

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Klinger Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T29N-R31W, on the State's Libby Unit. Approximately 4,431 tons, of required and optional harvest consisting of mixed conifers, primarily Douglas-fir and Ponderosa Pine sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **August 27, 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 \$1,622.00**, 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 August 17, 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: Klinger Blowdown Salvage			
For specific sale information, contact: Dave Marsh			
Phone	406-283-3535		Libby Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2251	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. This is a blowdown salvage timber sale, and trees are not marked. Only those trees that have blown down, or are leaning severely from wind damage, may be harvested. Standing, dead trees and live, standing, broken tree stems, must be left as wildlife snags. The Forest Officer may remove areas from harvest that present undue risk of resource damage or are not economically feasible to salvage harvest.
2. Due to the Hawk restrictions, we recommend harvest operations occur first in Units 1 and 2. Please note seasonal limitations listed in the Contract and in the attached Timber Sale Information Sheets.
3. This blowdown salvage sale includes optional harvest units (Units 3 and 4B). These areas are not required due to lack of road access and steep slopes over 40%.

Estimated volume from the optional units is 1,599 tons or 303 MBF of Western Larch, Douglas Fir, and Ponderosa Pine. See the attached Optional Volume Information Sheet for further details.

If the purchaser elects to harvest these optional harvest units the following requirements would apply:

- a. All sawlog prices would remain the same. That is, Ponderosa Pine at \$2/ton and non-ponderosa pine at the bid price.
- b. A Forest Officer approved skid trail location planning from Unit 3 to a landing area in the southeast portion of Unit 1, with appropriate erosion control installed following use of the trail.
- c. Operating Period: October 16, 2026 – March 31, 2027, June 16, 2027 – November 30, 2027.
- d. Harvest completion by November 30, 2027.
- e. Forest Improvement fees associated with harvested optional volume would be billed either concurrently with stumpage or at final invoicing (See Section II.B.4. of the Sample Contract). The rate would be the same as listed in Table 1 of the Sample Contract.

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Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Klinger BD Units 1, 2 & 4A												
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												\$14.84
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5				40.0		54.0		40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	710	1407	300				31		384		0	2,832 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	34	79	16				3		35		0	166 tons
Gross MBF	171	310	80				7		91		7	665 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	14.9	17.9	17.6				12.0		14.6		100.0	17.5%
Net MBF	145	254	66				6		78		0	549 MBF
Average logs per MBF	10.0	14.8	11.5				27.0		14.0		0.0	13.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH	19.8	18.0	18.7				13.0		14.4		10.0	17.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												14 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												2.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												12
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			463 and 635 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	2,832 estimated tons / 549 Net MBF											5.16 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/31/2027	
Operating Period:	Units 1 and 2: October 16, 2026– March 31, 2027 and September 1, 2027- November 30, 2027. Exception – see Attachment A, Harvest map, which shows that operations within Unit 1, that are outside the circle area drawn on the map, are also allowed between June 16, 2027 - Sept. 1, 2027 and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2)". Unit 4A: October 16, 2026-March 31, 2027, June 16, 2027-November 30, 2027, and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	100%
% of volume logged with tractors	00%
% 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)	55.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	6.7 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$5.16/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$14,613
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$2,436
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$855
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.30/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	\$4,531
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.60/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$8.25/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$5,078
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.79/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	20.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	55.06	883	171	Nov. 30, 2027
Unit 2	52.73	886	172	Nov. 30, 2027
Unit 4A	88.31	1063	206	Nov. 30, 2027
	196 Ac.	2,832 tons	549 MBF	

Optional Volume Information Sheet
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Optional Klinger BD Unit 3 & 4B												
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												\$14.84
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5								40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	187	616	796								0	1,599 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	10	47	63								0	120 tons
Gross MBF	41	120	173								0	334 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	9.0	9.3	9.4								0.0	9.3%
Net MBF	37	109	157								0	303 MBF
Average logs per MBF	9.6	14.9	14.7								0.0	14.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	19.1	15.7	15.2								0.0	15.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												13 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												2.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												13
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			237 and 369 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									21.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	1,599 estimated tons / 303 Net MBF											5.28 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/31/2027	
Operating Period:	October 16, 2026-March 31, 2027, June 16, 2027-November 30, 2027 and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).	

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 3	102.67	1279	242	Nov. 30, 2027
Unit 4B	18.95	320	61	Nov. 30, 2027
	122 Ac.	1,599 tons	303 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Libby Unit

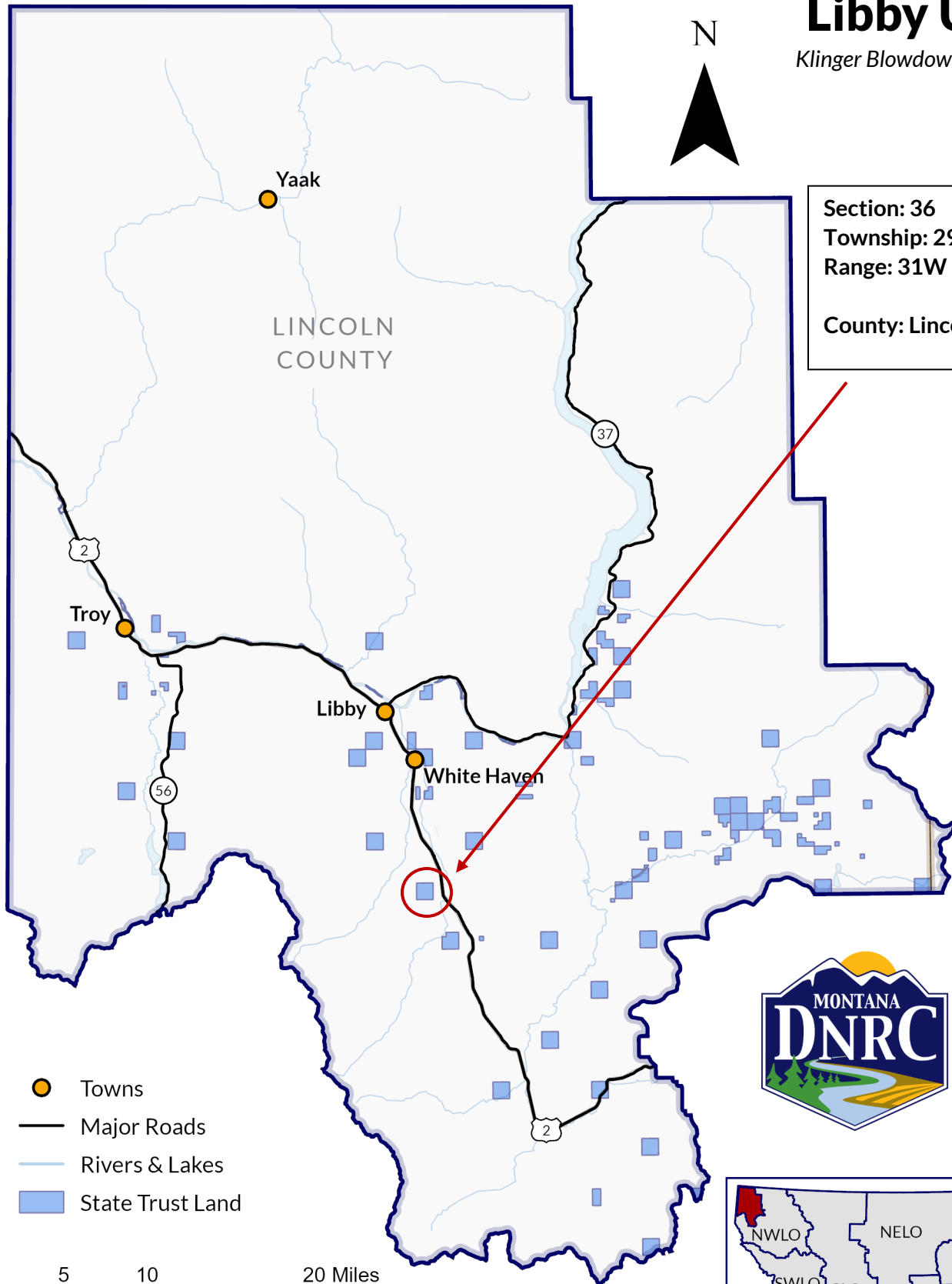
Klinger Blowdown Timber
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Section: 36
Township: 29N
Range: 31W

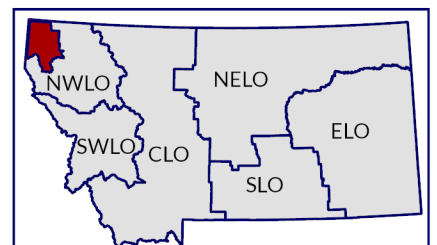
County: Lincoln



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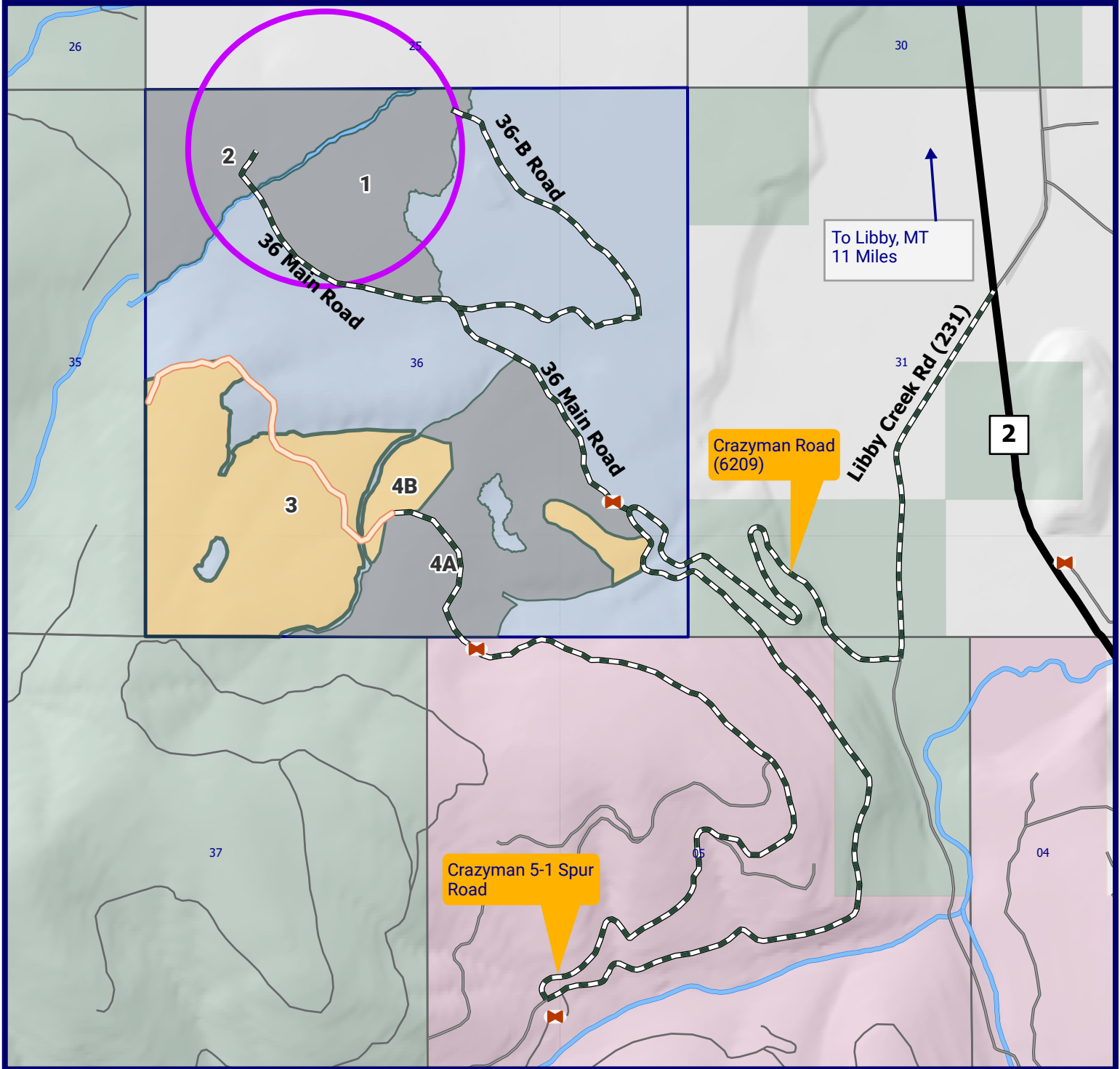


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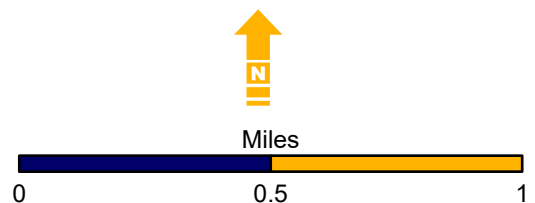
Haul Map

Attachment A-2

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- Hawk Restrictions
- Haul Route
- Required Units
- Optional Units
- Highway
- Open/Public Rd
- Restricted Access Rd
- Impassible Road
- Gate
- Section
- MT State Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Industrial TimberLand





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Unit Map

Attachment A-3

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