

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Deep Trouble timber sale is located within sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 22 of T29N – R31W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 14,991 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 **Friday, August 15th 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 **\$8,477.00** 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).

Visit our website for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Deep Trouble			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	253-561-1200	Jordyn Yarid	Libby Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern	Land Office

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (State) bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. The State recommends that bidders contact the Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **Bid Deposit** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **Performance Bond** to the State within 30 days of notification of sale award. The bond amount will be, at a minimum, 20% of the total bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the Timber Sale Contract. See the Timber Sale Contract for additional information.
6. The purchaser must 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 Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. The Deep Trouble Timber Sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. LOG BRANDING: This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The Purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
7. **Mandatory pulp/roundwood removal is required in all harvest units.** In which, material that meets the minimum manufacturing and recovery standards for **Other Material shall be removed from the cutting unit, skidded to the landing areas and Purchaser may be required to process and deck along National Forest System Roads. HAULING OF OTHER MATERIAL IS NOT REQUIRED**, if Purchaser elects to haul Other Material, such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1 in the GNA Deep Trouble Contract.
8. All harvest units are **OPERATOR SELECT LEAVE TREES BASED UPON DESCRIPTION** as described in the GNA Deep Trouble Timber Sale Contract section VII.F UNIT DESIGNATIONS.
9. Slashing and excavator piling is required in all harvest units totaling **298 acres**. Please reference Special Operating Requirements sections VII.G.1 and VII.G.4.
10. The Deep Trouble Timber Sale will require road maintenance to be completed pre and post haul. Please refer to Attachment B. GNA Deep Trouble Timber Sale Road Log for full detail and contract specifications.
11. The Deep Trouble Timber Sale includes CONTROL FOR FELLING ALONG OPEN PUBLIC ROADS for all units.
12. Units 25 and 32 have FELLING TIMBER ADJACENT TO POWERLINES. See Attachment A.2 and contract section VII.G.6.
13. Units 32-42 on National Forest Service Road #4792 will maintain seasonal gate closure from July 1 – January 31 to restrict public motor vehicle access during nights, weekends and periods of inactivity.
14. Unit 42 has EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION AREAS. See Attachment A.5 and contract section VII.G.6.
15. Electronic GPS compatible maps and are available by contacting Jordyn Yarid, (253) 561-1200.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Deep Trouble1												
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												
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0			60.0	40.0	
Estimated CF	103847.5	272714.2	57184.3	85816.7	12159.1	25154.2	8976.6			9336.1	0.0	575,189 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	667.6	6618.8	1276.6	4884.5	257.1	1004.0	244.9			34.5	0.0	14,988 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	3129	7143	1401	2233	308	485	176			115	0	14,991 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	20	174	33	128	7	25	5			1	0	392 tons
Gross MBF	524	1145	272	328	55	105	37			42	0	2,507 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	2.8	15.0	16.4	7.3	11.1	37.9	11.0			56.9	0.0	13.1%
Net MBF	509	973	227	304	49	65	33			18	0	2,178 MBF
Average logs per MBF	14.7	26.2	22.9	34.8	24.9	34.1	26.2			33.2	0.0	24.6 logs/MBF
Average DBH	14.8	11.1	11.4	9.1	11.4	10.0	11.0			16.0	0.0	11.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	_____											50 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	_____											7.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	_____											118
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,948 and 2,408 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											10.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	14,991 estimated tons / 2,178 Net MBF											6.88 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2029
Operating Period:	Operations may occur as soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1 & 2) or as directed by the Forest Officer

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road reconstruction and maintenance cost total	\$60,858

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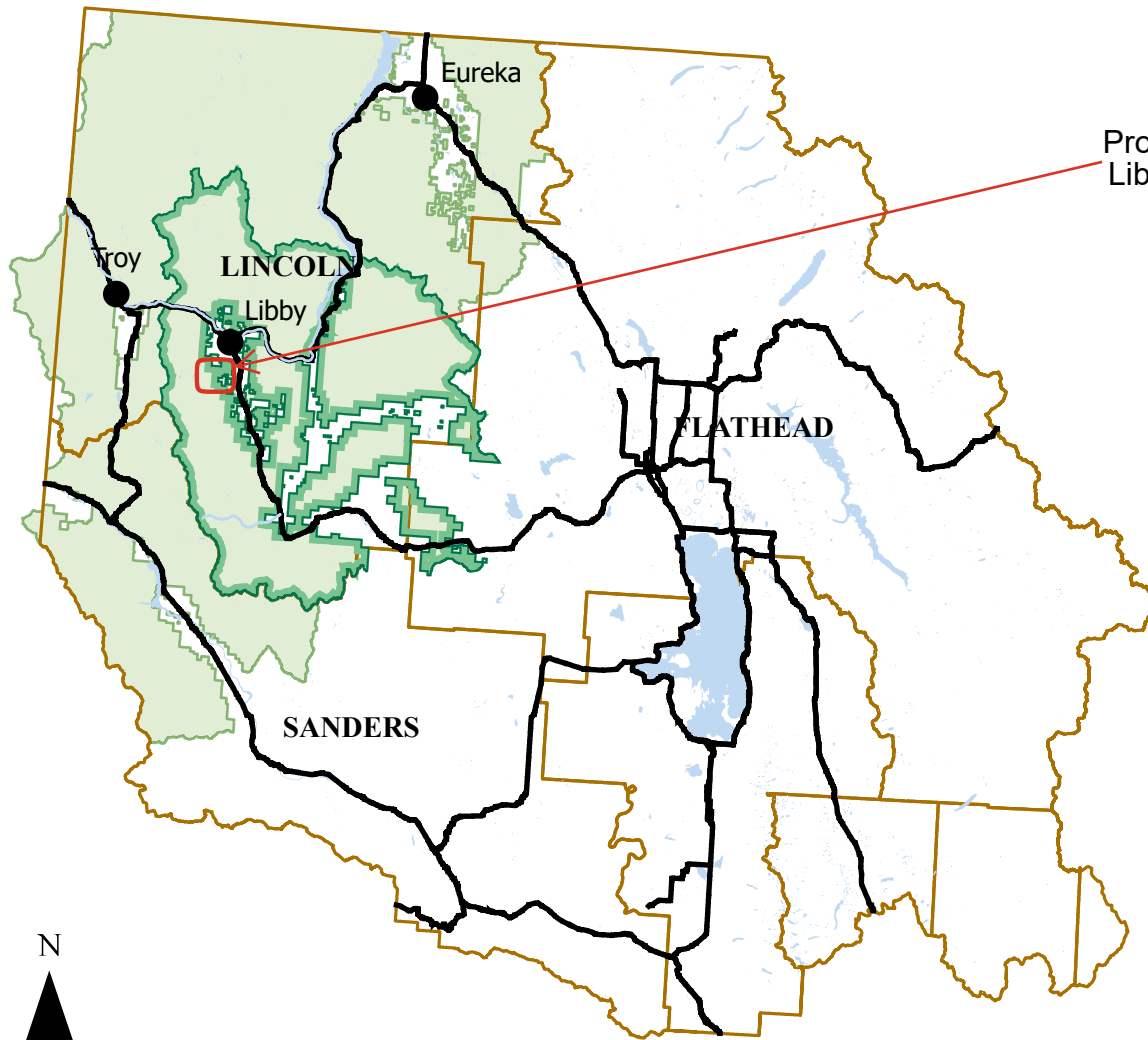
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	49.3 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.5 miles

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 environmental cost Total \$	\$5,891
Estimated Purchaser-do environmental cost Per Ton	\$0.39/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$140,727.50
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$9.39/ton

Estimated Purchaser-do road reconstruction and maintenance cost per ton	\$4.06/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	4.7 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	8.4 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
25	10.04	413	60	October 1, 2029
27	7.72	542	79	
28	24.55	1428	207	
30A	16.06	957	139	
30B	10.68	637	93	
31	10.12	680	99	
32	52.66	3114	452	
33	1.39	37	5	
34	7.83	249	36	
36	15.96	701	102	
37	4.54	145	21	
38	4.64	55	8	
39	40.72	2151	312	
40A	2.79	70	10	
40B	5.00	125	18	
42	83.17	3687	536	
	298 Ac.	14,991 tons	2,178 MBF	

Good Neighbor Authority Vicinity Map Libby District



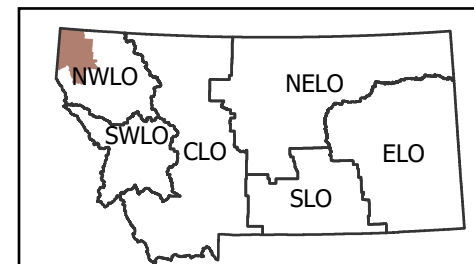
Deep Trouble Sale Area:
Project located approximately 7 miles south of Libby, MT on Forest Roads 4791 and 4792 in Lincoln County.

- Towns
- Major Roads
- Streams
- Water Bodies
- ▭ Libby Ranger District
- ▭ Kootenai National Forest
- ▭ County Lines



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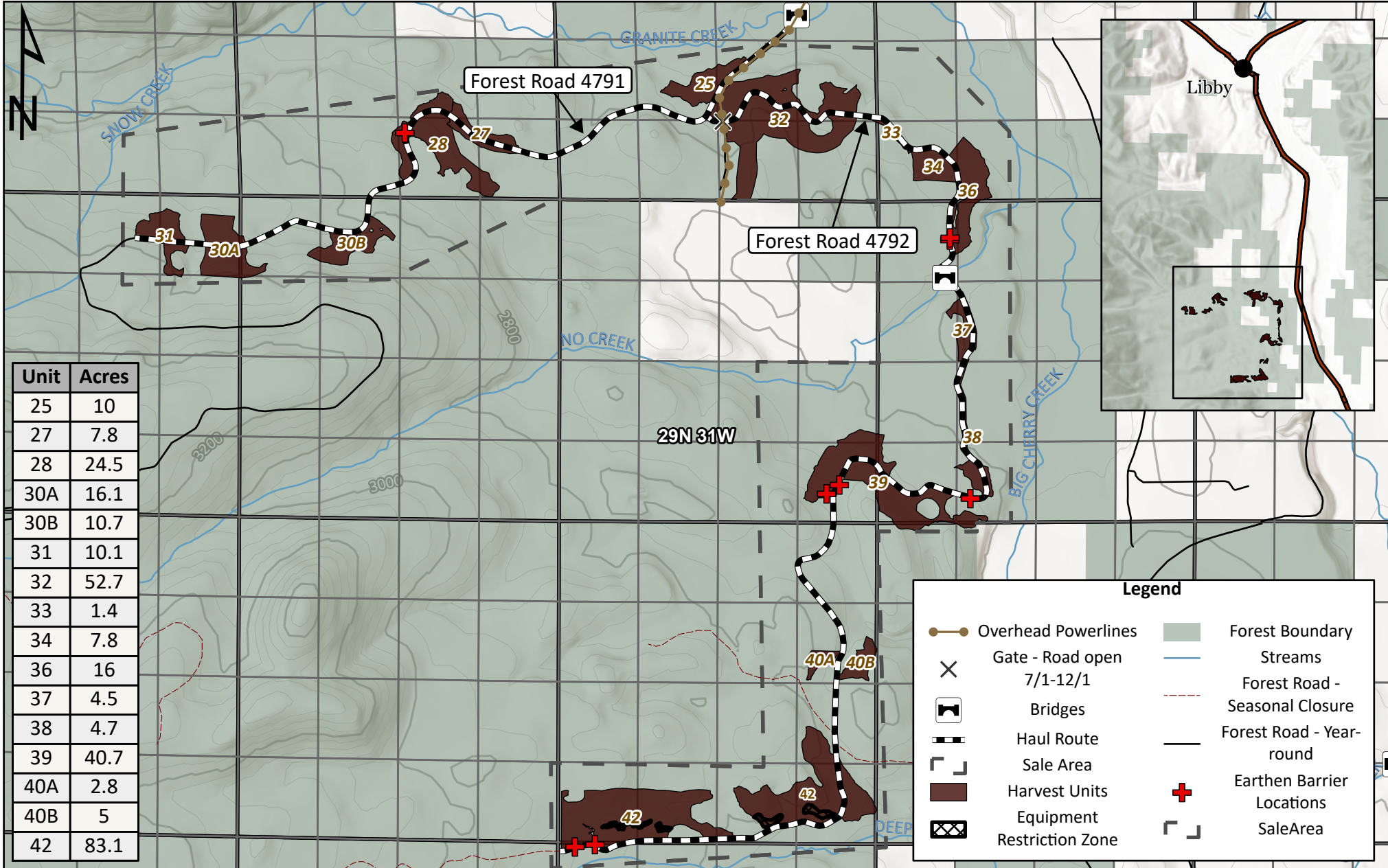
Spatial Reference: NAD 1983 StatePlane Montana





Deep Trouble Timber Sale Area

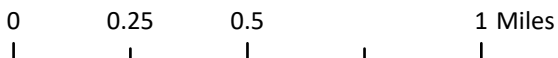
Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 22 T29N R31W
Attachment A. 2.



Unit	Acres
25	10
27	7.8
28	24.5
30A	16.1
30B	10.7
31	10.1
32	52.7
33	1.4
34	7.8
36	16
37	4.5
38	4.7
39	40.7
40A	2.8
40B	5
42	83.1

Legend

- Overhead Powerlines
- Gate - Road open 7/1-12/1
- Bridges
- Haul Route
- Sale Area
- Harvest Units
- Equipment Restriction Zone
- Forest Boundary
- Streams
- Forest Road - Seasonal Closure
- Forest Road - Year-round
- Earthen Barrier Locations
- SaleArea

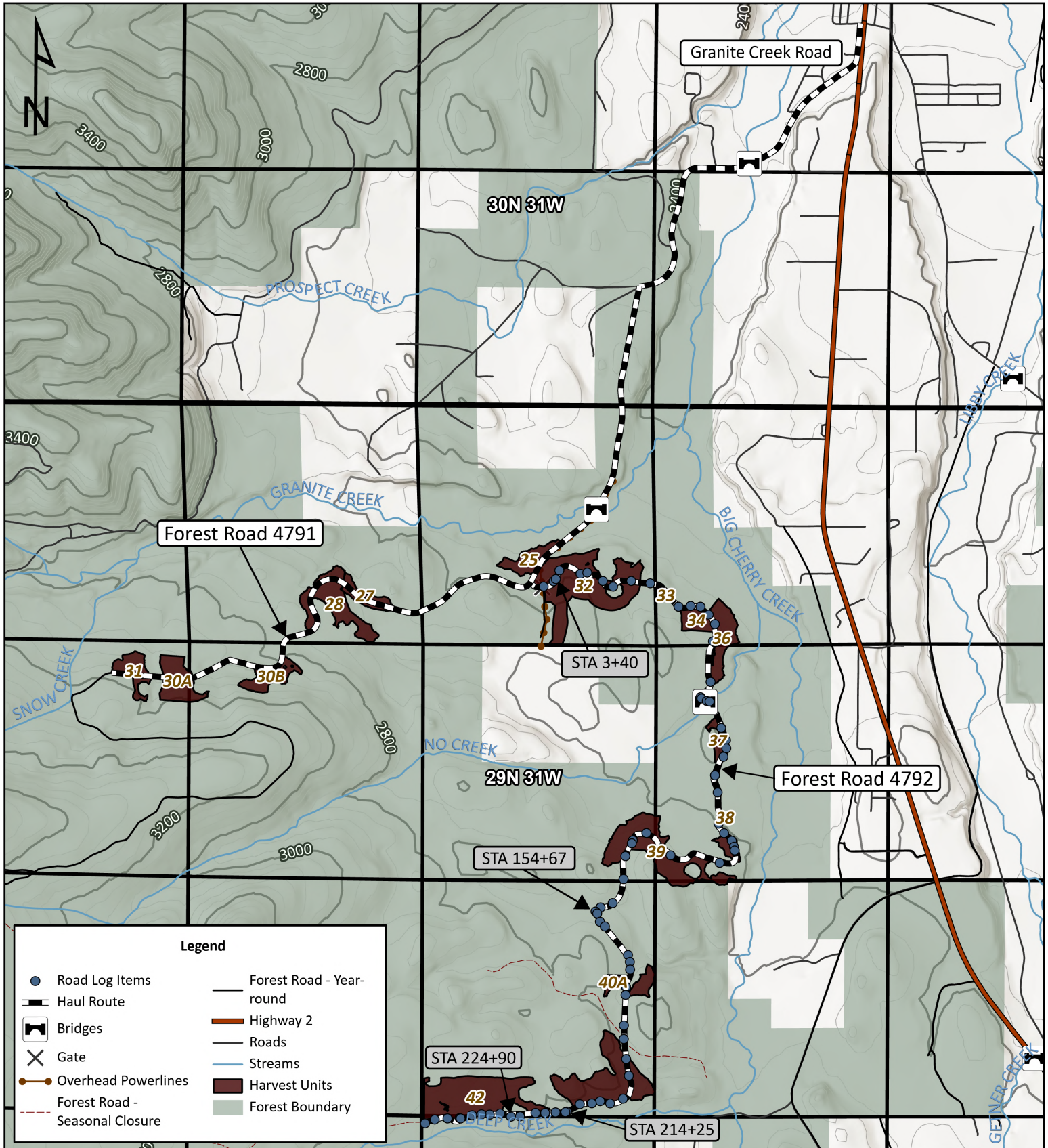




Deep Trouble Timber Sale Road Log Items

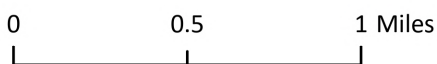


Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 22 T29N R31W
Attachment A. 3.



Legend

- Road Log Items
- Haul Route
- ▣ Bridges
- ✕ Gate
- Overhead Powerlines
- - - Forest Road - Seasonal Closure
- Forest Road - Year-round
- Highway 2
- Roads
- Streams
- Harvest Units
- Forest Boundary

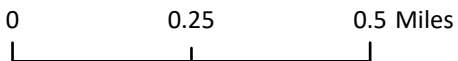
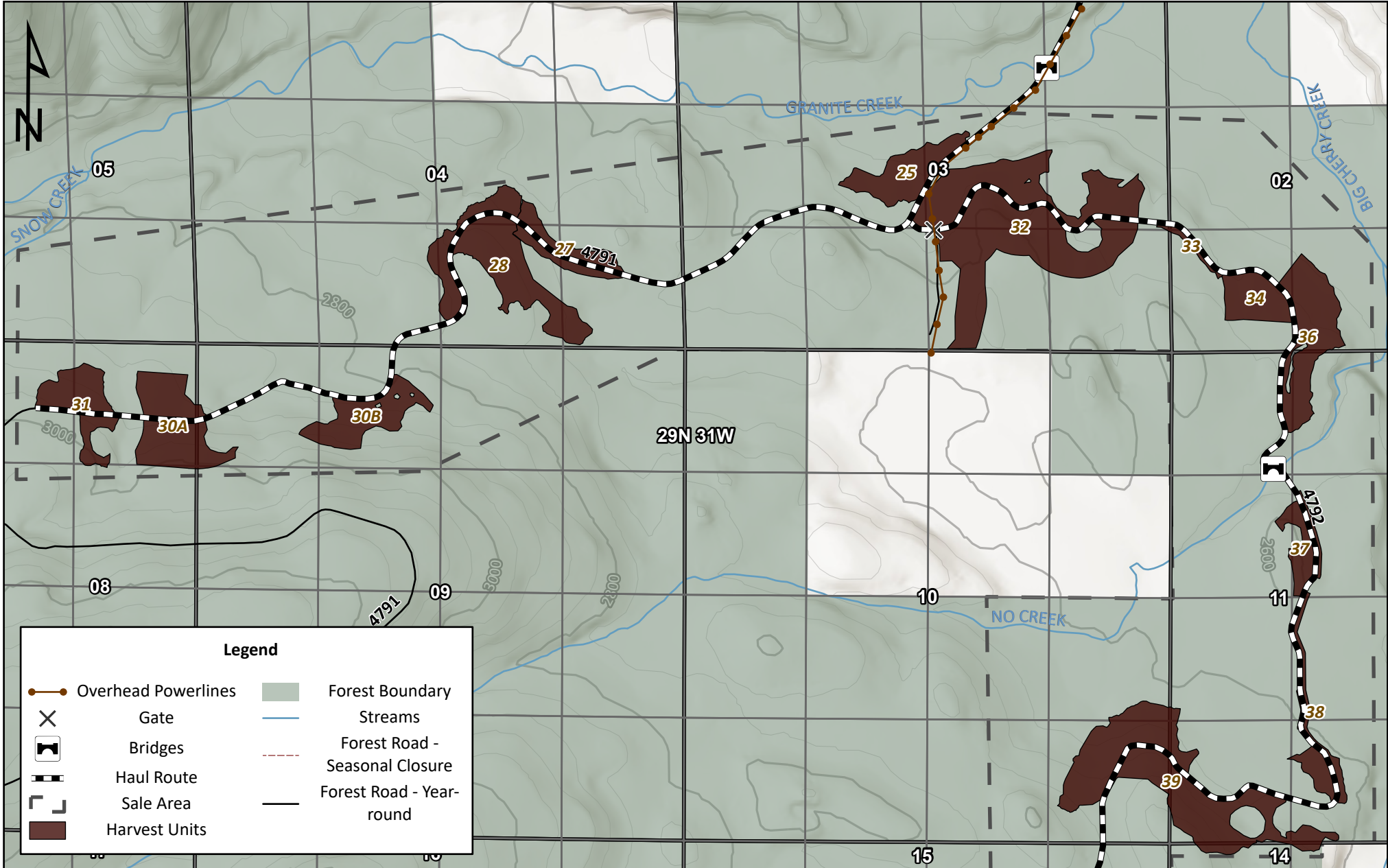


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Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 T29N R31W
Attachment A. 4.

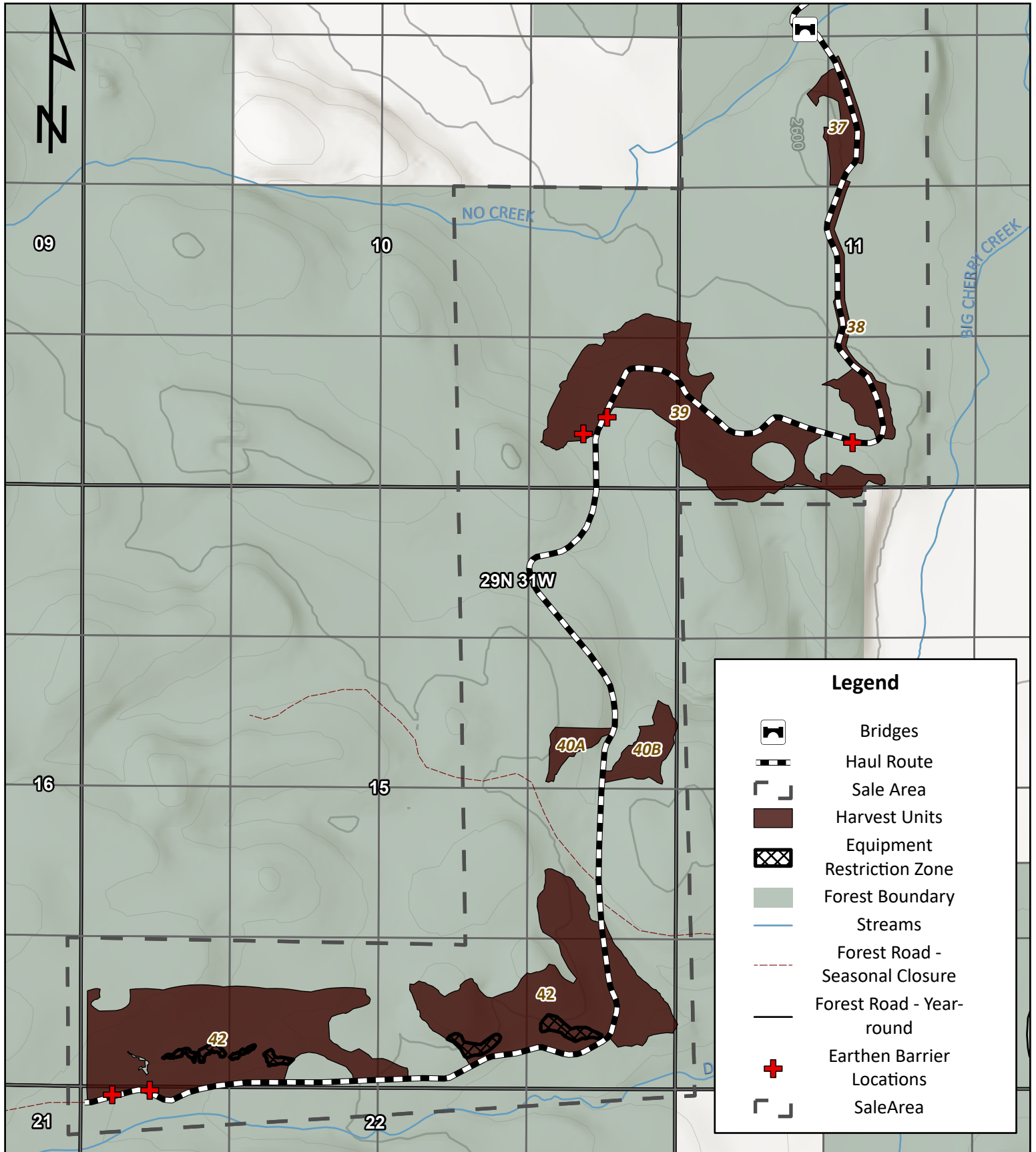




Deep Trouble Timber Sale Area

Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, and 22 T29N R31W

Attachment A. 5.



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