

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Blankenship timber sale** is located within sections 11, 12, & 13 of T31N – R20W and sections 17, & 18 of T31N – R19W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 11,229 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 **June 11, 2021 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 **\$13,214.00**, 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), Kalispell Unit, in Kalispell (406-751-2241).

Visit our website at <https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales> for upcoming sales.

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Blankenship			
For specific sale information, contact: Caleb Deitz			
Phone	406-751-2267	Kalispell Unit	
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2248	Northwestern	Land 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. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using a combination of DNRC and Forest Service Procedures and computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet.
 - Some information that is usually provided on DNRC's Timber Sale information sheets is not available, this is denoted by a strikethrough of the original text on the sheet.
 - Formulas for reaching all estimates are described on the information sheet.
 - Some rounding errors will be noticeable
4. Access to this timber sale area is provided entirely through temporary road use permits (TRUP). Purchasers should be aware that to view the sale area during bidding use of ATV's or other motorized vehicles will only be allowed by the express consent of landowners and must be coordinated by contacting Caleb Deitz at (406) 751-2267 or cdeitz@mt.gov
5. **A pre-bid tour** will be held for interested bidders on Monday May 24. We will meet at the Blankenship Fire Hall at 8:00 a.m. Purchasers should be prepared for a full day on foot. Entrance to portions of the sale area after the pre-bid tour will require coordination with the Forest Officer. Contact Caleb Deitz at (406) 751-2267 or cdeitz@mt.gov for information.

Operational Special Operating Requirements (SOPs)

1. **CTL/WINTER LOGGING REQUIRED:** Units 1 & 2 will be logged using a cut to length system or when winter logging conditions are met. Winter logging is defined by 4" frozen soils, 12" compacted snow or 18" of loose snow across most of the unit.
2. **SLASHING & PILING:** (Unit 5) Slash and/or remove conifers not meeting utilization specs (Down to 2' height). LEAVE UP TO 50 TPA OF WELL-FORMED WL, DF, AND WP SEEDLINGS/SAPLINGS. Objectives are to reduce ladder fuels and prepare the site for reforestation. Piling may be necessary to meet desired coarse woody debris (CWD) standards.
3. **SCARIFICATION:** Unit 2 requires scarification as specified: Prepare the site for natural regeneration. Mineral Soil Exposure = 20-35% well distributed across the unit. Above-ground portions of shrubs and other plants disturbed/crushed as needed to reduce competition for newly regenerated conifer seedlings.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Blankenship											
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		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0		44.0	55.0		40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		778	76	10039	282		2	29		23	11,229 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		8	2	1297	26		0	3		14	1,350 tons
Gross MBF		138	17	1574	41		5	5		19	1,799 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10.0	32.0	12.0	10.0		92.0	15.0		86.9	13.2%
Net MBF		124	12	1383	37		0	4		2	1,562 MBF
Average logs per MBF		15.8	34.9	33.7	36.2		207.5	44.7		139.5	32.6 logs/MBF
Average DBH		15.5	11.7	8.7	9.0		17.0	9.0		7.0	8.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre											38 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre											5.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut											182
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,369 and 1,755 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises								12.4%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	11,229 estimated tons / 1,562 Net MBF										7.19 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	8/1/2024
Operating Period:	July 1 2021 -March 1 2022, July 1 2022 - March 1 2023, July 1 2023 - March 1 2024 as site and soil conditions allow

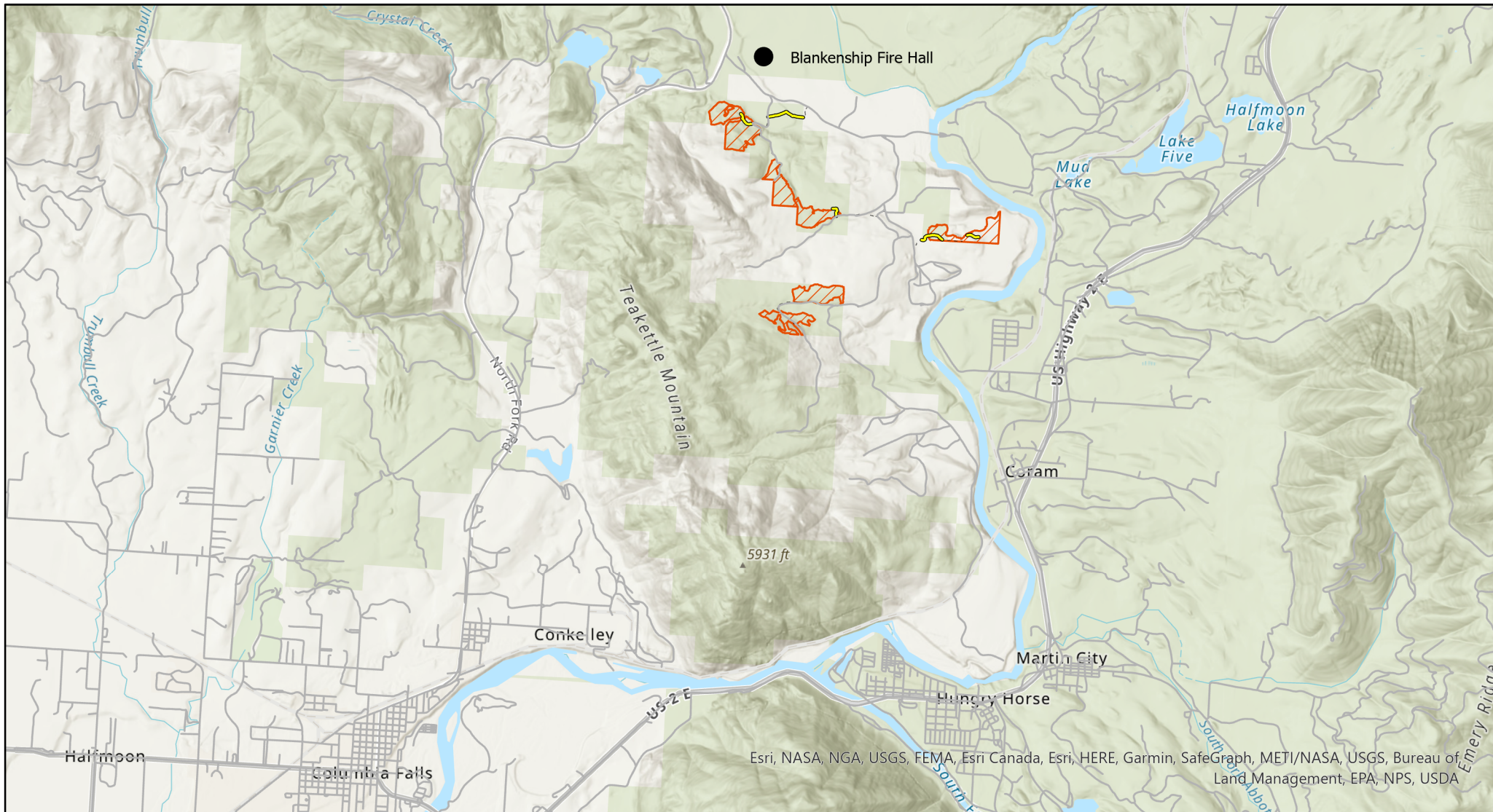
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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	86%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1400 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	22.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.4 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$32,514
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$2.90/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$14,849
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.32/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$9.51/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,988
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.27/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	1.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	1.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	4.5 miles

Unit harvest volume					
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Est Tons NonSaw	Harvest Deadline
1	29.60	934	130	13	March 31, 2024
2	50.34	2776	386	77	March 31, 2024
3	42.50	2122	295	273	March 31, 2024
4	36.28	1889	263	140	March 31, 2024
5	56.23	1281	178	847	March 31, 2024
6	45.93	758	105	0	March 31, 2024
7	33.46	1470	204	0	March 31, 2024
	294 Ac.	11,229 tons	1,562 MBF	1,350 tons	



- Public Access Roads
- Temp Road
- Haul Route
- ▨ Harvest Units

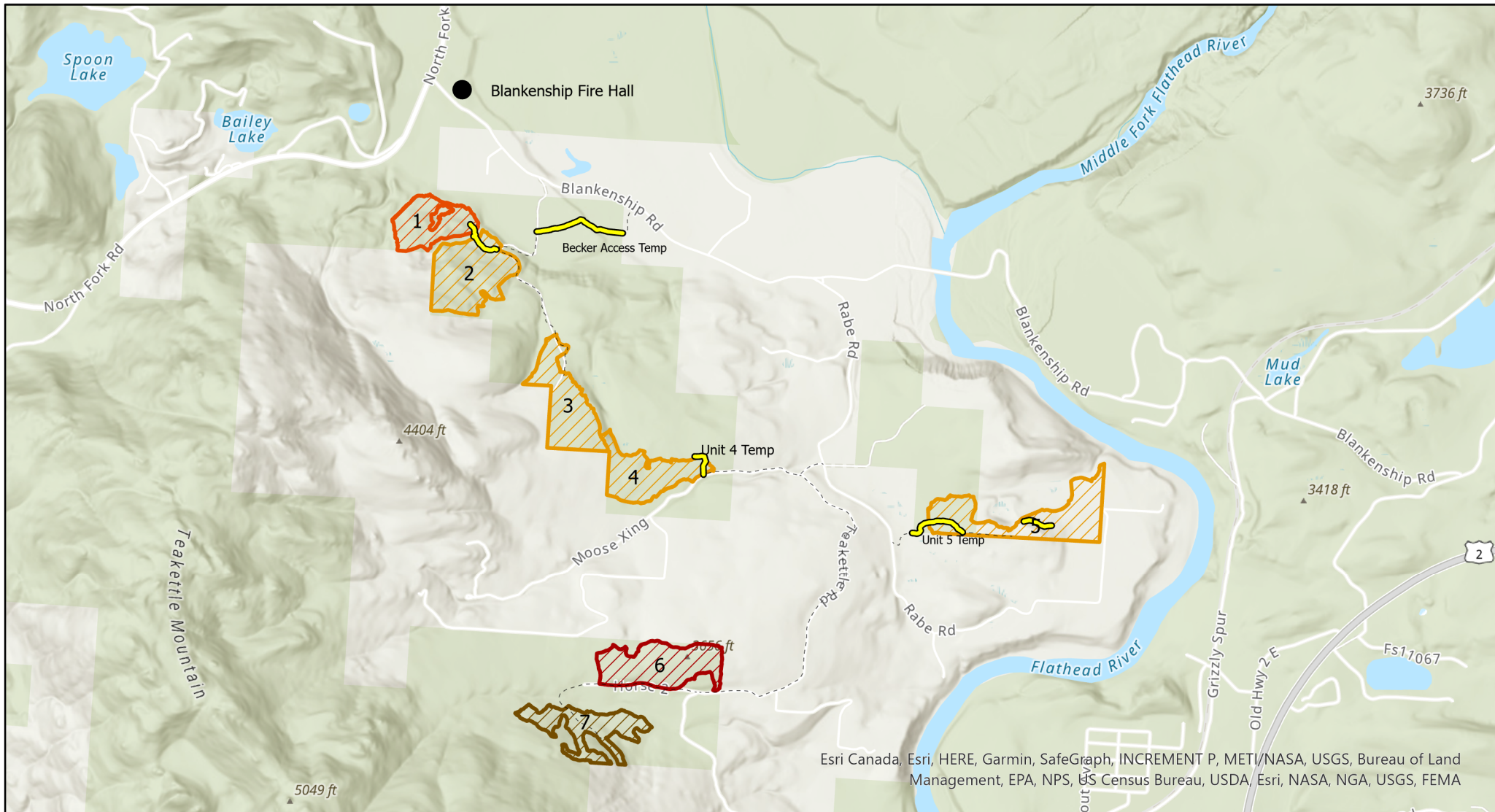
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Moose Crossing offers easiest access to units 1-4 for presale tours. Becker access, Unit 4 Temp, & Unit 5 Temp. will be heavily flagged in pink where they leave Blankenship, Moose Xing & Rabe Rd. respectively.

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Temp Road

Haul Route

HarvestRX

Commercial Thin

Seed Tree

Aspen Release

Overstory Removal

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