

## NOTICE OF SALE

### **Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The GNA Hill Meadow Timber Permit is located within section 30 of T31N – R23W located on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 2,758 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 **\$1,908.00** 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)

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**

<b>Timber Sale Name: GNA Hill Meadow</b>		
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Josh Tomlin</b>		
Phone	406-751-2256	Kalispell Unit
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact: Brook Blakeley</b>		
Phone	406-751-2248	NWLO

**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.
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**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. The Purchaser is required to cut, skid and dispose of Other Material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1.
4. Special operating requirements: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in the contract: Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.
  - 2) 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 and approved in each unit. 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. Quality WWP,PP,WL and DF regeneration may be retained
  - MACHINE FIRE LINE: Firelines shall be constructed by excavator around the perimeter of the cutting unit or at locations as shown on the Unit Map. A fuelbreak shall be cleared of all vegetative debris larger than 1 inch large end diameter and 4 feet long or longer for a minimum width of 20 feet. All vegetative material removed from the fuelbreak shall be scattered within the unit and not windrowed or otherwise concentrated adjacent to the fuelbreak. On the exterior one third of the fuelbreak a fireline will be constructed so that a continuous mineral soil line not less than 2 feet and not greater than 4 feet in width shall be cleared completely to expose mineral soil. Slash will not be buried or covered with dirt during the construction of the fireline. The total width of the fireline and fuelbreak will not exceed 30 feet. Large fuels, such as chunks of logs, will be placed in line up and down the slope during fuel break construction.
5. Access is off of FS Rd 2929, which is 4 miles up Star Meadows road from the Farm to Market road intersection. Gate combination is 2267.

GNA Hill Meadow												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All   Live   Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3		57.0			55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF		52138.0	31539.4		14972.5			6814.4			0.0	105,464 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		832.7	396.6		293.8			491.7			0.0	2,015 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		1420	802		383			153			0	2,758 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		84	15		118			111			0	328 tons
Gross MBF		236	150		67			25			0	479 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		11.8	12.9		10.3			19.3			0.0	12.3%
Net MBF		209	131		60			20			0	420 MBF
Average logs per MBF		24.3	22.9		24.5			43.2			0.0	24.8 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.9	12.5		11.5			8.7			0.0	11.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												41 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												73
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between					343 and 497 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises							18.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet					2,758 estimated tons / 420 Net MBF							6.57 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	7/15/2028	
Operating Period:	April 16th - November 30th 2025, April 16th - November 30th 2026, April 16th - November 30th 2027	

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)	600 ft
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft
Estimated haul distance (paved)	25.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 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	\$6,800.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$2.47/ton

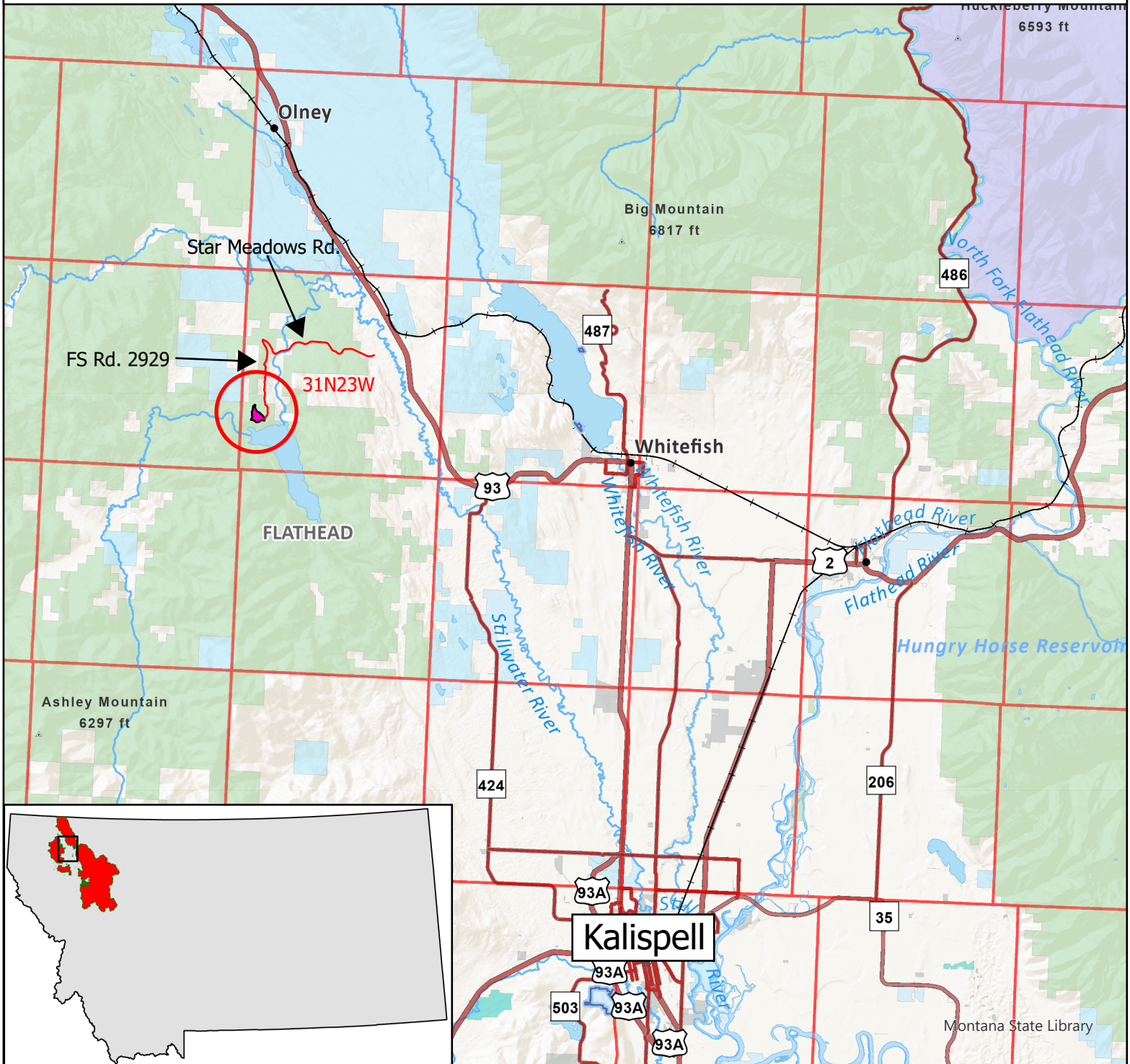
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$3,572
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.29/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	3.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	67.97	2758	420	Nov. 30th 2027





# Good Neighbor Authority Flathead National Forest GNA Hill Meadow Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map



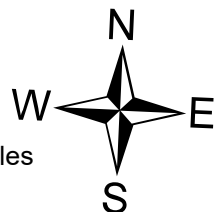
Sale Area



Water Bodies

The GNA Hill Meadow sale area is located approximately 10 miles west of Whitefish, MT off of the Star Meadows Road.

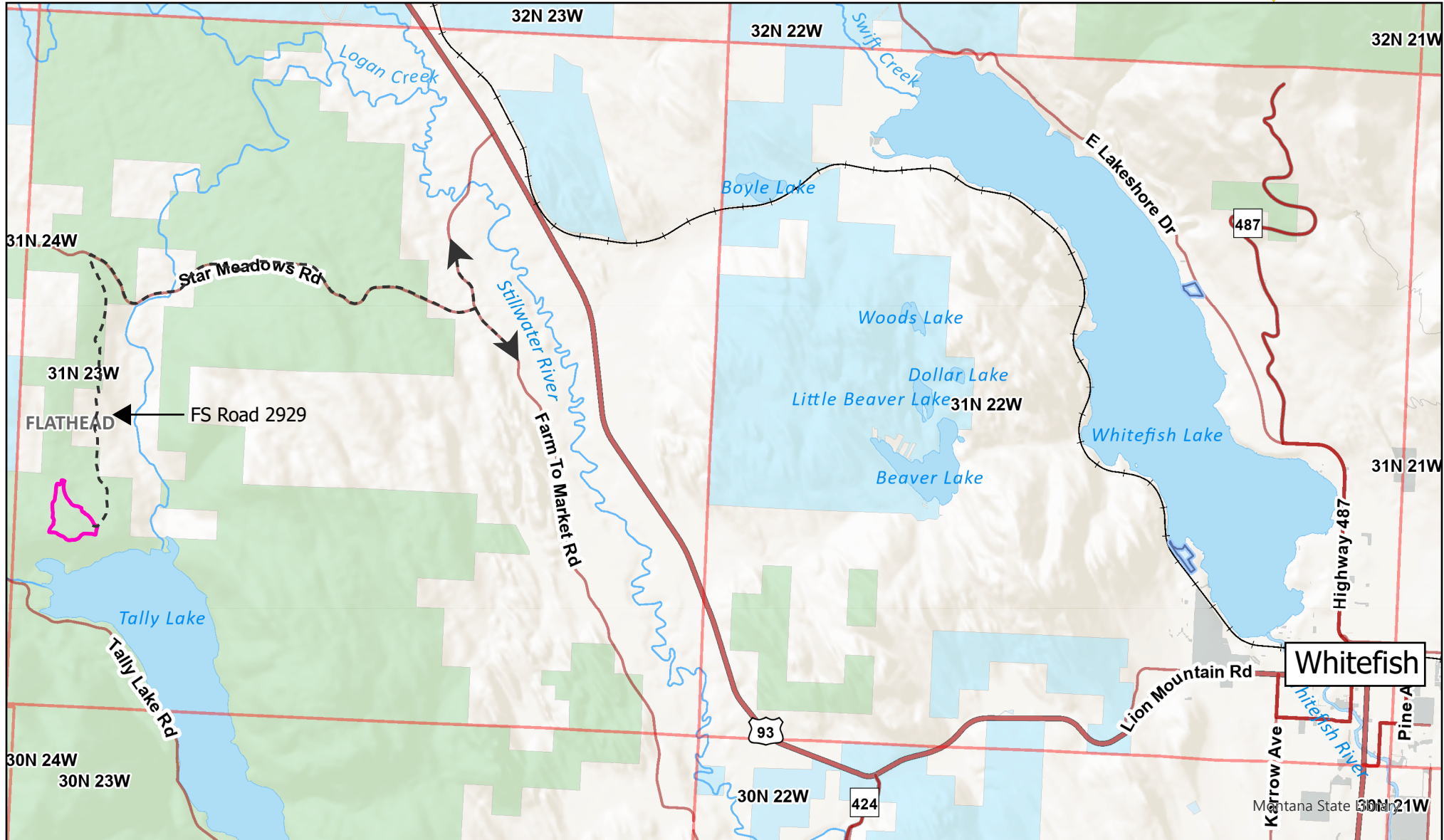
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# GNA Hill Meadow Haul Map

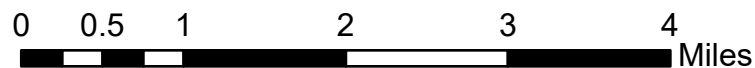
Attachment A-2



Haul Route: Travel North on the FS 2929 road. Turn right on the Star Meadows road and follow until you reach Farm To Market Road.

## Legend

- Haul Route
- Hill Meadow Unit Boundary







# GNA Hill Meadow

## Attachment A-3: Unit Map



**Legend**

- Machine Fireline
- FS Gate
- Haul Route
- Hill Meadow Unit 1
- PLSS Township

