

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Taylor to Swift Timber Sale is located within Sections 6, 18, 19, 20, 29 and 30 of T32N-R22W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 15,710 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 **May 12, 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 \$4,509.00**, 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**

<b>Timber Sale Name:</b> Taylor to Swift Timber Sale			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b> Les Thomas			
Phone	406-881-2371	Unit Office: Stillwater	
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Land Office: Northwestern	

**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. Access to the sale area is from Lower Whitefish Road via East Lakeshore Drive north of Whitefish, MT. There are several gates restricting access to roads, including a gate for access to Units 5-8 on King Bear Road, just past the junction with the Lower Whitefish Road at the 1.4 mile, a gate to access Unit 1 just past the parking area on the East Smith Road off of East Lakeshore Drive, and a gate to access Unit 10 at the junction of the Lower Whitefish Road at the 2.7 mile mark with the Anchor Creek Road. Alternatively, the sale can be accessed from Highway 93 in Olney, MT, east via Upper Whitefish Road for 9 miles, then south via the Lower Whitefish Road 6-11 miles to the project area. Gate code for access is 2371.
2. An optional Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the **Stillwater Unit Office in Olney, MT, at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 23, 2026.**
3. Rocky ledges, areas of steep slopes up to 50-70%, and deflection problems for cable yarding systems are scattered throughout the sale. On-the-ground reconnaissance by bidders is strongly encouraged. Contact Les Thomas for more information.
4. High Hazard Fuel Reduction is required in portions of Unit 1 and Unit 3 (areas within 1,000' of residence) and requires 90% of slash to be chipped, buried, removed, or piled from within 100 feet of the unit boundary.
5. Sale includes optional road building. Optional roads may be built, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Forest Officer. (See Attachment B for more details). The road development and maintenance costs in the Appraisal include optional road work.
6. Full reshaping to natural contours of temporary roads will not be required of the purchaser in this contract, other requirements in VII.A.5. of Attachment B will be required. Additionally, road drainage features must be left in good condition and functional at the conclusion of operations for all roads including "temporary roads."
7. The sale includes harvest of the Stream Management Zone and Riparian Management Zone.
8. Operations are limited to June 16 through March 31 of each year, additionally:
  - Instream work on 8 stream crossing installs/replacements must occur between July 15 and August 31
  - No operations may occur June 16 – August 15 in areas within ¼ mile of a goshawk nest indicated in Attachment A.
  - The above-listed goshawk nest restriction includes 6 temporary stream crossing installs and removals (1 pipe and 5 armored dips) must therefore occur between August 15 and August 31 of the contract term.  
  
(If the goshawk nest is found by DNRC biologists to be uncoupled, the associated time restriction may be lifted.)
9. The 60" x 40'L CMP required for Station 6.66 of Lower Whitefish Road will likely require custom manufacturing for required baffles. Ensure adequate lead time for manufacturing and delivery prior to planned installation. Known manufactures include but may not be limited to TrueNorth Steel in Missoula.
10. Similarly, the 32' concrete open top culvert required for Station 6.995 of Lower Whitefish Road will likely require custom manufacturing. Ensure adequate lead time for manufacturing and delivery prior to planned installation. Known manufactures include but may not be limited to Granite Concrete in Libby, and Glacier Precast Concrete in Kalispell.

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

Taylor to Swift												
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												\$5.74
Pounds per cubic foot		55.5	52.5	50.4	51.3	54.0		49.5			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		12871	542	411	77	1523		285			0	<b>15,710 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		124	5	16	3	27		26			0	200 tons
Gross MBF		2447	130	86	13	305		49			51	3,080 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		16.5	16.1	23.5	7.0	17.2		21.9			100.0	18.2%
Net MBF		2043	109	66	12	252		38			0	2,520 MBF
Average logs per MBF		21.9	15.5	37.8	28.8	22.4		46.0			0.0	22.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		13.7	13.6	9.9	10.0	12.5		8.3			18.9	13.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												51 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												8.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												98
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,132 and 2,907 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											15.4%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	15,710 estimated tons / 2,520 Net MBF											6.24 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	12/1/2030
Operating Period:	June 16-March 31 as soil conditions allow. No operations June 16-August 15 in portions of Units 7b,8,10 if active Goshawk nest. Instream work at 8 crossing locations limited to July 15 – August 3. Instream work at one crossing on Hook Spur limited to between August 15 and August 31.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	43%
% of volume logged by Combo: Shovel/Cable	33%
% of volume logged by other system Combo: Shovel/Tractor	24%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	460 ft.
Yarding distance Shovel/Tractor (average)	375 ft.
Yarding distance Combo: Shovel/Cable (average)	500 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	26.0 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	\$4.26/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$66,924.60
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$11,154.10
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$1,215.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.08/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$160,000
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$10.18/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$63.50/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$25,000
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.59/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	3.3 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	14.6 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	28.8 miles

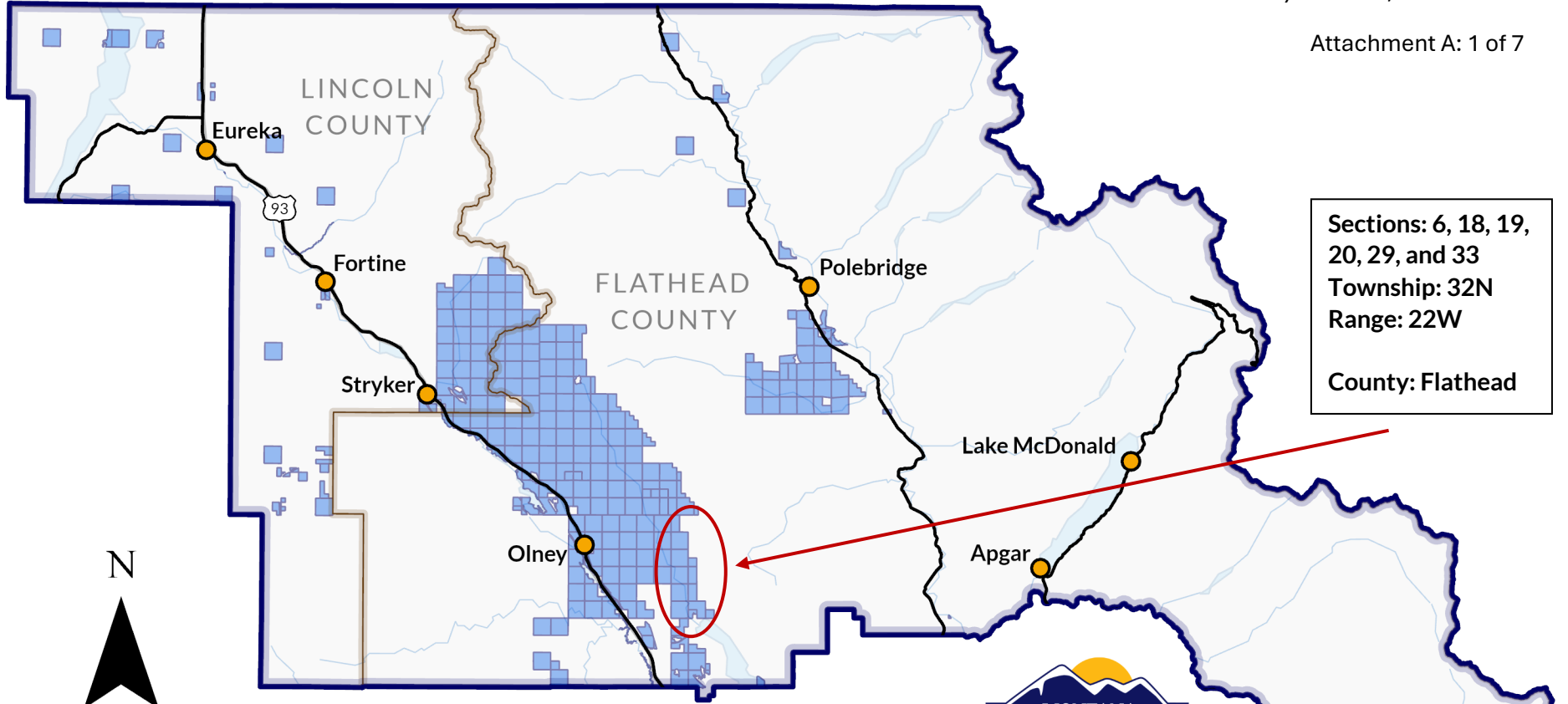
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 1	85	6099	978	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 2	4	170	27	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 3	6	288	46	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 5	4	166	27	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 6	20	1679	269	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 7B	83	2791	448	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 8	84	3433	551	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 9	7	326	52	September 30, 2030
Cutting Unit 10	14	759	122	September 30, 2030
	307 Ac.	15,710 tons	2,520 MBF	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

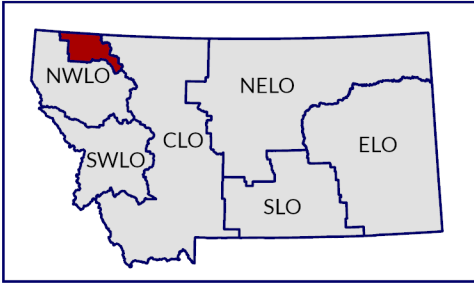
## Stillwater Unit

Taylor to Swift Timber Sale

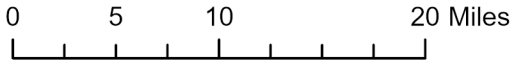
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Sections: 6, 18, 19,  
20, 29, and 33  
Township: 32N  
Range: 22W  
County: Flathead



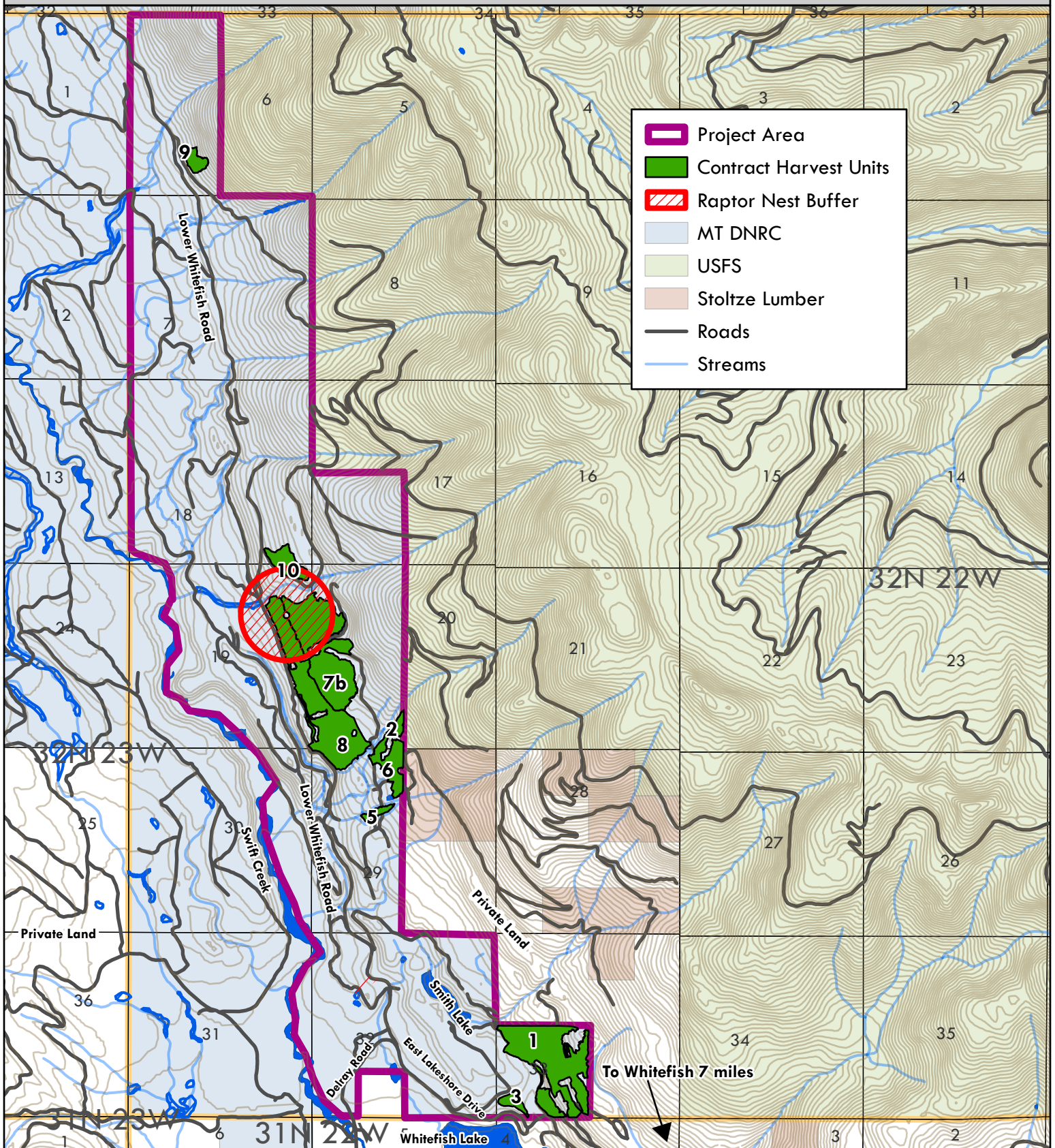
- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land



# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale Project Map

T32N R22W Sections 6, 7, 17-20, 29-33

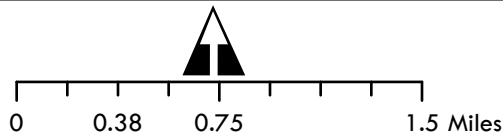
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- Project Area
- Contract Harvest Units
- Raptor Nest Buffer
- MT DNRC
- USFS
- Stoltze Lumber
- Roads
- Streams



December 3, 2025

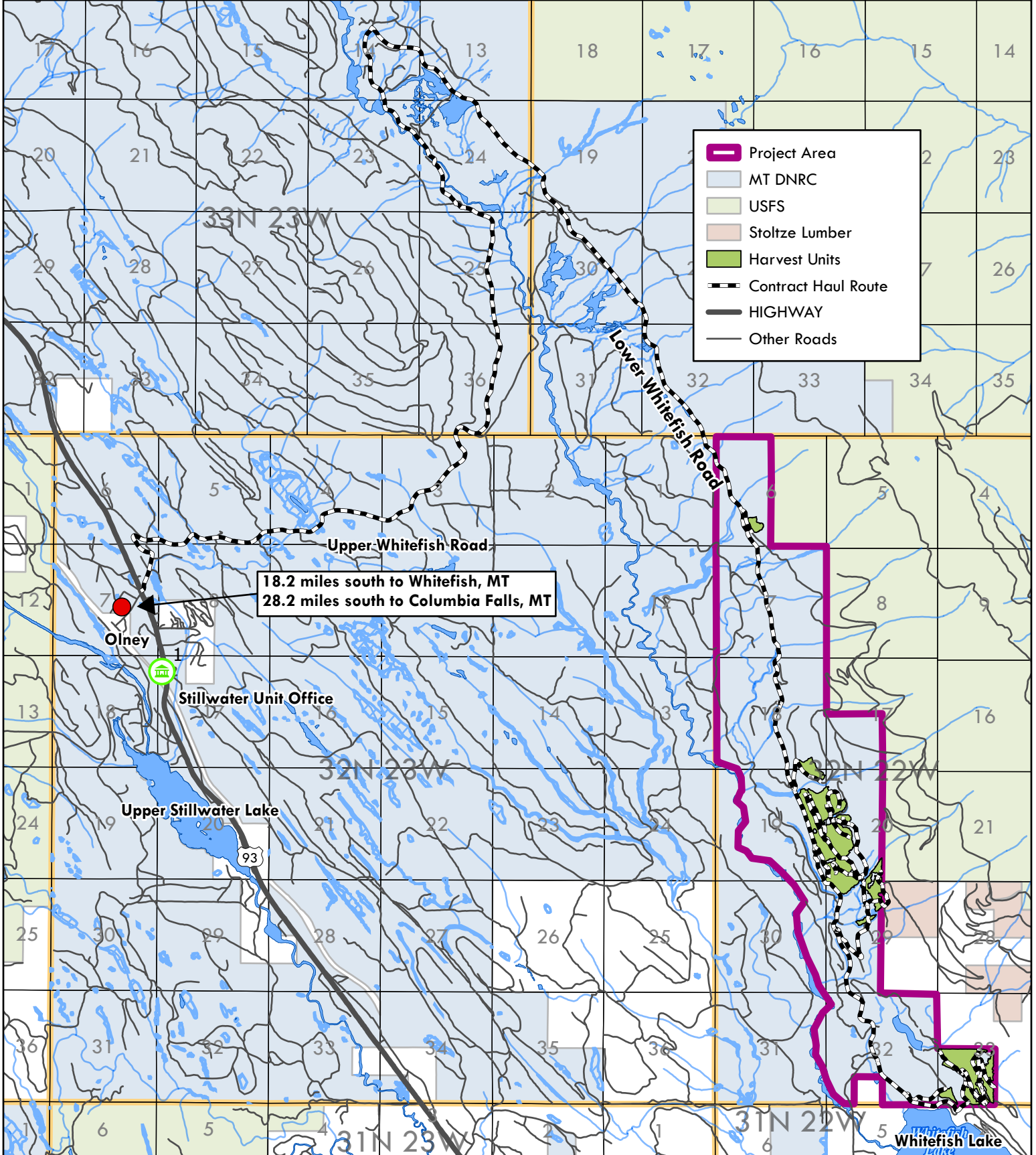


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# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale Haul Route Map

T32N R22W Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32 & 33



18.2 miles south to Whitefish, MT  
28.2 miles south to Columbia Falls, MT

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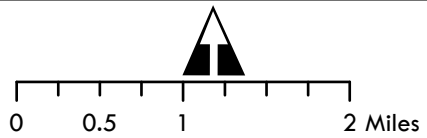
Stillwater Unit Office

Upper Stillwater Lake

Whitefish Lake



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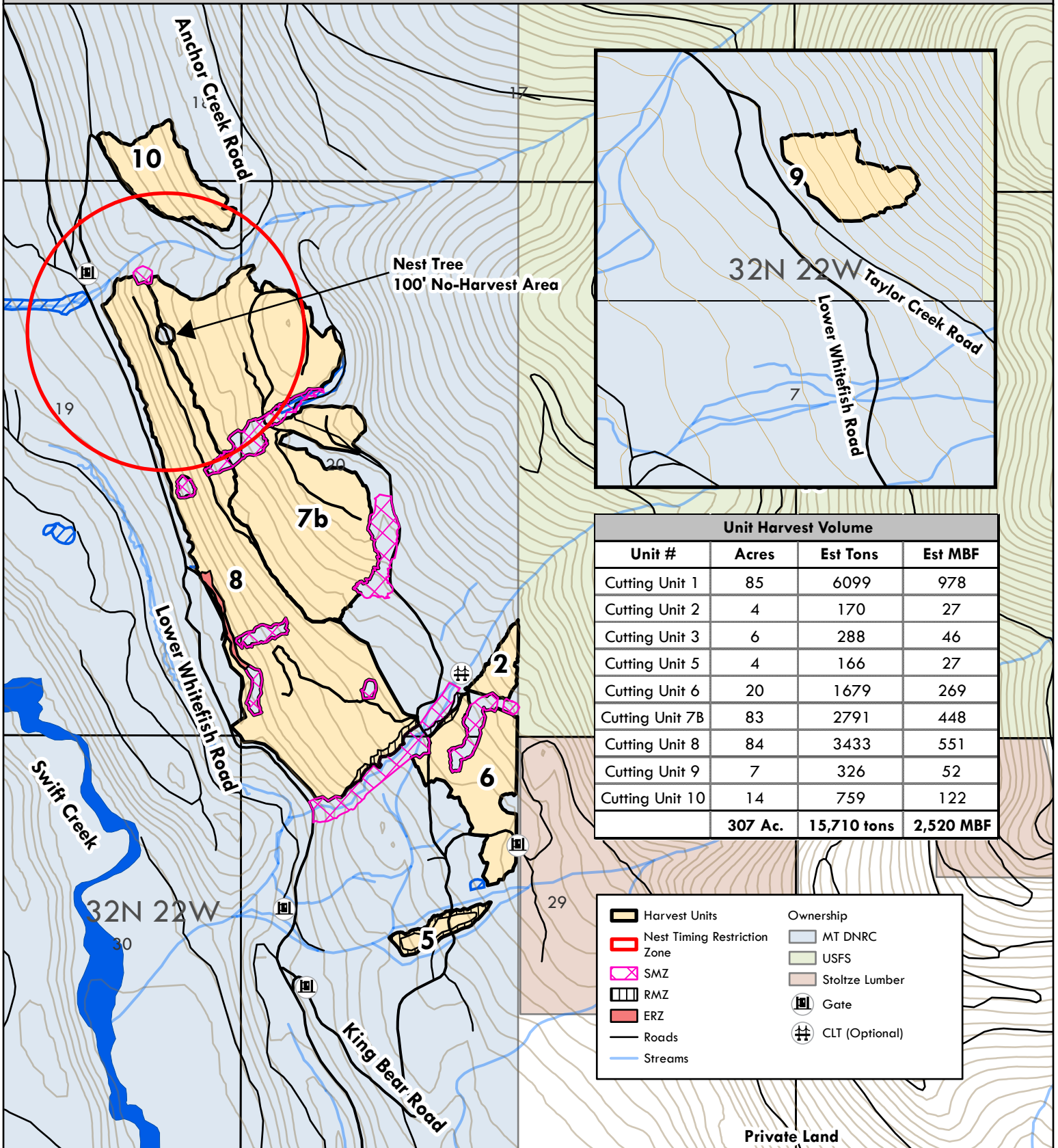
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# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale Harvest Units 5-10 Map

Sections 6, 7, 17-20, 29, 30  
T32N R22W

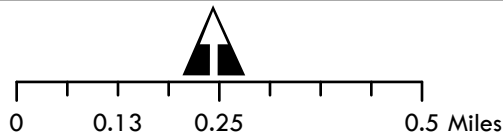
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Unit Harvest Volume			
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December 8, 2025



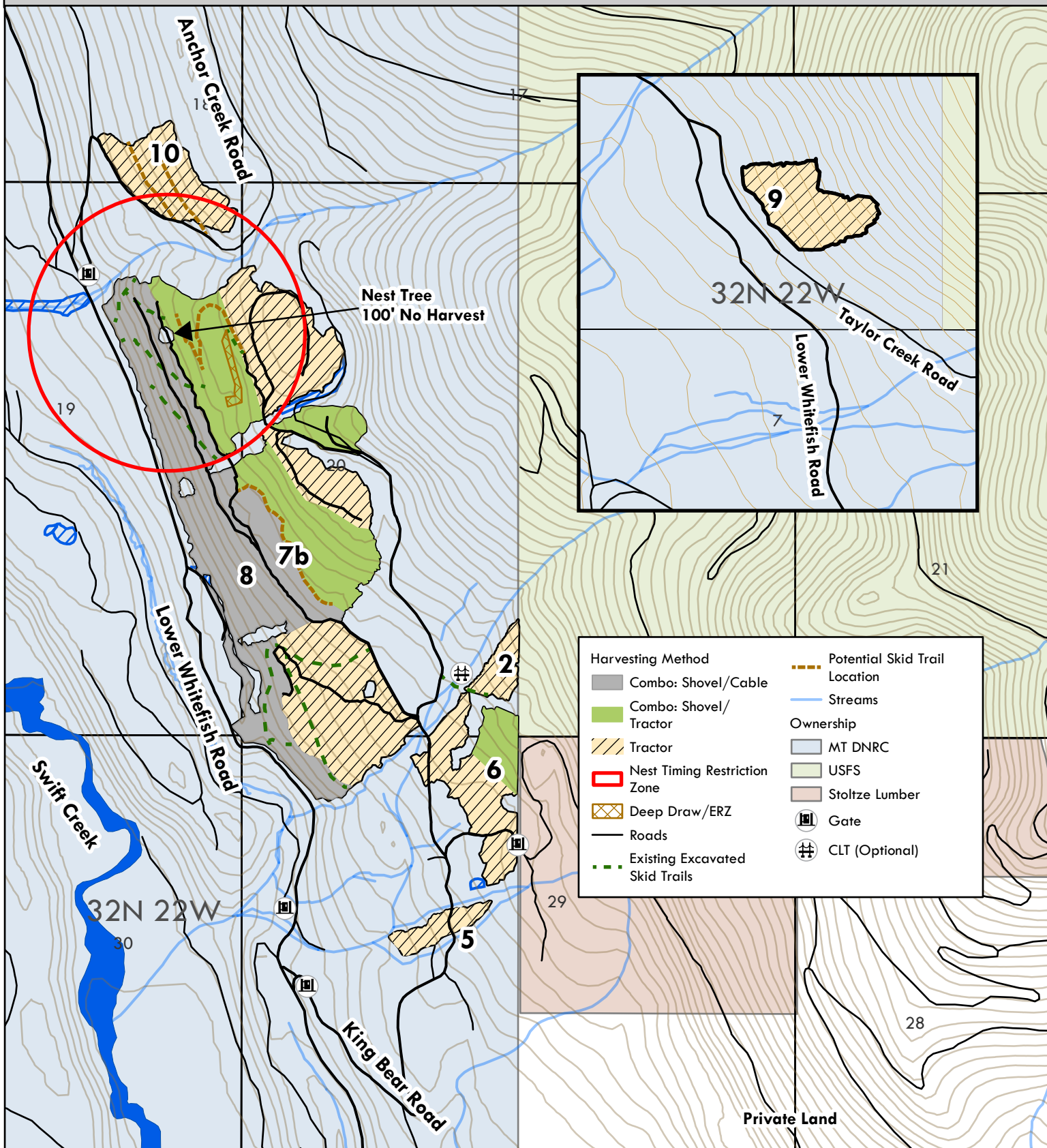
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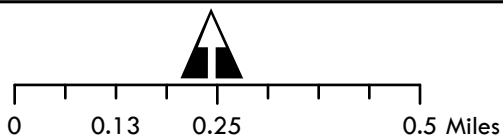
# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale Harvest Method Map for Units 5-10

Sections 6, 7, 17-20, 29, 30  
T32N R22W

Attachment A: 5 of 7



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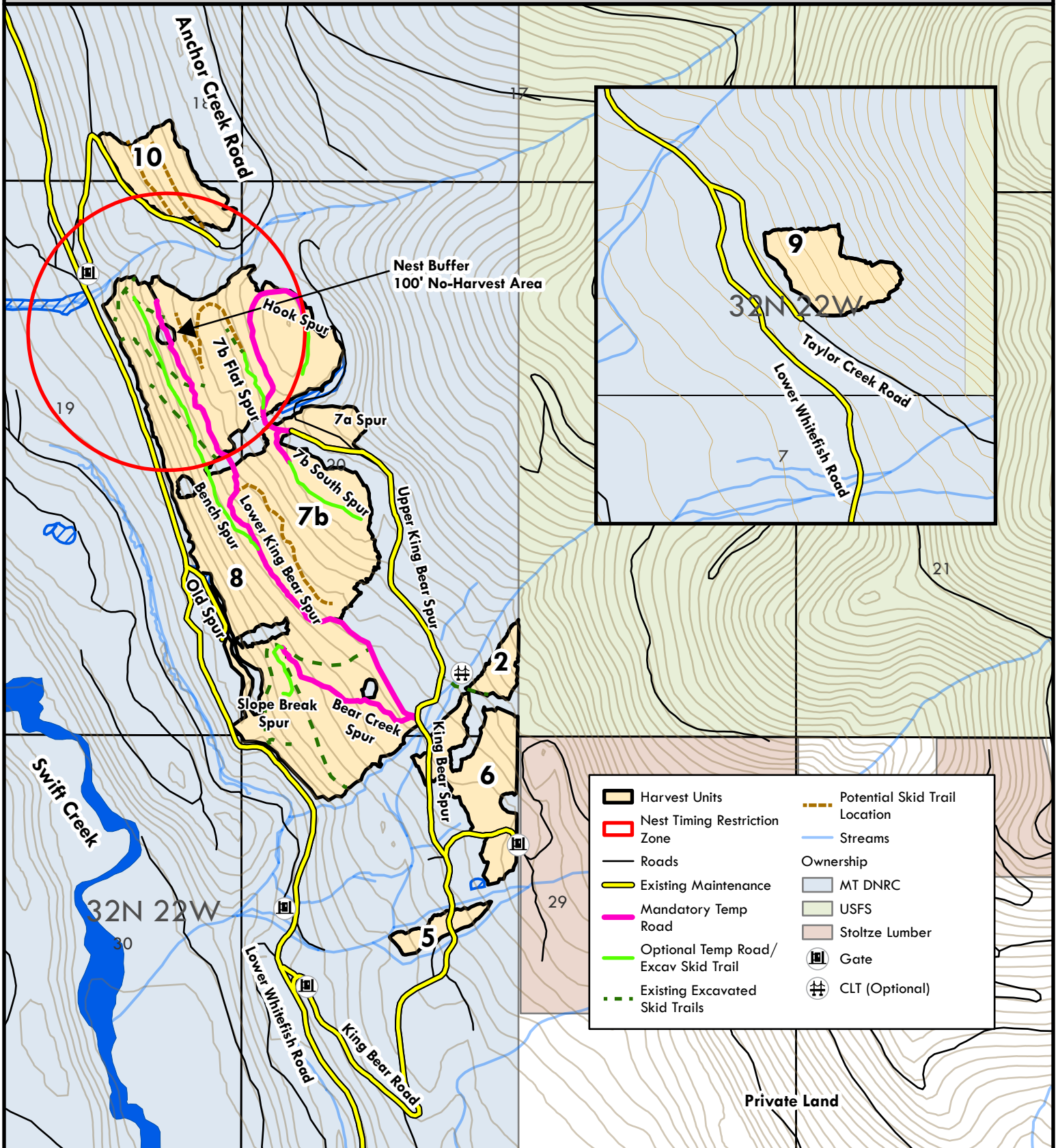
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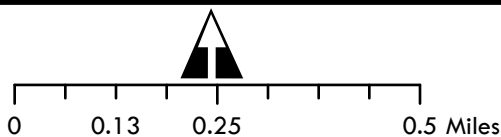
# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale Road Maintenance Map for Units 5-10

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T32N R22W

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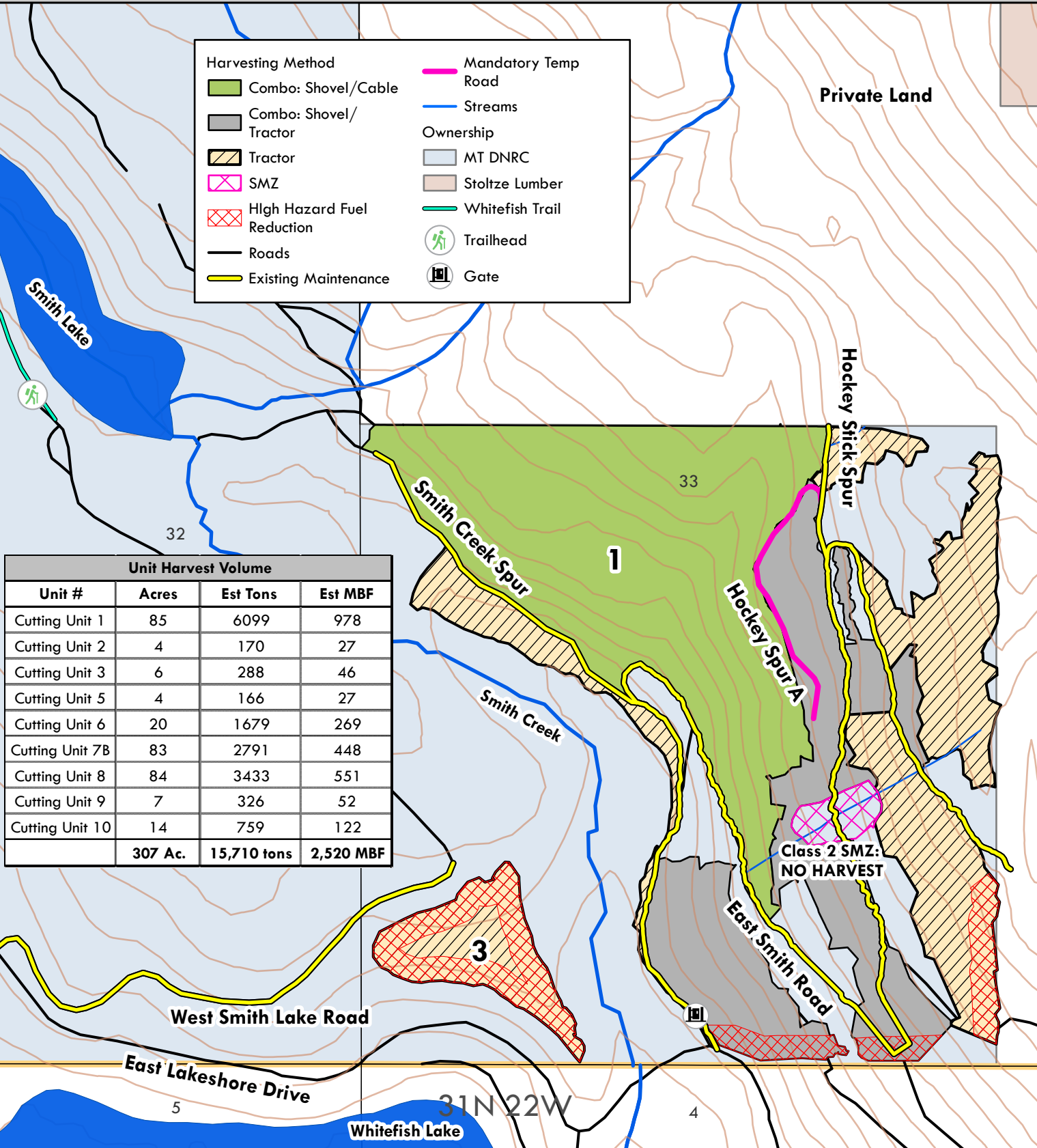
# Taylor to Swift Timber Sale

## Harvest Unit, Method & Road Maintenance Map for Units 1 & 3

Sections 32, 33  
T32N R22W

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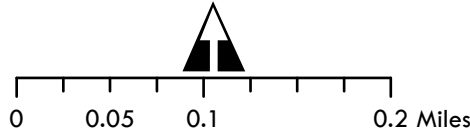
Harvesting Method		Mandatory Temp Road
	Combo: Shovel/Cable	
	Combo: Shovel/Tractor	
	Tractor	Ownership
	SMZ	
	High Hazard Fuel Reduction	
	Roads	
	Existing Maintenance	



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