

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Clark Hinch Timber Sale is located within Section 16, T21N-R25W on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 15,750 tons, consisting of mixed conifers, 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 **August 4, 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 \$3,843.00**, 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 July 20, 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 <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales> for upcoming sales and bid results.

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: Clark Hinch			
For specific sale information, contact: Joe Buchanan			
Phone	406-826-4725	Plains	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	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:

- A. From Highway 28 the Sale area is located approximately 6.5 miles up USFS 1027 (Clark Hinchwood Road) to the junction with USFS 18270 and then approximately 1.1 miles to the section.
- B. **Special Operating Requirements:** The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as
1. **SKYLINE YARDING REQUIREMENTS:** A skyline yarding system capable of yarding 1,600-2,000 feet external yarding distance uphill must be used. A carriage capable of 50 feet minimum lateral yarding distance is required. The carriage must maintain a fixed position on the skyline while lateral yarding.
 - a. Skyline corridors shall be spaced not less than 75 feet apart unless approved by the Forest Officer. In the case of ridges where fan-shaped settings are required, the minimum distance at the widest divergence will be 150 feet.
 - b. The location of all skyline corridors shall be approved by the Forest Officer in advance of any felling operations.
 - c. Purchaser will be required to locate the following prior to approval by the Forest Officer:
 - i. all corridors after determining adequate deflection (minimum 5%)
 - ii. tail trees or tail holds
 - iii. intermediate support tree
 - iv. guyline anchors
 - v. blind leads
 - vi. decking areas
 - d. Clearing width for corridors must be kept to the absolute minimum necessary to accommodate yarding and shall not exceed 12 feet.
 - e. Except for lateral yarding, logs shall be yarded with one end suspended or fully suspended.
 - f. Multispan skyline yarding required: To obtain adequate deflection, intermediate supports may be required on some corridors.
 - g. High tail trees required: Tail trees or lift trees suitable to obtain adequate deflection may be required.
 - h. When rigging is attached to trees not designated for cutting, tree plates or similar effective protective devices may be required and will be removed at completion of use.
 - i. Mobile tailholds or mobile guyline anchors are restricted to areas where it is not necessary to build constructed trails for equipment access unless agreed upon in writing by the Forest Officer.
 - j. In the event that special problems outside the scope of the skyline logging specifications are identified by either party, the Purchaser and the Forest Officer will mutually agree upon the solution.
 2. **ALTERNATE YARDING SYSTEMS MAY BE APPROVED:** The Forest Officer may approve alternative yarding methods besides those specified for each sale unit. An alternative system proposed by the Purchaser must be approved by the Forest Officer at or before the time the Logging Operations Plan for the unit is approved. The Forest Officer will only approve alternatives that are consistent with planned mitigation and resource protection measures. Alternatives may include tethered equipment or other systems. Costs of alternative systems will be borne by the Purchaser.
 3. **MULTI-SPAN SKYLINE YARDING MAY BE REQUIRED:** To obtain adequate deflection, intermediate supports may be required on some corridors
 4. **CONVENTIONAL GROUND-BASED YARDING:** This unit may be yarded using conventional ground-based yarding equipment
 5. **SKID TRAIL SPACING:** Skid trails shall be spaced not less than 60 feet apart between trails except at common landings.
 6. **RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to sub-merchantable trees. Retain patches of advanced regeneration for wildlife hiding cover throughout the harvest unit with preference for shade tolerant species. If damage is excessive as determined by the Forest Officer, operations may be suspended until suitable arrangements are made to reduce damage.
 7. **ADVERSE SKIDDING:** Purchaser may be required to adverse skid.
 8. **GRAZING LEASE:** Grazing lease within sale area and along haul route. Cattle use project area from June 1 to October 15.

9. ROCK PERMIT: Commercial Rock Permit on rock scree along Road 18456.
 10. STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONE: Equipment is prohibited from operating in areas designated as streamside management zones. All trees designated for harvest within such zones shall be winchline skidded to skid trails outside the zone. Designated crossings must be approved by the Forest Officer. Slash will not be piled in or pushed into the zone.
- C. NOTICE: Dead DF (Firewood) was estimated for the sale to the amount of approximately 3,189 tons or 106 loads. Firewood is represented as tons of non-sawlog material under Dead DF in the TSIS attachment and on Table 1 of the Sample Contract. **Purchaser is not required to haul firewood.**

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Clark Hinch TS												
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 DF	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$4.88
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5	50.4	51.3	54.0		49.5			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	99	10432	2581	644	166	769		871			189	15,750 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	117	29	35	2	12		15			3189	3,399 tons
Gross MBF	16	2308	650	139	34	201		191			145	3,685 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	4.8	22.3	21.9	28.1	10.0	32.6		24.3			63.9	24.6%
Net MBF	15	1792	508	100	31	136		145			52	2,779 MBF
Average logs per MBF	20.2	21.8	19.6	43.7	19.6	24.8		28.1			23.5	22.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.9	13.4	13.3	9.2	13.3	13.1		12.3			22.7	13.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												45 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												8.0 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												87
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,442 and 3,116 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											12.1%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	15,750 estimated tons / 2,779 Net MBF											5.67 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2030
Operating Period:	Harvest operations may take place as site conditions allow.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	38%
% of volume logged with tractors	26%
% of volume logged by skyline	74%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	400 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	94.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	9.6 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.69/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$73,915
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$12,319
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

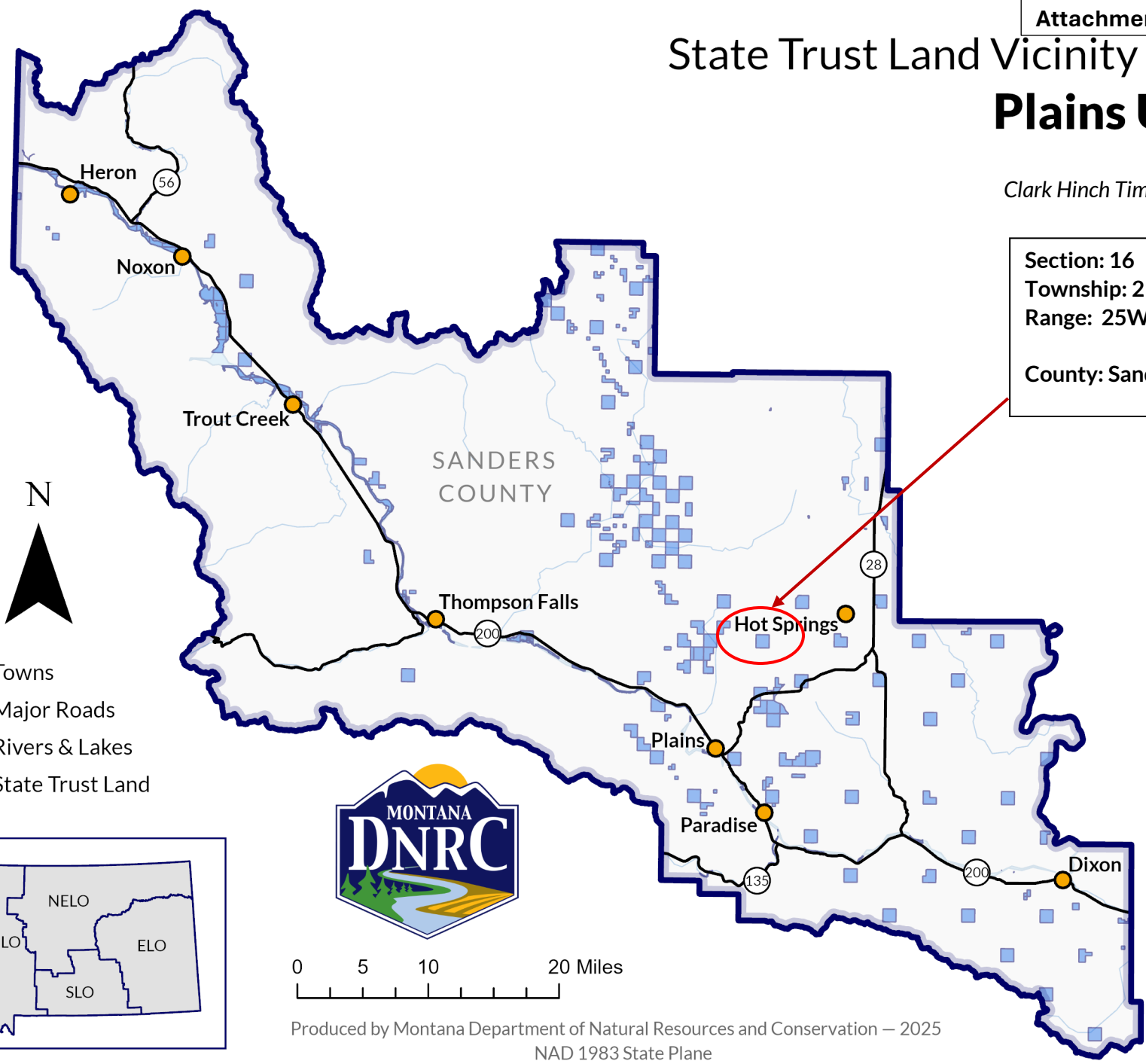
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$55,794
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.54/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$20.08/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$8,738
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.55/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	1.1 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	14.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
16-1	23.2	1,722	304	July 30, 2030
16-2	4.9	366	65	July 30, 2030
16-3	16.0	278	49	July 30, 2030
16-4	29.3	1,326	234	July 30, 2030
16-5	3.2	88	16	July 30, 2030
16-6	19.3	413	73	July 30, 2030
16-7	21.7	1,000	177	July 30, 2030
16-8	48.1	1,938	342	July 30, 2030
16-9	38.2	2,056	363	July 30, 2030
16-10	28.1	1,148	203	July 30, 2030
16-11	25.6	1,243	219	July 30, 2030
16-12	53.1	2,907	513	July 30, 2030
16-13	31.1	1,112	196	July 30, 2030
16-14	4.7	153	27	July 30, 2030
	347 Ac.	15,750 tons	2,779 MBF	

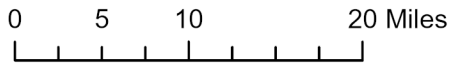
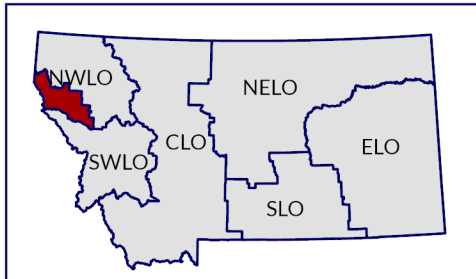
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Plains Unit

Clark Hinch Timber Sale

Section: 16
Township: 21N
Range: 25W
County: Sanders



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



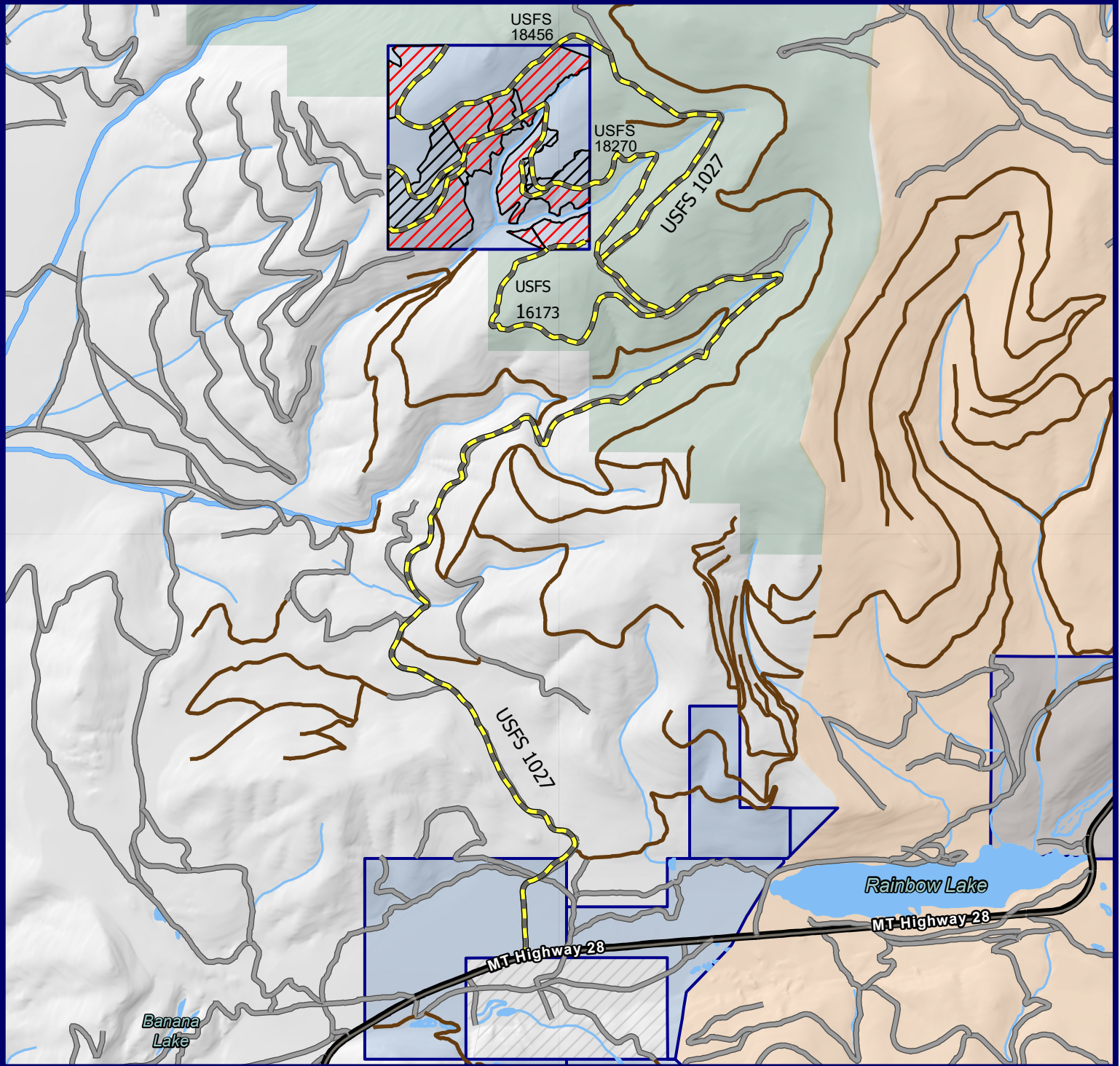


Clark Hinch TS

Haul Map

Attachment A-2

T21N R25W Section: 16



Roads

- Haul Route
- Highway
- Open/Public Rd
- Restricted Access Rd

Harvest Units

- Cable
- Tractor

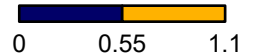
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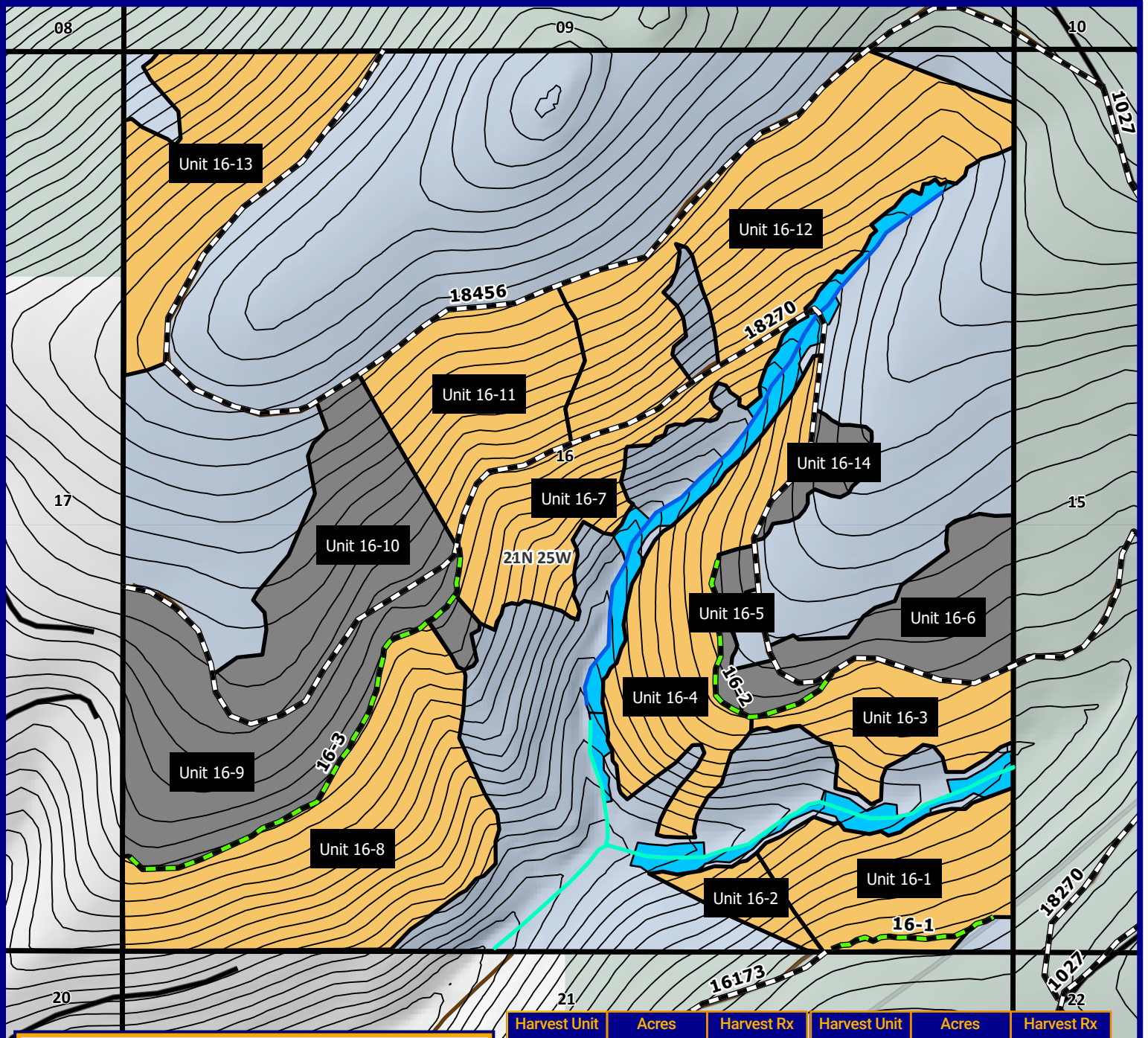
- MT State Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- MT Tribal Boundaries
- Private

Montana DNRC
Trust Land Management Division
Northwestern Land Office
Plains Unit 11/12/25



Miles





Haul Route

- Maintenance (dashed black line)
- New Construction (dashed green line)

Other

- Class 1 Stream (cyan line)
- Class 2 Stream (blue line)
- SMZ (light blue area)

Harvest Units

- Cable (orange area)
- Tractor (grey area)

Ownership

- MT State Trust Lands (light blue area)
- US Forest Service (light green area)
- Private (grey area)

Harvest Unit	Acres	Harvest Rx	Harvest Unit	Acres	Harvest Rx
Unit 16-1	23.2	Old Growth Maintenance	Unit 16-9	38.2	Shelterwood
Unit 16-2	4.9	Seed Tree	Unit 16-10	28.1	Overstory Removal
Unit 16-3	16.0	Seed Tree	Unit 16-11	25.6	Individual Tree Selection
Unit 16-4	29.3	Shelterwood	Unit 16-12	53.1	Seed Tree
Unit 16-5	3.2	Shelterwood	Unit 16-13	31.1	Seed Tree
Unit 16-6	19.3	Overstory Removal	Unit 16-14	4.7	Overstory Removal
Unit 16-7	21.7	Seed Tree			
Unit 16-8	48.1	Shelterwood			

