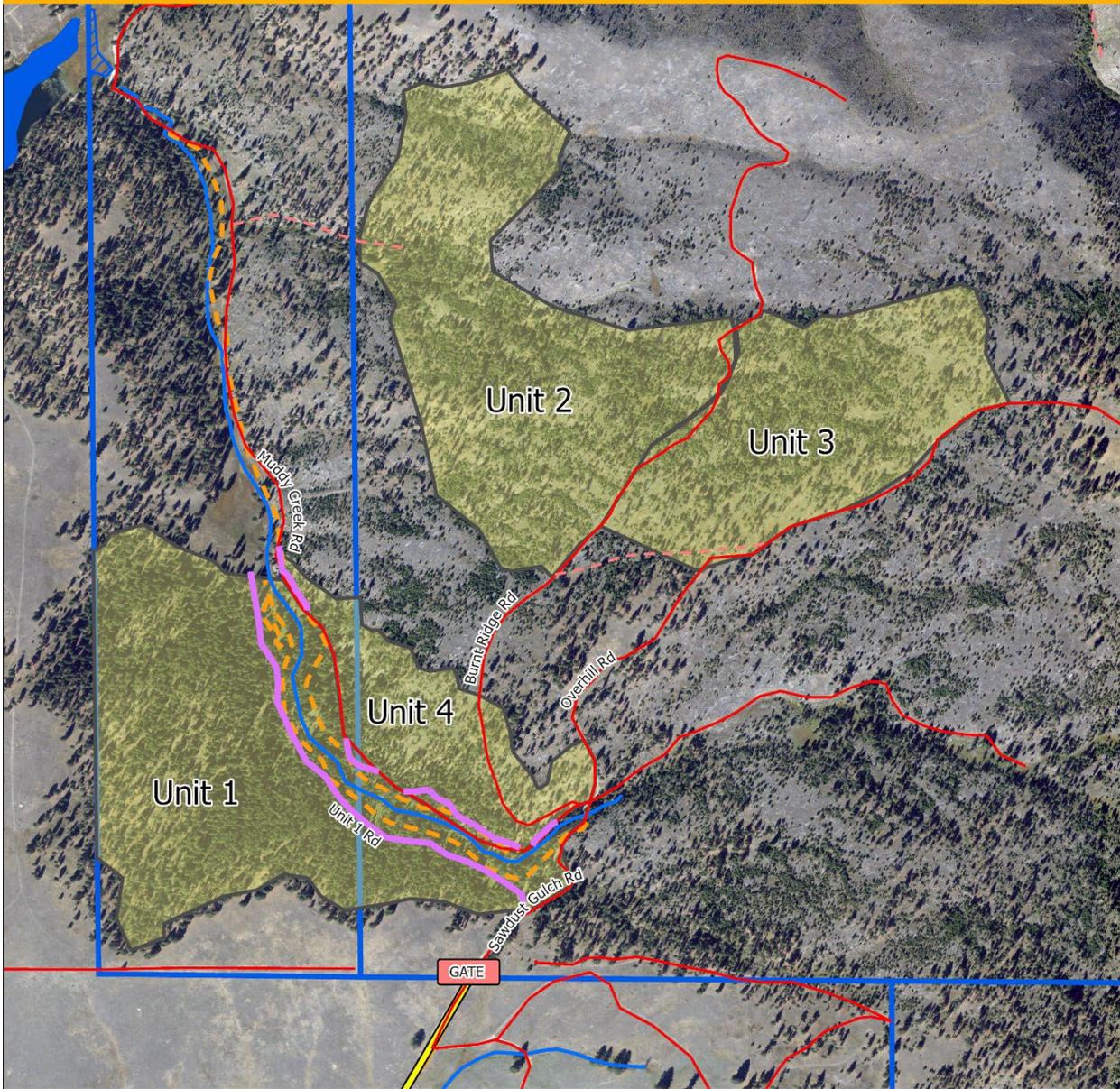
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A-3 Sale Map - Satellite



Sawdust Gulch Timber Sale Project Map

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Sec. 22 & 23



<p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNRC Property Boundary Tractor Units Restricted Class A Abandoned or Reclaimed Road Reconstruction/Relocation TRUP 	<p>Hydrology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 2 SMZ 	<p>Map Created By: Dan McConnell - HAM Unit 3/11/2026</p> 
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A-4 Sale Map – Hillshade topography

