

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Ashley Fuelbreak Timber Sale is located within sections 2, 10, 11 of T28N - R24W located on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 6,884 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Wednesday August 28 2024, at 2:00 pm**. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.**

Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$2,225.00** representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the first sale invoice for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within **30** calendar days from the date the sale is awarded, the bid deposit will be retained by the Department as liquidated damages. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prospective bidders can obtain the sale prospectus, sale contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), DNRC Kalispell Unit (406-751-2241)

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

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Ashley Fuelbreak		
For specific sale information, contact: Josh Tomlin or Pete Evans		
Phone	406-751-2267 406-751-2256	Kalispell Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: Brook Blakeley		
Phone	406-751-2248	Northwestern Land Office

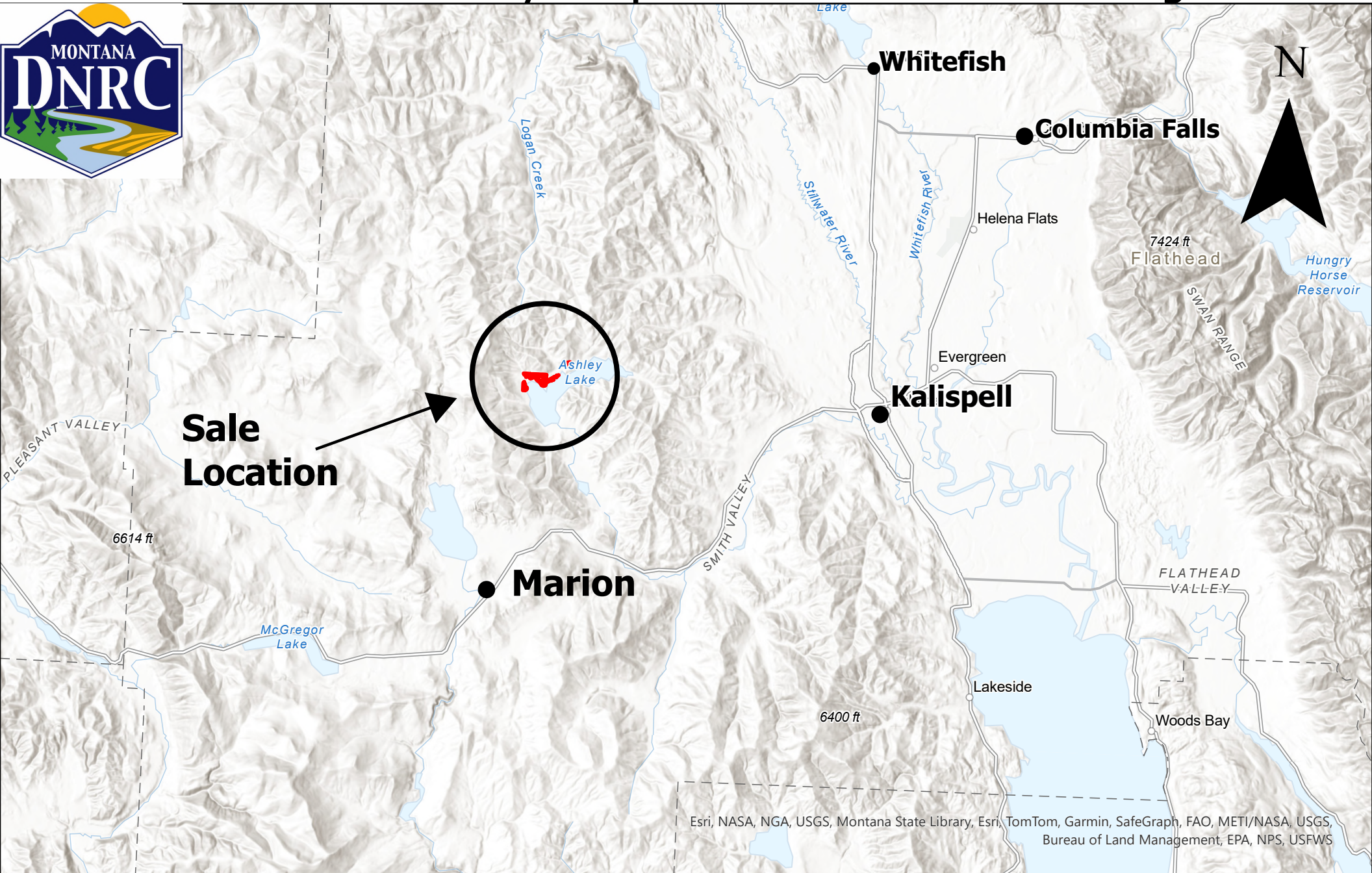
General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State within 30 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the Timber Sale Contract. See the Timber Sale Contract for additional information.
6. The purchaser must submit an **Advance Stumpage Payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance stumpage payment will cover six weeks of harvesting and be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance stumpage payment may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price are on a per ton basis. Unless otherwise specified, the price applies to all species, green and dead. Price may vary by product. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for each load hauled, regardless of product type.
8. The State has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be sold under this Contract. Other products may be part of this sale. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The State recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the Timber Sale Contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. The State strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
9. The State does not conduct detailed road appraisals. All appraised costs are gross estimates or averages, provided only to show the relative amount of work required, and not the true market value. The State strongly recommends that bidders make their own estimates based on Contract requirements. Cost estimates provided are not guaranteed.
10. Bidders are encouraged to examine the complete Timber Sale Package and Sale Area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
11. Estimates for sale volume, species percents, defect, product class, etc. provided in this prospectus and volume estimates listed in the Timber Sale Contract are not guaranteed.
12. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the Contract governs.
13. Other contractors and machinery may be working within the sale area during operations. Coordination may be needed to reduce conflicts between operations.

Additional Sale Information:

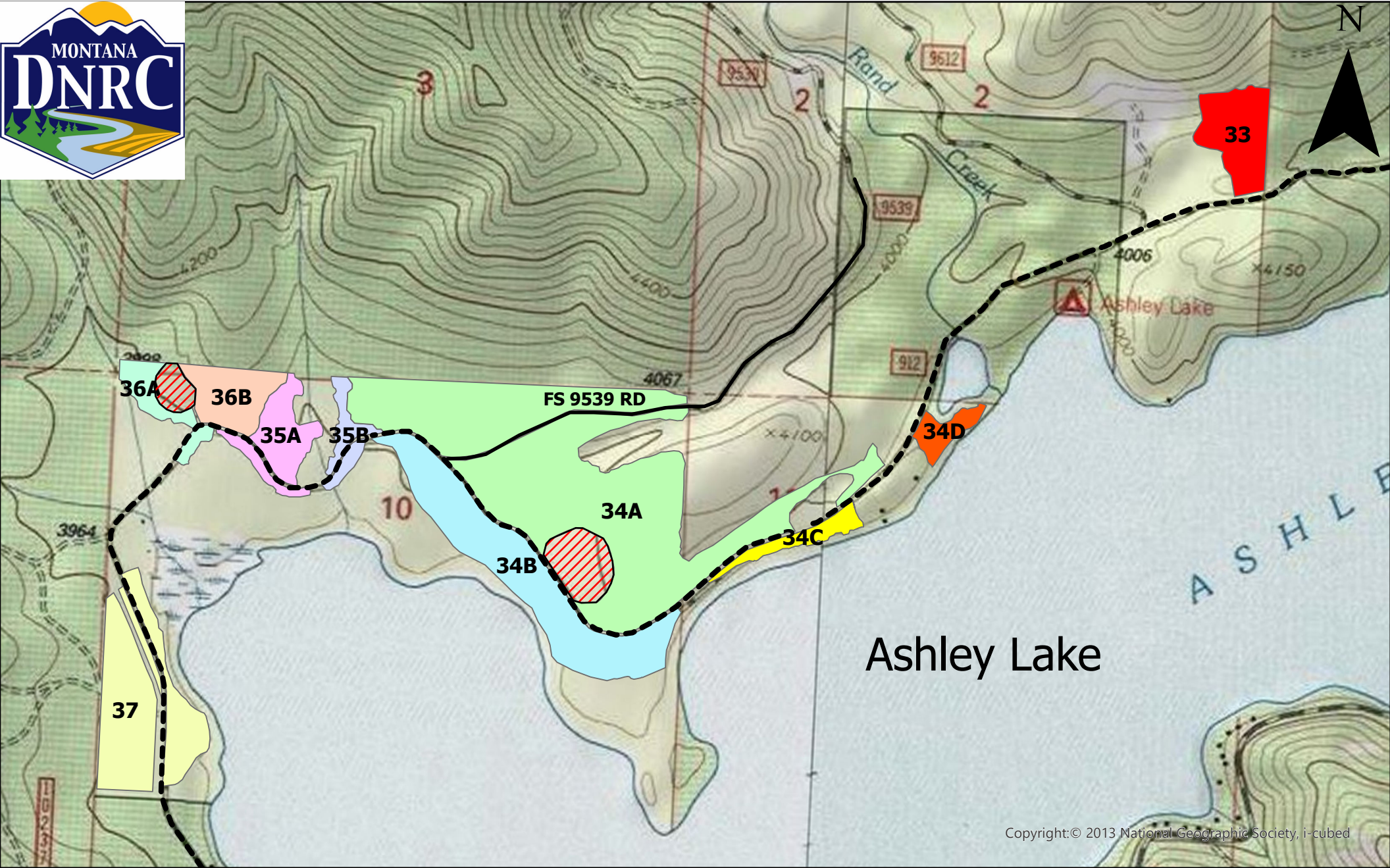
1. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. The Purchaser is required to cut and forward Other Material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2. If the purchaser elects not to haul Other Material the purchaser will be required to deck the material on a permanent National Forest System Road. If the Purchaser elects to haul Other Material products, the purchaser shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1.
4. **All Units are to be harvested using a Cut-to-Length harvesting system.**
5. **SLASHING REQUIRED:** The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material taller than 4 feet except large cull trees and snags after harvest operations are complete in units 34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 36A, and 37. This includes leaners and pushovers. Stems shall be completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side. Slashed material must be felled directionally so that it remains totally within the harvest unit. Within 100 feet of Ashley Lake individual stems and pockets of desirable regeneration species may be left with approval by the Forest Officer.
6. **Machine Piling Required:** Required in units 34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 36A and 37. In areas piling is approved by the Forest Officer, the following requirements and specifications apply:
 - a. Piling will be completed with an excavator, Class EX2 (76-100 H.P.) or smaller, equipped with bucket and thumb, clamshell, double rake head or other slash piling implement head approved by the Forest Officer.
 - b. Prior to operation, the Purchaser's Supervisor and Forest Officer will visit each harvest unit and agree on piling needs and acreage to be treated.
 - c. Operations will be conducted under dry or frozen soil conditions only. The Forest Officer may temporarily suspend operations under unfavorable operating conditions.
 - d. 8 - 15 tons/acre of woody debris 3 inches or larger in diameter will be left on site, retaining the longest and largest diameter material available
 - e. All piles will be clean, 6 feet or greater in height, and compacted with piling equipment to a sufficient degree to allow complete burning.
 - f. No piles will be constructed within 20 feet of residual trees, or underneath any portion of the crown of a residual tree. If spacing of residual trees makes this impractical, piles will be constructed in the largest openings available. Where feasible construct piles on existing forwarder trails to the extent possible.
 - g. The operator will avoid damaging residual trees and will avoid displacement of soil during piling operations.
7. **Equipment Restriction Zones (ERZ):** To protect cultural resources, no equipment is allowed within ERZ's identified by orange and black striped flagging and 3 horizontal orange paint marks. Trees marked to cut within ERZ's must be directionally felled so that trees land outside of the ERZ.

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Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$6.46
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF		59770.6	40548.4	27619.1	111335.1	2515.6		39853.3			0.0	281,642 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		1315.9	1123.6	1036.8	2431.4	39.4		1233.7			0.0	7,181 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		1641	1011	692	2680	20		841			0	6,884 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		75	83	124	330	0		124			0	736 tons
Gross MBF		256	183	117	509	10		168			0	1,243 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10.8	14.4	10.8	15.6	69.3		23.3			0.0	15.5%
Net MBF		229	157	104	430	3		129			0	1,051 MBF
Average logs per MBF		24.4	26.7	28.1	24.0	42.1		32.8			0.0	26.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.4	10.8	9.9	11.5	11.5		10.6			0.0	11.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												35 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												79
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between					928							and 1,174 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises
												11.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet												6,884 estimated tons / 1,051 Net MBF
												6.55 tons/MBF
Contract Information												
Contract Termination Date:		October 1st, 2028										
Operating Period:		Units 33,34A, 36A,36B -year round as soil conditions allow. Units 34B,34C,34D,35A,35B-August 16th to January 31st. Unit 37- August 2 to March 31st.										
Logging Information												
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut		00%										
% of volume logged with tractors		00%										
% of volume logged by skyline		00%										
% of volume logged by Cut-to-Length		100%										
Yarding distance tractor (average)												
Yarding distance skyline (average)												
Yarding distance Cut-to-Length		660 ft.										
Estimated haul distance (paved)		20.2 miles										
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)		12.4 miles										
Purchaser fees and estimated costs												
Forest Improvement fee perMBF		\$0.00/MBF										
Forest Improvement fee per ton		\$0.00/ton										
Forest Improvement fee estimated total		\$0.00										
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment		\$0.00										
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$		\$0										
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton		\$0.00/ton										
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total		\$64,400.00										
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton		\$9.36/ton										
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates												
Estimated road development cost total												\$16,568
Estimated road development cost per ton												\$2.41/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF												\$15.76/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total												\$224
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton												\$0.03/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton												\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton												\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction												0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction												0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements												0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment												0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading												0.5 miles
Unit harvest volume												
Unit #		Acres		Est Tons		Est MBF						Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 36B		9.32		363		55						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 35A		9.86		347		53						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 36A		5.51		223		34						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 34A		89.67		2969		449						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 37		26.88		1193		182						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 35B		4.44		43		7						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 34D		3.85		123		19						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 33		11.20		450		69						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 34B		31.49		1034		158						Jan 31st, 2028
Cutting Unit 34C		4.22		139		25						Jan 31st, 2028
		196 Ac.		6,884 tons		1,051 MBF						



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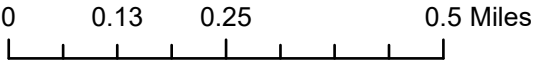


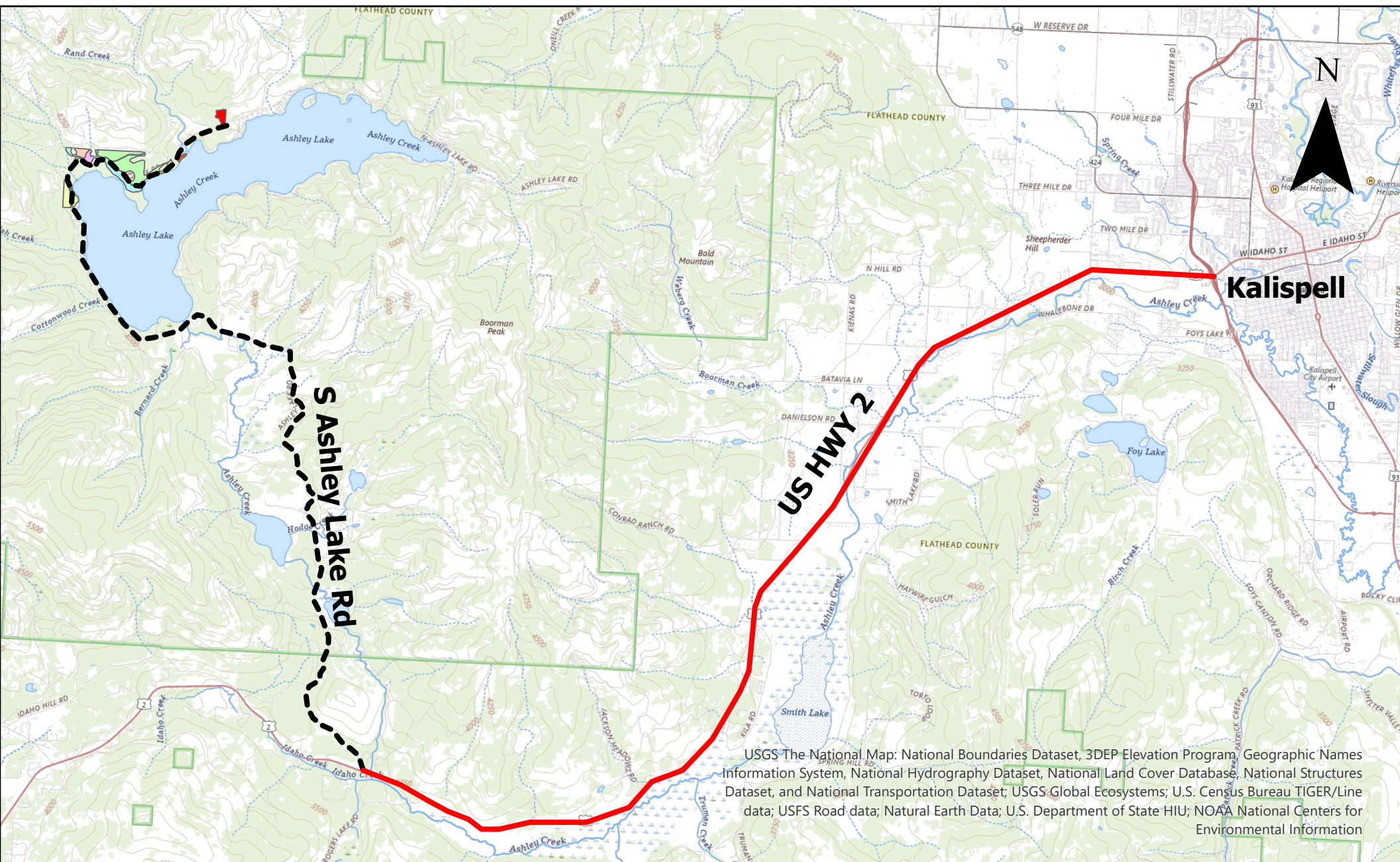


 Equipment Restriction Zone

 Ashley Lake Road

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