

STATE OF MONTANA

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY - TIMBER SALE CONTRACT FOR STUMPAGE SOLD BY THE TON

VERSION 18 – DECEMBER 2024

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION 2705 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804	NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF PURCHASER:	
	Tax I.D. Number	
LAND OFFICE CLO	SALE NAME GNA Reboot SYU	SALE NUMBER GNA1067
UNIT OFFICE Billings	AWARD DATE	TERMINATION DATE 11/30/2030

THIS TIMBER SALE CONTRACT (hereinafter called Contract or agreement) IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO by and between the State of Montana, acting through its Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division (hereinafter called the State) and (, a sole proprietorship; or , a partnership; or , Inc. a corporation) (hereinafter called Purchaser) having an office and principal place of business at the address shown above. Purchaser's bid for all timber and timber products described in this Contract has been accepted by the State after having been estimated, appraised and advertised for sale as required by law. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, the State agrees to sell and the Purchaser agrees to purchase the designated timber located on the areas described in this Contract at the specified rates of payment and in strict conformity with the requirements, standards, specifications and conditions set forth in this Contract.

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TABLE 1 - LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GROSS SALE AREA			
The timber designated for sale under this Contract is within the following sale area			
Subdivisions	Section	Twn	Rge
Portions of	1, PB 38, PB 44, PB 45	7S	18E
	23, 24, 25	7S	19E
	19, 30, 31	7S	20E
	2, 3	8S	19E
	6	8S	20E
Total approximate acres in gross sale area:	1719		
Number of harvest units (Including Right-of-Way):	43		
Total acres in harvest units (Including Right-of-Way):	403		

TABLE 1 (continued) - ESTIMATED SALE VOLUME	
The state does not guarantee the product weight, by species or in total, to equal the estimated advertised weight in quantity or product designation.	
Product	Estimated Quantity (Tons)
Sawlogs	16,396
OPTIONAL SAWLOGS	1,009
OPTIONAL OTHER MATERIAL	972
Total Estimated Volume	18,377

TABLE 1 (continued) - PAYMENT RATES			
Payment	Amount		Requirements
Performance Bond Amount:	20% of bid value		See Section II.A.1-3.
	Product	Amount	
Stumpage Rate per ton:	Sawlogs	\$xx.xx/ton	See Section II.B.1-3.
	Other Material	\$1.00/ton	
Required Deposits (slash, etc.)	n/a	n/a	

TABLE 1 – (continued) – ROAD USE AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS		
Road Name or Number	Rate	Requirements
N/A		

I. GENERAL TERMS

A. DEFINITION OF CONTRACT LANGUAGE: The following definitions apply to terms used in this Contract:

1. Administrator – The Good Neighbor Authority Bureau Chief, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
2. Draw – A swale or drainageway that may not have perceptible or definite beds or banks.
3. Environmental Law – Includes, but is not limited to, the following laws and any regulations promulgated under these laws: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*), as amended; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) (42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 – 6987), as amended; the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401, *et seq.*), as amended; the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f *et seq.*), as amended; the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1401 *et seq.*), as amended; the Clean Air Act of Montana (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-2-101 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Water Quality Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-5-101 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Solid Waste Management Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-201 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Hazardous Waste Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-401 *et seq.*), as amended; the Montana Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-10-701 *et seq.*) as amended; and the Montana Underground Storage Tank Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 75-11-501 *et seq.*) as amended.
4. Forest Officer – The State field representative assigned the job of contract administration for this timber sale Contract. Except as otherwise expressly stated in the Contract, the Forest Officer is not authorized to modify the contract on behalf of the State.
5. Hazardous or deleterious substance – Means a substance that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may pose an imminent and substantial threat to public health, safety, or welfare or the environment, and is:
 - a. A substance that is defined as a hazardous substance by section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), as amended.
 - b. A substance identified by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a hazardous substance pursuant to section 102 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602, as amended.
 - c. A substance that is defined as a hazardous waste pursuant to section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(5), as amended, including a substance listed or identified in 40 CFR 261.
 - d. Any petroleum product.
6. Operating period – The annual time period during which field activities (logging, hauling, construction, etc.) may be conducted.
7. Paid or payment – Except as otherwise expressly stated in the Contract, full remuneration by either cash, money order or certified check.
8. Purchaser – The signatory party to this Contract other than the Administrator. Purchaser is also defined to include employees and agents of the Purchaser authorized to conduct activities as required for execution of the timber sale Contract. As an independent contractor, neither the Purchaser, its employees or agents shall be considered employees of the State of Montana or the United States Forest Service pursuant to work performed under this Contract.
9. Sawlog – A green or dead log as further defined under Section VII.C.

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10. State – The State of Montana and its agents and employees, including but not limited to the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation.
11. USFS - The United States Forest Service and its agents and employees.
12. Stream – A stream is a natural watercourse of perceptible extent that has a sandy or rocky bottom or definite banks and confines and conducts continuously or intermittently flowing water.
13. Stumpage – The rate paid in dollars per ton as specified in Table 1 for Sawlogs and/or Other Material.
14. Supervisor – A person designated by the Purchaser in charge of operations on site at the sale area at all times when construction or harvesting operations are in progress. The Supervisor shall have authorization to receive notices from the Forest Officer and take appropriate action with regard to breach and/or violations of the terms of the contract.

B. REMOVAL OF TIMBER AND TITLE TRANSFER:

1. Provided the Purchaser has paid for timber as required in Section II.B.1, ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENT, the Purchaser has the right to cut and remove timber from the sale area provided all Contract requirements related to the commencement of operations have been met.
2. Title to all timber included in this contract shall be retained by the USFS until:
 - a. The timber has been paid for.
 - b. The timber has been measured, as described in Section III.A. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY.
 - c. The timber has been properly marked, branded and ticketed as described in Section III.C & E. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY and Attachment E, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and removed from the gross sale area.
3. Title to timber remaining on the gross sale area at termination of the contract shall remain with the USFS.
4. As documented in this contract, or otherwise agreed to, all roads and other improvements become the property of the USFS as they are constructed.

C. TERM OF CONTRACT: This Contract is effective upon approval and execution by the Administrator and shall terminate on the Termination Date shown on page 1 unless terminated sooner for successful completion or for gross or persistent breach and/or failure to promptly and properly remedy contract violations of the Contract terms pursuant to Section IV. B, TERMINATION.

D. PRE-OPERATIONS MEETING: No activity may occur on the sale area until a pre-operations meeting is conducted between the Purchaser and the State. The Purchaser shall notify the Forest Officer at least seven (7) days prior to the start of operations to schedule the pre-operations meeting. The Forest Officer will specify to the Purchaser what information the Purchaser must provide to the State at the pre-operations meeting.

E. ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN: Purchaser may be required to submit a written annual operating plan, as specified by, and at the request of the Forest Officer.

F. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION:

1. In the event that Purchaser's operations are delayed and Purchaser is not able to complete the requirements of this Contract prior to the harvest completion date or the termination date, the State may grant an extension of the term of this Contract. An extension will be considered by the State under only the following circumstances:

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- a. The State determines an extension is in the USFS and State's best interests;
 - b. Purchaser applies for the extension in writing at least 30 days prior to the termination date.
 - c. The State notifies the Purchaser that an extension is required.
 - d. Purchaser has provided the State with written notice from the surety that the performance bond on this contract has been extended for a period commensurate with the requested contract extension.
 - e. Purchaser has made a good faith effort to complete the sale.
 - f. The extension request is not based on poor log and/or market conditions.
2. If the contract term extension is granted, Purchaser shall conduct continuous operations through the operating periods and/or resume operations at the start of the next operating period until the requirements of this Contract are completed. No extension shall be granted for a period longer than eighteen (18) months after the termination date as provided herein unless a longer extension is determined to be in the State's and USFS's best interest.
 3. If the extension is requested and granted because of delays resulting from matters within Purchaser's control, the following will apply:
 - a. Purchaser shall pay an extension fee of \$ 500.00.
 - b. Stumpage rates for any volume cut, skidded or hauled during the extension period will be escalated a minimum of 10%.
 - c. No de-escalation will occur from the time the extension is granted by the Administrator, as documented in a signed modification, through the remainder of the Contract.
 4. An extension may be granted to the Purchaser without penalty if the State prohibits logging activity for more than 2 weeks during the operating period described in this Contract.
 5. All conditions of this contract shall remain in force during any period of extension, unless those conditions are amended by the terms of the extension.
 6. In the event the Contract terminates pursuant to Section I.C, TERM OF CONTRACT due to expiration of the time period within which its performance shall have been completed, and the State has not granted an extension, the Purchaser shall immediately cease all operations within the Gross Sale Area as shown in Table 1. Operations beyond the contract termination date for which the State has not granted an extension will be treated as trespass.
- G. LIABILITY FOR LOSS:** The Purchaser is responsible for loss, degradation, or damage to timber while the timber is in his, her or its custody, including but not limited to, timber which has been felled, skidded or decked and/or timber which has been lost, damaged or stolen after removal from the sale area but before scaling or weight is recorded.
- H. SUPERVISION:** When construction or harvesting operations are in progress, the Purchaser shall have exclusive control over the manner in which the Contract is executed if, as determined by the State, the Purchaser has and is complying with all terms and conditions provided herein. Purchaser is required to have a supervisor(s) in charge of operations on the sale area at all times. Such supervisor(s) shall have authorization to receive notices from the Forest Officer and take appropriate action with regard to breach and/or violations of the terms and conditions of the Contract.

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I. COMPLAINTS:

1. Complaints by the Purchaser concerning any action or decision of a Forest Officer, including suspension orders, must be made in writing to the Administrator postmarked within 30 days of the disputed action or decision. In the interim, Purchaser must comply with the directions of the Forest Officer.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator, or a designated representative, shall promptly hold an informal conference with the Purchaser and the Forest Officer to review the disputed action. The Purchaser shall be given adequate notice of the conference and shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and an argument to rebut the reasons given by the Forest Officer for the disputed action. After review, the Administrator shall notify the Purchaser in writing of his decision. The decision of the Administrator is final on behalf of the State, except regarding termination of the contract.

J. ASSIGNMENT: This contract shall not be assigned in whole or in part unless approved in writing by the Administrator. Any person or entity that is currently suspended or debarred from bidding on or operating government contracts is also suspended or debarred from bidding or operating (including as a sub-contractor) on this contract.

K. MODIFICATIONS:

1. This Contract, together with the attachments listed herein, contains the entire agreement of the parties and no statements, promises or inducements made by either party, or agents of either party, that are not contained in such written Contract shall be valid or binding. This Contract, except as described in Section I.K.2 below, cannot be enlarged, modified or altered except upon written agreement signed by all parties to this contract. Only the Administrator, his successor, or his designated representative is authorized to enter into such modification on behalf of the State.
2. To protect cultural or natural resources the State may modify provisions of the Contract without prior agreement by the Purchaser.

L. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Pursuant to Section 49-3-207, MCA, any hiring by the Purchaser under this agreement must be on the basis of merit and qualifications and there must be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, political ideas, sex, marital status, physical or mental handicap, national origin or ancestry by any person performing this Contract.

M. LIABILITY INSURANCE:

1. Prior to the commencement of any work to be performed under this Contract, the Purchaser or their agents shall obtain, carry and keep in good standing for the remainder of the Contract period, with any extensions:
 - a. Comprehensive general liability insurance coverage to the limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 per aggregate. Each such policy shall include endorsements, which shall name the State, US Forest Service, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees as additional insured and shall provide that the State shall be given 30 days written notice, at the address stated above, prior to cancellation or any material change in such policy.
 - b. Automobile Liability Insurance: The Purchaser shall purchase and maintain coverage with split limits of \$500,000 per person (personal injury), \$1,000,000 per accident occurrence (personal injury), and \$100,000 per accident occurrence (property damage), OR combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, or negligence of the contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors.

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2. In lieu of such coverage, the Purchaser may provide proof of self-insurance in at least an amount equal to that provided above.
3. Prior to the commencement of any work to be performed under this Contract, Purchaser shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance from the insurer(s) of the Purchaser or their agents certifying that coverage in at least the amounts stated above is in force. Such certificate shall be submitted to the State for approval of the insurer(s), the amount, and the form. The State reserves the right to require a certified copy of any such policy or to examine the policy itself.
4. A self-insured Purchaser shall provide an equivalent certificate of insurance subject to the approval of the State.
5. It is further understood and agreed that this Contract shall terminate immediately in the event that the mandatory liability insurance coverage required under this part is for any reason not obtained or is discontinued.

N. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:

1. Prior to the commencement of any work under this Contract, Purchaser shall provide written verification to the Administrator that any and all individuals who are to be engaged in work under this Contract, including but not limited to employees, agents or independent contractors of the Purchaser or of its subcontractors, are either insured for workers' compensation coverage or are exempted from such coverage as certified independent contractors pursuant to § 39-71-401 MCA.
2. It is expressly understood and agreed that no such individual may engage in work in furtherance of this Contract at any time during its period unless either insured for workers' compensation coverage or exempted from such coverage as indicated above.
3. It is understood and agreed that this Contract shall terminate immediately in the event that workers' compensation coverage or exemptions required under this part is discontinued for any individuals engaged in work under this Contract.

O. SAFETY: The Purchaser, employees, subcontractors and their employees shall conduct their activities in a safe and workmanlike manner, shall cooperate in making it possible for the Forest Officer to safely, efficiently, and economically perform his, her or its administrative duties, and shall comply with federal and State safety standards for logging operations as established by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA; 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1910 and any other such applicable regulations promulgated by OSHA) and as required by Title 50, Chapter 71 of the Montana Code Annotated, and any regulations promulgated to implement the statutes found in that Title and Chapter of the Montana Code Annotated. The Purchaser, and not the State, is responsible for instituting and maintaining all precautions, procedures and programs for the safety of all persons on the project site, and the State hereby disclaims any and all responsibility for injuries or accidents occurring at the site.

P. SAWMILLS PROHIBITED: No sawmills shall be allowed to operate on the gross sale area.

Q. LOG CHIPPERS OR GRINDERS: No log chippers or grinders shall be allowed to operate on the gross sale area unless written approval to do so is granted by the Forest Officer. In order for approval to be granted, the Purchaser shall identify a method acceptable to the State for the measurement of all wood to be ground or chipped. If the Purchaser intends to operate a log chipper outside of the gross sale area, provisions must be made for obtaining certified weights of either the material removed from the sale or of the resultant products.

R. SALE DELAYED OR PRECLUDED BY JUDICIAL ACTION OR GOVERNMENT REGULATORY ACTION:

1. In the event judicial action, change in applicable law, or implementation of government regulatory action renders proceeding with this Contract unlawful, the State will suspend or terminate the Contract in whole or in part. Upon notice of such suspension or termination, Purchaser shall immediately cease all or any portion of such operations under the Contract as directed by the State. If a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final judgment rendering further proceeding with this Contract unlawful, or government regulatory action takes effect, the State may terminate the Contract or, at the State's option, suspend the Contract in whole or in part, pending appeal of the court's final judgment. If the Contract is suspended, the State shall not be liable to the Purchaser for damages or losses resulting from the delay. In the event the Contract is terminated due to judicial action, a change in law, or government regulations, the State shall be liable to Purchaser only as follows:
 - a. The State shall refund any portion of advance stumpage payments or down payments not needed to compensate the State for timber removed.
 - b. The State shall release any portion of the performance bond not needed to compensate the State for timber removed or other losses suffered by the State due to breach of contract by the Purchaser.

S. VENUE AND CHOICE OF LAW: In the event of litigation concerning this agreement, venue shall be in the First Judicial District, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, and this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana both as to interpretation and performance.

T. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER: The Purchaser is authorized to enter the sale area only for purposes related to the performance of this Contract. Any person or entity that is currently suspended or debarred from bidding on or operating government contracts is also suspended or debarred from bidding or operating (including as a sub-contractor) on this Contract.

U. OTHER OPERATIONS BY THE STATE: The State or USFS reserves the right to at any time conduct within the gross sale area forest management operations including, but not limited to, slash piling, burning, handwork, broadcast burning, mop-up, patrolling, thinning and tree planting during the term of this Contract.

V. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY:

1. The Purchaser agrees to indemnify the State and the USFS, its officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties and hold the State harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense, arising in favor of the Purchaser's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death or damage to property arising out of services performed, goods or rights to intellectual property provided or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts or omission of the Purchaser and/or its agents, employees, subcontractors or its representatives while engaged in work under this Contract, all to the extent of the Purchaser's negligence.
2. The Purchaser shall be responsible for, indemnify, defend and hold the State and the USFS harmless from and against any loss, cost (including, without limitation, reasonable legal, accounting, consulting, engineering and similar expenses), damage, claim, fine or liability, including the necessity for tests, inspections or other work, and any damage, claim, fine or liability arising as a result of such tests, inspections or other work, the State must perform:
 - a. Based upon an actual or alleged violation by the Purchaser of, or failure by the Purchaser to comply with, any Environmental Law during the term of this Contract;

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- b. Arising from the discharge, release, threatened release, handling, storage, treatment, deposit or disposal of any Hazardous or Deleterious Substances caused or exacerbated by the activities of the Purchaser on or in the gross sale area during the term of this Contract; or
- c. Otherwise arising out of or in connection with any environmental condition or action caused or created by the Purchaser.

W. OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS: This Contract is subject to all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations in effect at the date of this Contract or which may, from time to time, be adopted, and which do not impair the obligations of this Contract and which do not deprive the Purchaser of an existing property right recognized by law. A violation by the Purchaser of any federal, state, county, and/or municipal laws, ordinances and/or regulations while conducting operations under the terms of this Contract, shall, in the discretion of the State, constitute sufficient reason for the suspension or termination of this Contract. If any part of the lands or premises under this Contract are used or allowed or permitted to be used for any purpose contrary to the laws of this state or the United States, such unlawful use shall, in the discretion of the State, constitute sufficient reason for the suspension or termination of this Contract.

X. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither party shall be responsible for failure to fulfill its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts or omissions of government or military authority, acts of God, materials shortages, transportation delays, fires, floods, labor disturbances, riots, wars, terrorist acts, or any other causes, directly or indirectly beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party, so long as such party is using its best efforts to remedy such failure or delays. Force majeure will not relieve the Purchaser from liability for damage or otherwise excuse performance of this Contract should the Purchaser cause a fire for which they would be liable under § 50-63-103, MCA.

Y. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION: The Purchaser must complete and deliver to the State form AD-1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary covered transactions and form AD-1048 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower tier Covered Transactions.

II. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

A. PERFORMANCE BOND:

1. As a guarantee of the faithful performance of this Contract, Purchaser shall furnish a bond, with sufficient sureties, to the State in an amount equal to the potential loss to the State in the event of Purchaser's breach or default under the terms of this Contract as determined by the Administrator. The performance bond may be in cash, bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of deposit with sufficient sureties. A letter of credit must be automatically renewable without amendment for the term of the Contract. The bond shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the estimated value of the timber sold. The performance bond the Purchaser must submit for this Contract is shown in Table 1.
2. Upon full performance of the terms of the Contract, the State shall release the performance bond.
3. Upon substantial performance of the terms of the Contract, the Administrator may release a portion of the performance bond not needed to compensate the State for any remaining timber to be removed or any other losses that may be suffered by the State due to breach of Contract by the Purchaser. The bond shall not be reduced to less than five percent (5%) of the estimated value of the total Contract volume.

B. PAYMENTS: The Purchaser agrees to make payments to the Treasurer of the State of Montana as follows:

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1. **ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENTS:** The Purchaser is required to pay for all timber in advance of cutting at the rates shown in Table 1. Advance stumpage payments will be held by the State to cover the Purchaser's estimated timber cutting for at least six (6) weeks of operations. Advance stumpage payments may be reduced just before completion of the sale or when cutting requirements are to be suspended for at least 3 months. Advance stumpage payments may be in cash, bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of deposit with sufficient sureties.
2. **INITIAL ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENT:** The initial advance payment will be made by the Purchaser prior to the start of timber cutting operations.
3. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Payments in full for individual invoices will be made by the Purchaser as called for by the Administrator; in no event will payments be made by the Purchaser more than 14 days from the date of billing.

C. ROAD USE AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS:

1. **PAYMENTS:** The Purchaser is required to make payments for road use and maintenance at the rates listed in Table 1 or as amended by revisions to road use permits. Payments will be made as called for by the Administrator or as otherwise directed in this Contract.
2. **ALTERNATE HAUL ROUTES:** The Purchaser is authorized by the State to use the haul route described in this Contract and attachments. If the Purchaser chooses to use an alternate haul route, that haul route must be approved by the State. Road use charges, maintenance requirements and payments may be adjusted to reflect the haul route used by the Purchaser. The Purchaser is responsible for obtaining any right-of-way required for an alternate haul route and for meeting all requirements of any agreements associated with that right-of-way. Proof of any such agreement must be provided to the State prior to use. Stumpage fees are not subject to a downward adjustment under this clause.

III. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY

A. PRODUCT MEASUREMENT:

1. The State will determine the value of products removed from the sale based on the total gross weight of material hauled. Weight tickets will be used to obtain the total value.
2. When mixed products with different payment rates per ton are hauled on one load, the entire load will be charged at the rate of the product with the highest value contained in the load.
3. Upon request by the State, the most recent load delivered to a receiving mill must be made available for inspection by the State or their representatives. The weight ticket identifying the load must remain affixed to the load.

B. WEIGHT TICKETS: The Purchaser is required to furnish weight tickets to the State as agreed to by the Forest Officer and the Purchaser.

1. All weight tickets shall be mailed or delivered with corresponding load tickets, as outlined below, directly to the DNRC Land Office administering this Contract. In this case, send truck tickets to:

**DNRC Central Land Office
8001 N Montana Ave.
Helena, MT 59602**

This requirement may be waived or changed by the Forest Officer.

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2. Weight tickets shall show gross, tare and net weights and the corresponding load ticket number of each product load. Weight tickets must be from State of Montana certified scales, and all weight tickets must have mechanically stamped weights for the gross and tare weights unless otherwise permitted in writing by the Forest Officer. Weight tickets will be mailed or delivered to the State on a bi-weekly basis or as otherwise agreed to by the Forest Officer. A weight ticket will be considered as missing if not furnished within 4 weeks of the load delivery date. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
 3. Truck ticket information may be provided to DNRC electronically if all required ticket information is provided. The information must be provided to the State on a bi-weekly basis prior to the tenth (10th) and twenty-fourth (24th) of each month. The paper copy of the weight tickets must also continue to be provided to the State. The requirement to supply the paper copy of the weight tickets may be waived by the Administrator.
- C. LOAD TICKETS:** The Purchaser will be issued load ticket books with consecutively numbered tickets for uniquely identifying truckloads of logs. A load ticket shall be attached to the driver's side bunk log of each product load prior to hauling, with the Scaler's copy given to the State from the delivery point. The Purchaser shall complete each ticket with the sale information required by the State. The Purchaser shall provide to the Forest Officer a complete list of destinations to which loads will be delivered. The State, at its discretion, may require a separate ticket book for each destination. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- D. SORTING OF PRODUCTS:** The State may require separate ticket books for any loads sorted by the Purchaser by size or species or by specific products intended for different delivery points. Load tickets designated for a specific product must only be used for that specific product. When a load ticket is used with an incorrect product the State may treat such misuse as a contract violation
- E. LOAD MARKING:** The Purchaser is required to mark all loads of logs before removal from the loading area to assist in identification while in transit or at the point of delivery. Marking shall be accomplished by painting "GNA" in blue paint and the last three digits of the truck load ticket number on log ends of at least three logs on each load, both front and back. The driver's side bunk log shall be one of the marked logs. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- F. PROMPT DELIVERY:** The Purchaser will deliver loads from the timber sale area to a receiving log yard directly without diversion. "Over-nighting" loads during transit are expressly forbidden unless approved by Forest Officer prior to hauling. Failure to comply with this provision may be treated by the State as a contract violation.
- G. SCALE RULE:**
1. Any sawlogs scaled by the State shall be scaled using the Scribner Decimal "C" log rule. Log scaling will follow the procedures listed in the National Forest Log Scaling Handbook (FSH 2409.11) excluding Region 1 supplements.
 2. In cases where conversion is required, a conversion factor of **6.82** tons per thousand board feet will be used for sawlogs.
- H. 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.

IV. CONTRACT VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

A. SUSPENSION:

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1. **FAILURE TO PAY ADVANCE STUMPAGE:** If Purchaser fails to submit advance stumpage payments as directed by the Administrator pursuant to the terms of this Contract within 30 days of the request for such payments, all operations covered by this Contract shall immediately cease upon written or oral order from the State until all required advance stumpage payments, or guarantee of payment satisfactory to the State, have been made. The cutting and removal of timber may resume only upon receipt of written notice to the Purchaser from the State that acknowledges adequate payment or guarantee.
2. **LOSS OF BOND:** If the surety bond or other bond securing performance of this Contract is canceled or otherwise becomes ineffective, operations covered by this Contract shall immediately cease upon written or oral order from the State to the Purchaser. Cutting and removal of timber may resume only upon receipt of written notice from the State that acknowledges adequate bond.
3. **OTHER CONTRACT VIOLATIONS:**
 - a. Should the Forest Officer observe a condition that violates the terms of this Contract, the Forest Officer may verbally notify the Purchaser or its employees or subcontractors of such condition and immediately suspend all or part of the operations in the sale area to prevent harm to the interests of the State or the public. Should the Purchaser or its employees or subcontractors fail to comply with any verbal suspension order, the Administrator may terminate the Contract pursuant to Section IV. B. Termination. The Forest Officer may rescind his/her verbal suspension order upon satisfactory cure of the Purchaser's violation and operations may resume.
 - b. Suspension orders may be given in writing or verbally to the Purchaser, or to his, her or its employees or subcontractors. Once given, the Purchaser, and his, her or its employees or subcontractors shall immediately comply with such order of suspension and failure to do so shall constitute grounds for termination of this Contract. Suspension orders are reviewable under the provisions described in Section I.I. COMPLAINTS.
 - c. The Administrator may issue a written notice of suspension depending upon the severity of the violation and Purchaser's ability to cure. Such notice shall contain information regarding:
 1. The breach observed and harm anticipated;
 2. The Contract provisions violated;
 3. If possible, the measures required to cure the violation and allow operations to resume; and
 4. The deadline within which the Purchaser must cure the violation.Should the Purchaser fail to cure the violation as required, or to obtain a written variance from the Administrator, the Administrator may charge the Purchaser a \$250 per day penalty for every day that the violation persists. Operations may resume only upon written notice from the Administrator. If satisfactory measures or remedies cannot be found to cure the violation, the Administrator may immediately terminate the Contract pursuant to Section IV.B. TERMINATION.

B. TERMINATION:

1. Gross or persistent Contract violations and/or failure to promptly and properly remedy Contract violations by the Purchaser pursuant to the terms of this Contract shall be grounds for termination of the Contract by the State.
2. If this Contract is terminated by the State, the Administrator shall immediately notify the Purchaser of the termination and the reasons for it by certified mail. Such notice shall describe in what respects the Contract has been breached, the means, if any, by which the breach can be remedied and the consequences of such termination. The Contract shall be terminated 18 days from the date the notice is mailed to the Purchaser at the address stated in this Contract.
3. Upon receipt of the notice of termination the Purchaser shall immediately cease all operations pursuant to and permitted by the Contract until the termination is resolved as provided pursuant to this Section of the Contract, Section IV.B. TERMINATION.

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4. If the Contract is reinstated the Purchaser will not be penalized for any delays that resulted from the appeal.
5. If the Contract is terminated for breach, it is understood that the State may refuse to accept bids or proposals submitted under 77-5-212 MCA from the Purchaser on future State timber sales and permits for a minimum period of 2 years.

C. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES:

1. The Purchaser shall be liable for any damages sustained by the State arising from Purchaser's breach of the terms of this Contract and the State may cause all or part of the performance bond to be forfeited to recover such damages.
2. In the event that a portion of the timber sale under this Contract is resold as a result of the Purchaser's forfeiture and the stumpage rate pursuant to the resold contract is lower than the stumpage rate provided herein, the difference between the original rate and the new rate shall be considered damages and the Purchaser shall be liable to the State for those damages. The State may cause all or part of the Purchaser's performance bond to be forfeited to recover such damages.

D. STATE'S OPTION TO COMPLETE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS: If the Purchaser fails to complete the requirements described in this Contract in a timely manner or if the Contract is terminated pursuant to Section IV.B. TERMINATION, the State reserves the right to complete the work itself or through a contractor. The Purchaser will be billed for any additional costs incurred by the State due to the Purchaser's failure to perform the requirements of this Contract. These additional costs may include State employee time and expenses that were extraordinary to the normal administration of the Contract, such as time and expenses incurred to hire a replacement contractor. Purchaser's failure to make payment within 14 days from the date of billing may cause all or part of the performance bond to be forfeited to recover such costs.

E. WAIVER OF PENALTIES: The penalties specified in this section shall be regarded as liquidated damages and may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Administrator in exceptional cases.

F. FOREST PRACTICES LAWS: The Purchaser shall conduct logging operations in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and laws relating to forest practices in the State of Montana. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all reclamation and penalties that result from violations of applicable forest practices rules and laws.

G. LOGGING REQUIREMENT VIOLATIONS:

1. **HIGH STUMPS:** The Purchaser may be charged \$25.00 for each tree stump cut higher than 12 inches on the side adjacent to the highest ground except in unusual cases when this height is not considered practical.
2. **LONG BUTTS:** The Purchaser may be required to pay \$25.00 per long butt for cutting long butts that contain useable material in excess of the minimum net scale in percentage of gross shown in Table 2.
3. **LARGE TOPS:** The Purchaser may be required to pay for cutting tops larger than the Top Diameter Inside Bark (DIB) shown in Table 2. This charge will be at the current contract rate for the net volume by species, or \$25.00 per large top, whichever is greater.
4. **UNDESIGNATED TREES:**
 - a. Undesignated or reserve trees that are cut or damaged as a result of Purchaser's operations shall be considered cut in trespass and the Purchaser may be charged three times the highest Contract stumpage rate (minimum \$10.00/ton) for the Contract product class(es) the tree contains.

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- b. If the Forest Officer determines that a suitable replacement for a reserve tree as described above is not available, Purchaser agrees to pay the State \$500.00 per tree, in addition to the rates charged in Section IV.G.4.a. UNDESIGNATED TREES.
5. **FAILURE TO REMOVE:** The State may charge the Purchaser for trees that are designated for cutting under the terms of this Contract and/or logs that meet the Manufacturing and Recovery Standards shown in Table 2 that are not removed from the sale area or presented for measurement. This charge may be up to triple the Contract stumpage rate plus the Forest Improvement rate for the class of material contained in those trees fixed in accordance with the terms of this Contract. If the State removes such material from the sale area, the Purchaser will be required to reimburse the State for all applicable cutting, yarding, processing, loading and hauling costs.
6. **LOSS IN WEIGHT DUE TO PURCHASER DELAY:** A 15% increase in net weight of logs may be added by the State for loss in weight due to delay by the Purchaser in delivering cut logs to the manufacturing point. A delay is defined as in excess of 30 days after felling.

H. MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY VIOLATIONS:

1. **MISSING LOAD TICKETS:** The Purchaser will be charged up to \$500.00 for each unused load ticket that the Purchaser has lost or misplaced while in his, her or its possession. An unused ticket is defined as a ticket that is not turned into the State with an associated truckload weight.
 2. **FAILURE TO ATTACH OR COMPLETE LOAD TICKET:** The Purchaser may be charged \$500.00 per load for failure to attach a load ticket to each product load prior to hauling, or for failure to complete the load ticket with all required information.
 3. **MISSING WEIGHT TICKETS:**
 - a. The Purchaser may be charged triple the Contract stumpage rate [stumpage x 3 = penalty] for each truck weight ticket not furnished to the State.
 - b. The Forest Officer will notify the Purchaser of each missing weight ticket.
 - c. The load weight will be determined by averaging weights from other loads hauled by the Purchaser to the same mill within the same billing period, or 30 tons for single loads and 38 tons for loads with a pup trailer attached.
 - d. For Other Material, as defined by this Contract, the minimum stumpage for purposes of penalty shall be \$10.00 per ton or the Contract stumpage rate multiplied by 3, whichever is higher.
 4. **IMPROPERLY LABELED PRODUCT:** The Purchaser may be charged up to \$1,500.00 per load for loads with an incorrect load ticket for the product (Sawlog or Other Material) in the load. In addition, the stumpage paid for an improperly ticketed load shall be at the highest Contract stumpage rate for products hauled pursuant to this Contract.
 5. **IMPROPERLY MARKED LOADS:** The Purchaser may be charged forty dollars (\$40.00) per load for each load not marked in accordance with Section III.E. LOAD MARKING.
- I. FAILURE TO MEET COMPLETION DATES:** The Purchaser may be charged \$100.00 for each complete calendar day the Purchaser fails to meet the deadlines shown in Table 3 and Table B1.
- J. LATE PAYMENTS:** The Purchaser may be charged \$100.00 per day beginning the 15th day after the billing date for failure to pay for forest products, pursuant to Section II.B PAYMENTS.

V. FIRE PROTECTION

- A. FIRE REGULATIONS:** The Purchaser is required to conduct all operations in accordance with the Montana Forest Fire Regulations, Attachment C, which by this reference is made a part of this Contract.
- B. FIRE PREVENTION:** During the time that this Contract remains in force, the Purchaser shall, to the greatest extent practicable, prevent forest fires on the area described in this Contract and in its vicinity, and shall require all employees, contractors and employees of contractors to do likewise.
- C. OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS:** The Purchaser is required to conduct any burning of slash or other debris in accordance with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality open burning restrictions. The Forest Officer must be notified prior to the start of any burning operations.
- D. FIRE SUPPRESSION:** Unless prevented by circumstances over which he, she or it has no control, the Purchaser shall place qualified employees, contractors and employees of contractors and all equipment at the disposal of any authorized State, County, or Federal Forest Officer for the purpose of fighting forest fires. Payment for such services shall be made at rates to be determined by the Forest Officer, which shall be within a range of payment rates shown in the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook. Any employees or equipment furnished by the Purchaser, contractors or employees of contractors, shall be relieved from fire fighting as soon as it is practicable for the Forest Officer to obtain other adequate labor or equipment.
- E. FIRE COSTS:** The costs borne by the Protecting Agency for suppressing fires that are intentionally lit by the Purchaser or that are caused by negligence or fault in the Purchaser's operations shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Protecting Agency. The Purchaser shall also be liable for property and resource damage resulting from these fires.
- F. FIRE REPORTING:** Any wildfires, which the Purchaser detects or suppresses, must be reported as soon as possible to the responsible fire protection agency and the State.
- G. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS:** When fire danger reaches extreme levels that cause operations to be curtailed through Stage II, Hoot Owl requirements or other measures, the State may suspend operations until fire conditions in and/or around the sale area improve. The State will grant a contract extension to compensate for the time suspended.
- H. CONTACT INFORMATION:** The Purchaser will provide the Forest Officer with phone numbers of the Purchaser and their employees and contractors when logging operations are in progress (including nights and weekends), in order to establish contact if a wildfire occurs within the sale area or on other lands accessed by road systems associated with the sale.

VI. RESOURCE PROTECTION

- A. DAMAGE PREVENTION:** The Purchaser shall use reasonable skill and care in all operations to prevent damage to soils, trails, meadows, stream banks, stream channels, wetlands, lakeshores or other natural features of the sale area. If any damage occurs to soils during project implementation, damage must be repaired to the furthest extent possible as directed by the Forest Officer.
- B. STREAM PROTECTION:**
 - 1. Construction and logging equipment will not be operated in Streamside Management Zones. An exception may be provided for, under this Contract, through the procurement of an Alternative Practice (with approval of the Forest Officer). Additional protection measures may be required in Section VII.G, SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS and in Contract Attachments.

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2. The Purchaser shall notify the Forest Officer immediately if debris from logging or construction enters a stream or stream channel.
3. Under the direction of the Forest Officer, the Purchaser shall remove any debris in a stream resulting from logging or construction operations. This work will be completed in a manner that causes the least disturbance to the streams.
4. Logs shall not be hauled, skidded or yarded across streams unless the logs are fully suspended, or otherwise yarded as specified in this Contract. An approved Alternative Practice must be in place. The Forest Officer must approve all logging and construction plans, including changes, before implementation.
5. All operations shall be conducted in a manner to comply with Montana Water Quality Standards, the Streamside Management Zone Law, and all applicable permits.

C. CULTURAL RESOURCES: If a cultural resource is discovered, the Purchaser shall immediately suspend all operations in the vicinity of the cultural resource and notify the Forest Officer. Operations may only resume if authorized by the Forest Officer. Cultural resources identified and protected elsewhere in this Contract are exempted from this clause. Cultural resources, once discovered or identified, are not to be disturbed by the Purchaser, or his, her or its employees and/or sub-contractors.

D. DISCOVERY OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:

1. If a specific habitat feature for a federally listed threatened or endangered species is encountered, the Purchaser shall suspend all operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery and immediately notify the Forest Officer. Operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer. Habitat features identified and protected elsewhere in this Contract are exempted from this clause.
2. If a federally listed threatened or endangered species is encountered, the Purchaser shall immediately notify the Forest Officer. The Purchaser may be required to suspend operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery. If suspended, operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer.

E. SANITATION: The Purchaser's operations, as described by this Contract, shall comply with all applicable State laws, rules and regulations concerning sanitation in operations. Refuse resulting from the Purchaser's activities, including the use, servicing, repair, or abandonment of equipment, shall be removed, buried or otherwise disposed of in a manner that complies with all State laws and meets the approval of the Forest Officer. The Purchaser shall not service tractors, trucks and similar pieces of equipment on lands that directly drain into or are within 100 feet of lakes, streams or recreational facilities. No logging camp will be located on the gross sale area without prior approval by the Forest Officer.

F. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES: In addition to the indemnification provided in Section I.W.2. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY, with respect to Hazardous Substances, the following duties shall apply:

1. The Purchaser shall know and comply with regulations governing the storage, handling, application, disposal, and reporting of pesticides, herbicides, containers, biological waste, petroleum products, dust abatement compounds, and other hazardous substances. The Purchaser shall obtain the approval of the Forest Officer to store, handle, apply or dispose of these substances on the gross sale area.
2. The Purchaser shall not transport, handle, store, load, apply, or dispose of any hazardous substance in such a manner as to pollute water supplies or waterways, or cause damage or injury to people, land, desirable plants, and animals.

3. **Contractors will have spill prevention and containment materials on site to minimize the risk of an accidental spill of petroleum products.**
 4. **The Purchaser and/or Contractor shall notify the Forest Officer immediately of Hazardous Material Spills.**
- G. PROTECTION OF IMPROVEMENTS:** The Purchaser shall to the greatest extent practicable protect from damage all survey monuments, hiking trails, gates, signs, telephone lines, power lines, fences, irrigation ditches, historical ditches, cattle guards, drainage structures, road improvements, and any other improvements or infrastructure within the gross sale area and/or along haul routes. Damages caused by the Purchaser, his, her or its employees or subcontractors, and expenses associated with the repair or replacement of damaged structures and improvements are the sole responsibility of the Purchaser.
- H. PROPERTY CORNER RESTORATION:** The Purchaser is required to replace any General Land Office township, section, quarter or meander corners, monuments or witness trees on or adjacent to the timber sale area which may have been moved, disturbed or lost, as a result of the Purchaser's logging or construction operations. Any necessary replacements must be carried out by a licensed surveyor at the Purchaser's expense.
- I. PASSABLE ROADS:** The Purchaser will leave all roads and trails free from obstruction by logs, brush or debris following the completion of logging operations. Temporary or permanent obstructions may be acceptable if approved by the Forest Officer.
- J. NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT:** All equipment used in road construction and off-road logging activity must be pressure-washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and material that may carry noxious weed seeds into the sale area. Other equipment and vehicles entering and leaving the sale area shall be cleaned prior to start up and kept reasonably clean during the course of operations. All subsequent move-ins of logging and construction equipment shall be treated the same as the initial move-in. If a new noxious weed is identified during operations within a unit or existing weed infestations occur that are not present in other units, pressure washing may be required between harvest units. During operations and equipment mobilization, avoid existing noxious weed patches.
- K. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT:** All equipment operated in or adjacent to streams, lakes, or other bodies of water must be pressure washed by the purchaser and inspected by the forest officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and other material that may carry aquatic invasive species. Additional cleaning may be required when moving to a new water drafting source. Drafting from water sources with known aquatic invasive species is prohibited. When drafting, intake hoses must be fitted with a screen mesh equal to or smaller than 3/32 inches and a surface area of 2.5 square feet or more. If drafting from streams occurs place intake hoses in low velocity portions of the stream channel. Pumps must be primed with source water instead of tank water and have a functioning foot valve that does not leak. Tanks must not be overflowed and allowed to spill tank water into the drafting source. From September through November and March through July 15th, drafting sites shall be located away from fish spawning gravels.
- L. WILDLIFE PROTECTION:**
1. The Purchaser is authorized to enter areas closed by gates, barricades or berms with motorized vehicles only for the purposes related to the performance of this Contract. Motorized vehicle entry for purposes other than contract performance, such as hunting or transporting game animals will be considered trespass and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law (Montana Code Annotated § 45-6-203).
 2. The Purchaser is prohibited from carrying firearms while conducting contract operations [ARM 36.11.432(1)(c); 36.11.443(2)].

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3. The Purchaser will store human or pet food, livestock food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner.
4. The Purchaser will not bury or discard attractants in the sale area, or burn attractants (such as food leftovers) in an open campfire.
5. The Purchaser will comply with Attachment D "Working in Bear Habitat Brochure" and Attachment F "Custer Gallatin National Forest Food Storage Order #01-11-00-23-02".
6. If federally listed grizzly bear or Canada lynx are found in the project area the Forest Officer must be notified.
7. If a raptor nest is found all logging activities must halt and the Forest Officer must be notified.

M. PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE PLANTS: If previously undocumented populations of sensitive plants listed on the Regional Forester's Sensitive Species List are encountered, the Purchaser shall immediately notify the Forest Officer. The Purchaser may be required to suspend operations in the vicinity of the observation or discovery. If suspended, operations may resume only if authorized by the Forest Officer.

VII. LOGGING

A. TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING: All trees meeting the following requirements must be cut by the Purchaser.

1. **TREES IN UNITS:** Trees that meet the Minimum Log Size of Trees Designated for Cutting in Table 2 are to be cut in each unit according to the Marking specifications shown in Section VII.F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS.
2. **RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES:** All trees within road right-of-way boundaries must be cut.
3. **DAMAGED TREES:** Reserved trees, which are root-cut, damaged by felling or skidding, uprooted or broken off by the Purchaser's operations may be designated for cutting by the Forest Officer. The Forest Officer may mark additional reserve trees to replace those that have been cut or damaged.
4. **FIRE KILL, INSECT INFESTATIONS AND WIND THROWN:** The Purchaser may be required to cut and remove at current contract rates, fire-killed, high hazard, disease infected, insect-infested or wind thrown (defined as blown down or wind-damaged to the extent that the tree is expected to fall or is dying) trees that occur in any part of the gross sale area while this Contract is in effect, if the Forest Officer determines that the stumpage value per ton of the additional timber is approximately equal to the value of the timber being harvested under this Contract.
5. **MARKING:** If the Purchaser is not following the designation by description, logging operations will be halted until a sample mark is completed by the State. If the Purchaser continues not to meet the designation by description, logging operations will be halted, the Purchaser will be required to mark the remainder of the timber sale in orange tree marking paint, and logging operations can continue upon Forest Officer approval of the mark.

B. TREES RESERVED FROM CUTTING:

1. **LEAVE TREES:** Trees, both live and dead, marked to leave or otherwise described to leave are reserved from cutting. Any trees not specifically required to be cut are reserved from cutting.
2. **BOUNDARY AND BEARING TREES:** Trees marking the boundaries of ownership, logging units, equipment restriction zones, streamside management zones, road rights-of-way, and bearing

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trees, are reserved from cutting unless otherwise designated by this Contract or by the Forest Officer.

3. **VALID CLAIMS:** Timber to which there exists a claim under valid contracts with the State of Montana is exempted from this sale.
4. **5-NEEDED PINES:** Any live or dead 5-needled pines such as whitebark pine and limber pine of any size class will be avoided during harvest operations to the extent possible. If a 5-needle pine must be felled, special care is required to avoid damage to other nearby live or dead 5-needle pines.

C. LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS:

1. **SAWLOG STANDARDS:** Trees cut by the Purchaser shall be manufactured to secure the maximum utilization of forest products according to III.G.1. All logs that meet or exceed the Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 and this section shall be skidded to landings and hauled by the Purchaser.
 - a. Logs shall be bucked to utilize the entire length of the tree to the top diameter specified under Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2.
 - b. Logs meeting utilization specifications in Table 2 shall be manufactured in such a manner as to minimize waste during bucking operations.
 - c. A tree or log larger than 5.6" top DIB is considered to be a sawlog if it contains Scribner Decimal C Net Scale $\geq 33\%$ of Gross.

2. OTHER MATERIAL:

The Purchaser may elect to remove other material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2, only if approved by the Forest Officer. Such products shall be billed at the rate for other material shown in Table 1.

- a. All contract provisions apply to the removal of Other Material.
 - b. Other Material that has been manufactured by the Purchaser shall be decked and hauled separately from sawlogs. All decked non-sawlog material must be hauled, or disposed of by the Purchaser in accordance with instructions of the Forest Officer. All hauled loads will have a truck ticket assigned and will meet the specifications in Section III, MEASUREMENT AND LOG ACCOUNTABILITY.
 - c. Butt cut logs (the first log cut above the stump) that meet LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in Table 2, but do not meet TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING minimum top DIB and length, may be considered as Other Material, not sawlogs.
3. **DOWN WOODY MATERIAL:** **10** to **15** tons per acre of downed woody material larger than 3 inches in diameter shall be left scattered throughout the sale units. The Forest Officer will determine the appropriate amount of material and may designate pieces to be left for this purpose that would otherwise be skidded and hauled under Sections VII.C.1 or VII.C.2, LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS.
 4. **NUTRIENT RETENTION:** Removal from the site of fine branches and leafy material shall be minimized unless whole tree yarding is specified in VII.F Unit Designations.
 5. **SNAGS:** The purchaser will retain a minimum of **4** snags per acre. Prioritize retention of the largest snags available and those with complex structures such as existing nests, cavities, hollows, large limbs, and multiple tops. Avoid leaving snags adjacent to open roads. Locate snags away from landings, unit perimeters, and designated skid trails. If snags present human

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safety concerns, the purchaser may substitute snag recruits for snags upon approval of the Forest Officer. Snags cut for safety purposes shall remain in the unit, unless removal is approved in writing by the Forest Officer.

TABLE 2.					
PRODUCT	TREES DESIGNATED FOR CUTTING		LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS		
	The Purchaser must fell all trees marked or designated for cutting that contain a log of this minimum size.		The Purchaser must skid and haul all sawlogs that meet this minimum specification. The Purchaser must handle Other Material according to contract provision V. II. C.2		
	Top DIB	Length	Top DIB	Length	
Sawlogs	5.6"	16.5'	5.6" – 8.5" 8.6" +	10.5' 8.5'	Sawlogs meeting standards in Section VII.C.1.b through c.
Other Material	3.0"	16.5'	3.0"	16.5'	

D. TREE AND BOUNDARY MARKING:

1. TREES MARKED TO CUT: N/A
2. TREES MARKED TO LEAVE: Marked with a horizontal **ORANGE** or **PINK** paint mark at Diameter Breast Height (DBH) and a mark below stump height.
3. HARVEST UNIT BOUNDARIES: Marked with three vertical **ORANGE** paint stripes facing into the unit
4. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARIES: N/A
5. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES: N/A
6. STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARIES: N/A
7. EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION ZONE BOUNDARIES: N/A

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E. HARVEST SCHEDULE: The purchaser must cut and remove trees from the sale or portions of the sale, such as units, by the dates shown on the HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE, Table 3:

Operations shall not begin prior to September 1, 2027

TABLE 3. HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE		
Priority	Unit or Portion of Sale	Completion Date
1	1, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 16, 16A, 18, 19, 19A, 21, 21A, 22, 23, 25A, 25B, 27, 28, 29, 30, 42A, 42B, 43A, 43B, 43C, 46A, 46B, 47, 48	10/15/2030

F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in the harvest units listed below and as shown on the sale map, Attachment A. Paragraph headings refer to paragraphs listed in Section VII.G, SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS.

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
16	10	582 Sawtimber – 55 Other Material
22	25	750 Sawtimber – 104 Other Material
27	25	1249 Sawtimber – 73 Other Material
30	14	619 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins September 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
1	8	149 Sawtimber – 28 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree Mark Retained snags must be 300 feet or more from permanent roads		
OPERATING PERIOD: Winter Harvest Only (Section VII.L.1.b and c); when these conditions are met after Sept. 1, 2027.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
11	3	120 Sawtimber – 10 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree Mark Retained snags must be 300 feet or more from permanent roads		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations from May 15 through July 15. No operations allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from July 15 through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
13	8	135 Sawtimber – 6 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree Mark Retained snags must be 300 feet or more from permanent roads		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations are allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from Memorial Day through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
43C	6	193 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from July 15 through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
46A	6	243 Sawtimber – 30 Other Material
46B	3	109 Sawtimber
47	14	1018 Sawtimber
48	27	721 Sawtimber – 30 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree Mark and Pink Leave Tree Mark		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations are allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from Memorial Day through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 4. NO SKIDDING ON HIKING TRAILS (Palisades Trail #109) 5. PONDEROSA PINE SAWLOGS 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
43A	4	178 Sawtimber – 8 Other Material
43B	1	17 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from Memorial Day through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. COMMERCIAL THIN PRESCRIPTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
4B	2	77 Sawtimber – 5 Other Material
4C	1	85 Sawtimber – 1 Other Material
4D	3	153 Sawtimber
4E	2	94 Sawtimber – 4 Other Material
4F	2	195 Sawtimber
5A	5	299 Sawtimber
5B	4	139 Sawtimber – 1 Other Material
5C	3	103 Sawtimber – 19 Other Material
5D	3	60 Sawtimber – 29 Other Material
18	2	73 Sawtimber – 1 Other Material
21	11	404 Sawtimber – 41 Other Material
23	8	311 Sawtimber – 17 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (8 leave trees/ac) 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
12	2	68 Sawtimber – 4 Other Material
15	6	479 Sawtimber – 57 Other Material
19	4	172 Sawtimber – 21 Other Material
25A	7	370 Sawtimber – 40 Other Material
25B	9	983 Sawtimber
29	7	296 Sawtimber – 14 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (Units 12 & 29 – 8 leave trees/ac) 6. RMZ PROTECTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
28	10	111 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (5 leave trees/ac) 6. RMZ PROTECTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING 8. LANDING AND SLASH PILE RESTRICTION ZONE (See Attachment A-2)		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
42A	4	205 Sawtimber – 20 Other Material
42B	1	118 Sawtimber – 7 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations allowed between 10 pm and 6 am from Memorial Day through Labor Day.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (8 leave trees/ac) 4. NO SKIDDING ON HIKING TRAILS (Nichols Creek Trail #110) 6. RMZ PROTECTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
15A	55	1929 Sawtimber – 59 Other Material
15B	4	184 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 3. GROUP SELECTION CUT PRESCRIPTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
15C	13	877 Sawtimber – 49 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. No operations allowed from December 1 through March 31.		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 3. GROUP SELECTION CUT PRESCRIPTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
14	40	2528 Sawtimber – 133 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 3. GROUP SELECTION CUT PRESCRIPTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
6 (Optional)	24	634 Sawtimber
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Orange Leave Tree		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

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HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
21A (Optional)	7	178 Sawtimber – 39 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (5 leave trees/ac) 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
19A (Optional)	3	167 Sawtimber – 8 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Select Leave Trees		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION (8 leave trees/ac) 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

HARVEST UNIT NUMBER(S)	ACRES	ESTIMATED VOLUME (Tons)
16A (Optional)	5	30 Sawtimber – 60 Other Material
YARDING METHOD: Tractor yarding		
MARKING: Purchaser Leave Tree Selection		
OPERATING PERIOD: First operational period begins Sept. 1, 2027. Year round when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2).		
SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: 1. COMMERCIAL THIN PRESCRIPTION 7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING		

G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

1. COMMERCIAL THIN PRESCRIPTION: Thin stands to a residual spacing of 15-25 feet with an average spacing of 20 feet bole to bole.

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- The target stocking level is 109 trees per acre with an acceptable range of 70-194 trees per acre to account for stand variability and the ability to retain the best trees.
- The biggest and healthiest trees should be selected for retention with priority given to healthy trees.
- Leave minimum 5 trees per acre greater than 15" DBH.
- No cutting five needle pines of any size.
- Leave tree species preference:
 - Five needle pines
 - Ponderosa pine
 - Douglas-fir
 - Engelmann spruce
 - Subalpine fir
 - Lodgepole pine

2. STAND CLEARCUT WITH LEAVE TREE PRESCRIPTION: All trees meeting the "sawlog" product specifications (see Section VII. Table 2) are to be cut except in the outer riparian management zones (RMZ).

- Leave 5 trees per acre greater than 15" DBH.
- Leave 8 trees per acre greater than 15" DBH in Units 12, 19A, 21, 29, 42A, and 42B.
- The biggest and healthiest trees should be selected for retention with priority given to healthy trees.
- No cutting of five needle pines of any size.
- Leave tree species preference:
 - Five needle pines
 - Ponderosa pine
 - Douglas-fir
 - Engelmann spruce
 - Subalpine fir
 - Lodgepole pine

3. GROUP SELECTION CUT PRESCRIPTION: Within portions of the cutting units, leave trees are designated with orange paint. All other trees meeting "sawlog" product specifications (see Section VII. Table 2) are to be cut.

- Portions of the cutting units that have no leave tree paint indicate that all trees meeting sawlog product specifications should be cut.
- No cutting of five needle pines of any size.

4. NO SKIDDING ON HIKING TRAILS: Using hiking trails as a skid trail is not allowed. Minimize crossing the trail to the greatest extent possible. Where crossings are unavoidable:

- Skid trail corridors will cross the trail corridors at a 90-degree angle.
- Skid trail crossings will not be allowed on trail switchbacks.

5. PONDEROSA PINE SAWLOGS: Ponderosa pine that is not designated as a leave tree with orange or pink paint that meets "sawlog" product specifications (See Section VII. Table 2) must be cut, decked, and hauled.

6. RMZ PROTECTION: Within outer RMZ's, leave trees are designated with orange paint. All other trees meeting the "sawlog" product specifications are to be cut.

7. WHOLE TREE SKIDDING: Purchaser will be required to whole tree skid. Trees will not be limbed or cut into log lengths before being skidded to the landings. If trees are too large to skid whole, an allowance will be made to buck the trees into log lengths with the limbs still attached to the log, and skidded to the landings.

8. LANDING AND SLASH PILE RESTRICTION ZONE: Mandatory landing and slash pile location for harvest unit. Required to coordinate location with Forest Officer.

H. LOGGING OPERATIONS PLAN: The Forest Officer shall approve a plan for felling, yarding, and landing logs (both Sawlogs and Other Material) in each harvest unit prior to the start of operations in that unit.

I. SKID TRAIL LAYOUT AND YARDING PLAN: The Purchaser must follow these requirements along with those shown under VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS when developing a yarding plan for each unit. The Forest Officer may approve exceptions to these requirements in writing.

1. The Purchaser shall lay out skid trails and have locations approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling trees.
2. All skid trails will be located within the harvest unit boundaries.
3. Any constructed skid trails shall be completed and approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling timber.
4. Skid trails will not be located in draws, and may only cross draws at locations flagged and approved by the Forest Officer.
5. Designated skid trails will be placed at an average of 75 to 100 feet apart with consideration for placement given to conditions within the units (such as existing disturbance, slope, rock cover).
6. Stationary skid turns and side-slope movement of harvest and skidding equipment between designated trails should be minimized.
7. Skid trails should avoid five needle pines wherever possible.
8. Skid trails will not be located within outer Riparian Management Zones (RMZ).

J. LANDINGS AND LOG DECKS:

1. The Purchaser shall construct landings at locations approved by the Forest Officer prior to felling timber.
2. Landings shall be kept to the minimum size necessary to allow the safe handling of logs. The Forest Officer must approve landing size.
3. All deck locations shall be approved by the Forest Officer prior to clearing or use. Decks shall be located so as to minimize the number of trees cut for construction of the deck area.

K. FELLING:

1. In each harvest unit, a felling pattern shall be used which conforms to the logging operations plan and causes the least damage to reserve trees and other resources.
2. Felling shall be systematic and continuous to avoid lost logs and minimize the number of skidding trips.
3. Trees shall be directionally felled away from features requiring protection within or adjacent to harvest units. Features requiring protection include streams, meadows, wet areas, and areas specified under Section VII.F. UNIT DESIGNATIONS. Wedges, jacks, winches, or other special equipment may be required to direct trees when felling. Trees falling into protection areas shall be winch-line skidded out of protected features. All necessary mitigation for damage caused by improper and/or non-approved felling into a protected zone is the responsibility of the Purchaser. The Forest Officer must approve all mitigation work.
4. Traffic Control Required For Felling along Roads: If felling operations occur along public roads, traffic guards with "STOP" signs shall be posted 500 feet in both directions from the units on open

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roads, providing a safety zone to warn oncoming traffic that logging operations are in progress. All traffic shall be stopped when tree felling is in progress. Traffic stops should not exceed 15 minutes at any one time. All saws will be shut off when traffic is moving through the safety zone. Wedges and/or jacks shall be used to ensure trees do not fall onto the roadway. In the event a tree falls across the roadway, all debris shall be removed immediately from the roadway and right-of-way. The Forest Officer must approve any extended road closures for logging operations.

L. YARDING AND MECHANICAL FELLING: The Purchaser must follow these requirements during logging operations, along with those shown under Section VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS. The Forest Officer will determine when restrictive conditions apply, and may approve exceptions to these requirements in writing.

1. Soil Compaction Restrictions: In order to prevent soil resource impacts, ground-based mechanical felling and yarding are restricted to periods when one or more of the following conditions occur:
 - a. Soil moisture content at 4-inch depth less than 20% oven-dry weight.
 - b. Minimum frost depth of 4 inches.
 - c. Minimum snow depth of 18 inches, loose, or 12 inches, packed.
2. Suspended Operations for Soil Compaction and Displacement: The Purchaser will be required to restrict or suspend logging operations when soils are subject to compaction or displacement by heavy equipment.
3. Equipment Restrictions:
 - a. Equipment shall not be operated in areas designated as EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION ZONES, WETLAND MANAGEMENT ZONES or STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONES as shown in Section VII.D.6 and 7, unless authorized by this Contract or the Forest Officer.
 - b. Equipment shall not be operated in soft soils, boggy areas or areas where skidding would cause excessive compaction and displacement.
 - c. Any trees designated for harvest within such zones shall be winchline skidded to skid trails outside the zone.
 - d. Slash will not be piled in or pushed into these zones.
 - e. The Forest Officer must approve any designated crossings of restricted areas.
4. Protection of Reserved Trees: The Purchaser shall exercise reasonable care to prevent damage to trees reserved from cutting during logging operations.

M. CLEAN-UP AND COMPLETION: The Purchaser must follow these requirements and those shown under Section VII.G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS during logging operations. The Forest Officer will determine when restrictive conditions apply, specifications and dates to meet these requirements and may approve exceptions in writing. The Forest Officer must approve all designated work prior to the removal of Purchaser's equipment.

1. Slashing: The Purchaser shall fell all submerchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage, causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 12 inches on the uphill side.
2. Logging Debris Confined To Units: All debris from logging shall be confined within the harvest unit boundaries. Any logging debris outside a harvest unit must be returned to within the unit boundary.

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3. Skidding Debris on Roads: The Purchaser shall remove logging slash remaining on any portion of a road cutbank or traveled way. Cut and fill slopes, ditches, or road surfaces damaged by skidding operations shall be restored to original conditions. Reseeding is required if vegetation is damaged by skidding.
4. Repair of Improvements: Damage caused by the Purchaser's operations to culverts, waterlines, fences, roads, bridges, gates, cattleguards, signs, and all other improvements must be adequately repaired or replaced.
5. Erosion Control:
 - a. The Purchaser shall construct slash and debris erosion barriers, dips, water bars or ditches in skid trails and landings as directed by the Forest Officer.
 - b. The kinds and frequency of erosion control structures shall be adjusted to soil types, topography and climatic conditions as directed by the Forest Officer.
 - c. The Purchaser is required to recontour any excavated skid trails, and provide for effective erosion control in the trail location as directed by the Forest Officer.
 - d. Erosion control work shall commence as soon as skidding is completed on each skid trail or landing, and must be kept current with unit operations.
 - e. Erosion control work shall be completed and approved by the Forest Officer in unfinished units before operations cease for inactive periods including heavy winter snowfall, spring breakup and restricted dates.
 - f. All erosion control work in each unit shall be completed prior to notification pursuant to Section VII.M.8. Acceptance of Completed Harvest Units.
 - g. The Purchaser shall maintain erosion control structures in active sale areas throughout the contract period or extensions thereof.
 - h. If soil compaction or rutting occurs as a result of heavy equipment use in any skid trails or landings, ripping the compacted areas to a depth of 4 to 14 inches will be required. This requirement may be removed by the Forest Officer where very rocky soil conditions exist.
6. Landing and Decking Area Cleanup: The Purchaser is required to pile logging residues on landings and log-decking areas. Proper equipment (e.g. brush blade, log loader) shall be used to ensure that no dirt is incorporated into the piles. Mechanical scarification of landing and decking areas may be required. Where logs have been decked on the downhill or fill side of a road, the Purchaser may be required to pile residue with a log loader or by hand. Residue piles shall be a minimum of 15 feet away from any live trees and should not be placed anywhere near live five needle pines. Piles shall be located and constructed as directed by the Forest Officer.
7. Systematic Harvest Unit Operations: When harvest operations are begun on a designated harvest unit, the harvest operations on that unit shall be fully completed before cutting may begin on other harvest units.
8. Acceptance of Completed Harvest Units: The Forest Officer shall notify the Purchaser in writing when all contract requirements for each specified harvest unit or area have been met. After notice has been received, the Purchaser is not required to do additional work on the specified area except as provided in Section VII.A.4. FIRE KILL, INSECT INFESTATION, AND WIND THROWN.
8. RESEEDING: The purchaser shall apply seed to skid trails, landings, obliterated roads and other areas disturbed by logging as directed by Forest Officer. Appropriate seed mix specified per ATTACHMENT B, Table B-2 and Grass Seeding Specifications.

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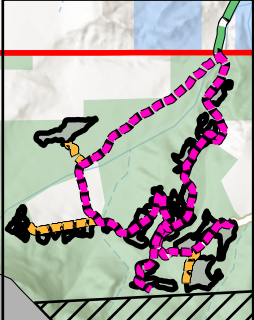
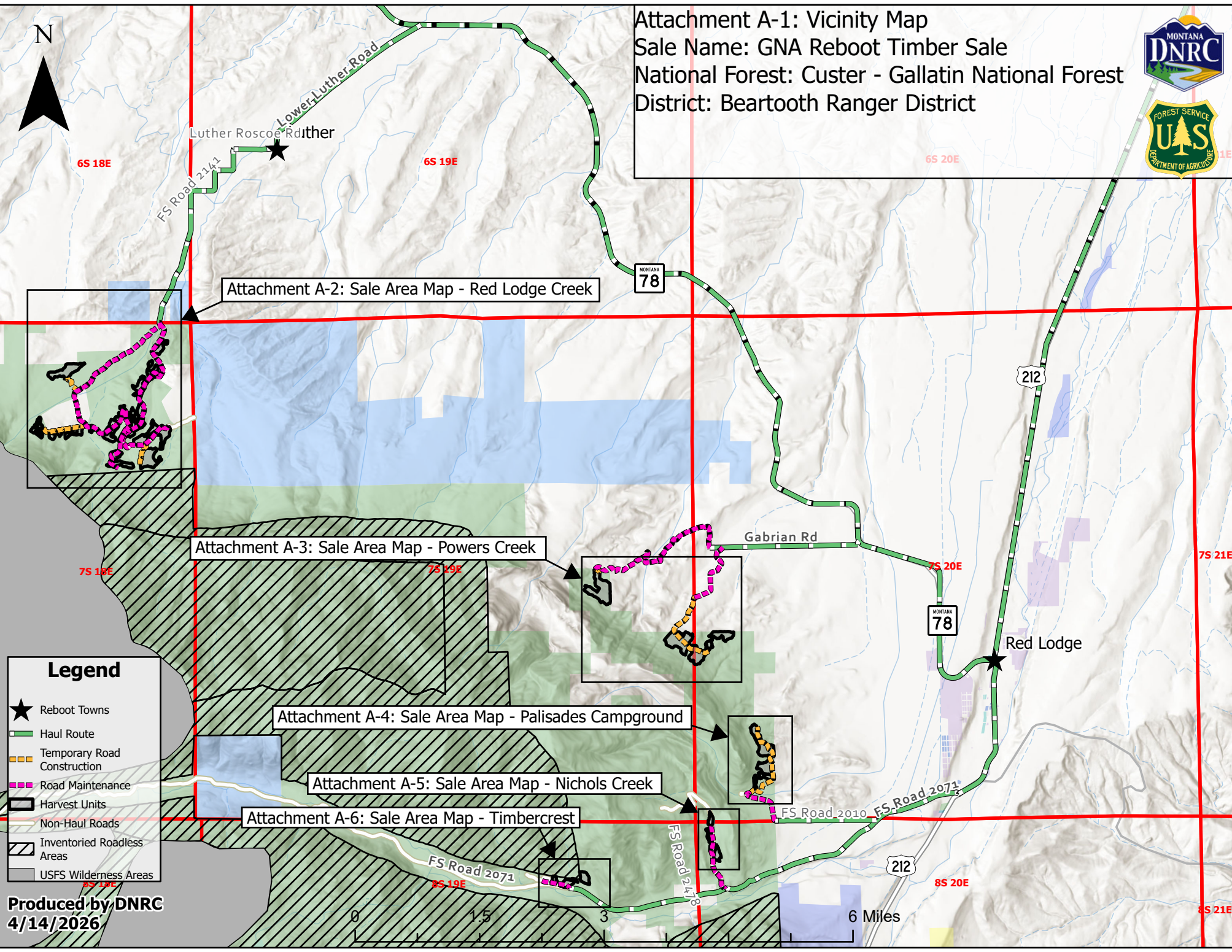
N. HAULING RESTRICTIONS: The Purchaser will be required to restrict or suspend hauling during periods when the compacted road surface would be damaged, as directed by the Forest Officer. Restrictions are required when hauling would cause rutting into the subgrade, or surfacing materials would be displaced, such as during heavy rainfall or spring breakup freezing and thawing cycles

1. No hauling on weekends or on the following Federal holidays: New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas on West Fork Road #2071 and Palisades Campground Road #2010.

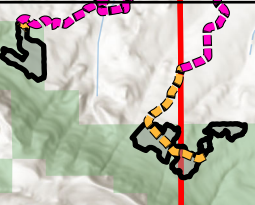
O. LOGGING OPERATIONS SAFETY SIGNS: Road signs warning of logging and road construction operations shall be posted 500 feet from the operations. When log hauling is in progress, warning signs shall be posted at major road junctions as directed by the Forest Officer. Warning signs must comply with specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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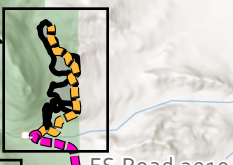
Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map
 Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
 National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
 District: Beartooth Ranger District



Attachment A-2: Sale Area Map - Red Lodge Creek



Attachment A-3: Sale Area Map - Powers Creek



Attachment A-4: Sale Area Map - Palisades Campground



Attachment A-5: Sale Area Map - Nichols Creek



Attachment A-6: Sale Area Map - Timbercrest

- Legend**
- ★ Reboot Towns
 - Haul Route
 - - - Temporary Road Construction
 - - - Road Maintenance
 - ▭ Harvest Units
 - Non-Haul Roads
 - ▨ Inventoried Roadless Areas
 - ▭ USFS Wilderness Areas

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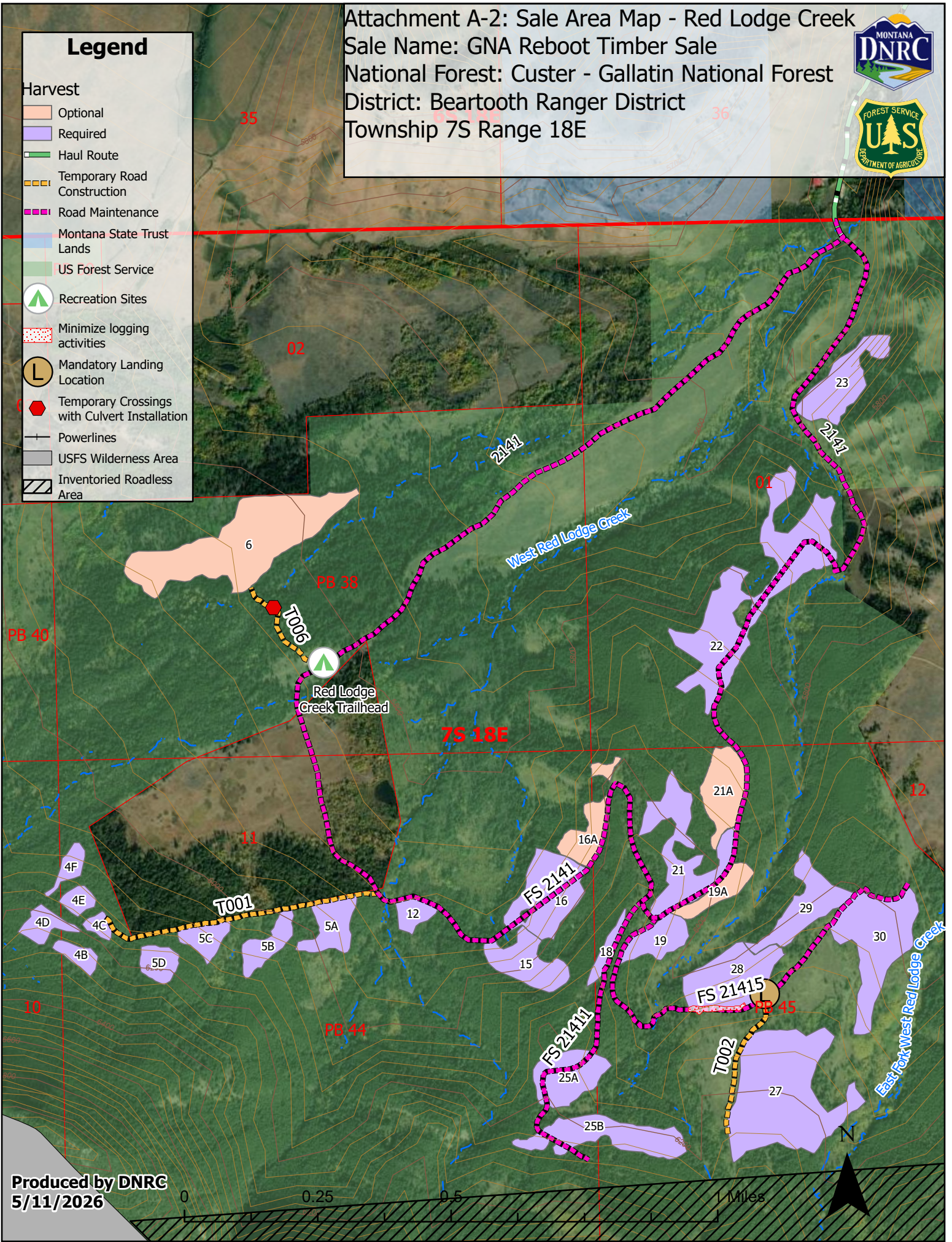


Attachment A-2: Sale Area Map - Red Lodge Creek
 Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
 National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
 District: Beartooth Ranger District
 Township 7S Range 18E



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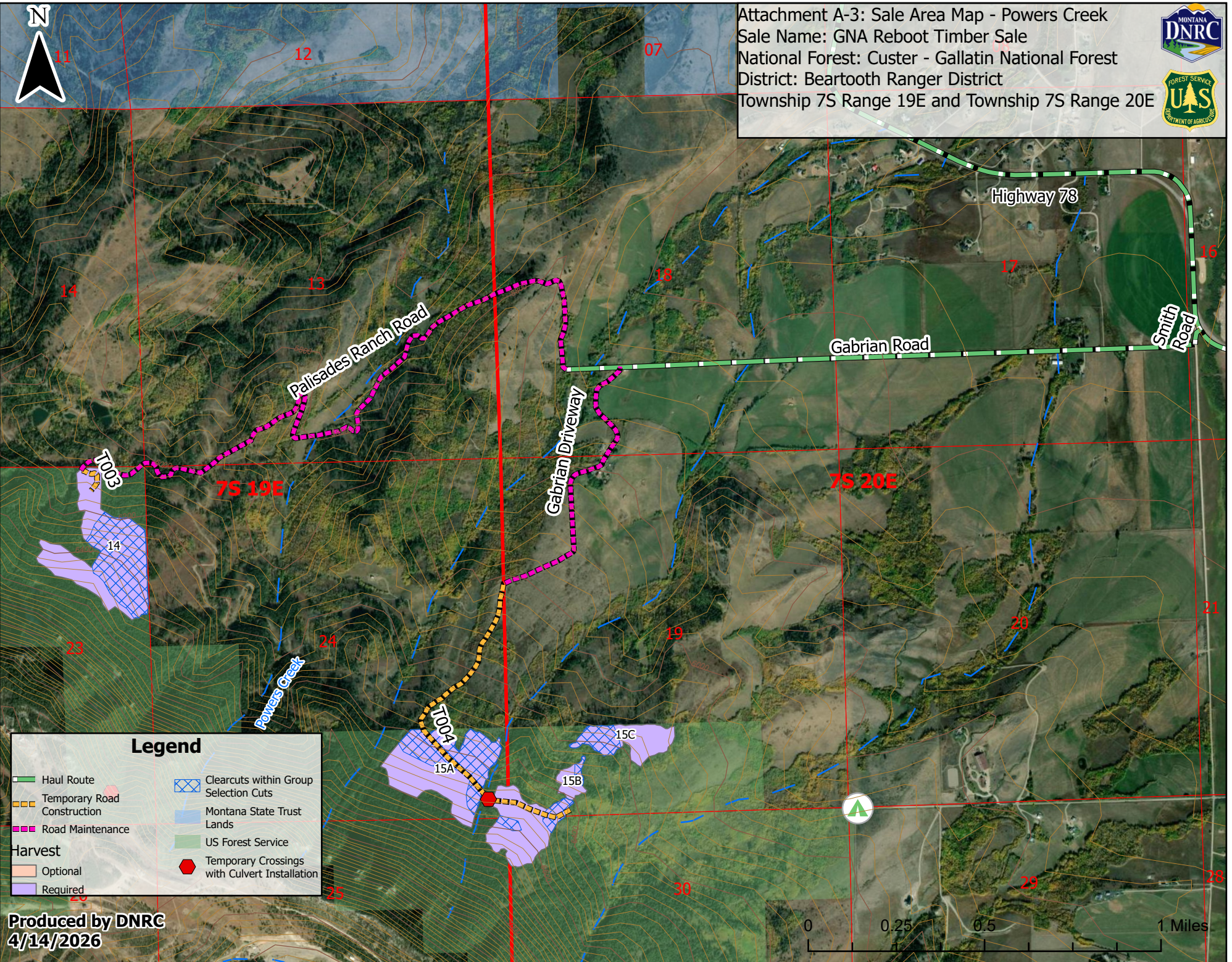
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- Haul Route
- Temporary Road Construction
- Road Maintenance
- Montana State Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Recreation Sites
- Minimize logging activities
- Mandatory Landing Location
- Temporary Crossings with Culvert Installation
- Powerlines
- USFS Wilderness Area
- Inventoried Roadless Area



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Attachment A-3: Sale Area Map - Powers Creek
 Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
 National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
 District: Beartooth Ranger District
 Township 7S Range 19E and Township 7S Range 20E



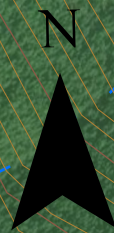
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Haul Route	Clearcuts within Group Selection Cuts
Temporary Road Construction	Montana State Trust Lands
Road Maintenance	US Forest Service
Harvest	Temporary Crossings with Culvert Installation
Optional	
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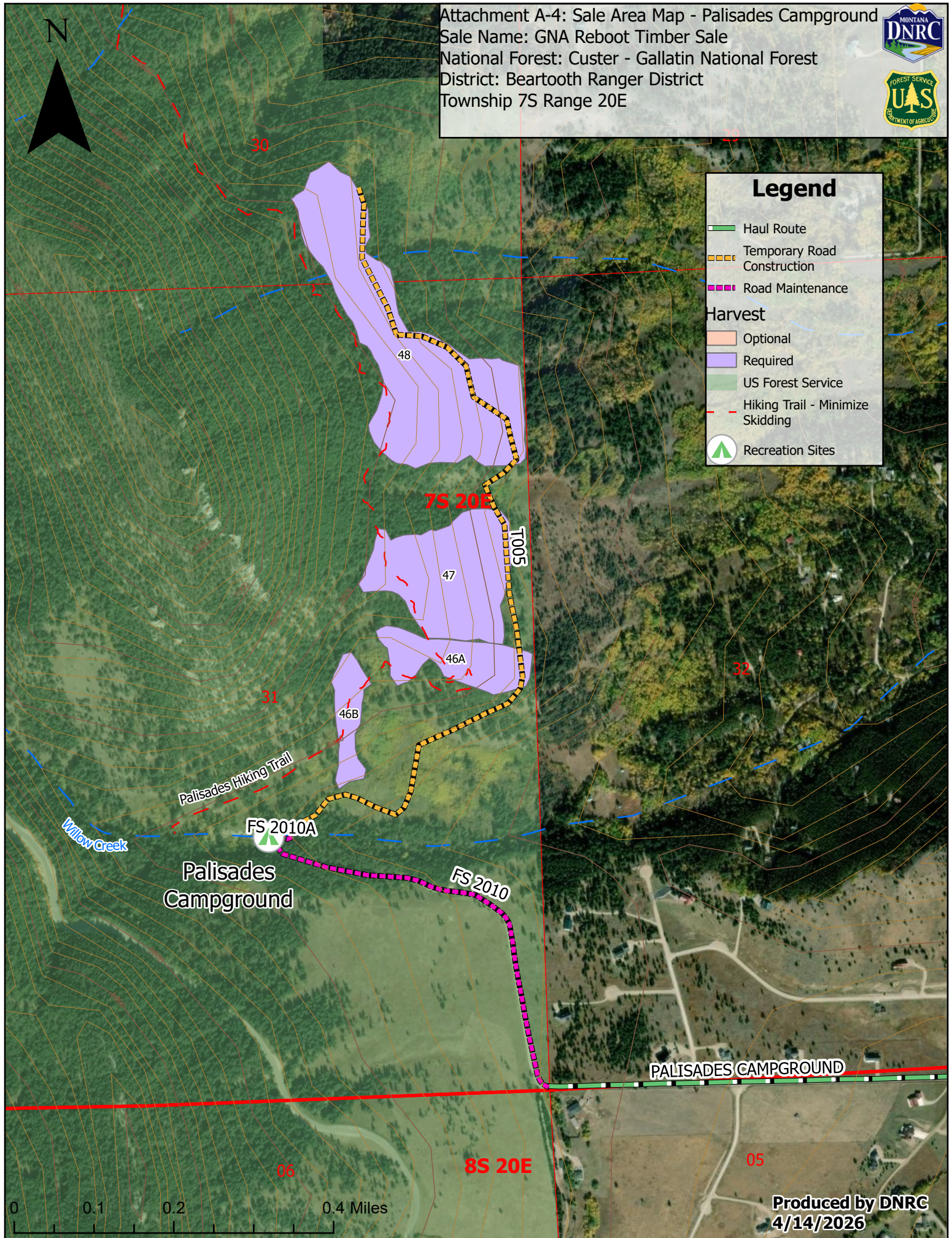


Attachment A-4: Sale Area Map - Palisades Campground
Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
District: Beartooth Ranger District
Township 7S Range 20E



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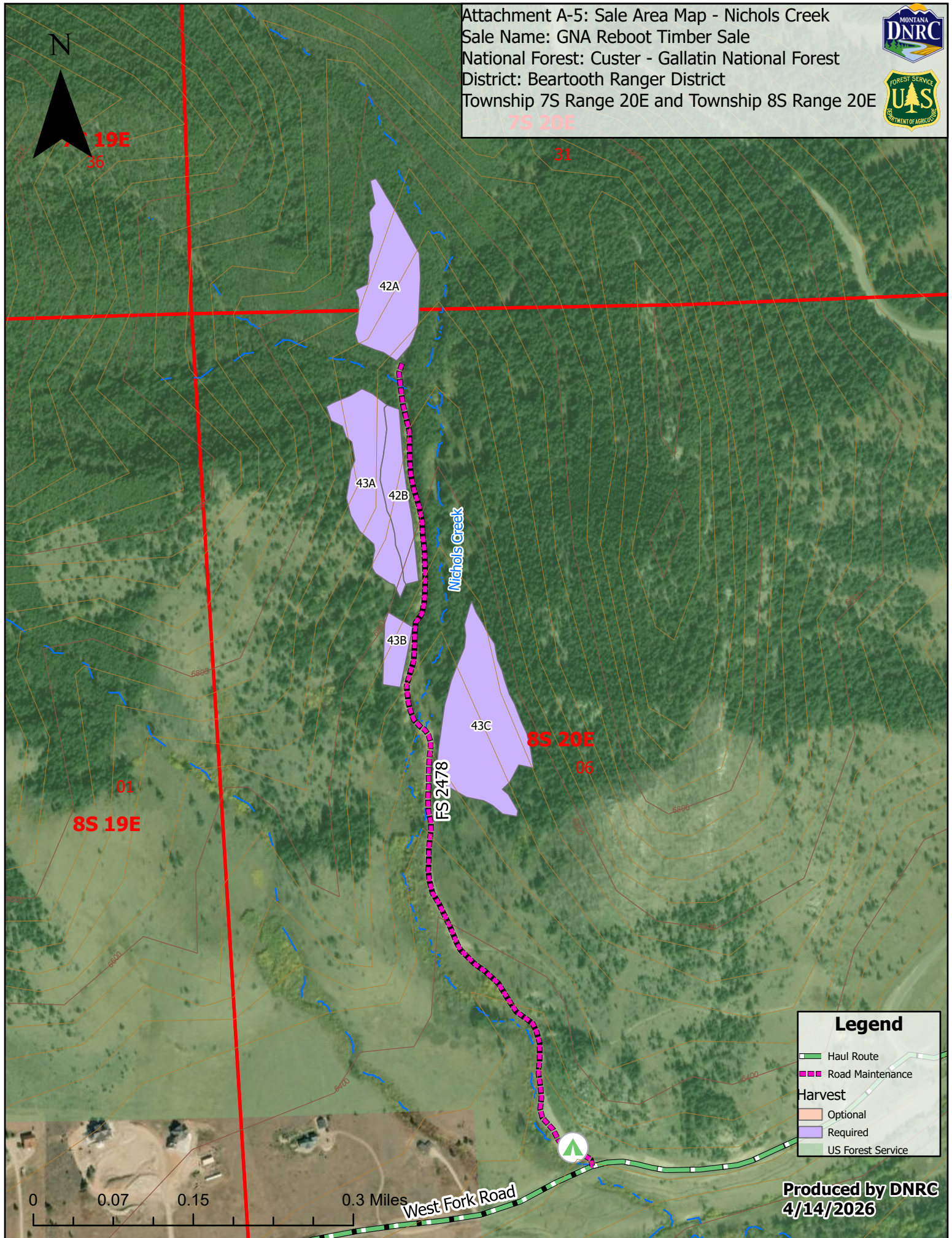
- Haul Route
- Temporary Road Construction
- Road Maintenance
- Harvest
 - Optional
 - Required
 - US Forest Service
- Hiking Trail - Minimize Skidding
- Recreation Sites



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Attachment A-5: Sale Area Map - Nichols Creek
Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
District: Beartooth Ranger District
Township 7S Range 20E and Township 8S Range 20E



Legend

- Haul Route (green dashed line)
- Road Maintenance (pink dashed line)
- Harvest
 - Optional (orange outline)
 - Required (purple outline)
 - US Forest Service (green outline)



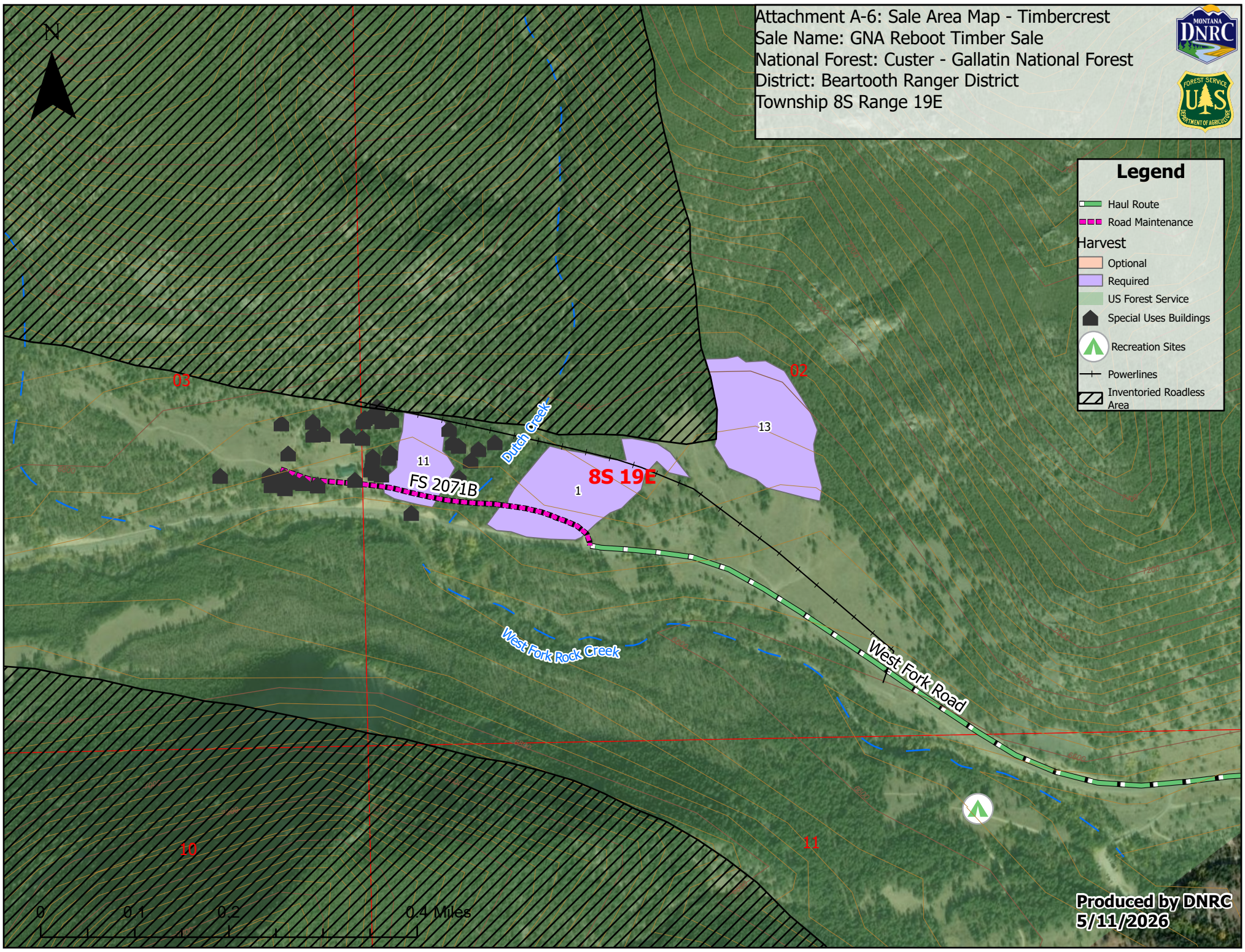
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Attachment A-6: Sale Area Map - Timbercrest
Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
District: Beartooth Ranger District
Township 8S Range 19E



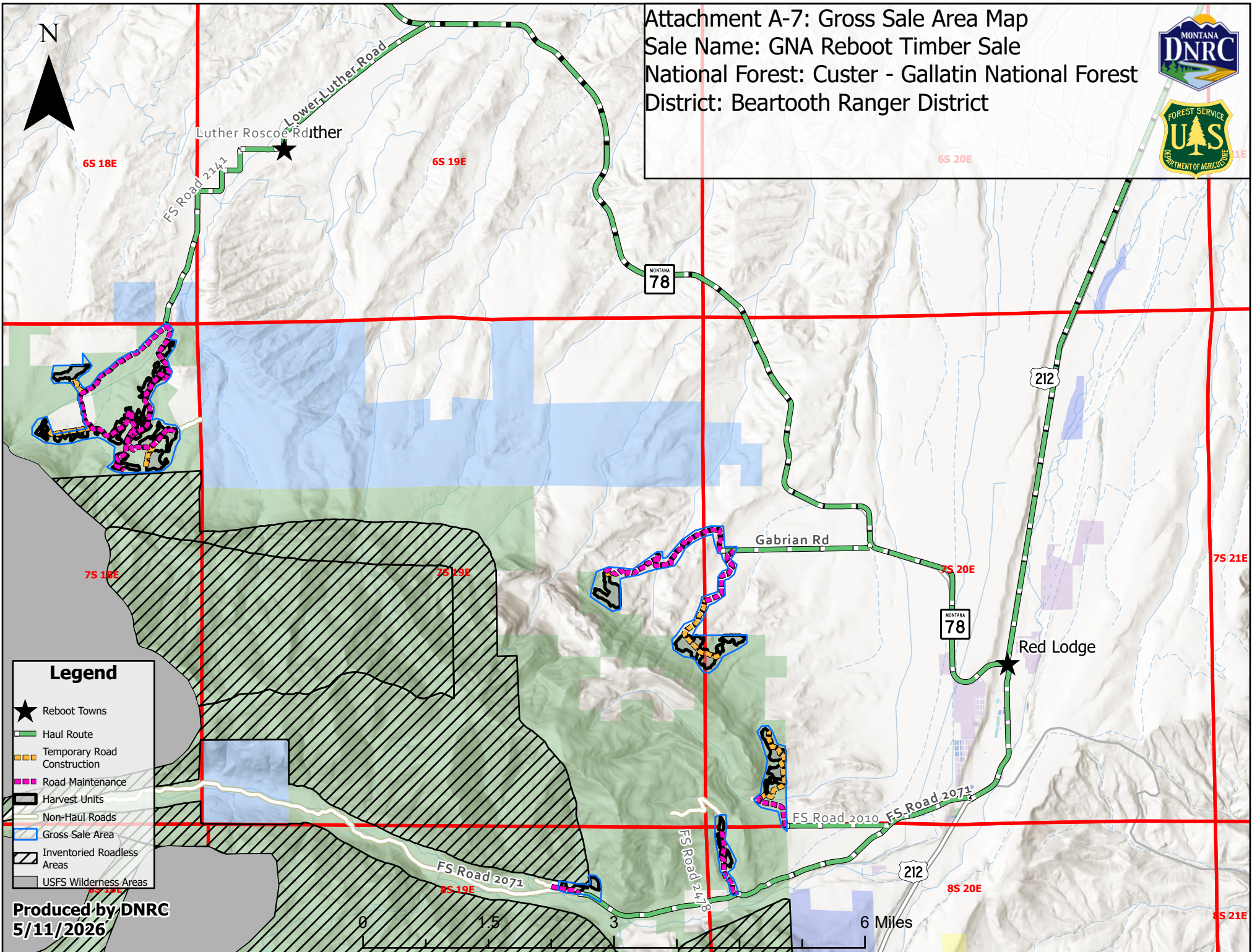
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- Haul Route
- Road Maintenance
- Harvest
 - Optional
 - Required
 - US Forest Service
- Special Uses Buildings
- Recreation Sites
- Powerlines
- Inventoried Roadless Area



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Attachment A-7: Gross Sale Area Map
 Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
 National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
 District: Beartooth Ranger District



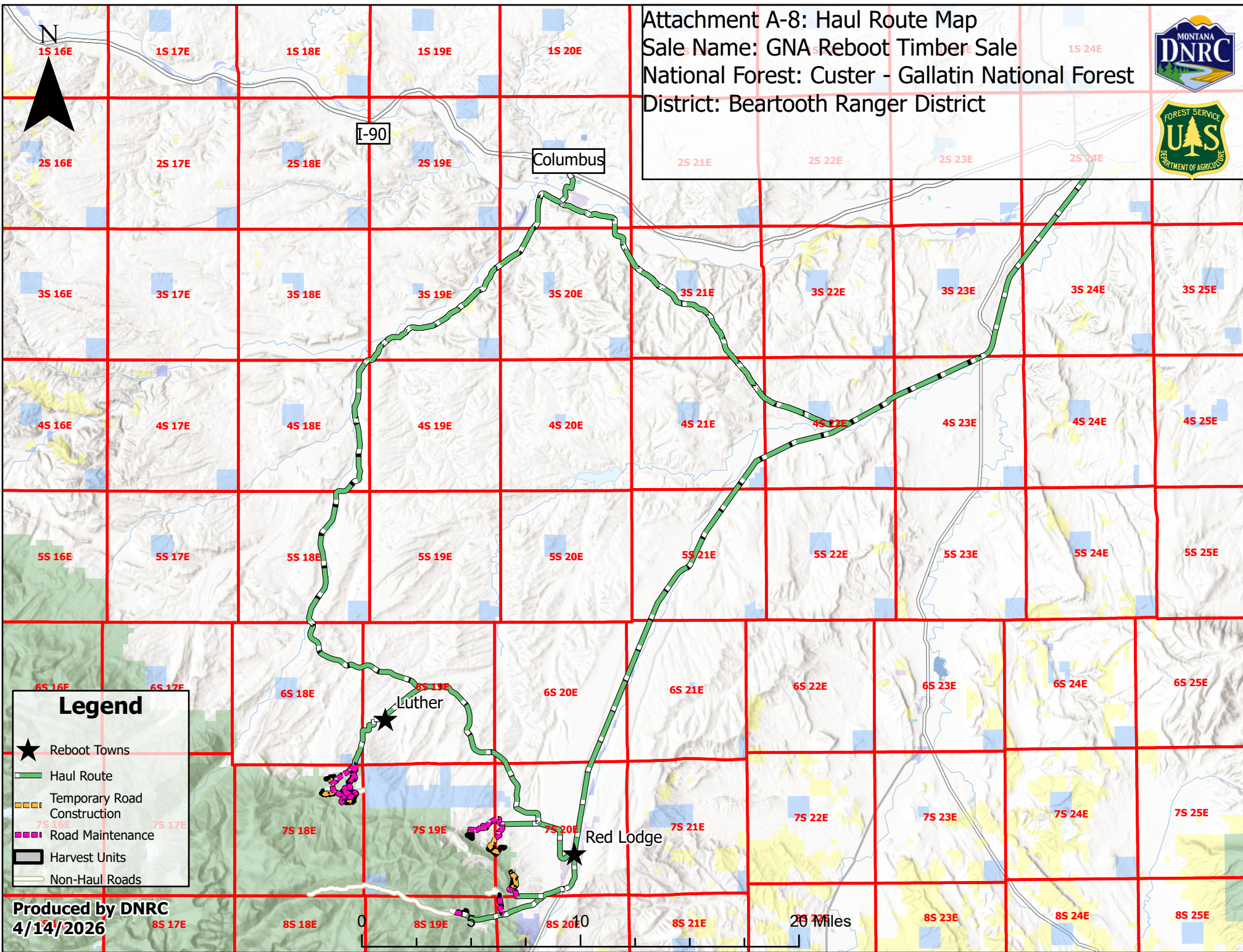
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- ★ Reboot Towns
- Haul Route
- Temporary Road Construction
- Road Maintenance
- Harvest Units
- Non-Haul Roads
- Gross Sale Area
- Inventoried Roadless Areas
- USFS Wilderness Areas

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Attachment A-8: Haul Route Map
Sale Name: GNA Reboot Timber Sale
National Forest: Custer - Gallatin National Forest
District: Beartooth Ranger District



Legend

- ★ Reboot Towns
- Haul Route
- Temporary Road Construction
- 7S Road Maintenance
- Harvest Units
- Non-Haul Roads

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**STATE OF MONTANA
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ATTACHMENT B**

ROAD MAINTENANCE, RECONSTRUCTION & TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS	
SALE NAME GNA Reboot SYU	SALE NUMBER GNA1067

I. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. ROADS:** The Purchaser is required to construct, improve and maintain the roads shown in Table B-1 per the schedules stated, as shown on the Sale Map, Attachment A, and to the specifications and drawings in Attachment B and other applicable attachments.

TABLE B-1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS				
Road Name or Number	Approximate Length	Type of Work	Operation Period	Completion Date or Requirement
FS 2141	4.48 Miles	Maintenance	<p style="text-align: center;">As needed/commensurate with use.</p> <p><i>Notes: No road construction, reconstruction, maintenance, obliteration, ground-based mechanical operations or log hauling work shall occur during the 1st 2 weeks of General Big Game Hunting rifle season.</i></p> <p><i>Road 2141 is closed from March 8-May 15th for winter breakup road protection.</i></p>	
FS 21411	0.64 Miles	Maintenance		
FS 21415	0.91 Miles	Maintenance		
FS 2010	0.54 Miles	Maintenance		
FS 2010A	0.07 Miles	Maintenance		
FS2478	0.83 Miles	Maintenance		
FS 2071B	0.35 Miles	Maintenance		
Gabrian Driveway	0.86 Miles	Maintenance		
Palisades Ranch Road	2.18 Miles	Maintenance		
FS 2141-T001	0.55 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		
FS 21415-T002	0.28 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		
Palisades Ranch Road-T003	0.10 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		
Gabrian Road-T004	1.03 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		
FS 2010A-T005	1.15 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		

FS 2141-T006 <i>Note: Optional Harvest Unit</i>	0.22 Miles	Temporary Road Construction/Maintenance/Obliteration		
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B. ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ESTIMATE:

TABLE B-2: MATERIALS FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY THE PURCHASER:		
<p>The Purchaser is required to furnish the described material and install as required in Attachment B. Quantities are estimated, and the Attachment B requirements and specifications must be met regardless of the estimated amounts. All materials furnished by the Purchaser become the property of the State when installed. If, due to a minor design change, material is not installed, the material will be delivered to the nearest DNRC Unit Office and become property of the State upon delivery.</p>		
ITEM	AMOUNT	LOCATION
18 INCH PIPE CULVERT, CORRUGATED STEEL, 16 GUAGE	22 FEET	Gabrian Road-T004 Temporary Stream Crossing Site
24 INCH PIPE CULVERT, CORRUGATED STEEL, 16 GUAGE	36 FEET	FS 2141-T006 Temporary Ditch Crossing Site
10 FOOT WOOD OR STRAW WATTLE	4 WATTLES	Gabrian Road-T004 Temporary Stream Crossing Site
12" RIP RAP ROCK ARMORING	8 YARDS	Gabrian Road-T004 Temporary Stream Crossing Site

TABLE B-2 (CONTINUED): SEED AND FERTILIZER REQUIREMENTS			
The Purchaser is required to furnish and apply certified noxious weed-free, pure live seed mixture(s) and fertilizer in the amounts shown. Total pounds mixed seed are pure live seed, corrected for germination and purity. Germination and purity tests must have been conducted within the last 12 months prior to delivery. Purchaser shall furnish documentation of germination and purity tests to the Forest Officer prior to application.			
Certified Noxious Weed-Free Seed		Fertilizer	
Pounds	Description	Pounds	Analysis (N-P-K)
2.0	<i>Elymus glaucus</i> , Blue Wildrye	N/A	N/A
3.5	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i> , Bluebunch Wheatgrass		
3.0	<i>Triticale x Secale</i> , Sterile Wheat		
7.5	<i>Bromus marginatus</i> , Mountain Brome		
0.5	<i>Poa sandbergii</i> , Sandbergs Bluegrass		
1.0	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> , Idaho Fescue		
0.25	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> , Tufted hairgrass		
17.75	Total pounds per acre of seed		
582	Total pounds for entire project. Roads, skid trails, landings, etc.		

TABLE B-2 (Continued): HERBICIDE REQUIREMENTS			
The Purchaser is required to furnish and apply herbicide in the amounts shown. Herbicide applications are required both pre- and post-haul along all haul routes.			
Herbicide	Active Ingredient	Spring/Early Sumer (May- Mid August)	Late Summer/Fall (Mid-August-October)
Milestone	aminopyralid	5oz/acre	7oz/acre
Grazon	picloram and 2,4-D	1.2 pints/acre	2 pints/acre
Escort XP	Metsulfuron-methyl	1oz/acre	2 oz/acre
Telar	chlorsulfuron	½ oz/acre	1 oz/acre
MSO		Follow Label	Follow Label
Non-Ionic Surfactant		Follow Label	Follow Label
Approximate total acres			44.9

C. MINOR CHANGES: The Forest Officer may require minor changes in location, design or specifications of road construction, improvement or maintenance requirements. Such changes must be within the scope of Attachment B requirements, and must not result in a significant (one thousand dollars [\$1,000.00] or greater) increase or decrease in cost as agreed to by the Forest Officer and the Purchaser.

D. ADJUSTMENT FOR CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS: If the State requests a change in road construction, improvement or maintenance specifications and the State in its discretion determines that the change would significantly increase the cost to the Purchaser, then the State must compensate the

Purchaser. If the Purchaser requests a change in road construction, improvement or maintenance specifications and the State in its discretion determines that the change is acceptable and would significantly reduce the cost to the Purchaser, then the Purchaser must compensate the State. Compensation to the Purchaser will be in the form of stumpage credit. Compensation to the State will be in cash and will be billed as a supplement to the stumpage bill. All significant changes and compensation will be described in a contract modification.

II. RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING

A. CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS are shown in Section IX. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS.

B. CLEAR LIMIT MARKING:

1. Clear limits for existing roads are not marked. They are identified in Specification Drawings, Clear Limits and Typical Cross Sections.

C. CLEARING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Brush or trees on existing roads may be removed by sawing individual stems, cutting with a rotary brush cutter, uprooting with an excavator or other methods approved by the Forest Officer.
2. Inside the clear limits, but outside the road prism, trees and brush less than 20 feet tall and less than 3 inches in diameter that do not interfere with visibility or slope stability may be left as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. All merchantable timber within the clear limits on all roads to be constructed under the terms of this Contract shall be cut to the specifications in the timber sale contract and skidded to decks, or decked with an excavator, prior to earth moving.
4. Clearing procedures shall protect residual stands, prevent incorporation of construction slash into the road prism, and protect roadside appearance outside clear limits.
5. Grubbing will be limited to only those stumps and large roots within the road prism.

III. TREATMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING MATERIALS

A. GENERAL TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Road construction slash more than 3 inches in diameter and 6 feet long and all concentrations of slash which would adversely affect the stability of the road shall be disposed of by the methods described in this section.
2. Slash and debris shall not be placed in drainages, roadside ditches or heads of culverts where the flow of water may be obstructed and shall be removed if placed therein.
3. Lopping and scattering is defined as delimiting and sawing slash materials into lengths which will easily scatter to a maximum depth of 18 inches. Materials shall be scattered outside the road prism.
4. All slash to be disposed of by piling and burning shall be piled in burn bays at locations approved by the Forest Officer. Construction of piles will be of such size and at a sufficient distance from trees so that burning does not result in unnecessary damage to remaining trees. The Purchaser may be required to remove any trees damaged by burning operations at current contract rates. The USFS will conduct all burning. If burning is incomplete the residue must be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.

B. SIDESLOPES OF 35% OR LESS AND EXISTING ROADS:

1. Disposal will be by hand or machine piling for burning as directed by the Forest Officer.
2. Minor concentrations of slash or individual trees may be disposed of outside of the road prism by lopping and scattering as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. Tree stumps, large boulders and cull logs may be scattered outside the road right-of-way clear limits if approved in writing by the Forest Officer. Scattered stumps and boulders shall be placed away from trees and positioned so they will not roll.

C. SIDESLOPES OF 35% AND GREATER:

1. Treatment will be by excavator only, or by whole tree skidding to a decking area.
2. Where topography and timber types permit, piling for burning will be required as directed by the Forest Officer.
3. Where piling is not practical, treatment will be by windrowing at the toe of the fill. Slash will be windrowed on a trail constructed at the bottom of the right-of-way. Slash will be trampled and covered with organic surface material taken from the road prism as directed by the Forest Officer. Fill material may butt up against but not cover or bury the windrow.
4. Minor concentrations of slash or individual trees may be disposed of by lopping and scattering as directed by the Forest Officer.
5. Tree stumps, large boulders and cull logs may be scattered outside the road right-of-way clear limits if approved in writing by the Forest Officer. Scattered stumps and boulders shall be placed away from trees and positioned so they will not roll.

IV. EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT OF FILL MATERIALS

A. EXCAVATION OF ROAD CROSS SECTION:

1. All grubbing and clearing shall be completed prior to the beginning of any excavation.
2. Surface organic layer and ash cap (surface reddish-brown soils with low gravel content) will be bladed to the side of the road and not incorporated into fills.
3. Wasted soils and organic layer will be shaped and spread to natural contours at locations approved by the Forest Officer.
4. When excavating on tangents and when balanced section construction is indicated, the following table will be used as a guideline to determine if sufficient excavation of road solid has occurred. Tolerances for road solid will be +1.0 feet and -0.5 feet.

TABLE B-3: EXCAVATION OF ROAD SOLID			
SIDESLOPE PERCENT	ROAD WIDTH		
	12 FT.	14 FT.	16 FT.
	FEET OF ROAD SOLID		

5	8.7	10.1	11.4
10	8.8	10.2	11.5
15	8.9	10.2	11.6
20	8.3	9.5	10.8
25	7.8	8.9	10.1
30	7.6	8.9	10.1
35	7.8	9.0	10.2
40	8.1	9.2	10.6
45	8.5	9.4	11.0
50	8.8	9.8	11.6
55	9.4	10.2	12.2
60	10.1	11.7	13.3
65 & over	12.0	14.0	16.0

B. EMBANKMENT OF FILL MATERIALS:

1. Fill materials shall be unfrozen and free of snow and ice.
2. Fill materials shall be sorted to remove large rocks over 6 inches in diameter near the surface, which may interfere with surface blading.
3. Where possible all fill materials shall be applied in layers not to exceed 18 inches and each layer compacted with heavy equipment prior to application of the next layer.
4. If fill materials are too dry to allow compaction, the Forest Officer may require watering of layers followed by heavy equipment compaction.
5. Gravel used for surfacing shall be compacted into place using loaded dump trucks or a vibratory drum roller if specified in the Road Log.

C. PIT DEVELOPMENT AND RECLAMATION:

1. While the gravel pit or borrow area is open the surface of the pit shall be kept clean of noxious weeds. The Purchaser shall remove any weeds found growing at the pit by pulling, cultivating, covering with plastic, spraying, or other methods as directed by the Forest Officer.
2. At completion of use, the pit area will be reshaped to as near natural contours as possible. Backslope ratios shall not exceed 3:1. Purchaser may be required to save topsoil, recontour the pit wall, and reclaim the disturbed portion of pit. All disturbed portions of the pit shall be grass seeded and fertilized.
3. At completion of use, talus slopes shall be backsloped and reshaped as directed by the Forest Officer. Grass seeding and fertilizing are required on any disturbed areas with exposed soil.

V. DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

A. CORRUGATED METAL PIPE: The corrugated metal pipe required in Table B-2 will be installed as follows:

1. All pipes shall be installed with a backhoe or excavator. The exact locations shall be determined and approved by the Forest Officer after the right-of-way is brushed and cleared.
2. The excavation trench for culvert installation shall not be wider than necessary to permit satisfactory jointing and thorough tamping of the bedding material under and around the pipe.
3. The bedding surface shall be constructed to provide a firm foundation of uniform density through

the entire length of the culvert and shall be slightly cambered along the centerline to correct for expected settlement.

4. Where the bedding surface is not firm at the grade established, all unstable soil under the pipe and for a width of at least one diameter on each side of the pipe shall be removed and replaced with suitable selected material. Rock encountered in the bedding foundation will be removed to at least 12 inches below the bottom of the pipe and one diameter on each side. The final bedding area shall consist of fine, compacted granular material.
5. Selected material shall be placed alongside the pipe for backfill in alternating layers not exceeding six inches in depth and thoroughly compacted by a hand held mechanical tamper (wacker packer). Special care must be taken to compact the fill thoroughly under the haunches of the pipe. Wacker packer compaction of backfill must be done for a horizontal distance on each side of the pipe equal to either one pipe diameter or to the outside limits of the trench, whichever is less. The depth of wacker packer compaction must extend at least to the top of the pipe.
6. Selected native fill material will be free from rocks and hard earth clods larger than 3 inches in size. Frozen material, sod or a high percentage of organic matter is not permitted.
7. The remainder of the fill above the top of the pipe may be compacted by tractor or rubber-tired roller. Fill is to extend above each pipe at least one-half the pipe diameter or a minimum of 12 inches, whichever is greater.
8. The pipe shall be protected by adequate fill cover before heavy equipment is permitted to cross during roadway construction.
9. Pipe that is damaged or improperly installed shall be repaired or replaced at Purchaser expense as directed by the Forest Officer.
10. The Forest Officer must be contacted two days before any culvert installation and must be present at any wet site culvert installation.
11. Riprap consisting of angular native rock of graded sizes 6 to 12 inches in diameter shall be installed to armor cuts and fills at both ends of all culverts installed in streams.
12. Energy dissipators consisting of native rock at least 24 inches in diameter with flat cross section shall be installed below culvert outlets in all perennial streams.

B. WET SITE CULVERT INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site specific sediment and erosion control plan that meets the requirements of all attachments and permits for each wet installation prior to any construction. Sediment and erosion control features may include any or all of the following at each site:
 - a. Filter Fabric Sediment Traps.
 - b. Sediment Control Fence.
 - c. Slash Filter Windrows.
 - d. Other measures as directed by Forest Officer.
2. The Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site specific water diversion plan for each wet installation. Diversions may include: by-pass ditches, plastic lined by-pass ditches, plastic or metal pipe by-passes or other methods as directed by the Forest Officer. Pumping with discharge back into the channel is not permitted.

3. All wet site culvert installations require seeding of all disturbed areas with Quick Cover Mix the same day as installation is completed.
4. Any equipment operated within the high-water level of any stream or river channel shall be free of oil and fluid leaks and shall be clean of mud. Said equipment must be inspected by the Forest Officer and approved prior to any use.
5. Filter fabric sediment traps shall be installed prior to any construction activities on all wet culvert installations.
6. The same measures shall be carried out during culvert removal.

VI. ROAD MAINTENANCE

A. ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. Road maintenance may be required on all native material or gravel roads designated for hauling purposes.
2. Road maintenance is defined to include all operations listed under Section VI. of Attachment B.
3. Initial maintenance of the roads shall be completed prior to use for logging and hauling.
4. The Forest Officer will determine the number, type, extent and frequency of intermediate maintenance operations. Road maintenance shall be repeated as needed to facilitate traffic and proper road drainage. The Purchaser will be advised of the time limitations to complete each maintenance project.
5. Final maintenance of the road system is required after all logging and hauling and prior to termination of the Timber Sale Contract.

B. SURFACE BLADING:

1. Description: Surface blading is keeping a native or aggregate roadbed in a condition to facilitate traffic and provide proper drainage. It includes maintaining the crown or slope, shoulder, drainage dips, leadoff ditches, berms and turnouts, and provides a level of smoothness appropriate for the amount and kind of traffic served and consistent with existing surfacing.
2. Specifications:
 - a. The existing roadbeds, including turnouts, shall be bladed and shaped to reasonably conform to the designed cross section, and to eliminate ruts. Existing aggregate surfacing shall be bladed to conserve material and to prevent segregation of particle sizes. Rocks or other material remaining on the traveled way surface after final blading which are 4 inches or larger in size shall be removed from the road surface.
 - b. Roadside cutslopes should not be undercut when cleaning ditches or removing road sloughs. Berms shall be removed from road shoulders when blading, except where berms are located as part of road design.
 - c. Cutslopes that have been undercut may require backsloping, seeding and fertilizing.
 - d. At intersections, the roadbeds at side roads shall be graded for a reasonable distance to assure proper blending of the two riding surfaces.

- e. Drainage dips and leadoff ditches shall be cleaned and graded to form their previous line and grade.
- f. Crowned roads should slope towards shoulders at least 2-5% (1/4-1/2 inch per foot road width) on native and gravel roads.
- g. At intersections where side roads enter the main road and the entering side road exceeds +3%, shallow ditching across the side road may be required to divert surface runoff and protect the main road's stability.
- h. The side-casting of road material is prohibited in the SMZ.

C. DITCH CLEANING:

- 1. Description: Ditch cleaning is removing and disposing of all foreign and slough material from roadside ditches to provide an unobstructed waterway conforming reasonably to previous line, grade and cross section.
- 2. Specifications:
 - a. Slough material removed from the ditch may be blended into existing native road surface or shoulder only if it is the same material as the road surface. Slough material that is not suitable for blending should be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.
 - b. Live vegetation and other organic material shall be removed and disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.
 - c. Unstable stumps, rocks, leaning trees or other debris shall be removed from the cutslope as directed by the Forest Officer.

D. CULVERT MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Description: Maintenance is work performed on inlets, outlets, catch basins, related channels, existing riprap, trash racks and any other facilities related to the drainage structure.
- 2. Specifications: Catch basins, outlets and energy dissipaters shall be kept functioning and cleaned of debris. Ends of culverts shall be kept straight and undamaged. Any washing alongside or underneath the culvert shall be repaired.

E. ROADSIDE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Description: Maintenance of roadside vegetation includes removal of brush, tree growth, deadfall or other obstructions to passage, safety or visibility, as such obstructions are present or develop during the contract period.
- 2. Specifications:
 - a. All trees that have fallen across the road shall be removed from the road prism unless otherwise agreed upon. Merchantable timber, if any, shall be cut in appropriate lengths and decked along the roadside in locations where traveled way width or sight distances will not be impaired.
 - b. Brush and seedling trees that encroach upon the original road clear limits shall be removed when they reduce safe sight distances. Low shrubs and brush that do not restrict sight distance but provide cover and reduce erosion shall not be removed. Brush and seedling trees removed shall be disposed of as directed by the Forest Officer.

F. SNOWPLOWING: If hauling occurs during the winter months, the Purchaser will be required to plow

snow to the following guidelines on all State and private roads.

1. Snow should be windrowed beyond the fill shoulder line.
2. To protect the road surface, a **1 to 4-inch** cushion of snow may be left on the road.
3. At termination of use, the road will be prepared for spring runoff by opening drainage outlets through the plowed berms and by installing a snow-berm road closure.
4. Tracked equipment will not be used to plow snow without prior written approval from the Forest Officer.
5. The side-casting of road material into a stream, lake, wetland, or other body of water during snow plowing operations is prohibited in the SMZ.

G. DUST ABATEMENT: N/A

H. NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT: The Purchaser may be required to perform noxious weed management on any of the roads designated as part of the haul route and on landings. Noxious weed management may include grass seeding, equipment washing and herbicide spraying.

1. Grass seeding, if required, is shown in Section IX, GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS.
2. All road construction equipment and equipment used in off-road logging activity must be pressure-washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entering the sale area. This cleaning will remove all dirt, plant parts, and material that may carry noxious weed seeds into the sale area. Other equipment and vehicles entering and leaving the sale area shall be cleaned prior to start up and kept reasonably clean during the course of operations. All subsequent move-ins of logging and construction equipment shall be treated the same as the initial move-in.
3. Herbicide application requirements are shown in Section IX, HERBICIDE APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS. Weed spraying shall be done by a commercial applicator licensed by the State of Montana or by personnel under the direct supervision of the licensed applicator. All herbicide applications shall follow EPA label requirements. Any weed control must comply with the current standards of the County Weed Board and as directed by the Forest Officer.

VII. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A. TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD SPECIFICATIONS: Temporary spur roads are defined as any roads constructed by the Purchaser to access a harvest unit or landing which is not an existing road and may not be shown as a required road to be constructed in Table B-1. All temporary roads must be obliterated within three years of project activity completion. All temporary roads will be constructed to the following specifications:

1. Forest Officer shall approve the location prior to any construction.
2. Clearing and excavation shall be kept to the absolute minimum for safe truck hauling and to prevent erosion and water quality impacts. Some sidehill excavation, minor through cuts, ditching and turnpiking may be required.
3. Temporary culverts may be required at ditch crossings, wet areas or other locations as directed by the Forest Officer.
4. Temporary erosion control measures may be required to meet BMP standards on the road and/or the landing area while being used.

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5. At the completion of use the road shall be shaped back to natural contours, temporary culverts removed, erosion control measures installed, the disturbed areas grass seeded and the access closed to all vehicular traffic. Mask the location where temporary spur roads meet routes open to the public using downed woody debris or Kelly humps. During obliteration, equipment must stay within clear limits. The Forest Officer may require scarification or ripping of compacted landings and temporary spur roads.
6. Excavated skid trails will be treated as a temporary spur road.
7. 10 to 15 tons per acre of downed woody debris will be scattered across recontoured roads. Woody debris can include slash, stumps, or downed logs.
8. No side-casting of material is allowed within RMZ's.

B. GATES ON PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENTS: When using private road easements to access the timber sale area, any gate encountered on private land will be left as prescribed by the easement grantor.

C. GRID ROLLING ROAD PRISMS: N/A

D. TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WARNING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

1. The Purchaser shall furnish, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to properly control and direct traffic as requested by the Forest Officer.
2. All road barricades, warning signs, lights, temporary signals, flagger and pilot car operations and equipment, and other protective devices, shall conform with the specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
3. All motorized routes used or generated by project activities that are not open to public motorized use will be closed with a physical device, such as gates, berms, boulders, or the like and will not be left open for public use. Closures will be in place, before, during, and after work is finished. To ensure the efficacy of closures, forest personnel will monitor closures and closed routes for unauthorized uses.

VIII. ROAD LOG AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS

FS 2141 (Mileposts Go Counter Clockwise Around Loop Road)		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
4.48	End Of Road	

FS 21411		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	

0.64	End of Road	
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FS 21415		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.91	End of Road	

FS 2010		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.54	End of Road	

FS 2010A		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.07	End of Road	

FS 2478		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.83	End of Road	

FS 2071B		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.35	End of Road	

Gabrian Driveway		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Pre-Haul Road Surface Maintenance	x
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.86	End of Road	

Palisades Ranch Road		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Pre-Haul Road Surface Maintenance	x
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Final (Post-Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
2.18	End of Road	

FS 2141-T001		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
0.55	End of Temp Road	

FS 21415-T002		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
0.28	End of Temp Road	

Palisades Ranch Road-T003		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
0.10	End of Temp Road	

Gabrian Road-T004		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	x
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
0.78	Temporary Stream Crossing Construction. Install 18-inch x 22-feet long, 16 GA galvanized CMP. Install 4 10-foot straw or wood wattles. Install rock armoring at culvert inlet and outlet. CMP is required to be 10-20% buried with streambed material. 124 Permit expires 12/31/2026	x

0.78	Temporary Stream Crossing Obliteration with Culvert Removal	
1.03	End of Temp Road	

FS 2010A-T005		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	x
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
1.15	End of Temp Road	

FS 2141-T006		
MP	Work description	Required Pre-haul Work Item
0.00	Begin Temp Road Construction	x
0.00	Begin Intermediate (During Haul) Road Surface Maintenance	
0.00	Begin Temp Road Obliteration	
0.16	Temporary Ditch Crossing Construction. Install 24-inch x 36-foot long, 16 GA galvanized CMP	x
0.16	Remove 24-inch x 36-foot long, 16 GA galvanized CMP	
0.22	End of Temp Road	

IX. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

A. REQUIREMENTS: Any construction requirements or structures shown in the Timber Sale Contract or Attachment B shall be constructed and installed by the Purchaser to specifications in this section. Structures shall be constructed at locations shown in the Road Log and as specified or staked by the Forest Officer.

B. SPECIFICATIONS:

- Road Construction Fabric: When road construction fabric is required the following specifications shall be met: minimum twenty mills thick with minimum trapezoid tear strength (ASTMD-1117-80) of 110 and mullen burst strength (ASTMD-3786-80) of minimum 375 psi; (e.g. Mirafi 500x or AMOCO 200208).

C. SPECIFICATION TABLES AND DRAWINGS:

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS
HERBICIDE APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS
GRAVEL AND END HAUL FILL MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
CLEAR LIMITS AND TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS
CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS FOR EXISTING ROADS
STANDARD DRAIN DIP FOR SINGLE LANE ROAD
SLASH FILTER WINDROW
CULVERT INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS
STREAM CROSSING & WET SITE CULVERT INSTALLATION
FILTER FABRIC SEDIMENT TRAP
FILTER FABRIC SEDIMENT CONTROL FENCE
STRAW WATTLE SEDIMENT CONTROL
TEMPORARY ROAD OBLITERATION DETAIL
HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS
WARNING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS	
<p style="text-align: center;">ALIGNMENT</p> <p>Minimum Curve Radius:</p> <p>Switchbacks: 50 Feet</p> <p>Curves: As marked on the ground</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CUT SLOPE RATIO</p> <p>Common excavation: 1:1 Angular Rock: 3/4:1 Solid Rock: 1/4:1</p> <p>Maximum tolerance: plus 15% minus 0%</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ROAD GRADE MAXIMUM</p> <p>Favorable: 14%</p> <p>Adverse: 12%</p> <p>Grades as shown in the Road Log</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FILL SLOPE RATIO</p> <p>Common material: 1-1/2:1 Angular rock: 1-1/3:1</p> <p>Maximum tolerance: plus 15% minus 0%</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DITCHES</p> <p>Width: 3 feet</p> <p>Depth: 1 foot</p> <p>Located as shown in the Road Log or as directed by the Forest Officer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TURNOUTS</p> <p>Length: 75 feet</p> <p>Width: 7 feet</p> <p>Located by Purchaser and approved by the Forest Officer. Spacing will be intervisible as topography allows.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">USABLE ROAD SURFACE</p> <p>Tangents: 14 feet</p> <p>Curves: 16 feet (radius over 75 feet) 20 feet (radius under 75 feet)</p> <p>Switchbacks: 22 feet</p> <p>Slough widening: Tangents: 1 foot (in addition to usable road surface) Curves and all fills over 6 feet height: 2 feet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TURNAROUNDS</p> <p>Dimensions: large enough to safely turn around a long wheel base 2-wheel-drive pickup.</p> <p>Location: at or near the end of all dead end roads as approved by the Forest Officer.</p>

GRASS SEEDING SPECIFICATIONS

A. SEED REQUIREMENTS: The Purchaser shall furnish certified noxious weed-free, pure live seed mixture(s) and fertilizer in the amounts shown in Table B-2. Total pounds mixed seed is pure live seed, corrected for germination and purity. Germination and purity tests must have been conducted within the last 6 months prior to delivery. Purchaser shall furnish documentation of germination and purity tests to the Forest Officer prior to application.

B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Fertilizer and seed may be applied with a hand spreader or power blower, which adjusts to distribute seed evenly at the specified rate while limiting application to the desired area. Seed and fertilizer shall be applied separately. Mixing of seed and fertilizer is prohibited.
2. Seed and fertilizer shall be applied as listed in the following tables. In the event weather conditions or time of year are not conducive for successful seed establishment, the Forest Officer may require a different application schedule from the ones stated.
3. Application estimates are approximate figures only to be used for estimating purposes.

SEEDING CONCURRENT WITH WET CULVERT INSTALLATION.			
Areas shown in this table shall be seeded within one day of culvert installation, or as otherwise directed by the Forest Officer.			
Areas To Be Seeded	Remarks	Pounds per acre	Acres
Temporary Stream Crossing Gabrian Road-T004	Cut and fill slopes of temporary crossing site	17.75	0.03 Acres
Total Acres to Seed		0.03	
Total Pounds Mixed Seed:		0.53	

SEEDING FOLLOWING HARVEST, TEMPORARY ROAD OBLITERATION, & ROAD CLOSURE				
Areas shown in this table shall be seeded and fertilized within 15 calendar days after completion of final road blading and shaping.				
Road Name	Length	Seed pounds per acre	Fertilizer pounds per acre	Acres
Seeding Skid Trails and Landings (6% of harvested area, 403 acres)	N/A	17.75	N/A	24.2
Temporary Roads FS-2141-T001, FS 21415-T002, Gabrian Road-T003, Gabrian Road-T004, FS 2010A-T005, FS 2141-T006	3.43 Miles (2.5 Acres/Mile)	17.75	N/A	8.6
Total Acres to Seed:		32.8		
Total Pounds Mixed Seed:		582.2		

HERBICIDE SPECIFICATIONS

- A. HERBICIDE REQUIREMENTS:** The Purchaser must furnish herbicide in the amounts shown in Table B-2 and provide a copy of the pesticide application report.
- B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** The roads shown in the table below shall be treated with herbicide to remove seed-bearing noxious weeds.
1. The Purchaser shall include a schedule for herbicide treatment of noxious weeds as part of the Annual Operating Plan.
 2. The Purchaser shall give the Forest Officer a 48 hour notification prior to spraying.
 3. Applicators will complete a daily pesticide application report as required by the Montana Department of Agriculture. Applicators will use the daily pesticide application report form provided by the Forest Officer and submit within 10 days of application.
 4. No spraying of Milestone and 2, 4-D will take place within 25 feet of water or come in contact with open water at any time.
 5. No spraying shall occur when rain is expected within six (6) hours of completion of the treatment.
 6. Weather conditions shall be monitored before and during all spraying projects. Spraying is NOT allowed when any of the following conditions exist:
 - a. Hand-held equipment: temperature greater than 95 degrees F.; humidity less than 20 percent, or wind greater than 5 MPH.
 - b. Truck-mounted equipment: temperature greater than 95 degrees F.; humidity less than 20 percent; or wind greater than 5 MPH.
 7. Travelled roadways, cut and fill slopes must be treated for noxious weeds.
 8. The use of surfactants and blue dye is required at the rates recommended by the manufacturer.
 9. Nozzles shall be made of stainless steel or ceramic material
 10. All equipment shall be in good mechanical condition and will be inspected prior to work.
 11. A tight-fitting lid on all spray tanks is mandatory
 12. Mixing, loading, and equipment cleaning shall be done more than 200 feet from private land or open water.
 13. The Purchaser shall remove all herbicide containers from the project area and dispose of them in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.
 14. Application rates are shown in the following table. Application estimates are approximate figures only to be used for estimating purposes.

HERBICIDE APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS		
Areas To Be Sprayed All haul roads pre- and post-haul	Length	Width
FS 2141	4.48	16'
FS 21411	0.64	
FS 21415	0.91	
FS 2010	0.54	
FS 2010A	0.07	
FS 2478	0.83	
FS 2071B	0.35	
Gabrian Driveway	0.86	
Palisades Ranch Road	2.18	
Total number of acres:		44.9 (pre and post haul total)

GRAVEL AND ROCK SPECIFICATIONS	
Material	Specifications
3/4" minus crushed gravel	Crushed gravel. Well graded. Fine fraction (minus 200 sieve) not to exceed 15%
Pit run gravel	Native gravel, well graded, with binder, compactable and not containing any rocks over 4" diameter.
Drain rock	1"- 3" diameter, screened clean rock.
<p>General Large Rock Requirements</p> <p>Stone shall be hard, durable, angular in shape, resistant to weathering and weather action, and free from overburden, soil, and organic matter. Stone must be hard enough so pieces do not fracture or break during the loading, hauling, or placement activities. Neither breadth nor thickness of stone shall be less than one-third its length. Rounded stone or boulders from a streambed will not be accepted unless authorized by the State.</p>	
Rock armor	Large rock with most sizes ranging from 6" to 12" diameter, used to armor fill slopes and catch basins.
Talus rock	Large rock of variable sizes used as load-bearing fill or drainage rock in soft areas or French drains, as approved by Forest Officer.
Energy dissipators	Large rock 18-24" diameter placed in streams at culvert outlets.

SPECIFICATION DRAWINGS

Clear Limits and Typical Cross Sections

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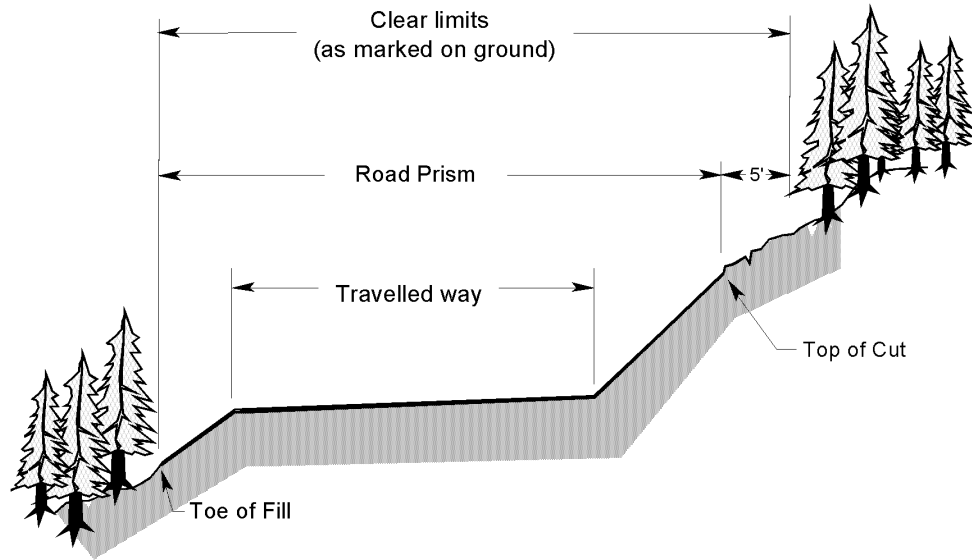


Figure I: Clear limits

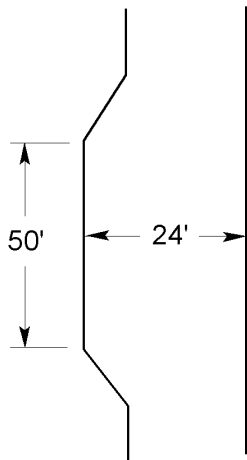


Figure II:
Typical turn out
construction

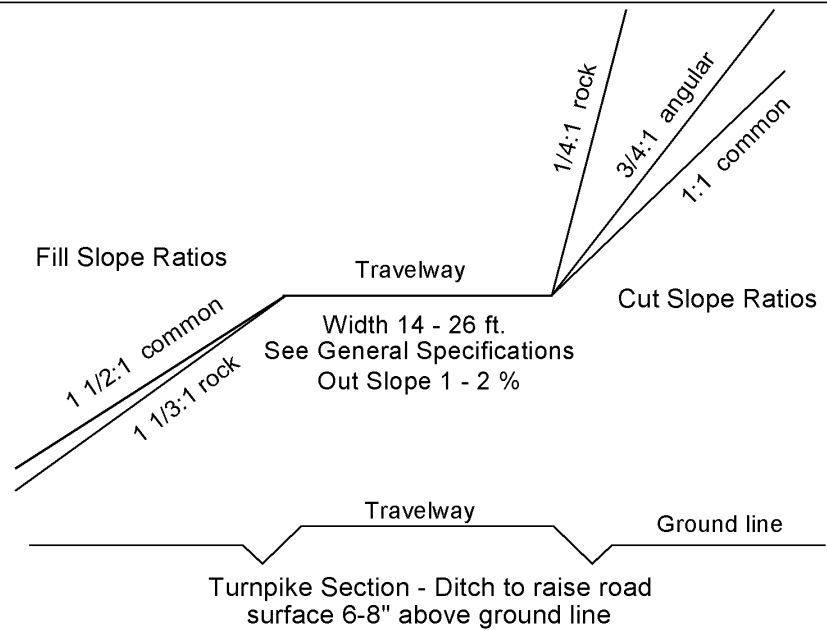
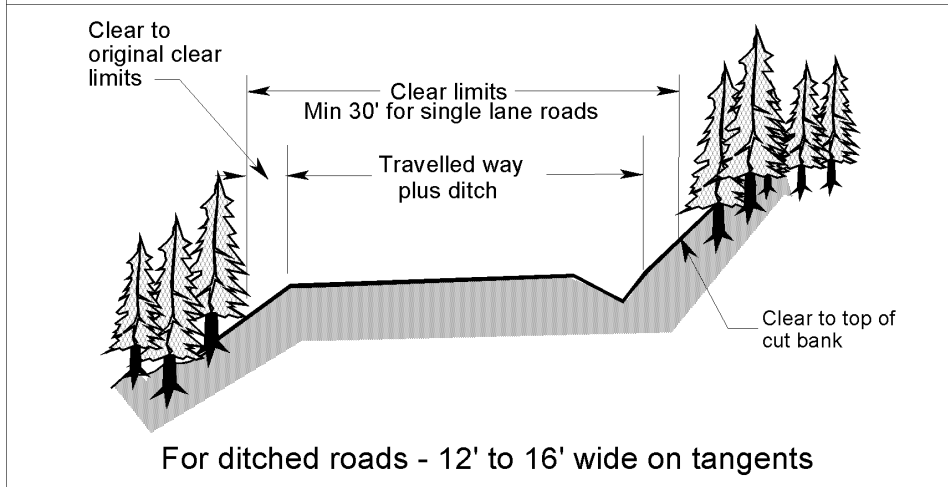
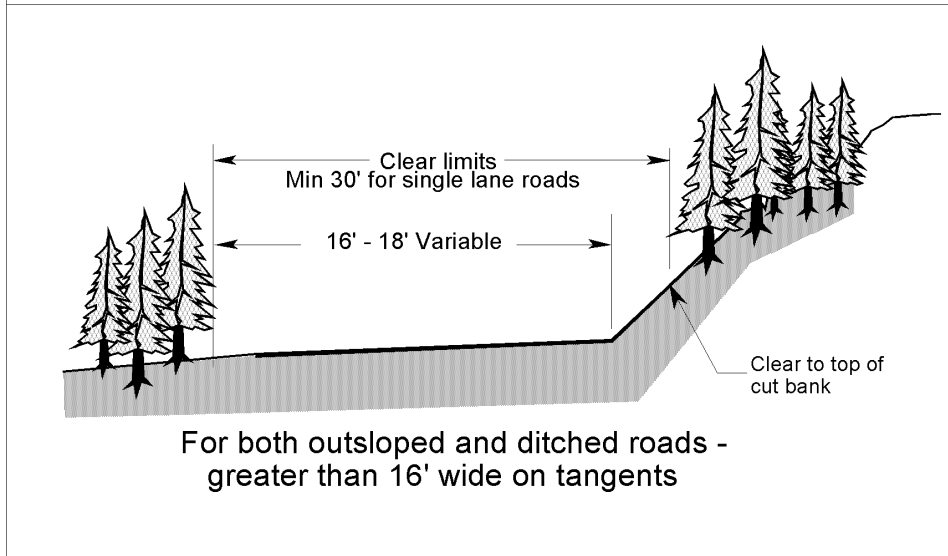
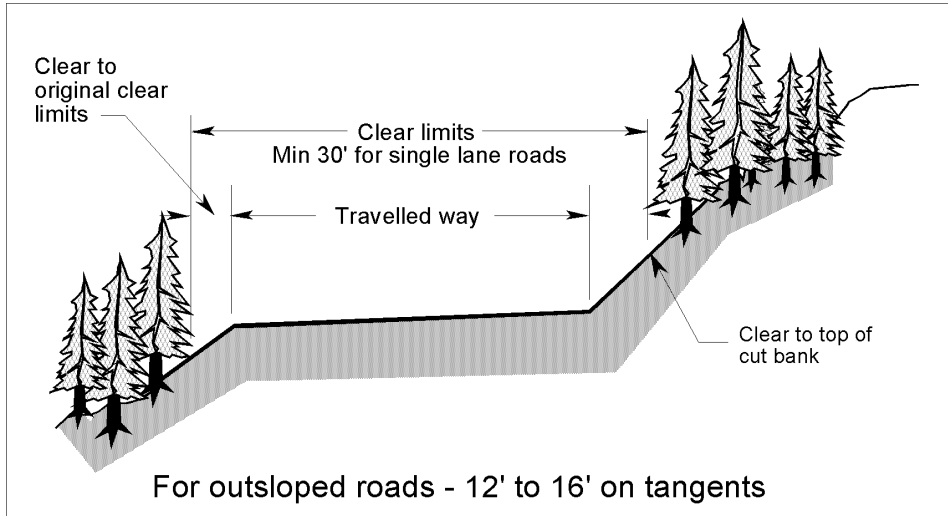


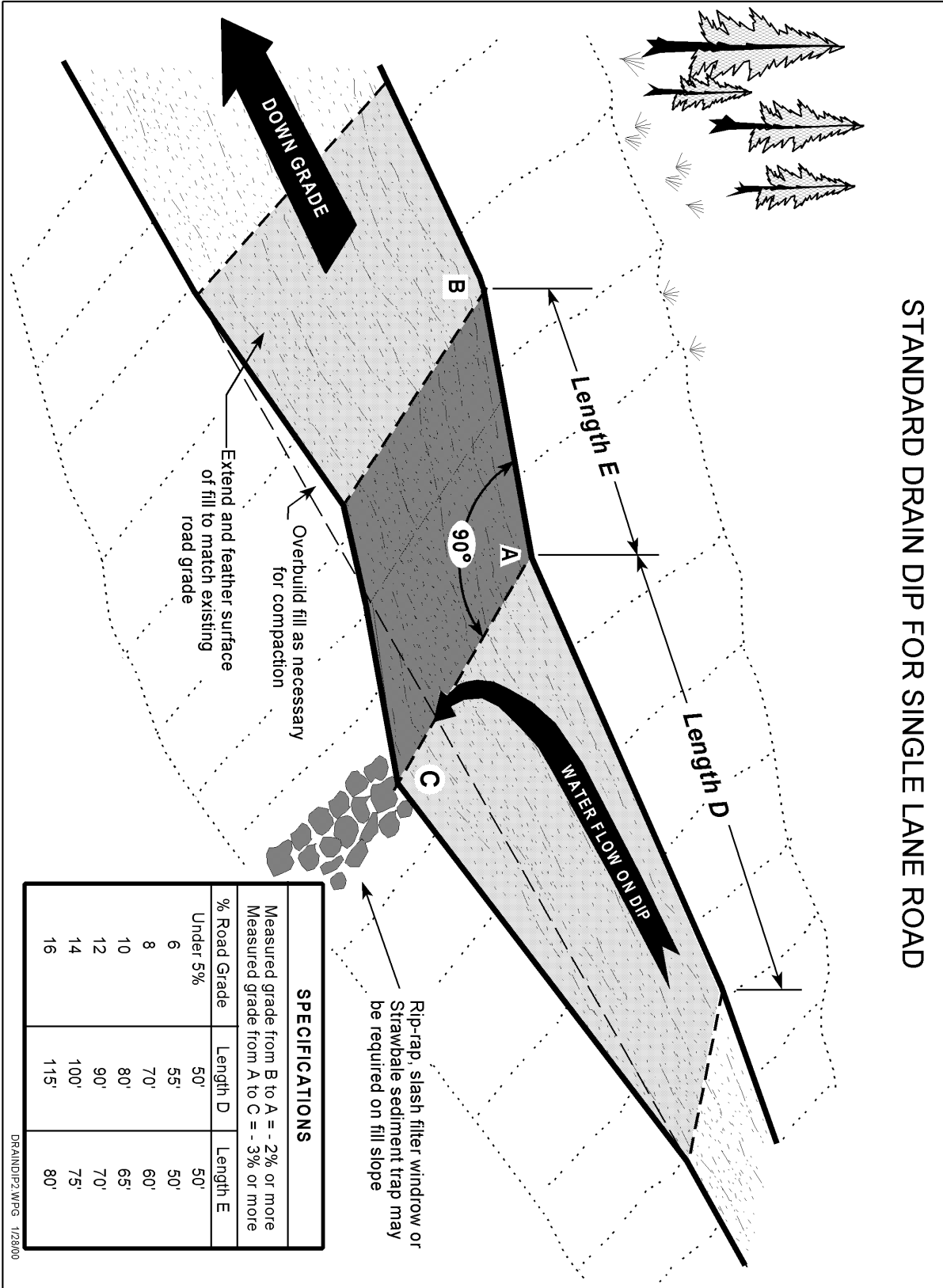
Figure III: Typical Cross Sections

CLEAR LIMIT DEFINITIONS FOR EXISTING ROADS



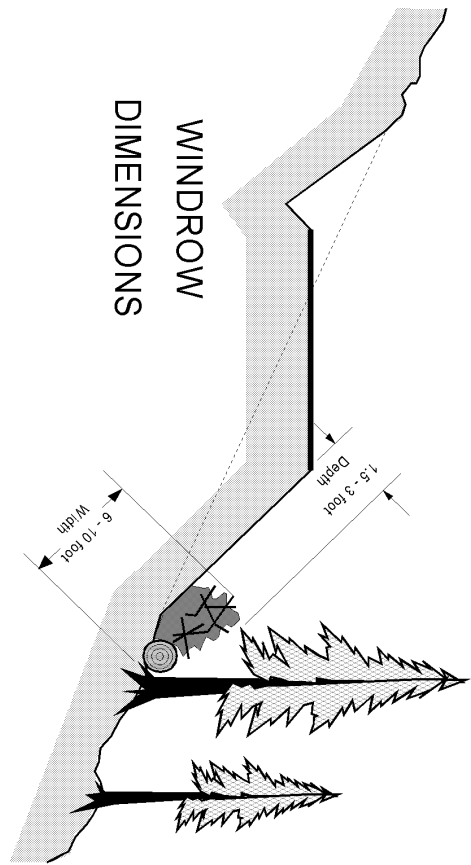
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STANDARD DRAIN DIP FOR SINGLE LANE ROAD



SPECIFICATIONS			
Measured grade from B to A = - 2% or more			
Measured grade from A to C = - 3% or more			
% Road Grade	Length D	Length E	
Under 5%	50'	50'	
6	55'	50'	
8	70'	60'	
10	80'	65'	
12	90'	70'	
14	100'	75'	
16	115'	80'	

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SLASH FILTER WINDROW SPECIFICATIONS

Materials must be stockpiled prior to construction of windrows.

Cull logs must be anchored in place against undisturbed stumps, large rocks or trees at the toe of the fill.

Slash must be placed above the logs with a backhoe and tamped into place with the bucket.

Slash should be tamped so it is embedded approximately 6 inches into the fill surface to prevent water from running under the windrow.

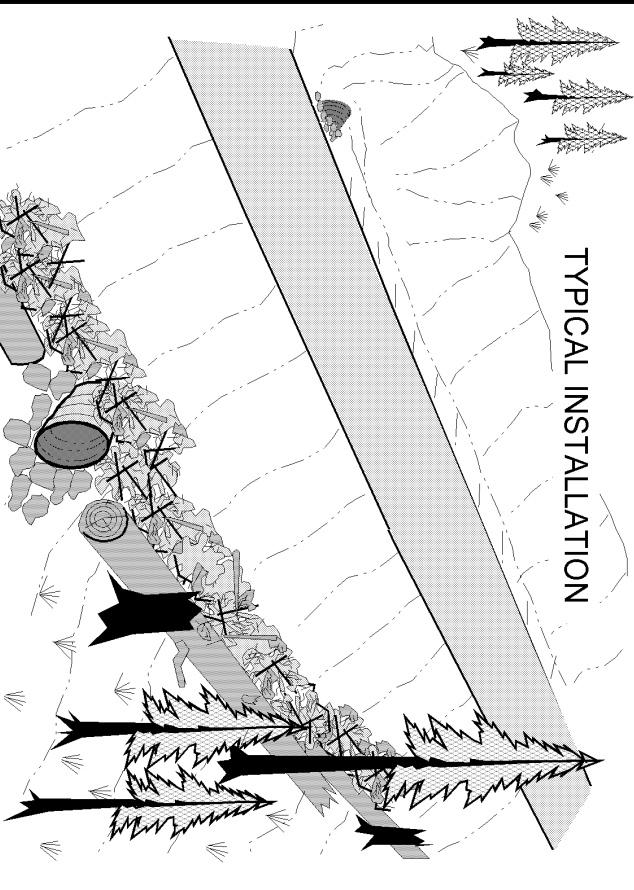
Slash, limbs and tops must be smaller than 12 feet long and 6 inches diameter. Stumps and root wads may not be used.

Anchor logs must be larger than 16 inches diameter. Reasonably sound cull logs may be used.

Windrows shall not interfere with the functioning of drainage structures or block stream channels.

All locations will be staked or flagged by the Forest Officer.

When installing windrows over the top of culverts, pipe length must be increased by 3 - 4 feet to accommodate windrow placement.



CULVERT REQUIREMENTS

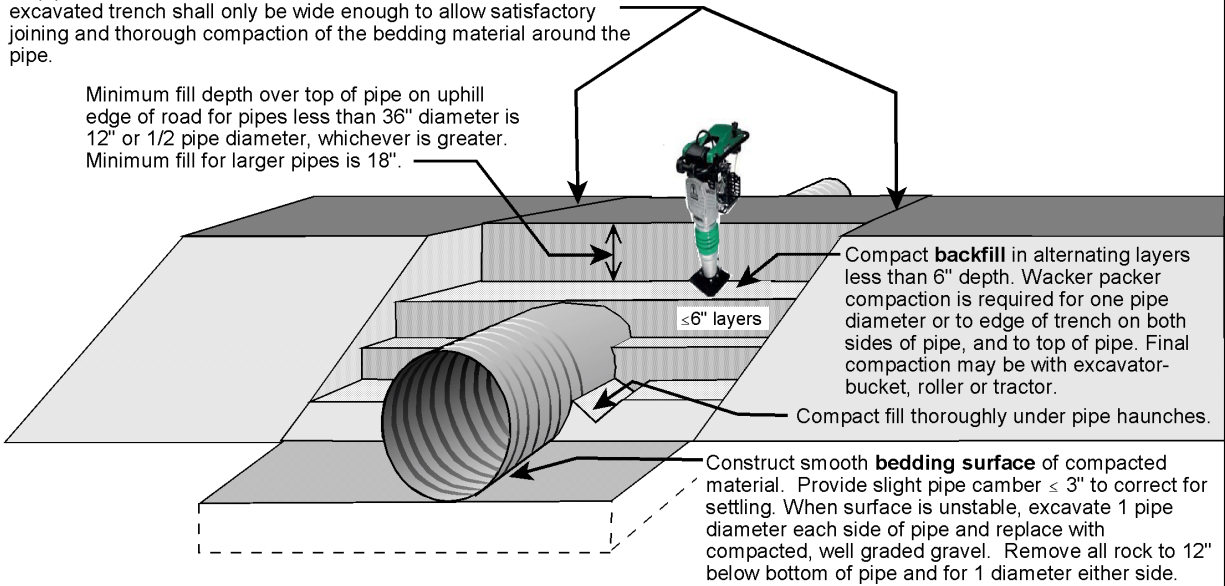
ATTACHMENT B

- ▶ Exact locations for pipes shall be determined by the Forest Officer after right of way has been cleared.
- ▶ Backfill shall be select, sorted material. Gravel may be required in road log. If native backfill is used, rocks over 3 inches diameter, organic or frozen materials are not permitted.
- ▶ Pipe shall be protected by adequate fill before equipment is allowed to cross.
- ▶ Pipe that is damaged or improperly installed shall be repaired or replaced at purchaser's expense.
- ▶ The Forest Officer must be contacted two days before any culvert installation and must be present for any wet site culvert installation.
- ▶ Wet site installations will have additional requirements for timing, erosion control and management.

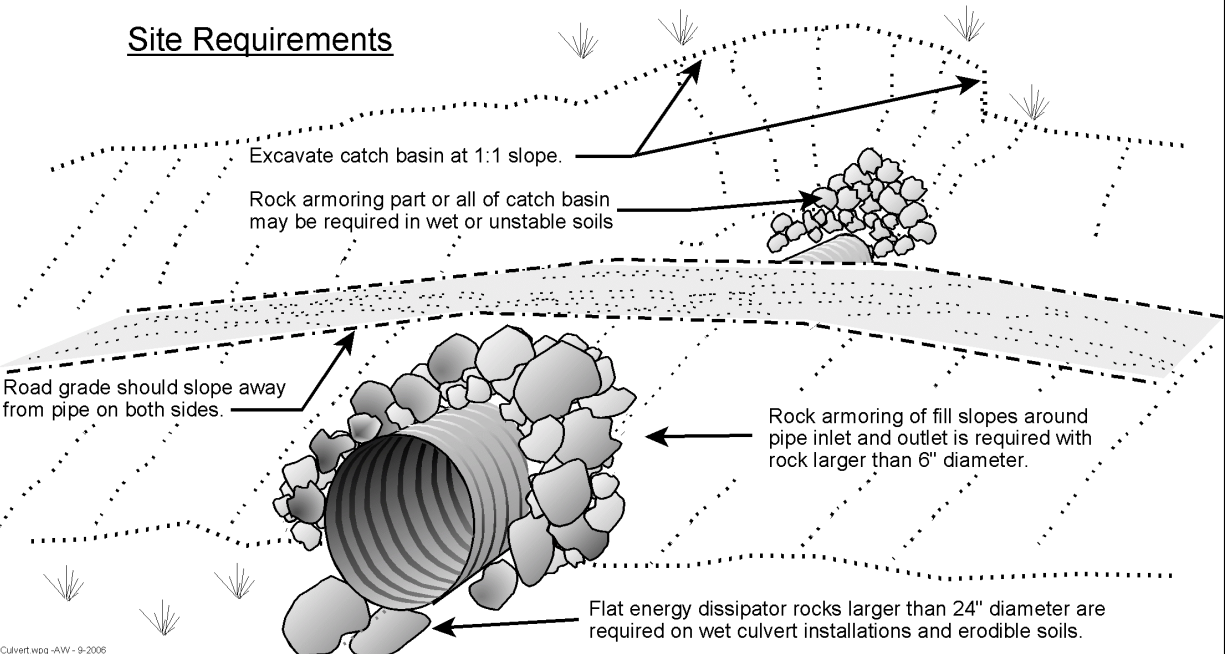
Installation Requirements

All pipes shall be installed with a backhoe or excavator. The excavated trench shall only be wide enough to allow satisfactory joining and thorough compaction of the bedding material around the pipe.

Minimum fill depth over top of pipe on uphill edge of road for pipes less than 36" diameter is 12" or 1/2 pipe diameter, whichever is greater. Minimum fill for larger pipes is 18".

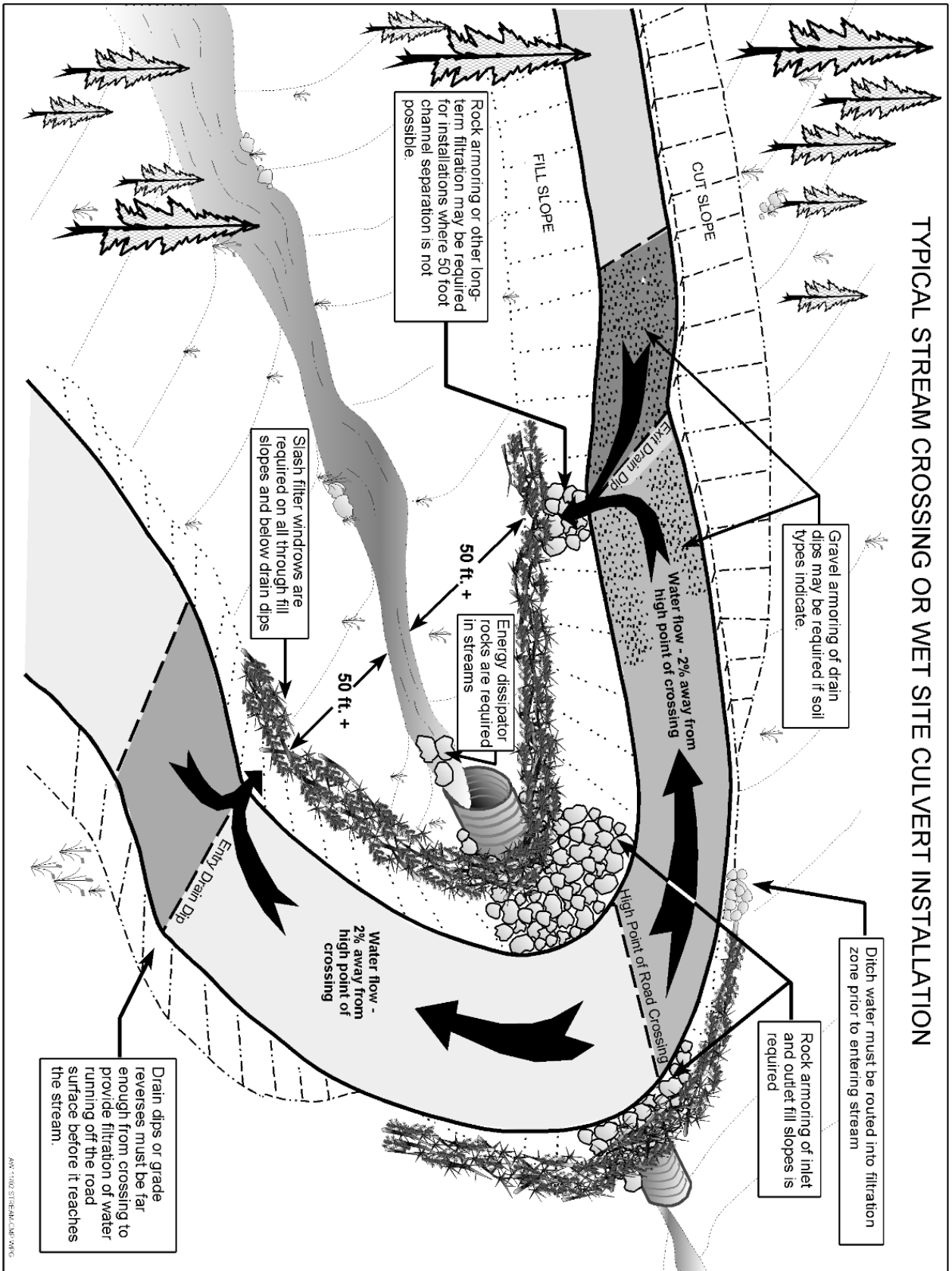


Site Requirements



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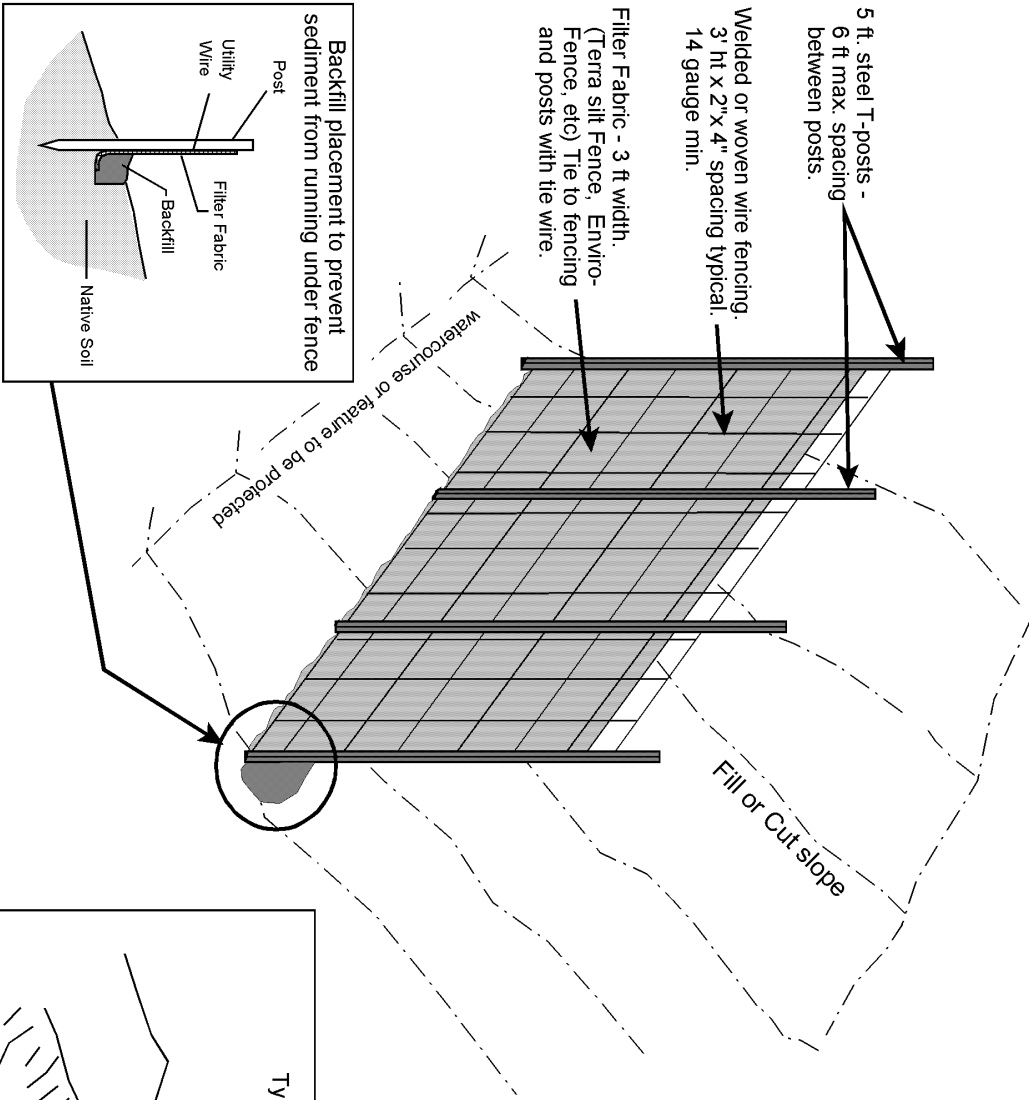
TYPICAL STREAM CROSSING OR WET SITE CULVERT INSTALLATION



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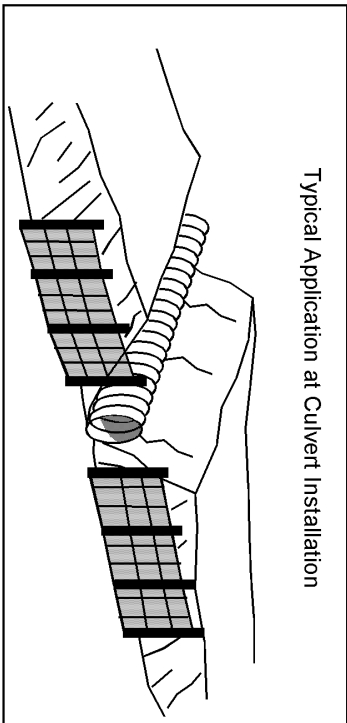
Install on stream bank or fill slopes to prevent sediment from entering watercourses



INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

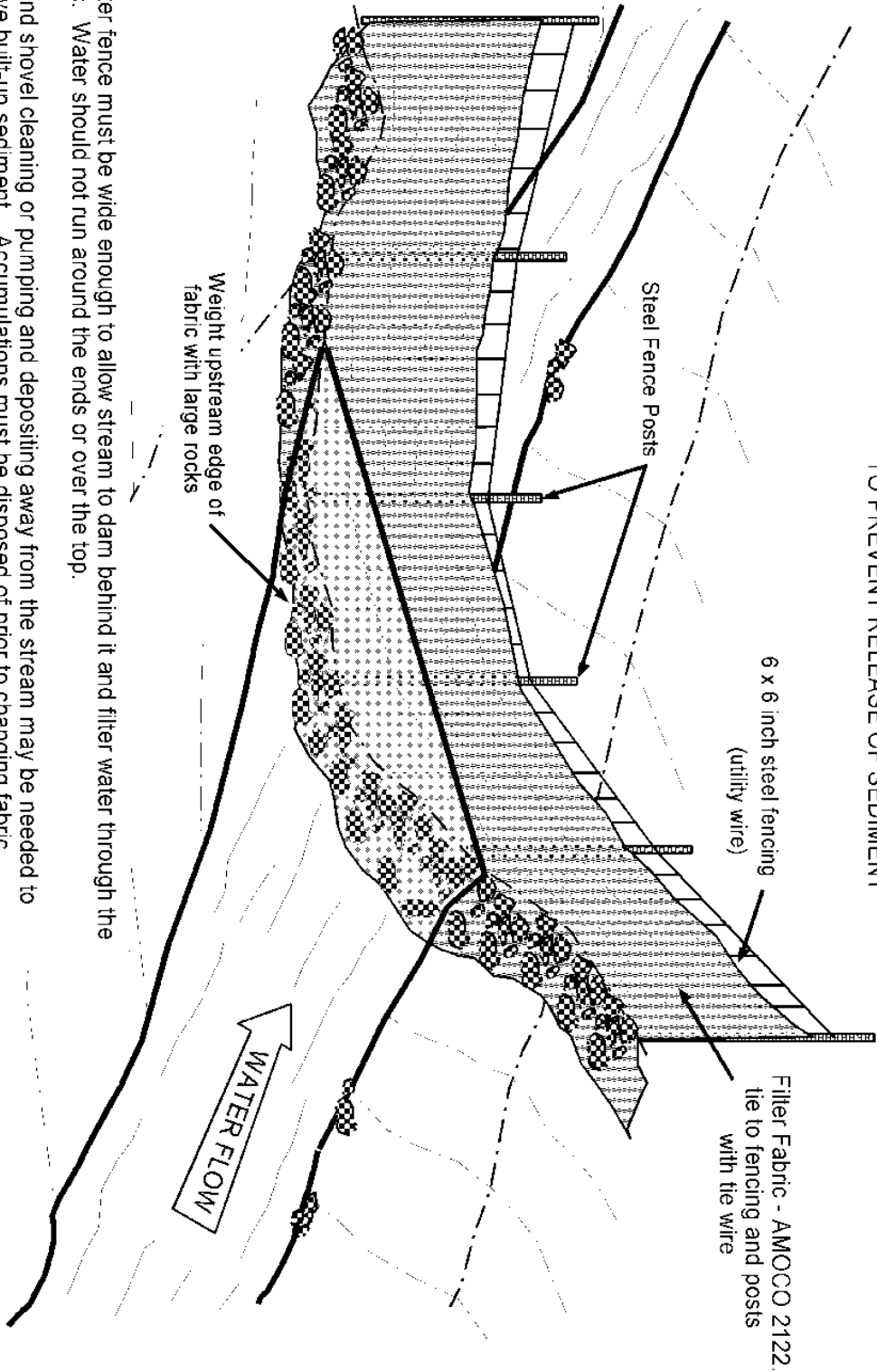
1. Installation may be required prior to any construction activities at crossing sites.
2. Two to four fences per crossing site may be required.
3. Fences will be removed or left in place following construction as directed by the Forest Officer.
4. Wood-staked commercial silt fence may be approved by the Forest Officer only for short-term, light duty fences used for less than one season.
5. Steel posts and wire backing are required for all heavy duty applications, fences where fill may back up against the fence, fences that may overwinter, and permanent applications.

Typical Application at Culvert Installation



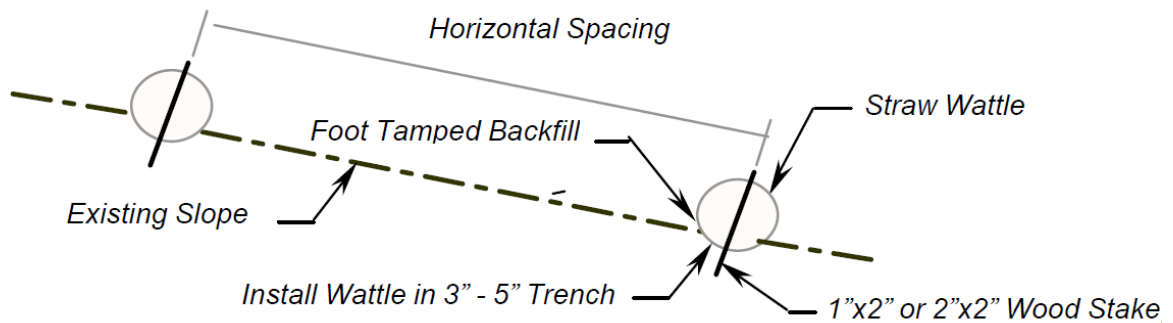
Filter Fabric Sediment Trap

INSTALL DOWNSTREAM FROM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN STREAM
TO PREVENT RELEASE OF SEDIMENT



1. Filter fence must be wide enough to allow stream to dam behind it and filter water through the fabric. Water should not run around the ends or over the top.
2. Hand shovel cleaning or pumping and depositing away from the stream may be needed to remove built-up sediment. Accumulations must be disposed of prior to changing fabric.
3. Silt-clogged fabric must be cleaned or replaced with new fabric.
4. Traps must be removed immediately after construction.

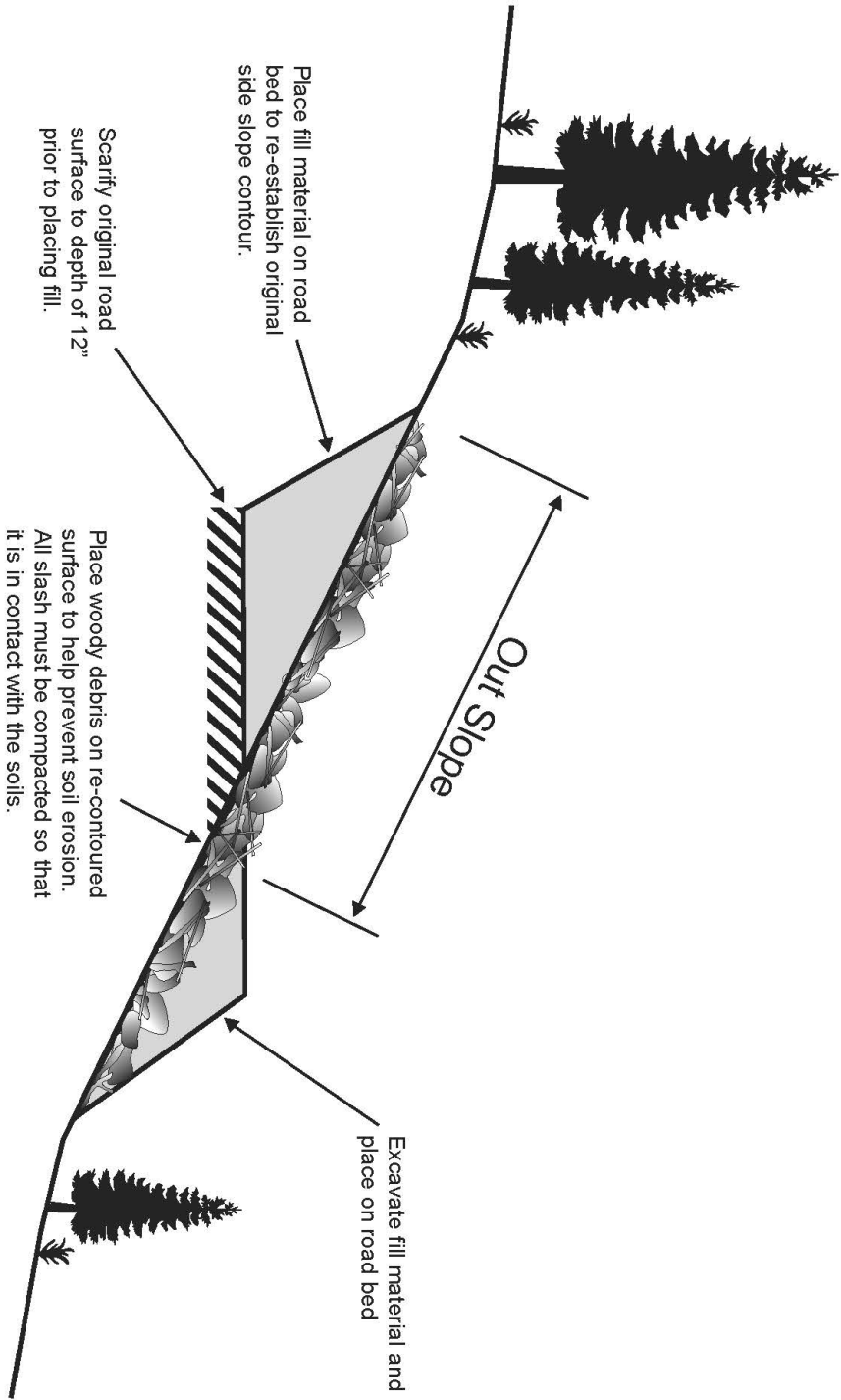
STRAW WATTLE SEDIMENT CONTROL



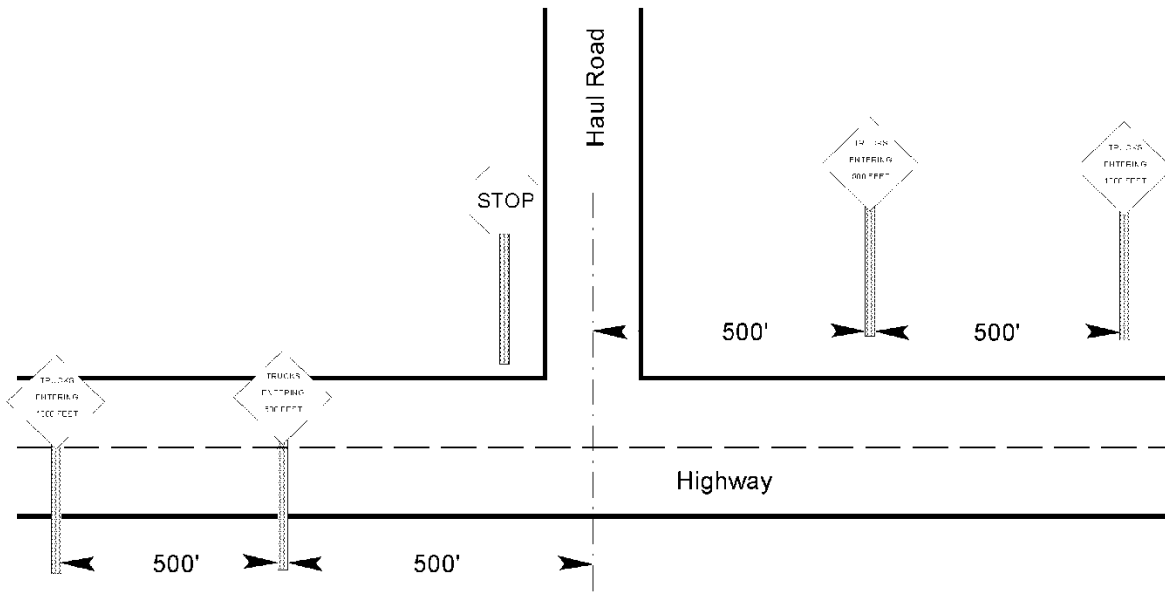
INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF 9-12" DIAMETER WATTLES AT LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY FOREST OFFICER:

1. EXCAVATE A 3-5" DEEP X 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED. PLACE EXCAVATED SOIL UP-SLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
2. PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE TO ENSURE RUNOFF DOES NOT UNDERCUT WATTLE INSTALLATION. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
3. SECURE WATTLE WITH 18-24" STAKES EVERY 3-4' AND WITH A STAKE WITHIN 2" OF EACH WATTLE'S END. DRIVE STAKES THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLE LEAVING AT LEAST 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE THE WATTLE. DRIVE STATES PERPENDICULAR TO FACE OF SLOPE.

Temporary Road Obliteration Detail (No Cleared Fireline Specified)



HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS



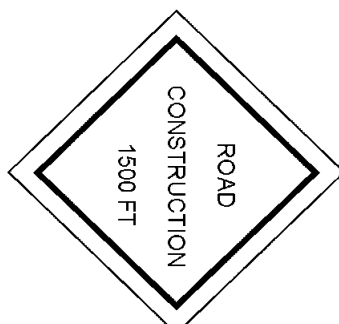
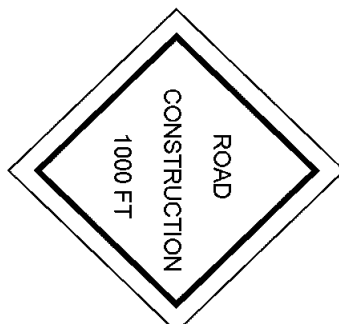
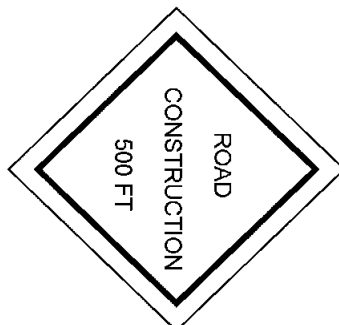
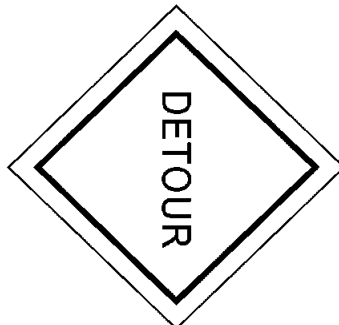
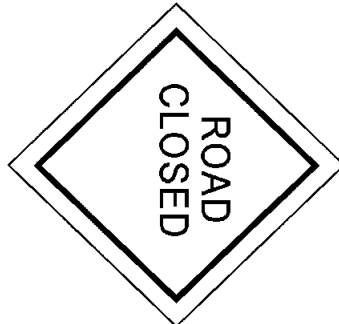
Materials Required

- 1 each 4"x4"x10' full pressure treated wood post.
- 4 each 4"x4"x14' full pressure treated wood post.
- 1 each 30"x30" STOP sign, aluminum, octagon, white letters on red.
- 2 each 36"x36" TRUCKS ENTERING 500' sign, aluminum, diamond, black letters on orange, center hinged.
- 2 each 36"x36" TRUCKS ENTERING 1000' sign, aluminum, diamond, black letters on orange, center hinged.
- Mounting hardware as required.

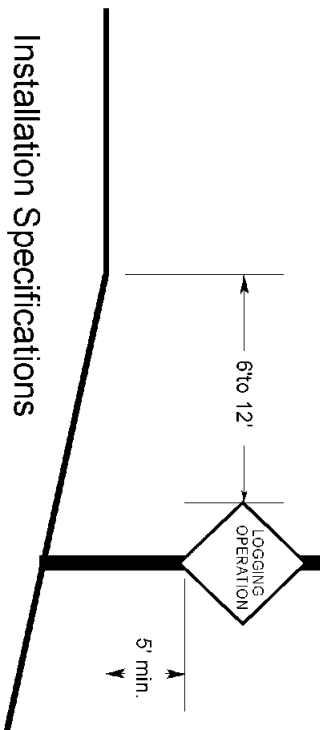
Specifications

1. All signs shall have reflectorized background and shall meet all specifications as per Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
2. All signs shall be new condition.
3. Bottom of sign shall be 5' vertical as measured from the roadway surface.
4. Lateral clearance of "TRUCKS ENTERING" signs shall be 10' as measured from the edge of pavement to the edge of sign.

Warning Sign Specifications



Size: 30"x 30"
 Shape: Diamond
 Color: Diamond: Orange and Black, Barricade: Red and Silver
 Lettering: Minimum 4 inch letters, Standard Alphabet
 Series C, 1/2 inch Border.
 Reflective Background Required
 Mounting: Posts or portable sign stands, clearly visible to drivers. Do not mount on trees.



Installation Specifications

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FOREST FIRE RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules apply to all activities on all classified forest lands within Montana during the legal Forest Fire Season, including any extension thereof (see 77-5-103(3), 76-11-101, 76-13-102(7), and 76-13-109 MCA). Reference also ARM 36.10.119 through 132.

Related State statute numbers are provided as a reference.

RULE I - DEBRIS BURNING

1. The person conducting the burn shall obtain written authorization from the recognized fire protection agency before igniting any open fire during the legal forest fire season (required by 76-13-121 MCA). The recognized fire protection agency may deny, restrict, or rescind any authorization by notifying the person conducting the burn.
2. All burning must comply with the Department of Environmental Quality or State/county/local open burning regulations.
3. Written authorization is not required for campfires.

RULE II - CAMPFIRES

1. Campfires cannot be left unattended and must be completely extinguished (see 76-13-123 MCA).
2. All campfires must be constructed in cleared or bare areas, and not allowed to spread beyond the established ring, pit, grate, or container.
3. Anyone igniting a campfire is required to have fire tools listed in Rule VIII (4).

RULE III - RAILROADS AND POWERLINES

Railroad and powerline companies are required to prepare and annually update working agreements with recognized fire protection agencies. These agreements must stress safety and fire response procedures; and identify, remove, prevent, modify, abate, or correct forest fire hazards and risks associated with railroad and powerline company operations (see 69-14-721 MCA).

RULE IV - EQUIPMENT

1. All internal combustion engines must be equipped with an approved and effective spark-arresting system, as established in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Spark Arrester Guides. Spark-arresting devices must be marked, properly installed, and maintained in accordance with the Guides. The following vehicles are exempt:
 - a. automobiles and light trucks of less than 23,000 GVW when all exhaust gases pass through a properly installed and maintained exhaust system, baffle-type muffler, and tailpipe. Vehicles with glass-pack mufflers do not qualify for the exemption.
 - b. heavy-duty trucks of 23,000 GVW or greater, with a muffler and vertical stack exhaust system extending

above the cab.

- c. vehicles with other spark-arresting systems providing equal or increased effectiveness. Such vehicles must be inspected and have written authorization from the recognized fire protection agency.
2. Equipment used for commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must meet the fire extinguisher and tool requirements listed in Rule VIII (5).

RULE V - FLAMING AND GLOWING SUBSTANCES

1. All flaming and glowing substances, including but not limited to, lighted cigarettes, cigars, ashes, and matches, must be extinguished before being discarded (see 76-13-124 MCA).
2. Smoking is allowed only in areas free of flammable or combustible material. Examples of these areas include a graveled road or an enclosed vehicle.

RULE VI - FIREWORKS

Use of fireworks is prohibited on all classified forest lands unless written authorization is obtained from the recognized fire protection agency. Authorization will only be considered between June 24 and July 5, inclusive, to coincide with the legal dates for the sale of fireworks in Montana (see 50-37-106 MCA).

RULE VII - WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE

1. County governments without subdivision wild-fire protection standards are encouraged to establish standards for all new subdivisions by January 1, 2000.
2. The Fire Protection Guidelines for Wildland/Residential Interface Development (DSL/DOJ, 1993) is available for use to assist counties in the development of standards.

RULE VIII - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIREFIGHTING TOOLS

1. Chainsaw operators shall carry a fully charged and operable fire extinguisher, minimum-capacity 8-ounce liquid or 1-pound dry chemical, with a 4BC or higher rating.
2. Vehicles and equipment, mobile or stationary, with a combustion engine/motor used for commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must have one operable, dry-chemical fire

extinguisher with a minimum 2-1/2 -pound capacity and 4BC or higher rating.

3. Chainsaw operators shall maintain one usable shovel at chainsaw-fueling sites.
4. All persons or parties igniting a campfire shall have one usable shovel and bucket. Persons igniting a barbecue need not have a shovel or bucket if the ashes are not removed from the container and the ashes or container are not placed on or near combustible material.
5. All commercial, ranching, or industrial activities must have:
 - a. one usable shovel or pulaski with each vehicle and equipment with an internal combustion engine/motor, mobile or stationary.
 - b. one backpack pump with each vehicle and with any equipment, used off road, mobile or stationary, with an internal combustion engine/motor, that cannot be used to build fireline and is being operated on combustible material.
6. Other types of firefighting tools that provide increased efficiency or effectiveness may be substituted by written authorization from the recognized fire-protection agency. For example, a combi firefighting tool may be substituted for a shovel or pulaski.

RULE IX - FOREST ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

In areas designated by public proclamation by the administrator, division of forestry, as areas of high fire hazard, the administrator may request all persons, firms, or corporations present or engaged in any activity in the areas to voluntarily cease operations or to adjust working hours to less critical periods of the day. In the event such a request is refused, the administrator may issue a written order directing compliance.

RULE X - FOREST CLOSURE

1. During periods of dangerous fire conditions, no person may enter or be upon those forest lands designated by public proclamation by the governor of the state of Montana as areas of dangerous fire hazard except under written permit issued by a recognized agency.
2. Permits to enter upon such areas during the closure may be issued by the recognized agency upon a showing of real need by the applicant. Permits may be issued to those persons having actual residence as a permanent or principal place of abode in the forest lands designated or to persons engaged in non-fire hazardous employment.
3. However, no permit may be required of persons engaged in either firefighting, fire prevention, or law enforcement who are engaged in official business.

RULE XI - CORRECTION OF HAZARD AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR EVENTS

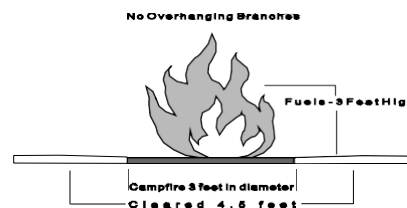
The recognized fire-protection agency may require identified wildland-fire hazards and/or risks be halted, prevented, abated, removed, disposed of, mitigated, or patrolled. This applies to public, private, nonprofit, commercial, and/or residential circumstances or events.

RULE XII - REQUEST FOR REVIEW

If any operator believes that in his case any requirement of a recognized agency is excessive, the operator may request the administrator, division of forestry, to review the requirements. If in the opinion of the administrator any or all are not necessary in the interest of public safety, he may make such changes as he considers advisable.

RULE XIII - DEFINITIONS

Backpack Pump: 5-gallon minimum; standard galvanized metal, fiberglass, or rubberized backpack water container with attached handpump; full of water at all times.



Bucket: Metal, plastic, canvas, or fiberglass container capable of holding at least one gallon of water. Motorcycle helmets qualify.
Campfire means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes; not more than 3 feet in diameter or height; void of overhanging branches; with all combustible material cleared at least 1-1/2 times the diameter of the fire; or a barbecue in a noncombustible container.

Combi Tool: A tool combining a shovel and pick.

Fireworks: As defined in 50-37-101 MCA.

Forested Land: As defined in 76-13-102 MCA and 36.10.101 ARM.

Hazard: Condition that promotes the ignition and/or spread of a wildland fire.

Open Fire: The burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire, or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in a closed incinerator, or outdoor fireplace. Barbecue pits and burn barrels are considered open fires and therefore require a burning permit (Rule I).

Pulaski: An ax with a medium size sharp grub hoe opposite the ax blade.

Recognized Fire-Protection Authority: An agency organized for the purpose of providing fire protection and recognized by the board as giving adequate fire protection to forest lands in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

Risk: Action or device that could cause a wildland fire to ignite.

Shovel: Vehicle, equipment, and chainsaw operator shovels will have a minimum overall length of 36 inches with a round pointed shovel head with a minimum width of 6 inches. Shovels required for campfires must be at least 24-inches in length with a pointed shovel head. Folding handles qualify.

RULE XIV - APPLICABILITY

The forest fire rules, Rule I through Rule XIII, (ARM 36.10.119 through 30.10.132) are in effect each year on classified forest land during the forest fire season May 1st to September 30th inclusive, or any legal extension thereof. Requirements pertaining to motor vehicles do not apply to those being operated solely on roads that are a part of federal or State maintained highway systems or on any paved public road.



WORKING IN BEAR HABITAT



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Grizzly bear distribution is expanding in Montana and human/bear encounters are becoming more common. Working in bear habitat increases the likelihood of interactions with bears. It is important for contractors and their employees to be aware of steps that can be taken to minimize conflicts and how to react if an interaction occurs. This pamphlet provides information about bear behavior, preventive measures, and what to do in the event an encounter occurs. *This pamphlet is intended to provide information about possible ways of avoiding encounters with bears. It should not, however, be relied on as the sole means of doing so. In addition to adhering to the guidelines outlined in this document, you should always rely on your experience, training, education and judgment about the best, safest manner to avoid encounters with bears.*

ENCOUNTERS

- ▲ Stay calm, keep the animal in view, and avoid direct eye contact. Bears may interpret eye contact as a sign of aggression. Back away slowly. Never run from a bear unless you know you can reach safety. Determine whether the animal is a black bear or a grizzly bear.
- ▲ If the bear charges, stand your ground. Bears commonly “bluff charge,” stopping within a few feet of a person, before fleeing in a different direction.
- ▲ Keep bear spray handy. Always have a canister of bear spray (at least eight ounces) on your belt. Make sure it is an EPA registered bear spray with 1 to 2% capsaicin and related capsaicinoids, has a spray duration of at least six seconds, and a range of 25 feet. Familiarize yourself with the directions for using the spray. Use it only if confronted by a charging bear. Spray toward the bear, aiming slightly downward.
- ▲ In the event that you have no bear spray, or it was ineffective and the charge is not a bluff, or the bear is exhibiting predatory behavior, you must change your approach. Signs of predatory behavior include: following, showing interest, coming into a tent, and unprovoked attacks. How you respond will depend on the species of bear attacking you. **Black bear and young grizzly attacks:** Always fight back. Jump up and down, wave your arms and yell. Try to look as large as possible. Never play dead – it makes you easier prey. Remember that black bears and small grizzlies can climb trees, so stay on the ground. **Mature grizzly attacks [particularly females with young]:** If a surprise encounter occurs or if bear spray is ineffective, drop to the ground and play dead. Lie on your stomach, clasp your hands behind your neck, and use your elbows and toes to avoid being rolled over. If the bear rolls you over, keep rolling until you land back on your stomach. Remain still and don't struggle or scream. A defensive bear will stop attacking once it feels the threat is gone. Don't move until you are sure the bear has left the area. **If the grizzly is exhibiting predatory behavior or comes into a tent at night, do all you can to escape or fight back.**
- ▲ **If an encounter occurs, contact the DNRC forest officer immediately and notify Montana FWP.**

JOB SITE PREVENTION

- ▲ Watch for bear signs. Signs include: tracks; droppings; recently overturned rocks or logs; logs torn apart; clawed, bitten or rubbed trees; bear trails; hair on tree bark; fresh diggings; and crushed vegetation. If you observe any of these signs, be aware that a bear may be frequenting the area. If camping, or stopping to eat your lunch, select a different area.
- ▲ When working or walking alone, make noise and carry bear spray. Bears don't like surprises but will move on if they hear people approaching. Make noise, especially when approaching blind corners, dense shrubs and streams, and when walking into the wind. Maintain regular communication with co-workers.
- ▲ If camping on site, leave coolers, food and beverages inside campers or secured vehicles. If cooking over an open fire, do not discard food or grease in fire pits.
- ▲ Don't leave trash, groceries or animal feed in your vehicle for extended periods. Bears can, and do, pry open car and truck doors and break windows to get at food and other items they associate with food.
- ▲ Bears are attracted to petroleum-based products. Keep all fuel and oil canisters in bear resistant containers. Bears have been known to damage hoses, oil filters and foam seats on heavy equipment. Dispose of empty containers promptly.

FOREST RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND SHORTAGE RELIEF ACT

USE OF TIMBER

(a) This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, *et seq.*).

(b) Except for determined pursuant to public hearing to be surplus, unprocessed timber designated for harvest shall not be exported from the United States nor used in direct or indirect substitution for unprocessed timber exported from private lands by Purchaser or any person as defined in the Act (16 USC 620e).

(c) Timber in the following form will be considered unprocessed:

(i) Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use;

(ii) Lumber, construction timbers, or cants intended for remanufacturing not meeting standards defined in the Act (16 USC 620e); and

(iii) Aspen or other pulpwood bolts exceeding 100 inches in length.

(d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, unprocessed timber designated for harvest shall be delivered to a domestic processing facility and shall not be mixed with logs intended for export.

(e) Prior to award, during the life of this contract, and for a period of 3 years from Termination Date, Purchaser shall furnish to State, upon request, records showing the volume and geographic origin of unprocessed timber from private lands exported or sold for export by Purchaser or affiliates.

(f) Prior to delivering unprocessed timber designated for harvest to another party, Purchaser shall require each buyer, exchange, or recipient to execute an acceptable agreement (Domestic Processing Form) that will:

(i) Identify the Federal origin of the timber.

(ii) Specify domestic processing for the timber involved.

(iii) Require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving the timber.

(iv) Require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are either legally exported or domestically processed, whichever is applicable; and

(v) Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act (16 USC 620d).

(g) No later than 10 days following the execution of any such agreement between Purchaser and another party, Purchaser shall furnish to the State a copy of each such agreement. Purchaser shall retain, for 3 years from Termination Date, the records of all sales, exchanges, or dispositions of all Timber designated for harvest.

(i) For breach of this Section, State may terminate this contract and take such other action as may be provided by statute or regulation, including the imposition of penalties. When terminated by the State under this Section, the State will not be liable for any Claim submitted by Purchaser relating to the termination.

Branding and Painting Requirements

For sawtimber products being delivered to manufacturing sites within Region 1 and 4 –

Ten (10) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

For all sawtimber products being delivered to the IFG sawmill in Lewiston, ID-

Twenty (20) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. All ponderosa pine >15 inches and all other species >30" will require double end painting and branding. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

For sawtimber products being delivered to manufacturing sites within Region 1 located in Powell, Granite, and all other counties located east of the continental divide –

Painting and Branding requirements will be waived for all sawtimber logs.

If purchasers are violating export laws or are not complying with the terms as identified above the State will require single end painting and branding of all Logs.

For sawtimber products being delivered to non-manufacturing sites within Region 1 and 4, including sort yards, reloads and collection sites –

All Sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and a single-end brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

For sawtimber products being delivered to Guy Bennett Lumber, port of Wilma, Clarkston Washington, -

At least twenty (20) logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

For logs being hauled to other Regions, the painting and branding requirements will be the following:

For sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 2 –

At least ten (10) sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. Or as identified by Region 2 given the location of where logs are being delivered.

Sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 3 and Region 5 –

All sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck, greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be single end painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

Sawtimber products being hauled to manufacturing sites within Region 6 –

At least twenty (20) logs on each loaded log truck, that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs. Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

Sawtimber products being delivered to port of Umatilla, Oregon, other ports east of the Cascades, all points west of the Cascades and any port of entry into British Columbia –

All sawtimber logs on each loaded log truck that are greater than seven (7) inches d.i.b that are eight (8) feet or more in length and one-third (1/3) or more sound will be double end painted with highway yellow paint and branded with a hammer brand identifying the timber sale from which the log was removed. The brand and paint marks must be on the same end of the logs.

Attachment E

Each paint spot must be not less than three (3) square inches in size. The hammer brand will be assigned/registered by the State selling federal timber, in coordination with the appropriate Forest and Region.

Log and Load Identification Operating Procedures.

a. If mule trains or truck/pup combinations are used, each bunked load stands on its own and these requirements will apply to each unit. If a flatbed stake trailer is used, each bundle will be treated as a separate unit.

b. Bucking of broken-ended logs on the sale area to furnish a branding surface will not be required.

c. Purchasers of Idaho timber sales will have to register their brands with the State Board of Scaling Practices at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Timber purchasers already having brands registered with the State of Idaho may use these brands on Forest Service timber sales, when approved in advance by the State Forester. The same applies to purchasers of Montana sales destined to be processed in Idaho.

d. Branding and painting of non-sawtimber logs is not required.

Sample-DOMESTIC PROCESSING OF TIMBER AGREEMENT
USE OF TIMBER

The Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) (Act) and the _____ Timber Sale on the _____ National Forest, dated: _____, between: _____ of _____ (Purchaser)

_____ and the _____.
(Address) (State)

acting through the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, expressly requires that all unprocessed timber sold or otherwise transferred thereunder shall not be exported from the United States and shall receive domestic processing within the United States. The requirement for domestic processing does not apply to Port Orford cedar and Alaska yellow cedar. Within the terms and conditions of this contract, "unprocessed timber" is defined to mean: "Trees or portions of trees or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use and intended for remanufacture (36 CFR 223.186)".

The unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands which is being transferred under this agreement is branded with the following brand: _____

As a buyer of logs, bolts, or other roundwood originating from the sale area of said timber sale, (I) (We) acknowledge the Federal origin of such timber and agree to abide by the Act and by the terms and conditions of said contract with respect to the domestic processing of unprocessed timber. (I) (We) also agree that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint will not be removed from logs until they are domestically processed. In addition, (I) (We) agree to require the execution of another "Agreement" by any party we sell, exchange, or otherwise deliver such "unprocessed timber" to, as a condition of such a sale, exchange, or delivery, the "Agreement" shall (1) specify domestic processing for unprocessed timber, and (2) require that all hammer brands and/or yellow paint must remain on logs until they are domestically processed, and (3) require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving unprocessed timber. And to submit a copy of each agreement within 10 calendar days of the transaction to the State from which the Federal timber originated.

(Name of Seller/Transferer)

(Name of Buyer/Transferee)

(Address)

(Address)

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Title)

(Title)

(Date)

(Date)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Occupancy and Use Prohibitions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited **annually from March 1 to December 1** on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Beartooth, Bozeman, Gardiner, Hebgen Lake, and Yellowstone Ranger Districts of the Custer Gallatin National Forest, shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”).

1. Possessing or storing any food for human or animal consumption, refuse, or items that may have remnants or smell like food or refuse (including personal hygiene products, beverages, unburned food or garbage residue from fire pits or stoves, or empty food or beverage containers but excluding water or water containers, hay, or hay cubes without additives), unless these items are:
 - a. Attended by a person who is awake, alert, and within 100 feet and line-of-sight of the items;
 - b. Suspended at least 10 feet off the ground and at least four feet from any supporting tree or pole;
 - c. Stored in a container or using a method listed in the most current Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear-Resistant Products list or that has been approved under the IGBC’s courtesy inspection program (non-commercial products made for personal use may be inspected and approved under that program). This includes electric fences that are installed properly and meet the design and minimum electrical output specifications on that list, and are tested for proper operation at least every 24 hours with a voltmeter; or
 - d. Stored in a closed vehicle, trailer, building, or facility constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, has no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows must be closed). Horse or livestock trailers may not have any openings greater than 10 inches in two dimensions and must have any food, refuse, or animal carcasses stored more than three feet from any opening.* **36 C.F.R. §261.58(cc)**.

***This Order hereafter refers to the methods in 1a-d collectively as “Forest Service-approved storage methods.”**

2. Possessing or storing any bird, fish, or other animal carcass or parts thereof (including livestock carcasses) that have not been prepared for human or animal consumption, unless these items are:
 - a. Being field dressed, transported, or prepared for eating;
 - b. Stored in accordance with Forest Service-approved storage methods and at least 100 yards from any known occupied camping area; or
 - c. Possessed more than ¼ mile (straight-line distance) from any known occupied camping area and more than 200 yards from any NFS Trail or Road. **36 C.F.R. §261.58(s).**
3. Camping within:
 - a. 100 yards of any known bird, fish, or other animal carcass or parts thereof (including livestock carcasses) stored in accordance with Forest Service-approved storage methods; or
 - b. ¼ mile of any known bird, fish, or other animal carcass or parts thereof (including livestock carcasses) not stored in accordance with Forest Service-approved storage methods. **36 C.F.R. §261.58(e).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Tribal employee placing baits for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety and wildlife by minimizing human-bear interactions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on March 1, 2023 at 12:00 AM, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Unless otherwise defined in this Order, the terms in this Order are defined in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 261.2. If there are terms in this Order that are not defined in the Order or in

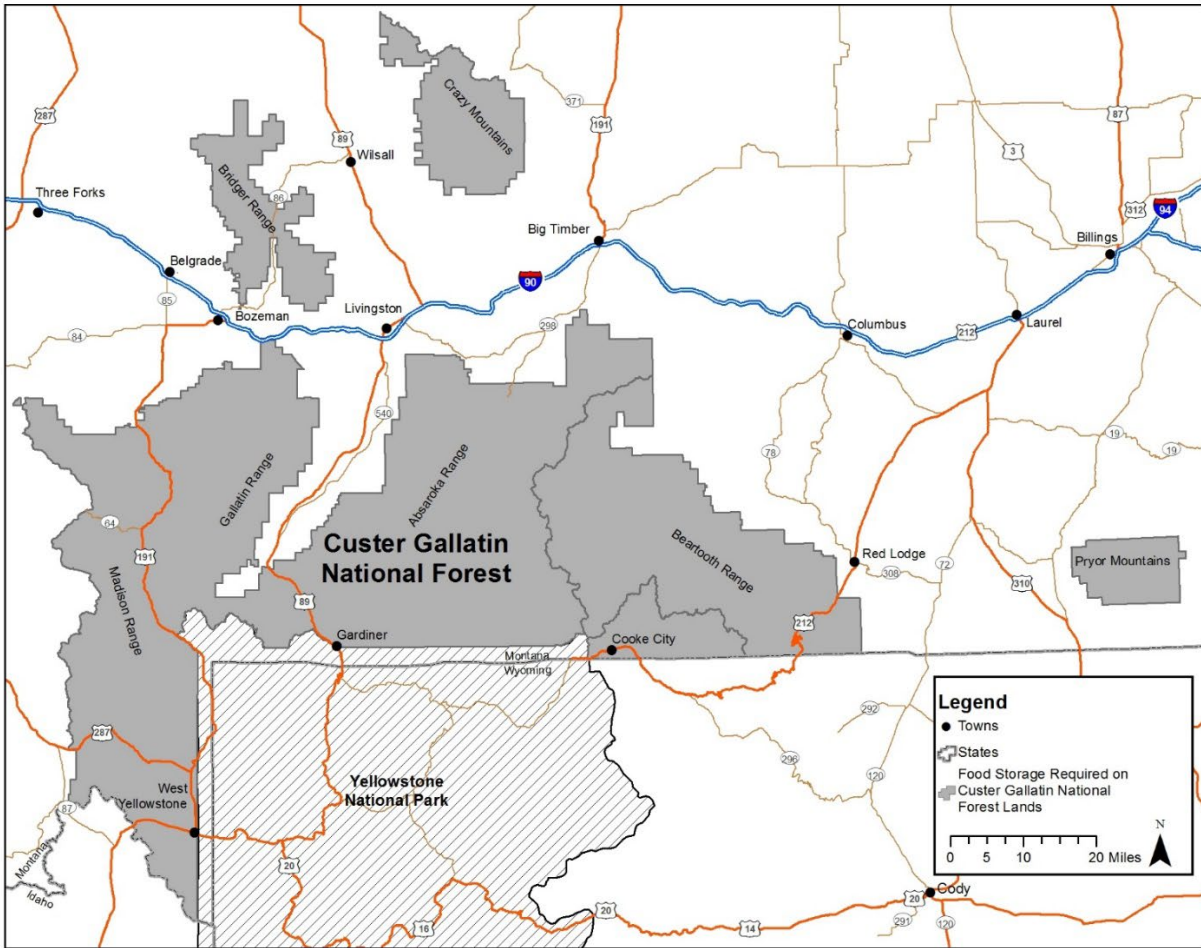
Forest Service regulations, their meaning is determined by their plain language definition.

4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559(a)(7), 3571(b)(6), (c)(6), and 3581(b)(7).
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the at the Custer Gallatin Forest Supervisor's Office in Bozeman, MT, (406) 522-2520.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Area.

Done at Bozeman, MT this 1st day of March, 2023.

Mary Erickson
Forest Supervisor
Custer Gallatin National Forest

Exhibit A
Occupancy and Use
Special Order – Food Storage and Sanitation
Area of Application



Attachment G: FEDERAL SUSTAINED YIELD UNIT. (5/26)

(a) Purchaser shall comply with all the requirements of the Tri-Forest Federal Sustained Yield Unit Management Plan, the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference. If the Management Plan is revised during the life of this contract, the contract will be modified by agreement to incorporate any changes.

(b) Timber meeting Utilization Standards stated in VII.C shall be delivered, processed and manufactured within the Manufacturing Area shown in the Management Plan. Purchaser may request a waiver for delivery of products within the Tri-Forest Federal Sustained Yield Unit only for the reasons outlined in the Management Plan.

(c) Purchaser shall maintain, and provide Quarterly Records for the periods 10/01-12/31, 01/01-03/31, 04/01-06/30, and 07/01-09/30, and an Annual Summary Report covering these periods by 10/31 to the State which indicate:

- (i) Volume of timber delivered from this contract by product and delivery destinations in Ton.
- (ii) If a manufacturer of sawtimber, provide Lumber Tally volume of manufactured sawtimber from this contract by consumer products in thousands of board feet. ^{/1/}
/1/ Lumber Tally Definition: The actual, physical measurement of board feet in the finished lumber after logs have been sawn, trimmed, and sometimes dried and surfaced.
- (iii) If a manufacturer of non-sawtimber, provide volume of manufactured non-sawtimber from this contract by consumer products in Cords, Ton, or Lineal Feet, whichever is the customary unit of measure for the product.

(d) Purchaser shall require any buyer, exchangee, or recipient of timber from this contract to execute a written agreement acceptable to the State, which shall:

- (i) Require compliance with manufacturing requirements stipulated in the Management Plan;
- (ii) State the quantity of timber volume purchased in Ton;
- (iii) Require reporting to the State not less than annually on the disposition of purchased timber from this contract manufactured within the Manufacturing Area. The report shall indicate:
 - a. Lumber Tally volume of manufactured sawtimber originating from this contract by finished consumer products in thousands of board feet.
 - b. Volume of manufactured non-sawtimber originating from this contract by finished consumer products in Cords, Ton, or Lineal Feet.
- (iv) Require the execution of such agreements between the parties to any subsequent transactions involving said timber.

Purchaser shall provide a copy of such agreements to the State within 10 days of execution. The failure of any party to execute the required agreement shall constitute breach under IV.B.

Upon request, all records dealing with origin and disposition of designated timber shall be made available to the State.

For breach of this provision, the State may suspend or terminate this contract without liability and may take such other appropriate action, including debarment or the imposition of such other penalties as may be provided by law or regulation.

TEMPORARY ROAD USE PERMIT

Palisades Livestock LLC of PO Box 2390, Red Lodge, MT 59068, herein after called Grantor, grants to the United States of America, acting through the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called Grantee, a temporary road use permit to occupy and use the following described lands in the County of Carbon, State of Montana, Principal Meridian Montana:

**Township 7 South, Range 19 East, section 13, 14, 24;
Township 7 South, Range 20 East, section 18
(existing road)**

**Township 7 South, Range 19 East, section 24
(temporary road)**

This permit authorizes Grantee to use an existing road across private lands owned by Grantor. The right-of-way for such authorized use is estimated as 2.15 miles (11,352 feet) in length, 30 feet in width, 15 feet on each side of the centerline, with additional width as necessary to protect cuts and fills, containing approximately 7.82 acres, as shown approximately on attached EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

The permit also authorizes construction of a temporary road. The right-of-way for such authorized use is estimated as 3,886 feet in length (0.74 mi), 30 feet in width, 15 feet on each side of the centerline, with additional width as necessary to protect cuts and fills, containing approximately 2.7 acres, and as shown approximately on attached EXHIBIT B attached hereto. The centerline of said road as constructed is hereby accepted by Grantor and Grantee as the true centerline of the right-of-way granted.

The purpose of this permit is to authorize administrative access to National Forest System (NFS) lands by Grantee, its personnel, contractors, representatives, or other authorized agents, for the purpose(s) of harvesting and hauling timber from NFS land and slash management related to the harvesting activities.

This permit is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. This permit is subject to all valid rights existing on this date.
2. This permit does not convey any right, title, or interest in real property, and does not provide public access to national forest land.
3. Grantee claims no interest in the premises by virtue of this permit, or through occupancy or use hereunder.
4. Grantor agrees that valid rights held by Grantee in the premises, if any, shall not be extinguished, relinquished, terminated nor diminished by virtue of this permit.
5. Grantee makes reasonable assurance that active timber sale, route use and post haul activities will be implemented within a limited operating period of two years from sale being awarded.
6. Grantee, shall fully repair all damage to roads and any existing infrastructure it, or any of its contractors, causes including but not limited to fences and pipelines, other than ordinary wear and tear, and provide routine maintenance commensurate with Grantee's use while exercising the privileges granted by this permit.
7. Any road infrastructure such as culverts can remain so long as the infrastructure was provided by the Grantor at their sole cost.

8. Grantee shall prevent unnecessary damage to Grantor's adjacent land, timber, soil, water, other resources, and improvements. Grantee shall ensure its operations on Grantor's land comply with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards regarding resource protection, fire prevention and control, slash disposal, and noxious weed prevention and control.
9. Grantee shall cut only such timber as necessary to clear the authorized right-of-way for road use and maintenance. Timber so cut shall be disposed by Grantee at the termination of the project. Grantor waives the right to compensation to any timber removed to clear the right-of-way.
10. At the conclusion of Grantee's harvesting project or termination of this permit pursuant to term 13 of this permit, whichever comes first, Grantee must scarify and seed (not closure/full rehab) the roads as depicted in EXHIBITS A and B in their entirety on the Grantor's property.
11. The Grantee will actively manage and control noxious weeds during project implementation and 2 years post sale.
12. The Grantee will provide notice of starting and ending harvest activities 7 days in advance, as well as stoppages longer than 10 days.
13. This temporary use permit does not authorize storage of equipment or camping on Grantor's property.
14. This permit shall terminate on December 31, 2031, unless earlier terminated by Grantor because of Grantee's breach of any terms or conditions herein, or upon written request by Grantee. Provided however, Grantor shall provide Grantee with written notice a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to termination for breach and shall provide Grantee with reasonable opportunity to take action to satisfactorily correct the breach. This permit may be reissued upon written request provided Grantee is not in conflict with any terms or conditions in this permit.

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**Grantee's exercise of any privileges authorized by this permit shall constitute acceptance of all terms and conditions herein.**

By:  11/4/25  
**WILLIAM MOREAN, PALISADES LIVESTOCK LLC** **Date**  
**Grantor**

**This permit is hereby accepted subject to all terms and conditions herein.**

**GRANTEE**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

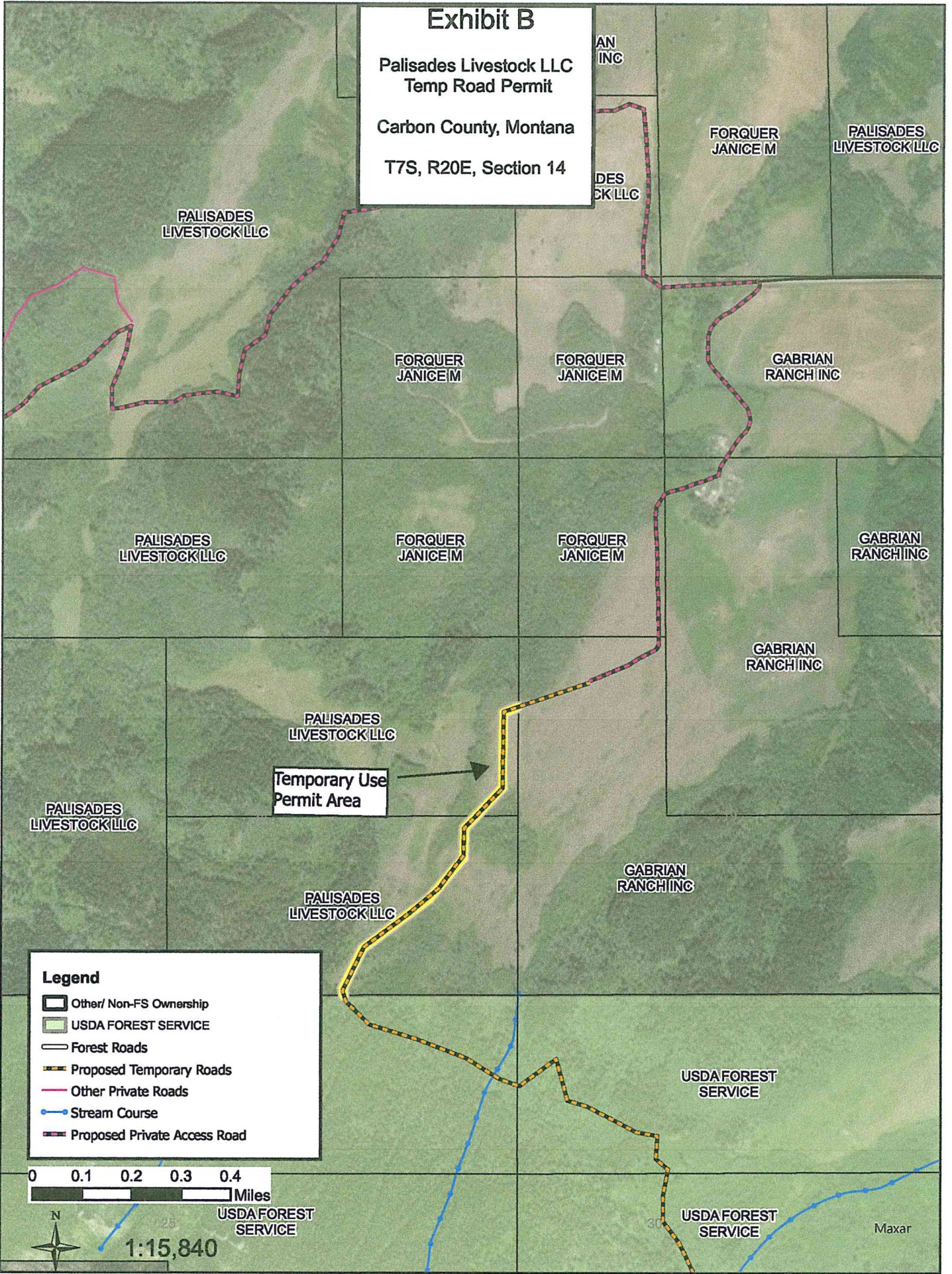
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# Exhibit B

Palisades Livestock LLC  
Temp Road Permit

Carbon County, Montana

T7S, R20E, Section 14



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Temporary Use Permit Area

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### Legend

- Other/ Non-FS Ownership
- USDA FOREST SERVICE
- Forest Roads
- Proposed Temporary Roads
- Other Private Roads
- Stream Course
- Proposed Private Access Road

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### Exhibit A

Palisades Livestock LLC  
Temp Road Permit

Carbon County, Montana

T7S, R19E, Section 13, 14, 24  
T7S, R20E, Section 18

Temporary Use  
Permit Area

#### Legend

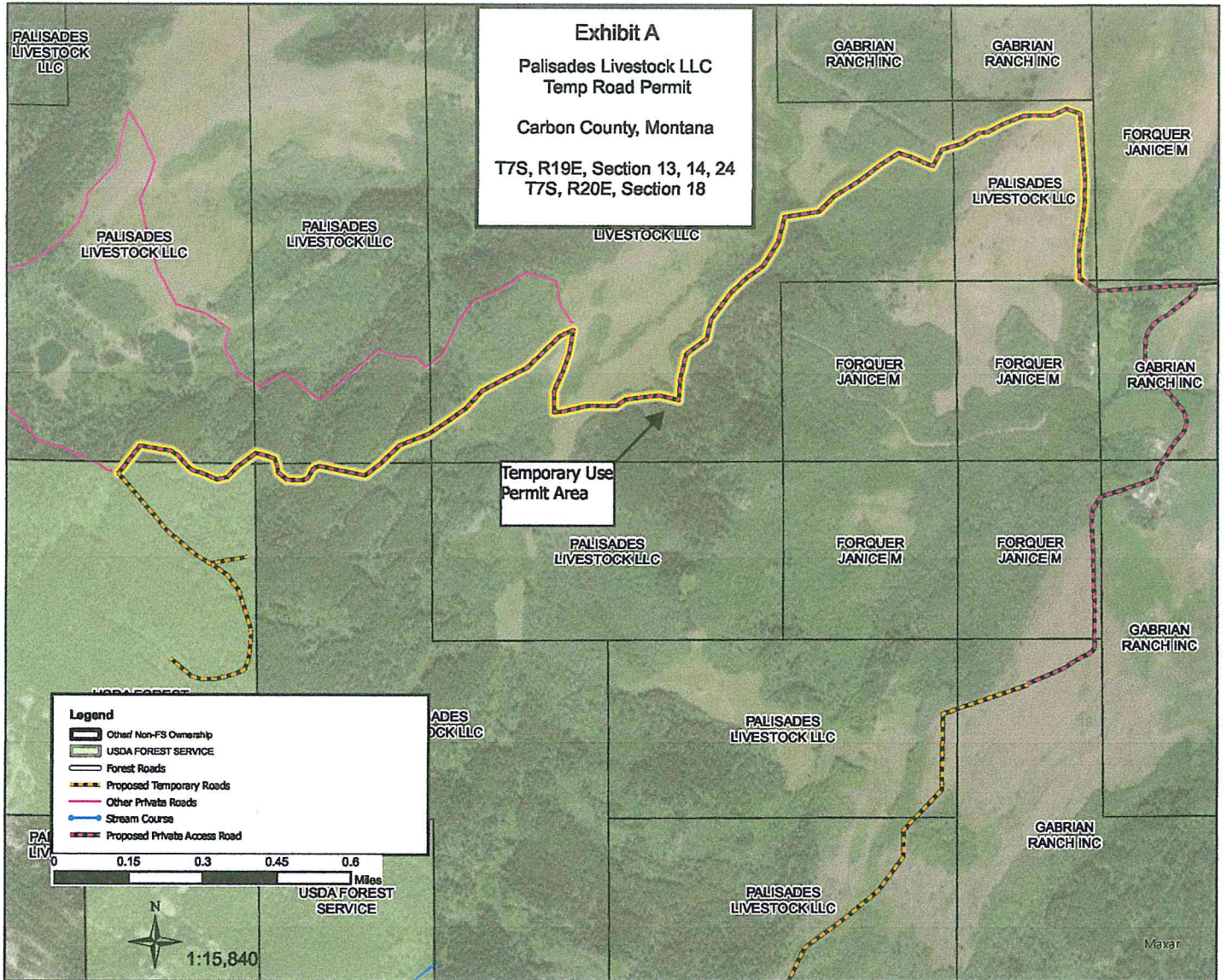
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**TEMPORARY ROAD USE PERMIT**

**Gabrian Ranch, Inc** of PO Box 1166, Red Lodge, MT 59068, herein after called **Grantor**, grants to the **United States of America**, acting through the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called **Grantee**, a temporary road use permit to occupy and use the following described lands in the County of Carbon, State of Montana, Principal Meridian Montana:

**Township 7 South, Range 20 East, section 18, 19**

This permit authorizes Grantee to **use an existing** road and **construct a new temporary** road across private lands owned by Grantor. The right-of-way for such authorized use is estimated as **2905 feet (.55 miles) in length, 30 feet in width, 15 feet on each side of the centerline**, with additional width as necessary to protect cuts and fills, **containing approximately 2 acres**, as shown approximately on attached **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto. The centerline of said road as constructed is hereby accepted by Grantor and Grantee as the true centerline of the right-of-way granted.

The permit also authorizes construction of a temporary road. The right-of-way for such authorized use is estimated as **555 feet in length (0.11 mi), 30 feet in width, 15 feet on each side of the centerline**, with additional width as necessary to protect cuts and fills, **containing approximately .38 acres**, and as shown approximately on attached **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto. The centerline of said road as constructed is hereby accepted by Grantor and Grantee as the true centerline of the right-of-way granted.

The purpose of this permit is to authorize administrative access to National Forest System (NFS) lands by Grantee, its personnel, contractors, representatives, or other authorized agents, for the purpose(s) of **harvesting and hauling timber** from NFS land and slash management related to the harvesting activities.

**This permit is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:**

1. This permit is subject to all valid rights existing on this date.
2. This permit does not convey any right, title, or interest in real property, and **does not** provide public access to national forest land.
3. Grantee claims no interest in the premises by virtue of this permit, or through occupancy or use hereunder.
4. Grantor agrees that valid rights held by Grantee in the premises, if any, shall not be extinguished, relinquished, terminated nor diminished by virtue of this permit.
5. Grantee makes reasonable assurance that active timber sale, route use and post haul activities will be implemented within a limited operating period of two years from sale being awarded.
6. Grantee, at its sole expense, shall fully repair all damage to roads and any existing infrastructure it, or any of its contractors, causes including but not limited to fences and pipelines, other than ordinary wear and tear, and provide routine maintenance commensurate with Grantee's use while exercising the privileges granted by this permit.
7. Grantee shall prevent unnecessary damage to Grantor's adjacent land, timber, soil, water, other resources, and improvements. Grantee shall ensure its operations on Grantor's land comply with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards regarding resource protection, fire prevention and control, slash disposal, and noxious weed prevention and control.
8. Grantee shall cut only such timber as necessary to clear the authorized right-of-way for road use and maintenance. Timber so cut shall, unless otherwise agreed, be cut into logs of lengths specified by Grantor, and shall be decked along the road for disposal by Grantor.

9. At the conclusion of Grantee's harvesting project or termination of this permit pursuant to Term 14 of this permit, whichever comes first, Grantee must gravel Segment A (north) and scarify and seed (not closure/full rehab) Segment B (south) in their entirety on the Grantor's property.
10. The Grantee will actively manage and control noxious weeds during project implementation and 2 years post sale.
11. The Grantee will provide notice of starting and ending hauling activities 7 days in advance, as well as stoppages longer than 10 days.
12. This temporary use permit does not authorize storage of equipment or camping on property.
13. Grantee will take down fenced gates during hauling and will replace them when hauling is completed. A temporary barrier will be constructed as needed to keep livestock on property.
14. The State agrees to pay Grantor a **one-time payment \$3500** for all timber products transported over the road; said payment will be made to Grantor after timber is awarded for sale and *after hauling occurs on permitted road*. This permit shall serve as an invoice.
15. This permit shall terminate on **December 31, 2031**, unless earlier terminated by Grantor because of Grantee's breach of any terms or conditions herein, or upon written request by Grantee. Provided however, Grantor shall provide Grantee with written notice a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to termination for breach and shall provide Grantee with reasonable opportunity to take action to satisfactorily correct the breach. This permit may be reissued upon written request provided Grantee is not in conflict with any terms or conditions in this permit.

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Grantee's exercise of any privileges authorized by this permit shall constitute acceptance of all terms and conditions herein.

GABRIAN RANCH, INC

By: *Hans Sabrian*
Grantor

4-13-26
Date

Beverly Sabrian
Grantor

4-13-2026
Date

This permit is hereby accepted subject to all terms and conditions herein.

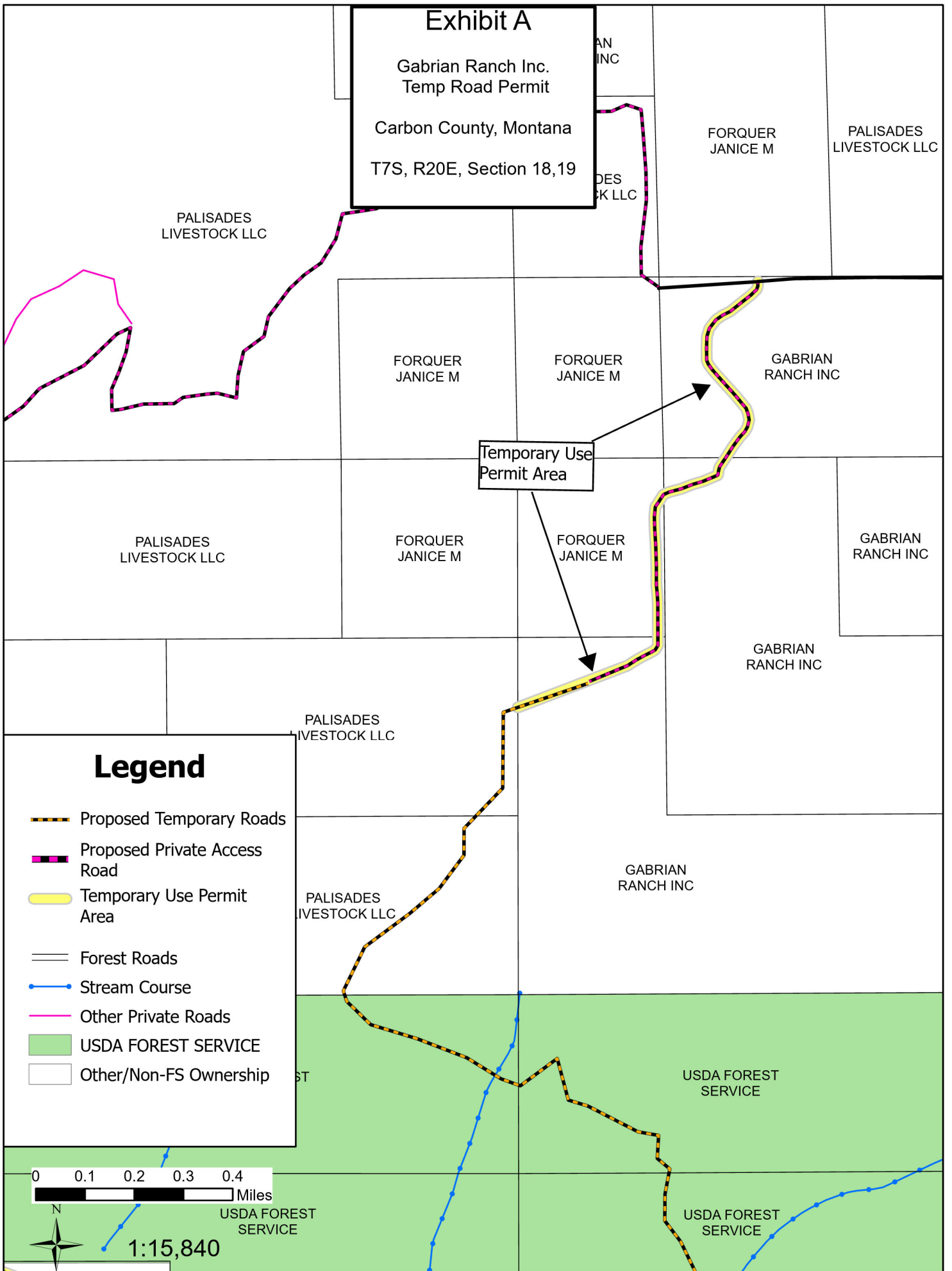
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

By: _____
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Date

Exhibit A

Gabrian Ranch Inc.
Temp Road Permit
Carbon County, Montana
T7S, R20E, Section 18,19



Legend

- Proposed Temporary Roads
- Proposed Private Access Road
- Temporary Use Permit Area
- Forest Roads
- Stream Course
- Other Private Roads
- USDA FOREST SERVICE
- Other/Non-FS Ownership

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Stream Protection Act (SPA 124) Permit

Date: 5/7/2025

Applicant Name: US Forest Service

Address: Mailing: 6811 Hwy 212, Red Lodge, MT 59068

Permit #: FS-02-26

Waterbody: Unnamed tributary to Willow Creek

Project Name: Reboot Timber Sale

Project Description:

This project is necessary to construct a temporary road that will allow the MT DNRC, through the Good Neighbor Authority program, to manage timber on the Custer Gallatin NF. Timber harvest via this temporary road will treat hazardous fuels that lie immediately adjacent to private property (Gabrian Ranch and Palisade Ranch) and near Red Lodge, MT.

This proposed road building and stream crossing would be accomplished as a part of a DNRC GNA Timber Sale contract. The successful bidder for the timber sale would be responsible for the construction of the new road and crossing. All project work will be closely supervised by the DNRC Forest Officer and will include:

1. The Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site-specific sediment and erosion control plan that meets the requirements of all attachments and permits for each culvert installation prior to any construction. Sediment and erosion control features may include any or all of the following at each site:
 - a. Filter Fabric Sediment Traps.
 - b. Sediment Control Fence.
 - c. Slash Filter Windrows.
 - d. Other measures directed by Forest Officer
2. If water is present during installation, the Forest Officer and the Purchaser shall agree upon a site-specific water diversion plan for each wet installation. Diversions may include bypass ditches, plastic lined bypass ditches, plastic or metal pipe bypasses or other methods as directed by the Forest Officer. Pumping with discharge back into the channel is not permitted.
3. Culvert installation require seeding of all disturbed areas with a native grass seed mix approved by the Forest Service the same day as installation is completed.
4. If water is present during installation, any equipment operated within the high-water level of any stream or river channel shall be free of oil and fluid leaks and shall be clean of mud. Said equipment must be inspected by the Forest Officer and approved prior to any use.
5. Filter fabric sediment traps and/or straw wattles shall be installed prior to any construction activities on culvert installation



The project will install an 18 inch x 22 feet 16 gauge corrugated steel or polyurethane pipe. Total project area is approximately 60 feet wide by 30 feet long (includes the 30 feet of road construct leading up to the pipe location on both sides).

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has reviewed the proposed project. The project is approved provided it is carried out in accordance with the information supplied in the application, all general conditions listed on page 3 of this permit, and any special conditions listed below.

Expiration: This permit is valid until 12/31/2026

Timing Restrictions: No Yes

Special Conditions:

- BMPs shall be used to eliminate the risk of sedimentation into the river.
- Culvert bottom shall be 10-20% buried with streambed material to allow for adequate sediment transport.



318 Authorization Review

I have reviewed the above project on behalf of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) pursuant to the Montana Water Quality Act Short-term Water Quality Standards for Turbidity 75-5-318 MCA:

- This project **will not** increase turbidity if completed according to the conditions listed in the 310 or 124 permit. Therefore, application to DEQ for a 318 authorization **is not** required.

- Impacts to the physical and biological environment from turbidity generated as a result of this project are uncertain. Therefore, the applicant must contact the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, (406 444-3080) to determine project specific narrative conditions required to meet short-term water quality standards and protect aquatic biota.

- Turbidity generated from this project is expected to be short-term and have only temporary and minor impacts on the physical and biological environment. Therefore, compliance with the conditions stated in the attached letter outlining **DEQ's Short Term Water Quality Standard for Turbidity Related to Construction Activity**, as well as other conditions listed in 124 permit, are appropriate for this project.

Issuing Biologist: Bryan Giordano

Signature: 

**Stream Protection Act 124 Permit General Conditions**

1. Complete work affecting a streambed or stream bank in an expeditious manner to avoid unnecessary impacts to the stream.
2. Limit the clearing of vegetation to that which is absolutely necessary for construction of the project. Take precautions to preserve existing riparian vegetation. Salvage and reuse native vegetation where possible.
3. Install and maintain erosion control measures where appropriate to protect aquatic resources. Do not clear and grub land adjacent to streams prior to installing proper erosion and sedimentation controls. Conduct all work in a manner that minimizes turbidity and other disturbances to aquatic resources.
4. Plan temporary construction facilities to:
 - a. Minimize disturbance to stream banks, stream bank vegetation, and the streambed by locating staging or storage facilities at least 50' horizontally from the highest anticipated water level during construction;
 - b. not restrict or impede fish passage in streams; and
 - c. not restrict any flow anticipated during use.
5. Provide sediment controls for drainage from topsoil stockpiles, staging areas, access roads, channel changes, and instream excavations.
6. Isolate work zones from flowing and standing waters to prevent turbid water and sediments from being discharged into streams or other drainages that flow directly into the stream. Divert flowing waters around the work zone.
7. Do not spill or dump material into streams. Store and handle petroleum products, chemicals, cement and other deleterious materials in a manner that will prevent their entering streams.
8. Do not permit wash water from cleaning concrete-related equipment or wet concrete to enter streams.
9. Do not operate mechanized equipment in any stream or flowing water unless special authorization is obtained. If special authorization is granted, the following conditions apply:
 - a. Power-wash all equipment allowed in a stream prior to entering the stream channel.
 - b. Clean and maintain all equipment so that petroleum-based products and hydraulic fluids do not leak or spill into the waterway.
10. Reclaim streambeds and stream banks as closely as possible to their pre-disturbed condition.
11. Restore disturbed stream banks to their natural or pre-disturbed configuration to match adjacent ground contours or as specified in the project plans. Stabilize, reseed, and re-vegetate disturbed areas. Install and maintain long-term biodegradable erosion-control measures to protect these areas until adequate vegetation has been established.
12. Restore temporary access routes and any temporarily disturbed areas to original conditions, including original contours and vegetation.
13. Dispose of any excess material generated from the project above the ordinary high-water mark and in an area not classified as a wetland.



**SHORT-TERM WATER QUALITY STANDARD
FOR TURBIDITY RELATED TO
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
(318 Authorization)**

Dear Applicant:

This 318 authorization is the result of your recent application for a 310 permit from your local Conservation District or a 124 permit from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. This authorization is valid for the time frame noted on your permit.

This is not your 310 or 124 permit and no construction activity should occur until you have received a valid 310 or 124 permit as well as any other permits that apply to this proposed construction activity.

This authorization is the result of an Operating Agreement between the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP).

The applicant agrees to comply with the conditions stated below, as well as other conditions listed in the 310 or 124 permit issued for this project. Signatures of the applicant and FWP are required to validate this authorization.

1. Construction activity in or near the watercourse are to be limited to the minimum area necessary, and conducted so as to minimize increases in suspended solids and turbidity that could degrade water quality and adversely affect aquatic life outside the immediate area of operation.
2. The use of machinery in the watercourse shall be avoided unless absolutely necessary.
3. All disturbed stream banks and adjacent areas created by the construction activity shall be protected with erosion control measures during construction. These areas shall be reclaimed with appropriate erosion control measures and revegetated to provide long-term erosion control.
4. Any excess material generated from this project must be disposed of above the ordinary high water mark, in an area not classified as a wetland, and in a position not to cause pollution of State waters.
5. Clearing of vegetation will be limited to that which is absolutely necessary for construction of the project.
6. This authorization does not authorize a point source surface water discharge. MPDES permit is required for said discharge.
7. Open cut creek crossings will not be allowed in flowing water. Stream water must be diverted around the open cut area (pump, flume etc.)
8. The applicant must conduct all activities in full and complete compliance with all terms and conditions of all permits required for this activity issued pursuant to the Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 permit), the Stream Protection Act (124 permit) the Federal Clean Water Act (404 Permit), any MPDES permits for dewatering or storm water control in the construction area and any valid Memorandum of Agreement and Authorization (MAA) negotiated for this activity.

The FWP representative has determined that this project is within the scope of the programmatic Environmental Assessment prepared by DEQ and FWP for the issuance of narrative turbidity standards.

Bryan Swedlow Date: 5/7/2026
FWP Representative's Signature

Applicant's Signature Date: _____

Name and location of project: FS-02-26 Reboot Timber Sale; United States Forest Service