

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Blacktail Powerline timber sale is located within sections 24 & 25 of T26N – R22W and sections 19, 20, 21, 29, & 30 of T26N – R21W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 5,303 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 **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry 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 **\$2,919** 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales>

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

<b>Timber Sale Name: Blacktail Powerline</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-607-9092	Tye Sundt	Kalispell Unit
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau
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 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 pay all stumpage 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 Land 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. This timber sale will effectively treat the potential for tree strikes along the main powerline to Blacktail Mountain. The intent of this timber sale is to cut trees that pose a risk to the powerline over time.
4. Units 8, 14 and 15 will require shovel logging methods in some or all of the unit due to steep pitches, broken terrain and access points. Traditional line skidding will not be possible due to blind leads, the close proximity to the powerline and open access roads.
5. Landings will need to be in a location that will not pose a risk to the powerline or power poles when the landing piles are burned at a later date.
6. All units are marked to leave in orange paint for trees over 7" dbh. All trees under 7-inches will be retained so the unit is stocked post-harvest.
7. Non-saw material is **not** required to be hauled but must be decked along the road if Purchaser elects not to haul.
8. Log hauling will be restricted on USFS Road #917 (Blacktail Road) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday if operations occur in the winter operating period of 11/15 to 4/30.
9. Excavator piling is required in Units 6,7 and 8 totalling 38 acres.
10. For access to gates in the sale area, a combination lock will be installed with a combo of **2611**.

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

Blacktail Powerline												
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												\$11.01
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF		45153.7	101182.4	18495.3	7561.5	1662.5		39782.6			0.0	213,838 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		615.2	1908.6	1204.1	137.8	3.0		1431.0			0.0	5,300 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		1209	2479	475	194	45		901			0	<b>5,303 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		17	47	31	4	0		32			0	131 tons
Gross MBF		197	481	69	36	8		166			0	957 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		13.6	16.1	7.9	10.0	10.0		17.7			0.0	15.0%
Net MBF		170	403	63	32	7		137			0	813 MBF
Average logs per MBF		20.2	21.1	36.5	20.3	13.9		29.7			0.0	23.4 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.8	11.9	8.8	12.2	19.0		10.0			0.0	11.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												44 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												103
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	624 and 1,002 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											23.2%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,303 estimated tons / 813 Net MBF											6.52 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2028	
Operating Period:	Year Round when Soil Conditions Allow	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	44%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (shovel)	56%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	900 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$1,070
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.20/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$1.32/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$9,126

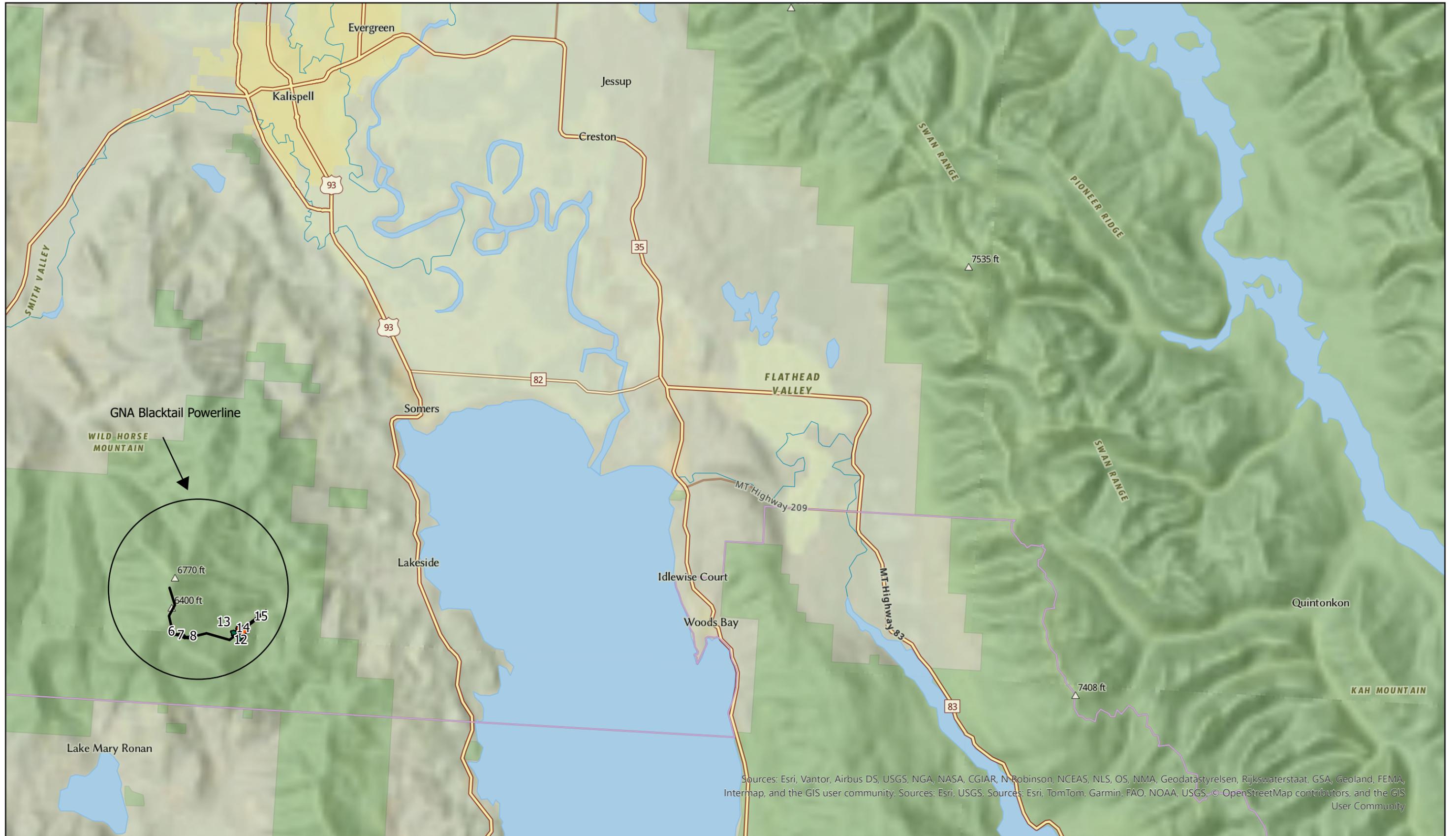
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Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	600 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	25.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.0 miles

<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$13,300.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$2.51/ton

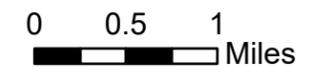
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.72/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	6.3 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
6	14	534	82	September 30, 2028
7	12	639	98	September 30, 2028
8	12	610	94	September 30, 2028
12	10	342	52	September 30, 2028
13	17	270	41	September 30, 2028
14	42	1575	242	September 30, 2028
15	13	1333	204	September 30, 2028
	121 Ac.	5,303 Tons	813 MBF	



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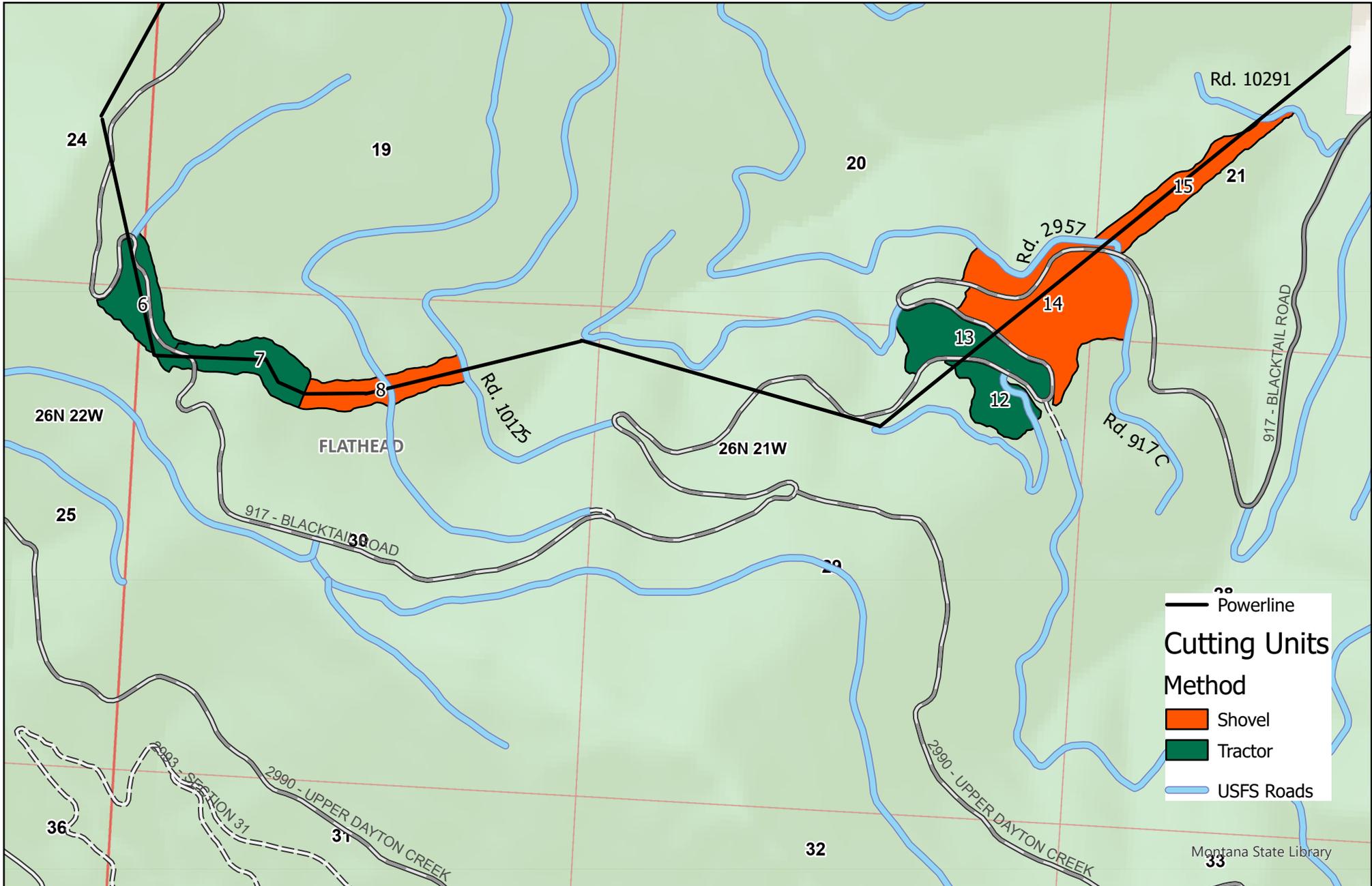
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ATTACHMENT A





# GNA Blacktail Powerline Timber Sale

Attachment A-1



— Powerline

**Cutting Units**

**Method**

- Shovel
- Tractor
- USFS Roads

Montana State Library

