

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Spencer To Beaver Timber Sale is located within Sections 4,5, & 9 of T30N-R22W and Sections 7,8,17,18,19,& 33 of T31N-R22W on the State's Kalispell Unit. Approximately 27,792 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 7, 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 \$33,545.00**, 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).

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: Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact: Alex Golden			
Phone	406-751-2265	Kalispell Unit Office	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwest 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. **The Spencer to Beaver Timber sale consists of 13 units (871 acres).**
 - a. 13 ground-based units (871 acres, 4.66 MMBF).
 - b. There are 2 raptor nests located within the sale area; one nest is located north of Unit B4 that will affect timing restrictions for Unit B3 and B4. A second nest is located within Unit 3 that will affect timing restrictions for Units 1,2 and 3. (see maps in Attachment A of the Sample Contract)
2. **The Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale road package includes:**
 - a. Approximately 0.25 miles of new road construction will include right-of way harvesting, road pioneering, drain dip installations, CMP installations, grass seeding, maintenance, weed spraying, and final blading.
 - b. Approximately 18.2 miles of road maintenance includes brush clearing and piling, right of way clearing, road widening, drain feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.
3. **Access/Directions**
 - a. The Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale is located approximately 4 miles west of Whitefish, MT. The south side of the sale area is accessed by the Twin Bridges Trailhead at the Junction of Highway 93 and Twin Bridges Roads (between MP 17 and 18) as well as the Fishhouse Entrance off Highway 93 at MP 131.
 - b. To reach the north end of the sale area, drive west on Highway 93 until Beaver Lake Road turnoff at MP 135. Follow Beaver Lake Road north for approximately 1.5 miles to the Beaver Lake Trailhead. The sale area will be just north of the trailhead.
 - c. *See Attached Sale and Haul Route maps.
 - d. *Gate keys are required to access the Fishhouse Main Road access, the Twin Bridges Main Road access, Beaver Spur North access and are available at the Kalispell Unit Office (655 Timberwolf Parkway Suite 2, Kalispell MT. 59901). The Beaver Spur West access is walk-in only prior to operations.
4. **Operating Periods, wildlife restrictions, and public use/recreation.**
 - Operating periods vary by harvest unit, please refer to contract for details.

5. Public Use/Recreation.

The Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale areas are well used by the public for recreation. For safety, to reduce risk of conflict, and to meet an easement requirement, the State has applied commitments to this contract:

Spencer Mountain Sale Area:

- Units 1, 2, and 3 will be closed by the State to public use during harvest operations.
- Trails are not marked and harvest and equipment operations are not restricted beyond encouragement of retaining more trees near trails and avoiding damage to trail systems.
- Hauling on Twin Bridges Main Road and Fishhouse Main Road will be a **single direction** with trucks entering from Twin Bridge Road and existing onto Highway 93 from Fishhouse Main Road (i.e. a clockwise direction on the map).

Beaver Lakes Sale Area:

- Units B5, B6, and B7 are limited to winter operations.
- Trails are marked in Units B5 and B7 and have a 16-foot protected corridor that includes equipment crossings only at designated locations. See further detail in maps in Attachment A and in Section VII.G. **Special Operating Requirements** of the Sample Contract.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Spencer to Beaver 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												\$24.14
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	57.0	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0					40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	121	13596	10280	393	2262	1049					91	27,792 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	0	166	104	8	18	44					1	341 tons
Gross MBF	19	2442	1967	70	445	201					31	5,174 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	5.0	8.7	10.0	8.9	6.2	30.5					28.6	9.9%
Net MBF	18	2230	1770	64	417	140					22	4,661 MBF
Average logs per MBF	17.3	17.4	16.7	20.9	14.0	28.3					18.6	17.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH	16.0	13.4	13.8	11.1	13.8	10.6					10.7	13.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												32 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.4 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												46
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	4,135 and 5,188 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											11.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	27,792 estimated tons / 4,661 Net MBF											5.96 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2029
Operating Period:	*See Contract. Multiple operating periods depending on harvest unit.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	5%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	20.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	2.6 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.46/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$123,952
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$20,659
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/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	\$35,384
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.27/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$7.59/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$18,000
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.65/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.25 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	15.9 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	18.2 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	33	758	127	September 30, 2029
Unit 2	57	1521	255	September 30, 2029
Unit 3	45	2039	342	September 30, 2029
Unit 4	50	922	155	September 30, 2029
Unit 5	42	917	154	September 30, 2029
Unit 6	36	833	140	September 30, 2029
Unit B1	131	4310	723	September 30, 2029
Unit B2	198	4842	812	September 30, 2029
Unit B3	68	4180	701	September 30, 2029
Unit B4	109	3886	652	September 30, 2029
Unit B5	38	1861	312	March 31, 2029
Unit B6	30	844	142	March 31, 2029
Unit B7	34	878	147	March 31, 2029
	871	27,792 tons	4,661 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map Kalispell & Stillwater Units



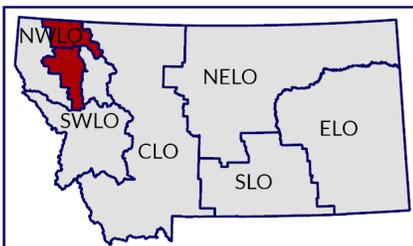
Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale

Sections 4, 5, 9
Township 30N,
Range 22W

Sections 7, 8, 17,
18, 19, 33
Township 31N,
Range 22W

County: Flathead

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

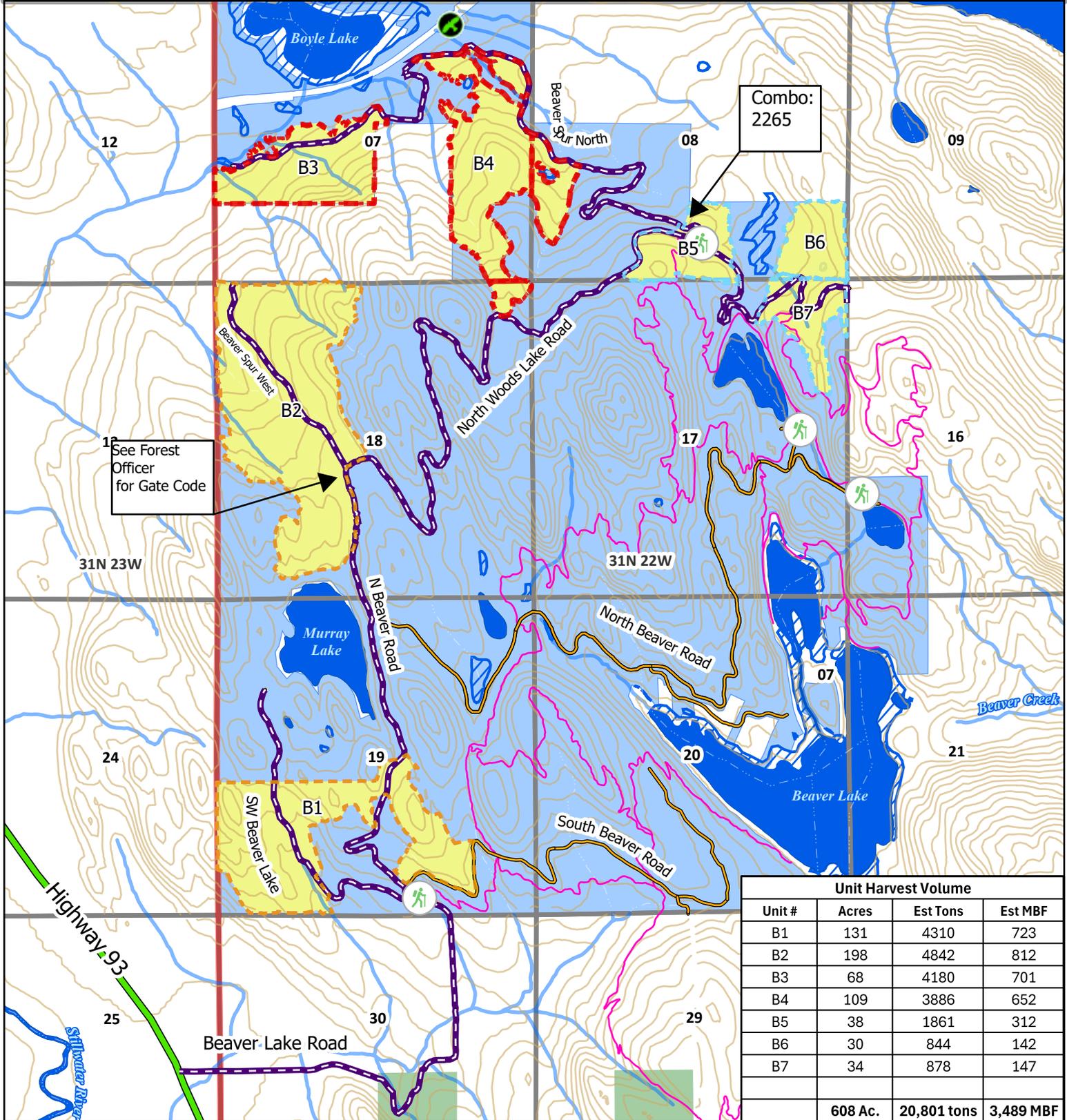


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Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale Beaver Lake Harvest Units S. 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 T31N R22W

Attachment A
Map 3 of 6

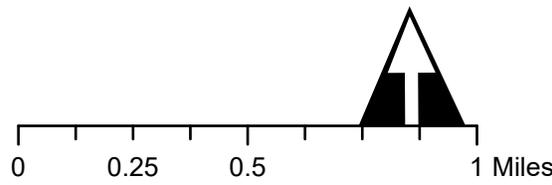


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B2	198	4842	812
B3	68	4180	701
B4	109	3886	652
B5	38	1861	312
B6	30	844	142
B7	34	878	147
	608 Ac.	20,801 tons	3,489 MBF

- Trailheads
- Haul Route
- June 16-March 31
- November 1-March 31
- Bird Nest
- Highway 93
- DNRC Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Twin Bridges Road

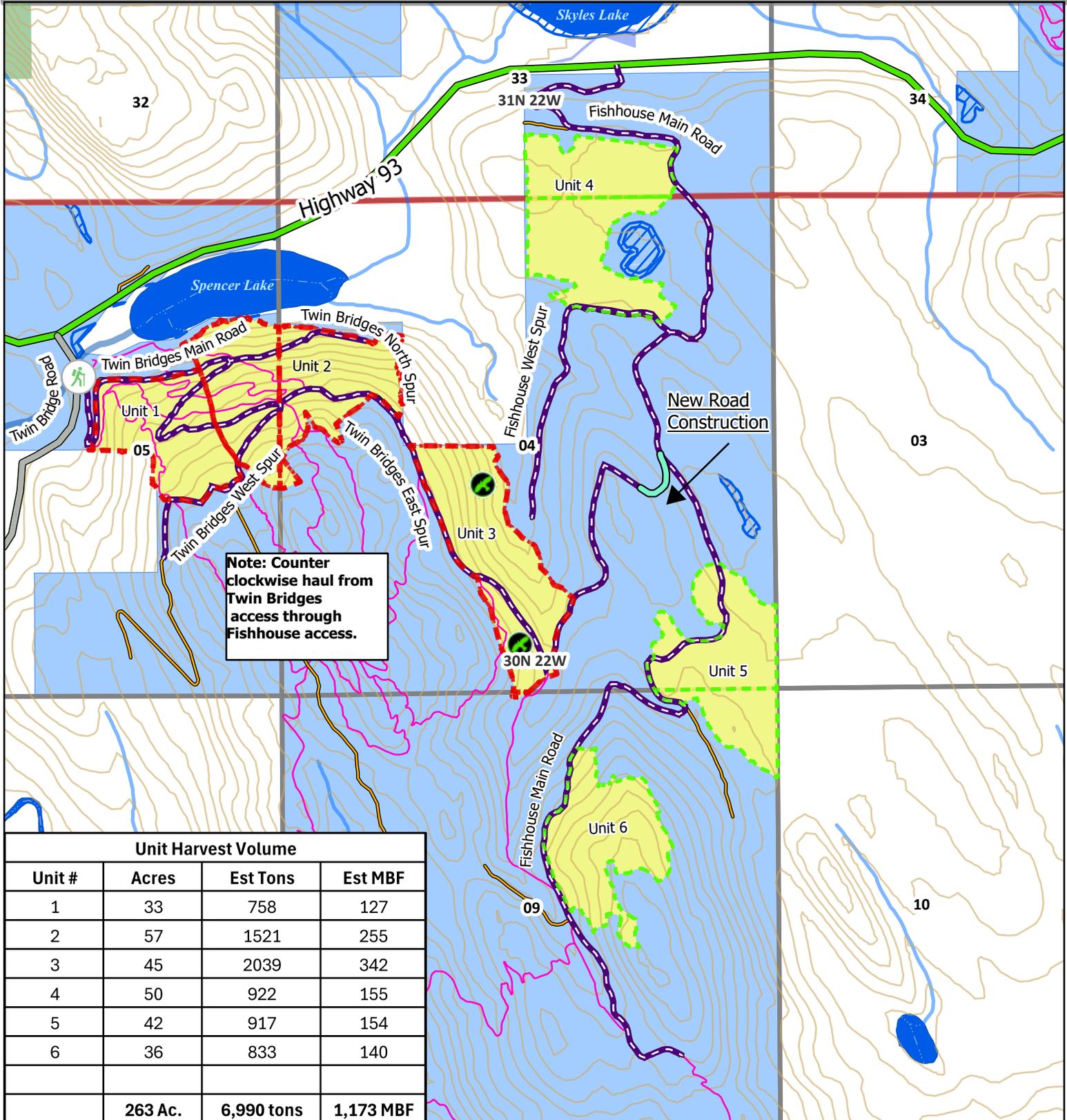
Operational Period

- Aug 16-March 31



Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale Spencer Mountain Harvest Units S. 4,5,9 T30N R22W S. 33 T31N R22W

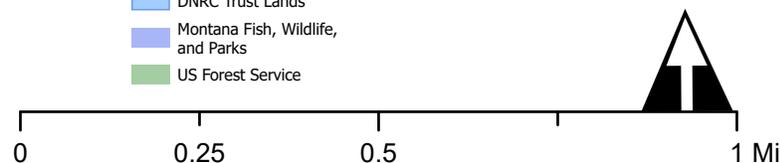
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Note: Counter clockwise haul from Twin Bridges access through Fishhouse access.

Unit Harvest Volume			
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
1	33	758	127
2	57	1521	255
3	45	2039	342
4	50	922	155
5	42	917	154
6	36	833	140
	263 Ac.	6,990 tons	1,173 MBF

- Trailheads
- Road Building
- Haul Route
- Road System
- Trail System
- Harvest Units**
- Harvest Dates**
- Aug 16-March 31
- Year Round
- Bird Nest
- Highway 93
- DNRC Trust Lands
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- US Forest Service
- Twin



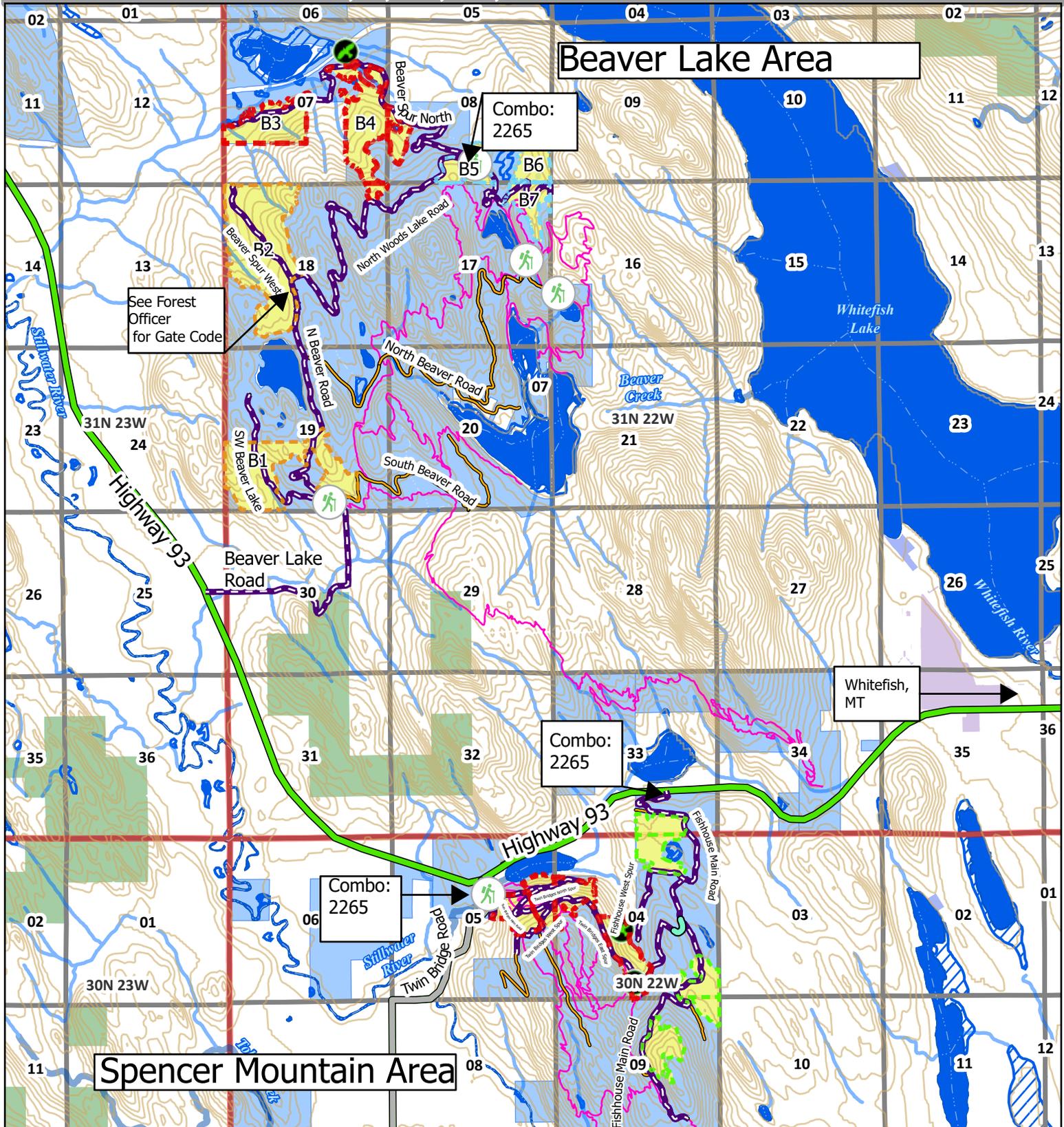
Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale Haul Route

S. 4,5,9 T30N R22W

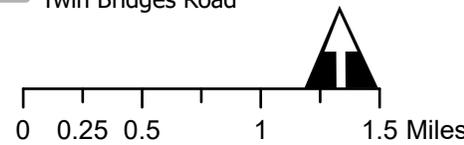
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S. 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 T31N R22W

Attachment A
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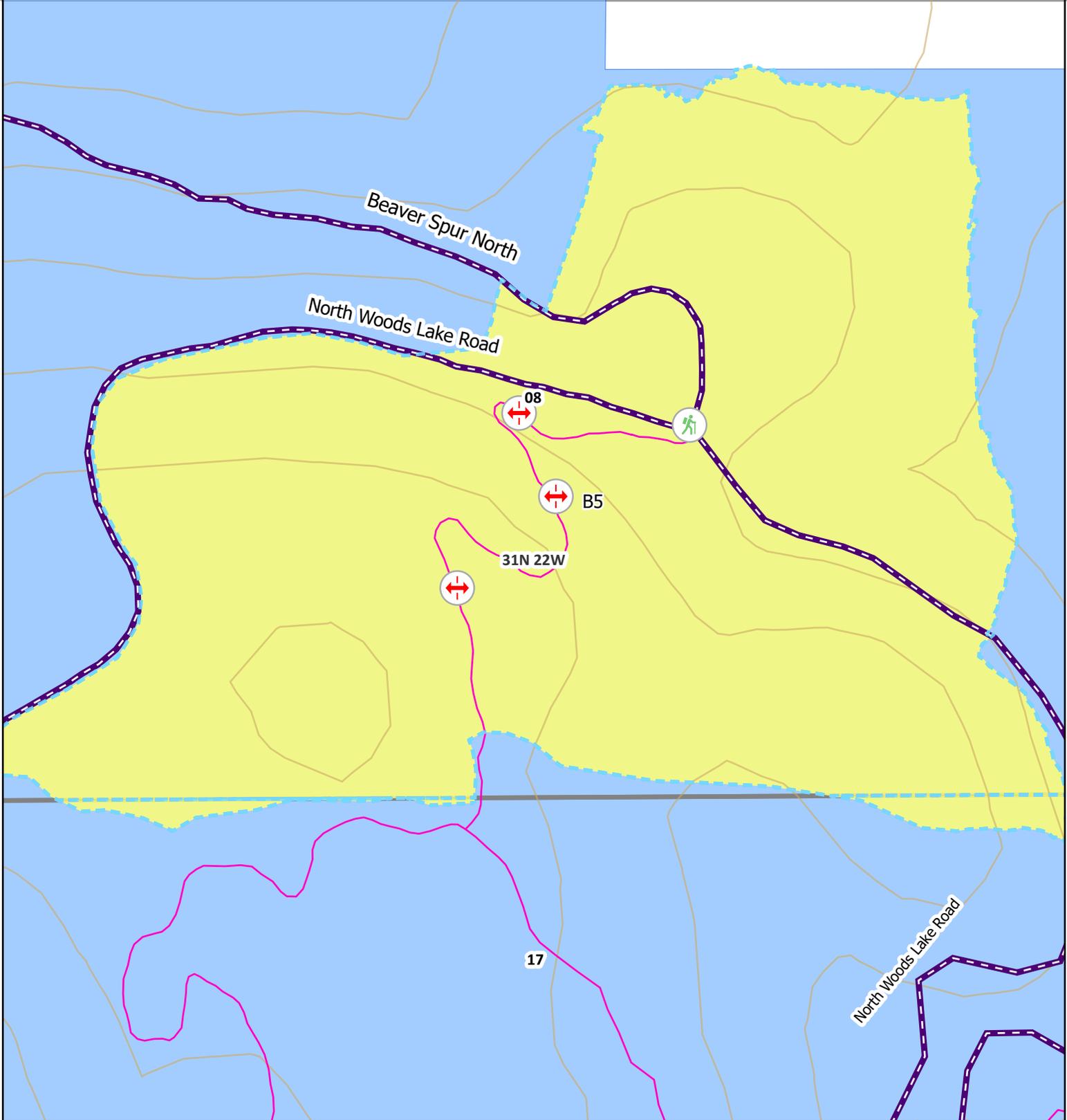


- Trailheads
 - Haul Route
 - Highway 93
 - Trail System
 - NWLO_ContourLines
 - Year Round
 - US Forest Service
 - DNRC Trust Lands
 - City Government
 - Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
 - Twin Bridges Road
- Operational Period**
- Aug 16-March 31
 - June 16-March 31
 - November 1-March 31



Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale Beaver Lake Trail Crossings S. 8, 17 T31N R22W

Attachment A
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Trailheads



Haul Route



Trail System

Operational Period



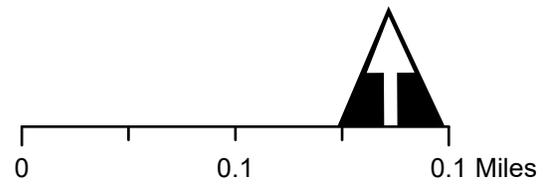
November 1-March 31



DNRC Trust Lands

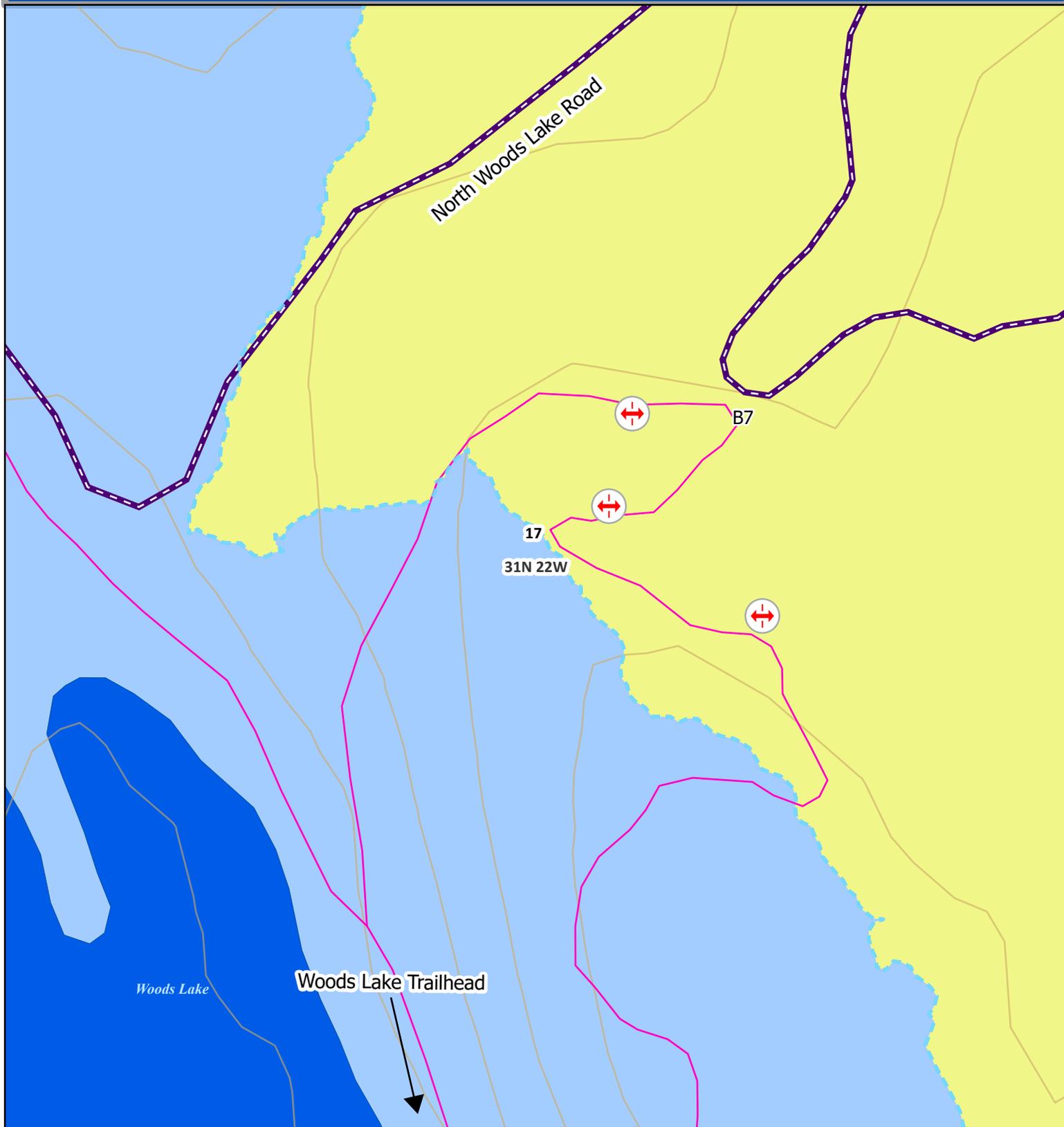


Trail Crossings



Spencer to Beaver Timber Sale Beaver Lake Trail Crossings S. 8, 17 T31N R22W

Attachment A
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Haul Route

Trail System

DNRC Trust Lands

Trail Crossings

Operational Period

November 1-March 31

