

November 10, 2025

To Prospective Bidders:

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Helena Unit has plans to advertise the **Good Neighbor Authority Harley DxP Timber Sale**, located in Section 32 and 33 of T14N – R7E, in the late fall of 2025. Due to potential winter conditions that could limit access to the site or viewing of some site-specific conditions, we want to provide as much information and time as possible for you to view the timber sale project.

Draft timber sale information and maps are attached. It is possible that some of the information and estimates could change. Purchasers should review all sale information prior to submitting bids.

If you have inquiries, please call: Scott MacDonald at (406) 502-8480 or email at scott.macdonald@mt.gov. The Harley DxP Timber Sale is currently scheduled for a November advertisement and December bid opening.

Thank you,
Scott MacDonald
Forester, Helena Unit
DNRC

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Harley DxP Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-502-8480	Scott MacDonald	GNA Forester, DNRC Central Land Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau

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 Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry 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. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on National Forest System Lands and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Considering Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. **LOG BRANDING:** This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. **OPERATING PERIOD:** Operating period is limited to periods when the ground is frozen or snow covered in unit 94a to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.M.5 a-g, Section VII.F, and Section VII.G) and when conditions meet VII.M.1 and VII.M.2. Minimize operations when possible during big game hunting seasons. Logging activities including hauling will not occur on weekends and holidays during the winter (December 1-May 15).
8. **HAUL ROUTE OPTIONS:** There are two available haul routes for Harley Timber Sale. Option 1 is to haul North from FS 253 on FS 839 (Divide Road, approximately 0.70 miles) to FS 6511 (Belt Park Road, approximately 9.86 miles) to Highway 89. Option 2 is to haul South from FS 253 on FS 839 (Divide Road, approximately 11.42 miles) to Highway 89. However, hauling on FS 839 to Highway 89 is not allowed during the winter; winter hauling for Option 2 must be diverted to FS 204 (Moose Creek Road, approximately 11.27 miles) to FS 119 (Sheep Creek Road, approximately 3.96 miles) to Highway 89. Weight limits will be provided for all bridges on proposed haul routes.
9. Forest Service Timber Sale – Rocking Chair will be using FS 204, FS 119, and a portion of FS 839. Hauling may occur simultaneously with GNA Harley Timber Sale hauling.
10. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov or (406) 502-8480.
11. **An optional pre-advertisement tour of the sale area will be held on 11/25/2025 at 0830.** We will meet at the intersection of FS 253 and FS 839 (Dry Park and Divide Road. From White Sulphur Springs, MT, travel approximately 29 miles North on Hwy 89 to FS 839 (Divide Road). Travel approximately 11 miles on FS 839 (Divide Road). Please RSVP to Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov by COB 11/24/2025.

Harley DxP												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	PULP	P&P	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												
Pounds per cubic foot				50.4	51.3			49.5			40.0	
Estimated CF				164,213.9	1,376.9			12,607.8			3,351.8	181,550 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material				5,430.1	83.3			575.7	71,598.0	62,237.5	32.0	139,957 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs				3,566.9	31.8			248.8			48.3	3,896 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material				118.6	1.9			11.2	305.2	1,413.6	0.5	1,851 tons
Gross MBF				630.8	4.6			47.0	256.0	66.0	14.7	1,019 MBF
% Cull and Breakage				13.8	10.0			20.2	77.9	10.7	28.7	41.5%
Net MBF				544.0	4.1			37.5	56.0	59.0	10.5	596 MBF
Average logs per MBF				33.2	42.3			39.1	52.9	81.6	24.3	33.4 logs/MBF
Average DBH				10.3	9.0			9.6	9.3	6.5	13.3	10.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												43 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												163
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			481 and 712 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									19.4%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	3,896 estimated tons / 596 Net MBF											6.54 tons/MBF

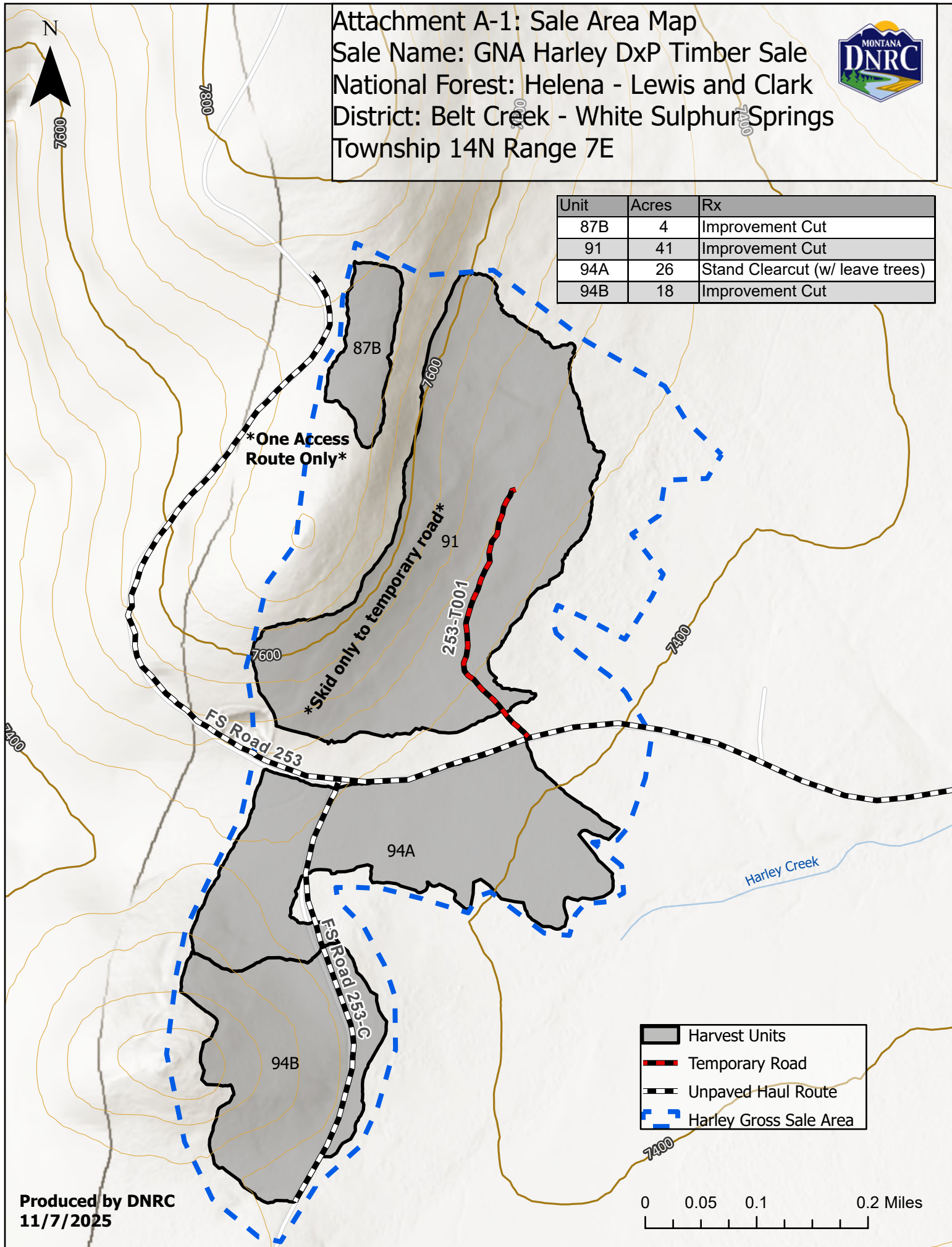
Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/15/2029	
Operating Period:	When conditions meet VIII.L.1&2 and VII.N. Minimize operations when possible during big game hunting seasons. Logging activities will not occur on weekends and holidays during the winter (December 1 – May 15). Unit 94A require winter conditions (see contract)	

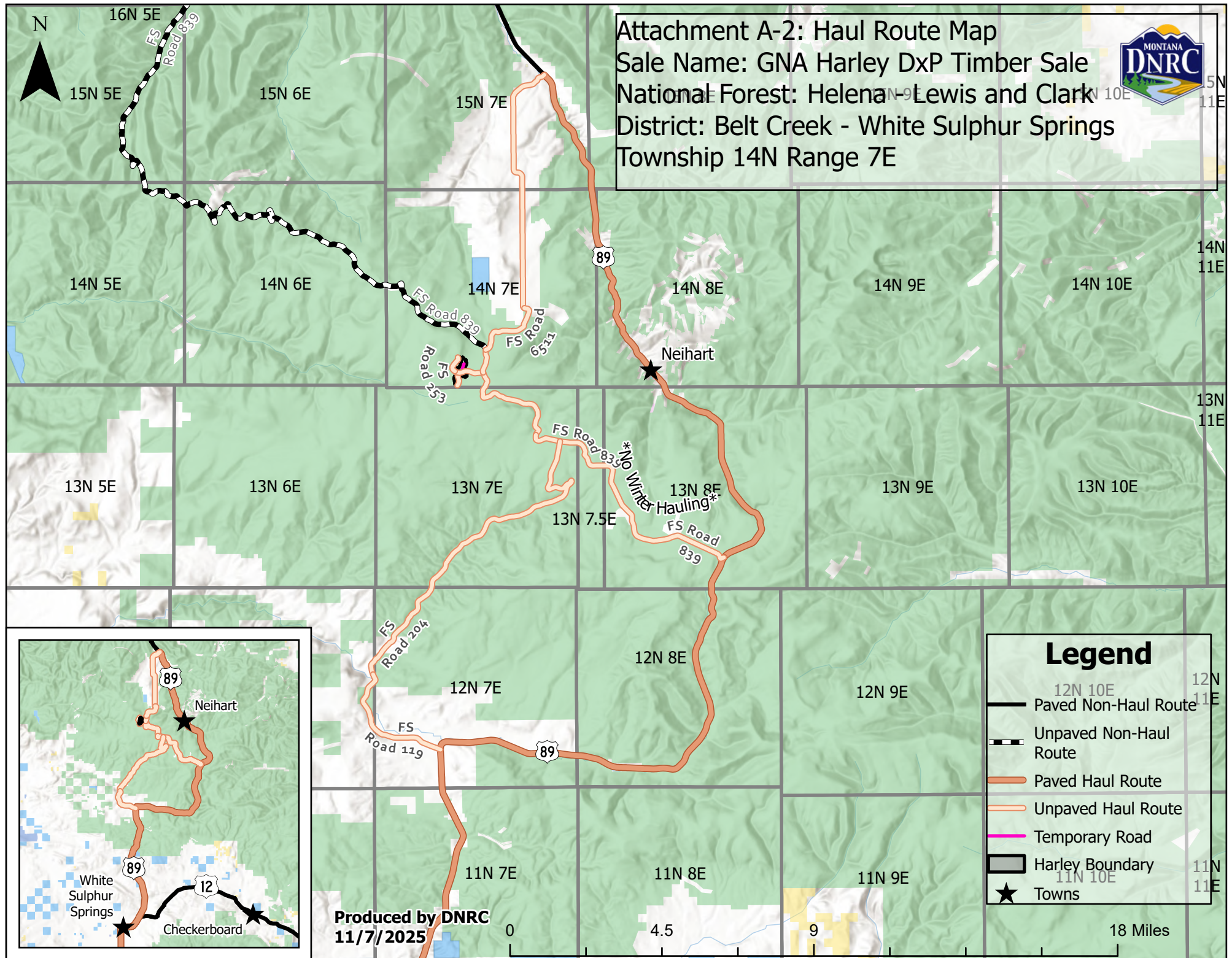
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Sawlog Tons	Est Sawlog MBF	Harvest Deadline
91	41.32	1399	214	September 30, 2029
87b	4.32	151	23	September 30, 2029
94B	18.00	990	152	September 30, 2029
94A	26.13	1355	207	September 30, 2029
	90 Ac.	3,896 tons	596 MBF	

Attachment A-1: Sale Area Map
Sale Name: GNA Harley DxP Timber Sale
National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs
Township 14N Range 7E



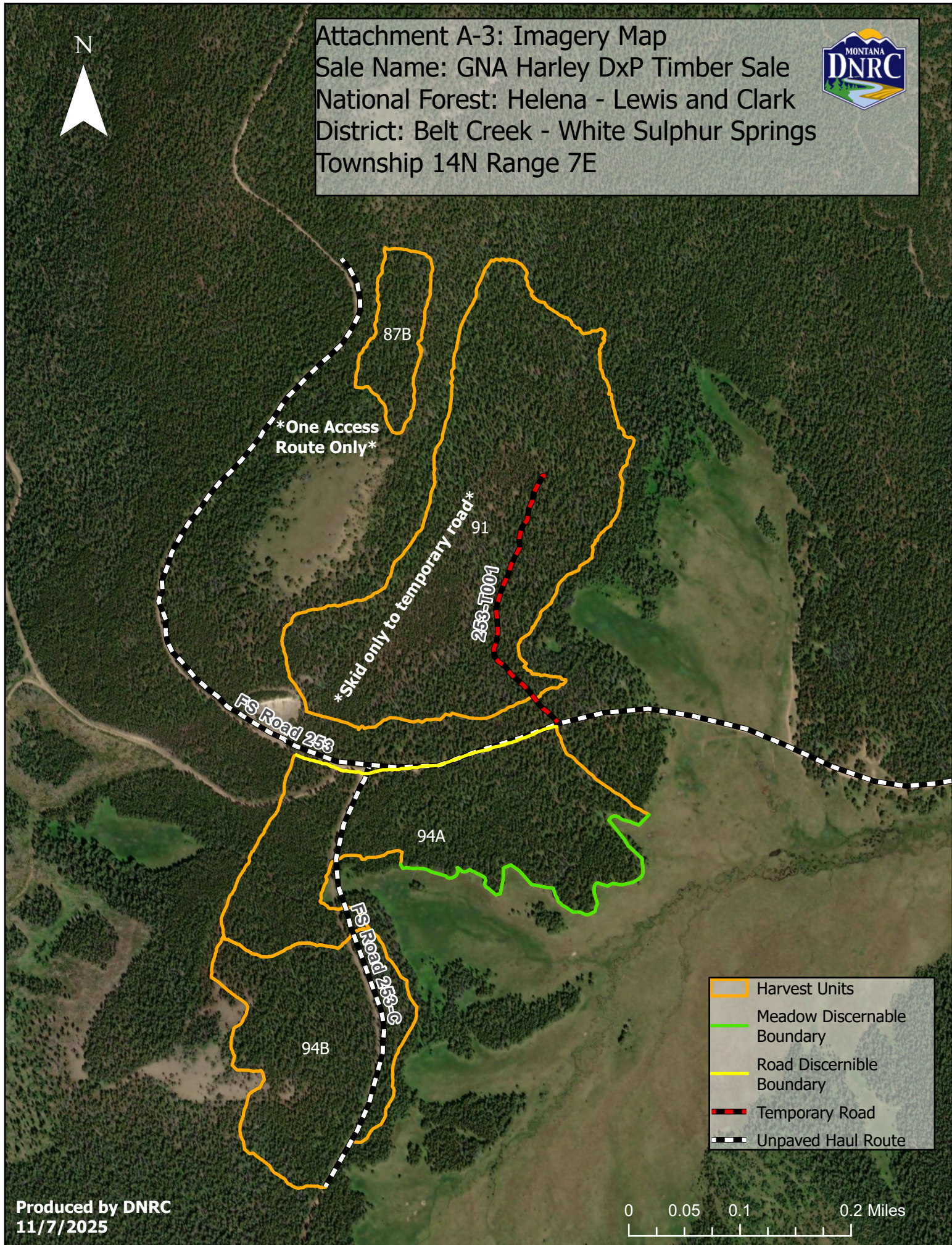
Unit	Acres	Rx
87B	4	Improvement Cut
91	41	Improvement Cut
94A	26	Stand Clearcut (w/ leave trees)
94B	18	Improvement Cut

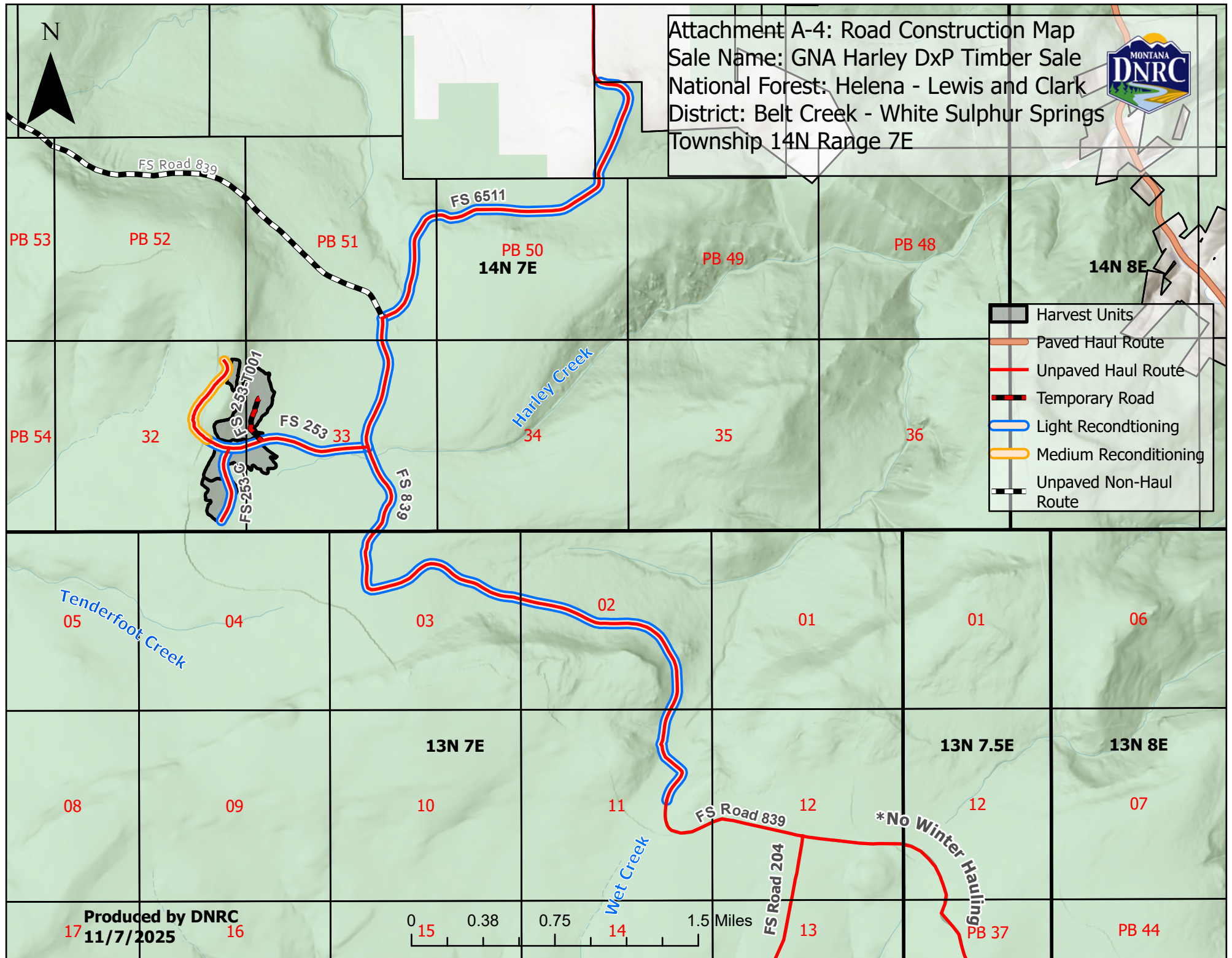






Attachment A-3: Imagery Map
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Attachment A-4: Road Construction Map
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- Harvest Units
- Paved Haul Route
- Unpaved Haul Route
- Temporary Road
- Light Reconditioning
- Medium Reconditioning
- Unpaved Non-Haul Route

*No Winter Hauling