

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

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| Timber Sale Name: FS Blackfoot Gold GNA | | | |
| For specific sale information, contact: Andy Moffett GNA Forester | | | |
| Phone | 406-542-5873 | Email: Andy.Moffett@MT.Gov | Southwestern Land Office |
| For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: | | | |
| Phone | 406-542-4300 | Forestry Division | DNRC Missoula Office |

Covid-19 DNRC Building Procedures:

Bid openings are held at the DNRC Forestry Division office in Missoula which is operating under State, County and agency guidelines. These guidelines may affect the public access to the building. If bidders would like to hand deliver their bids, or attend the bid opening, it is strongly suggested that they contact **Neil Simpson at (406) 241-5697** at least 24 hours prior to the bid opening to avoid delays due to Covid-19 regulations.

General Bidding Information

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

Additional Sale Information:

1. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on 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. Considering this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. **This timber sale is being bid in conjunction with a the GNA BLM Blackfoot Gold Timber Sale.** Purchasers will submit one bid sheet for two separate timber sales. The two sales have separate minimum bid rates and contracts. All contract requirements such as bonds are separate. Contract requirements differ, and purchasers should familiarize themselves with all aspects of both timber sale packages. The winning bid will be determined by adding together the total bid value of the GNA BLM Blackfoot Gold and GNA FS Blackfoot Gold Timber Sales.
4. Sawlogs from tractor units will be at bid rate (\$/ton). Sawlogs from skyline units (HF2A) is at a fixed rate of \$3.00/ton. Other material from all units is at \$1.00/ton.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **Dust abatement** is required for summer hauling on Gold Creek road (#126) from MP 0.6 to MP 1.8. See Attachment B VI. ROAD MAINTENANCE G. DUST ABATEMENT, Attachment B VIII ROAD LOG AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS Gold Creek (Road#126), and Attachment A-3 Haul Map for more information.
8. **Weed spraying** before log hauling is required on approximately 5.9 miles of roads. See Attachment B for details.
9. **BORATE TREATMENT: Purchaser shall furnish and apply** borate to freshly cut ponderosa pine stumps greater than 12 inches diameter (inside bark). Either powder or liquid borate may be used. Powder borate shall be applied within 24 hours. Apply enough powder borate to lightly cover stump surface including exposed wood on all sides (approximately one (1) pound borate per 50 square feet exposed wood surface. Liquid borate shall be applied within 72 hours. Apply liquid solution to the stump by brush or spray until the surface is thoroughly wet (approximately one (1) gallon per 200 square feet of exposed wood).
10. **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.
11. **HAUL LIMIT:** Unit M3 has a haul limit of **30 loads**. Pup trailers are allowed and encouraged. Focus on hauling sawlogs first. If all sawlogs are harvested and hauled, hauling of other material will be required until the maximum allowed load limit is met. Only haul other material that meets LOG MANUFACTURING AND RECOVERY STANDARDS in table V. II. C.2
12. **OTHER MATERIAL:** The contract contains unit specific provisions requiring cutting skidding and removal of other material based on DBH. The State encourages potential bidders to familiarize themselves with timber designation and merchantability specifications in the contract.
13. **A pre-bid tour** will be held for interested bidders on Monday May 10. ATV/UTV's will be required to see the sale area. We will meet at the junction of Highway 200 and Gold Creek Road at 8:00 am and spend the entire day looking at both the USFS and BLM Blackfoot Gold Sale areas. The pre-bid tour will be the only opportunity to access the sale area from the north via the Arno and Point Roads. Entrance to the sale area after the pre-bid tour will require coordination with the Forest Officer. Contact Andy Moffett at (406) 274-7177 or andy.moffett@mt.gov for information.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

| Blackfoot Gold FS | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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 | Dead | TOTAL or AVE |
| Minimum Bid per ton | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pounds per cubic foot | 62.0 | 61.7 | 58.3 | 56.0 | | | | | | 40.0 | |
| Estimated tons of sawlogs | 2611 | 4534 | 175 | 76 | | | | | | 0 | 7,395 tons |
| Estimated tons of non-sawlog material | 304 | 284 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | 0 | 598 tons |
| Gross MBF | 352 | 596 | 26 | 12 | | | | | | 0 | 986 MBF |
| % Cull and Breakage | 6.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 5.0 | | | | | | 0.0 | 9.0% |
| Net MBF | 330 | 532 | 23 | 12 | | | | | | 0 | 897 MBF |
| Average logs per MBF | 29.2 | 33.6 | 35.8 | 22.5 | | | | | | 0.0 | 31.9 logs/MBF |
| Average DBH | 10.7 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 12.0 | | | | | | 0.0 | 10.7 in. |
| Average tons to cut per acre | | | | | | | | | | | 34 tons/ac |
| Average MBF to cut per acre | | | | | | | | | | | 4.1 MBF/ac |
| Total Average TPA Cut | | | | | | | | | | | 96 |
| Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between | 725 and 1,069 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises | | | | | | | | | | 19.2% |
| Tons Per Thousand Board Feet | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet | 7,395 estimated tons / 897 Net MBF | | | | | | | | | | 8.24 tons/MBF |

| Contract Information | |
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| Contract Termination Date: | 10/31/2024 |
| Operating Period: | Dry or Frozen Condions excluding June 1 - July 15 |

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Logging Information

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| % of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut | 00% |
| % of volume logged with tractors | 88% |
| % of volume logged by skyline | 12% |
| % of volume logged by other system (specify) | 00% |
| Yarding distance tractor (average) | 800 ft. |
| Yarding distance skyline (average) | 500 ft. |
| Yarding distance other system (specify) | 0 ft. |
| Estimated haul distance (paved) | 65.0 miles |
| Estimated haul distance (unpaved) | 5.6 miles |

Purchaser fees and estimated costs

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| 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 & other work total | \$31,300 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do slash & other work per ton | \$4.23/ton |

**Road development and maintenance
fees and estimates**

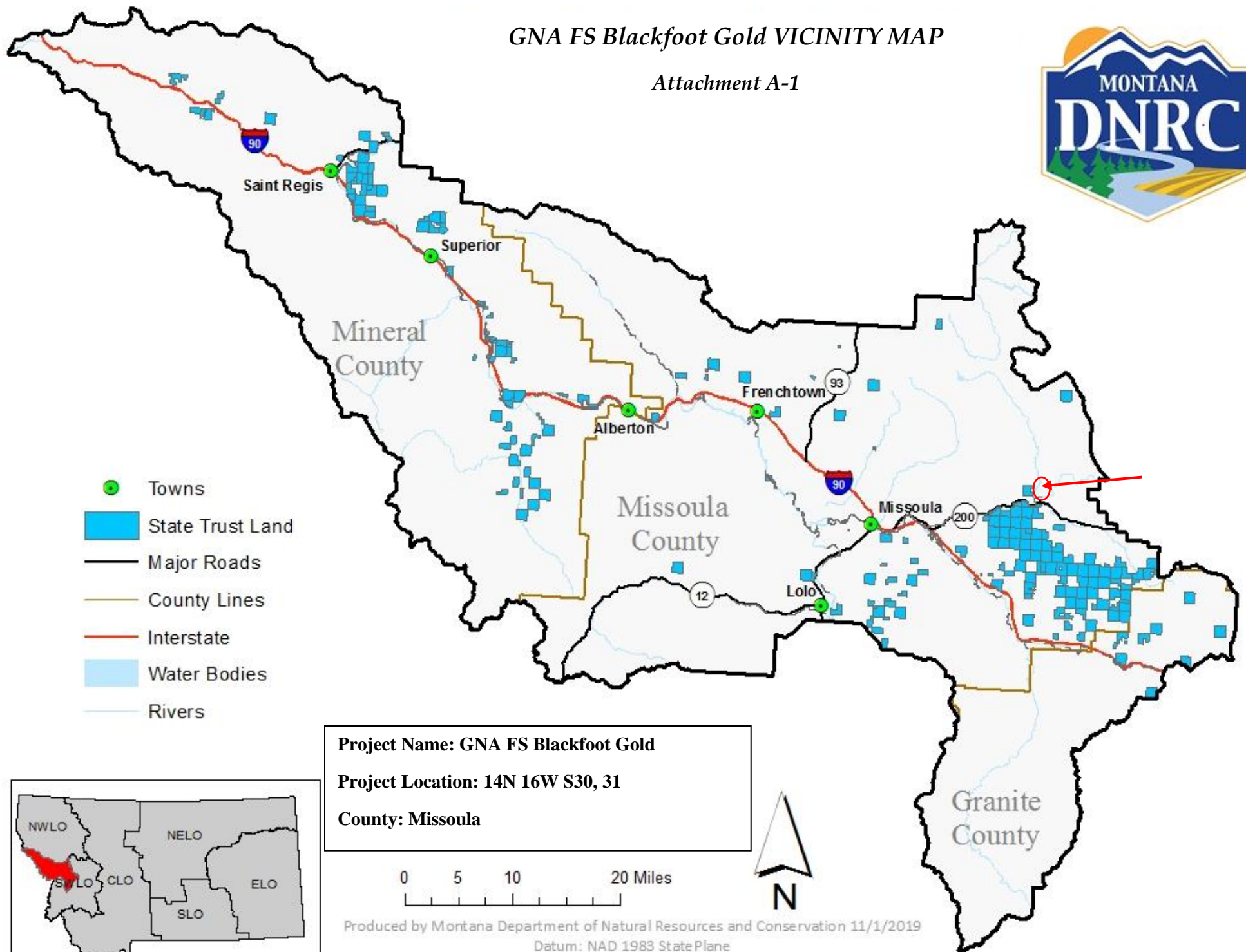
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| Estimated road development cost total | \$21,657 |
| Estimated road development cost per ton | \$2.93/ton |
| Estimated road development cost perMBF | \$24.14/MBF |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total | \$2,764 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton | \$0.37/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 | 0.3 miles |
| Miles of road with site improvements | 0.0 miles |
| Miles of road reclamation or abandonment | 0.1 miles |
| Miles of road maintenance and blading | 9.4 miles |

Unit harvest volume

| Unit # | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF | Harvest Deadline |
|--------|---------|------------|---------|------------------|
| HF2 | 133.35 | 5868 | 712 | Aug. 31, 2024 |
| HF2A | 26.60 | 505 | 61 | Aug. 31, 2024 |
| M3 | 57.03 | 1022 | 124 | Aug. 31, 2024 |
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| | 217 Ac. | 7,395 tons | 897 MBF | |

GNA FS Blackfoot Gold VICINITY MAP

Attachment A-1



Project Name: GNA FS Blackfoot Gold

Project Location: 14N 16W S30, 31

County: Missoula

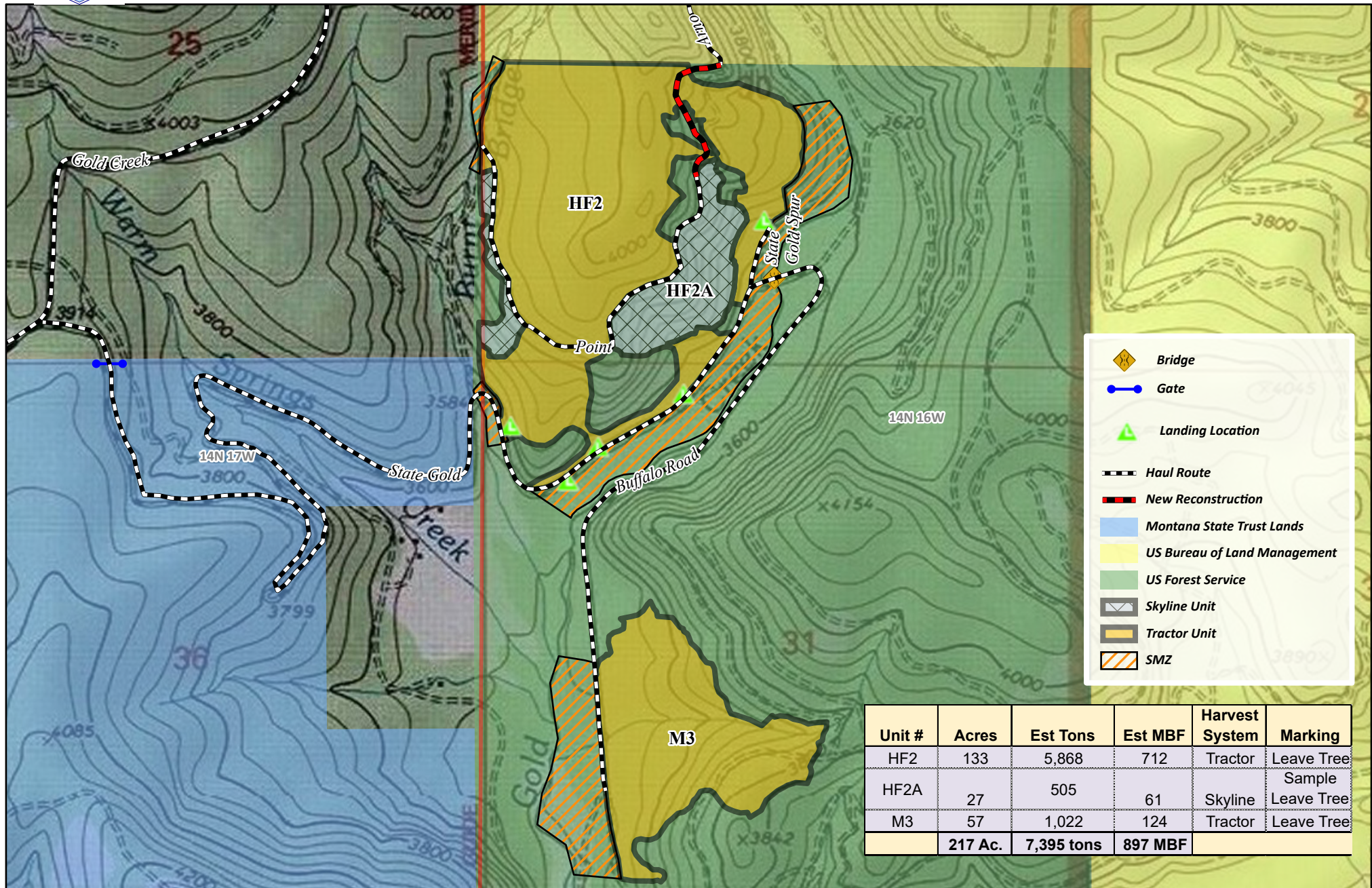
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GNA FS Blackfoot Gold Sale Map

Attachment A-2

14N 16W S30, 31

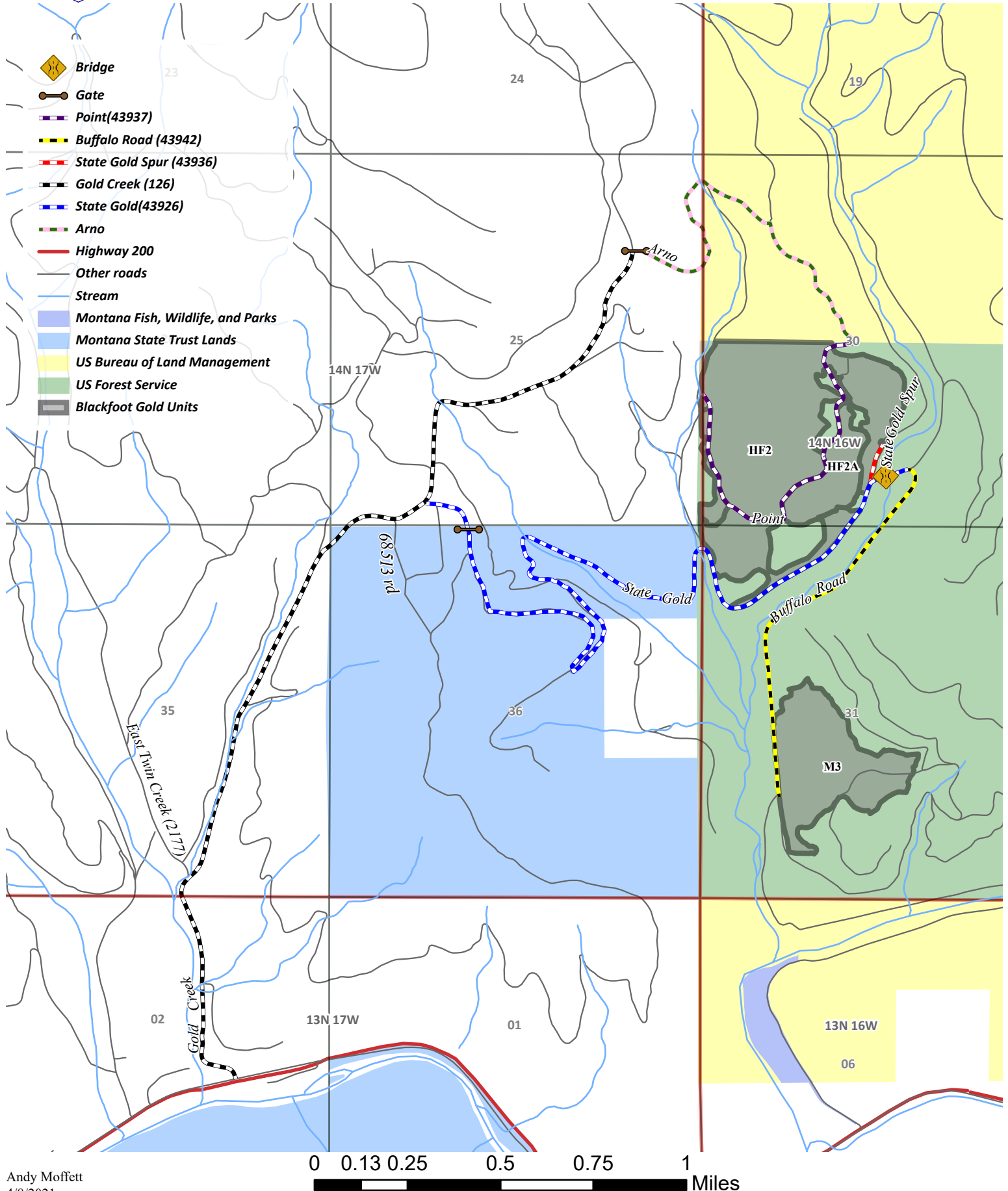




GNA FS Blackfoot Gold Haul Route

Attachment A-3

14N 16W S30, 31





GNA FS Blackfoot Gold HF2

Attachment A-4

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