

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

The GNA Westside Bypass timber sale is located within sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33 of T17N – R15W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 34,617 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 18, 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 **\$43,842.00**, 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 at for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales>

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

<b>Timber Sale Name: GNA Westside Bypass</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-244-2382	Brad French	Clearwater Unit Service Forester
	406-360-2055	Nate Arno	Southwestern Land Office GNA
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Forest Mgmt. Bureau
Phone	406-542-5877	Southwestern 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. The DNRC has estimated the volume of Sawlogs and Other Material including small diameter material suitable for post and rail manufacturing. Post and rail volumes are for information only and is included in the total for Other Material.
13. 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 GNA Westside Bypass timber sale is part of the Westside Bypass Wildfire Resiliency Project. The purpose of this project is to reduce hazardous fuel loadings and therefore reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to surrounding private ownerships and the community of Seeley lake.
4. This project is located in a heavily used winter recreation area. See Section VII.N. Hauling Restrictions and Section VII.O. Logging Operations and Safety.
5. The sale area contains numerous low-lying landforms such as potholes that hold moisture and contain wet/boggy soils in all units. For this reason, special harvesting equipment and seasons of operation are required for different units.
6. Units 3,4,5,6,8,9,10,25 and 26 are **mandatory cut-to-length** (in-woods processor, forwarder) and summer (dry) operating season beginning after July 15. Equipment is required to travel on a slash mat to protect the soil. See contract for summer (dry) and special operating requirements (SOPs).
7. Units 7,11,12,18,19,19A,21,21A, and 24 mandatory cut-to-length (in-woods processor, forwarder) and winter operating conditions not to exceed April 1 in any given year. See contract for winter operations specifications.
8. Units 13,14,15,16,17, and 23 are mandatory winter operating requirements and can be harvested with either cut-to-length or whole tree harvest systems.
9. All Units require the recovery and salvage of dead and down material. See contract for specifications.
10. Unit 15 is accessed by a temporary road on an old road prism requiring harvesting and clearing of downfall and trees along the road edge. There is a temporary culvert installation requiring a 124 permit approximately 1.5 miles down this road. Road clearing may only occur under dry/summer conditions ideally during harvest of Unit 4. The 124 permit application is in process and will be in place prior to installation of the temporary culvert. See Road Log and Site Descriptions for more information.
11. The Deer Creek Bridge located on the Westside Bypass Road is scheduled to be replaced during the summer of 2022 or 2023 and may cause delays for harvest operations in Unit 9.
12. This contract has a 5-year contract period. Intermediate blading of the Fawn Creek and Westside Bypass roads is required for every year the contract is in force. Purchaser will need to locate and mark utility lines prior to any road work along Fawn Creek Road.
13. There will be an optional pre-bid tour of the sale area for prospective bidders on Monday August 2. We will meet at the Snowmobile parking lot off of Fawn Creek Road (Mile marker 1.2) at 8:30 am. Please RSVP to Nate at 406-360-2055 or [nathan.arno@mt.gov](mailto:nathan.arno@mt.gov).

**Timber Sale Information Sheet**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

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Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All   All   Cut)													
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	AF	Dead		Post and Rail			Pulp	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton													\$25.33
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	55.0	40.0						
Estimated tons of sawlogs		5233	1623	21261	2673	1312	2515						34,617 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material									3036			10785	13,821 tons
Gross MBF		833	240	3114	420	271	844						5,721 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		11.0	14.0	9.0	12.0	25.0	30.7		8.1			25.3	102 MBF
Net MBF		743	207	2822	368	202	585						4,927 MBF
Average logs per MBF		23.0	37.2	36.4	32.2	30.0	25.2						32.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH		10.8	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.6	13.0		6.4			8.3	9.9 in.
Average tons to cut per acre													22 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre													3.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut													79
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised sawlog volume will fall between	4,389 and 5,465 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises												10.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet													
tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	34,617 estimated tons / 4,927 Net MBF												7.03 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	11/15/2026	
Operating Period:	Varies based on unit. Please see contract	



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Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$35,716
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.03/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$7.25/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$46,468
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.34/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	0.0 miles

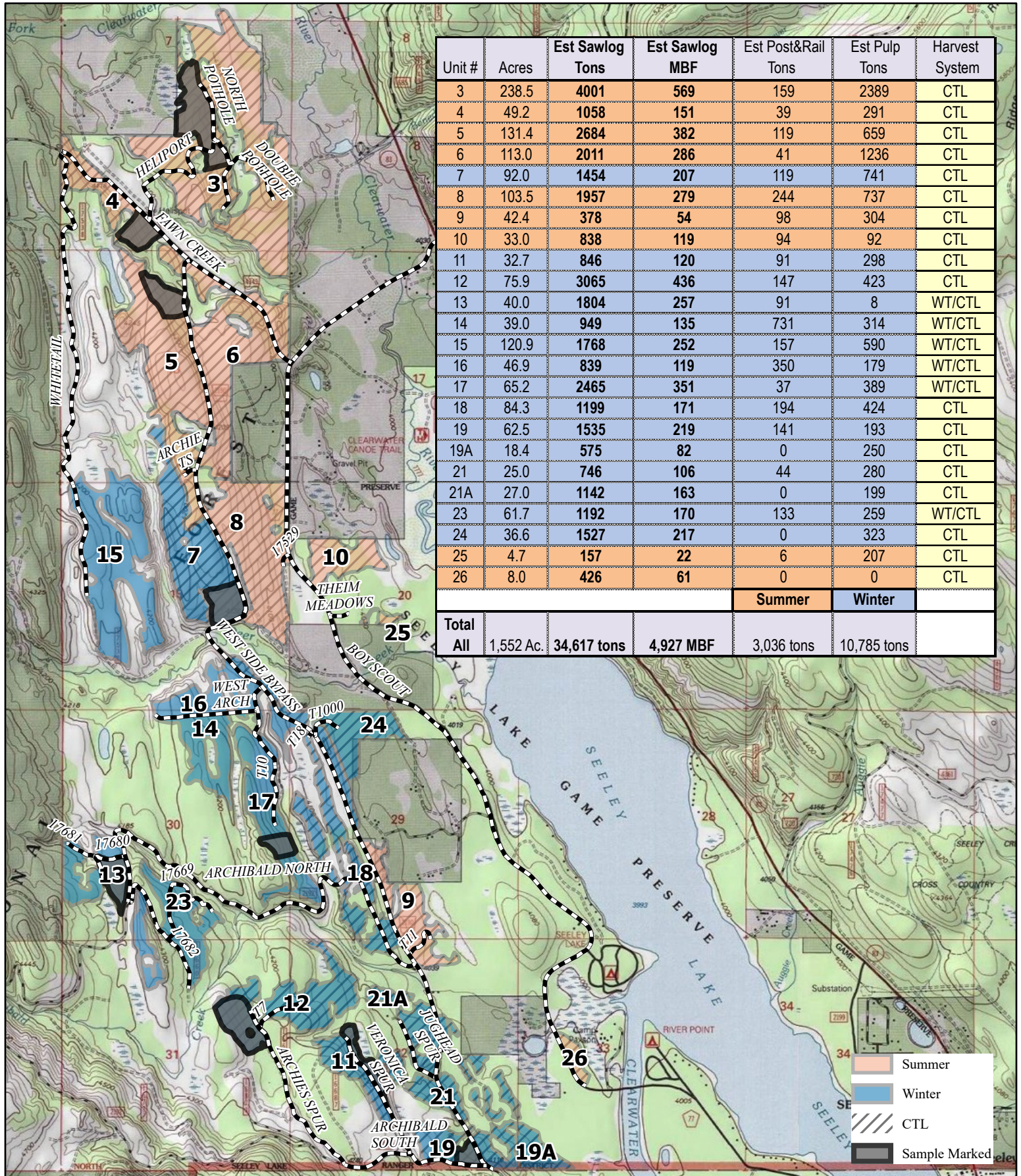
**\*25% of total sawlog volume must be completed prior to November 15, 2023**





# Westside Bypass Sale Map

Attachment A-1









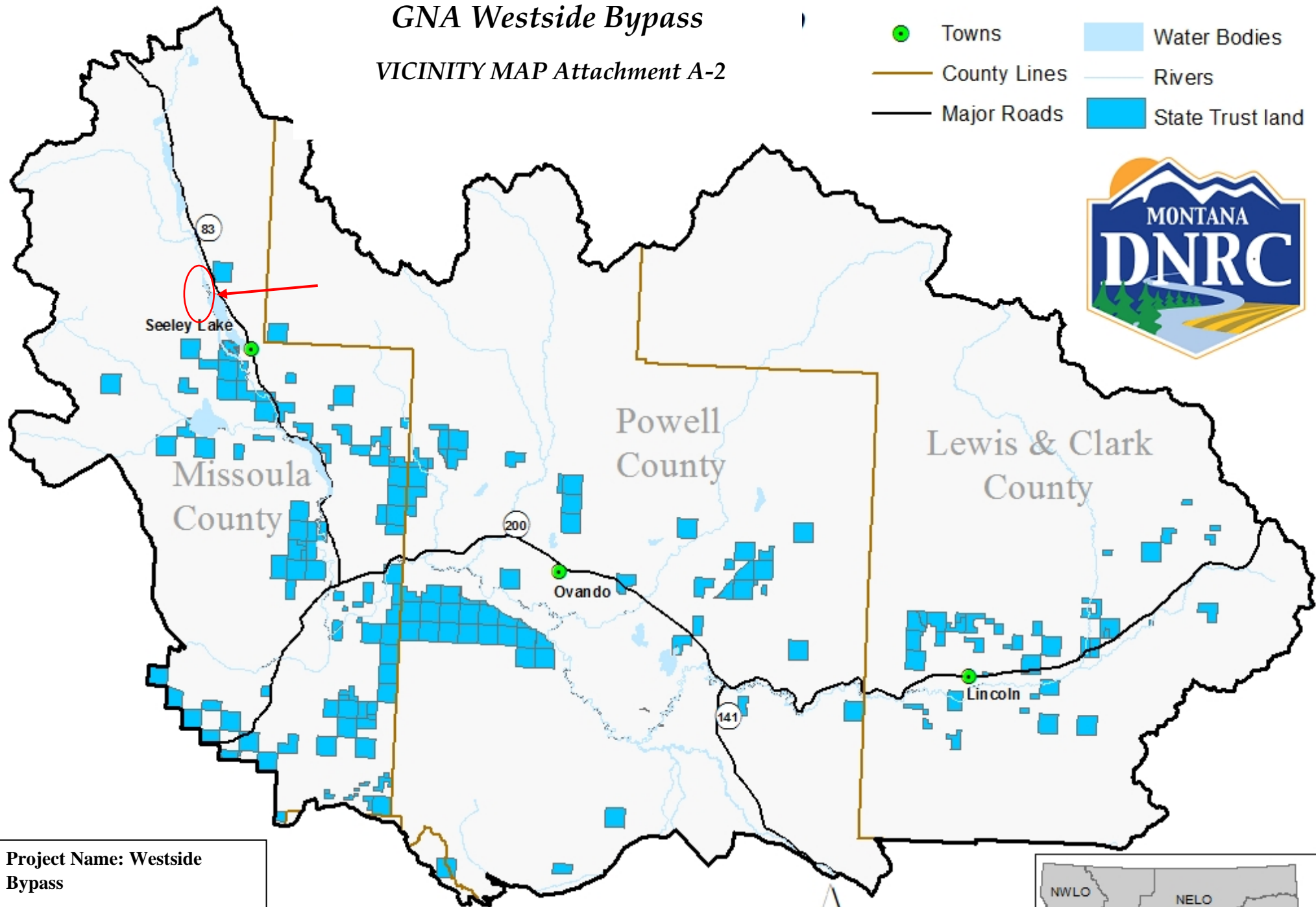
Unit #	Acres	Est Sawlog Tons	Est Sawlog MBF	Est Post&Rail Tons	Est Pulp Tons	Harvest System
3	238.5	4001	569	159	2389	CTL
4	49.2	1058	151	39	291	CTL
5	131.4	2684	382	119	659	CTL
6	113.0	2011	286	41	1236	CTL
7	92.0	1454	207	119	741	CTL
8	103.5	1957	279	244	737	CTL
9	42.4	378	54	98	304	CTL
10	33.0	838	119	94	92	CTL
11	32.7	846	120	91	298	CTL
12	75.9	3065	436	147	423	CTL
13	40.0	1804	257	91	8	WT/CTL
14	39.0	949	135	731	314	WT/CTL
15	120.9	1768	252	157	590	WT/CTL
16	46.9	839	119	350	179	WT/CTL
17	65.2	2465	351	37	389	WT/CTL
18	84.3	1199	171	194	424	CTL
19	62.5	1535	219	141	193	CTL
19A	18.4	575	82	0	250	CTL
21	25.0	746	106	44	280	CTL
21A	27.0	1142	163	0	199	CTL
23	61.7	1192	170	133	259	WT/CTL
24	36.6	1527	217	0	323	CTL
25	4.7	157	22	6	207	CTL
26	8.0	426	61	0	0	CTL
				Summer	Winter	
Total						
All	1,552 Ac.	34,617 tons	4,927 MBF	3,036 tons	10,785 tons	



# GNA Westside Bypass

## VICINITY MAP Attachment A-2

-  Towns
-  County Lines
-  Major Roads
-  Water Bodies
-  Rivers
-  State Trust land



**Project Name:** Westside Bypass

**County:** Missoula

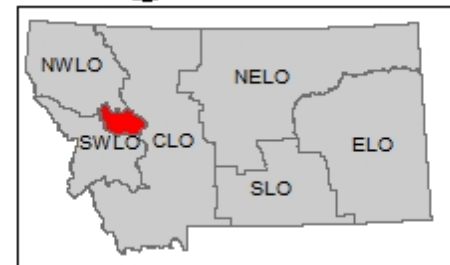
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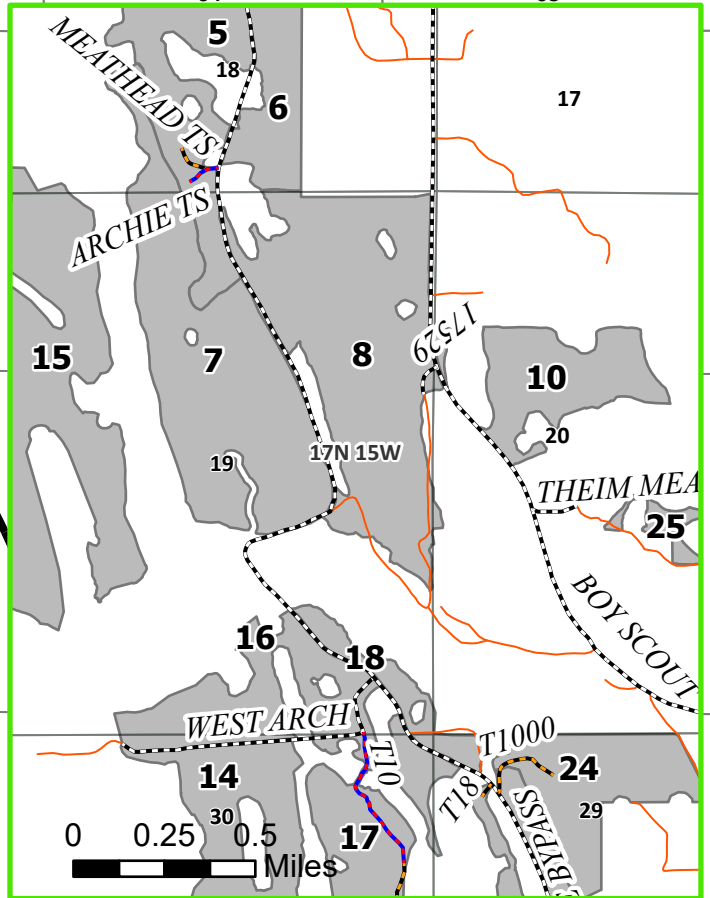
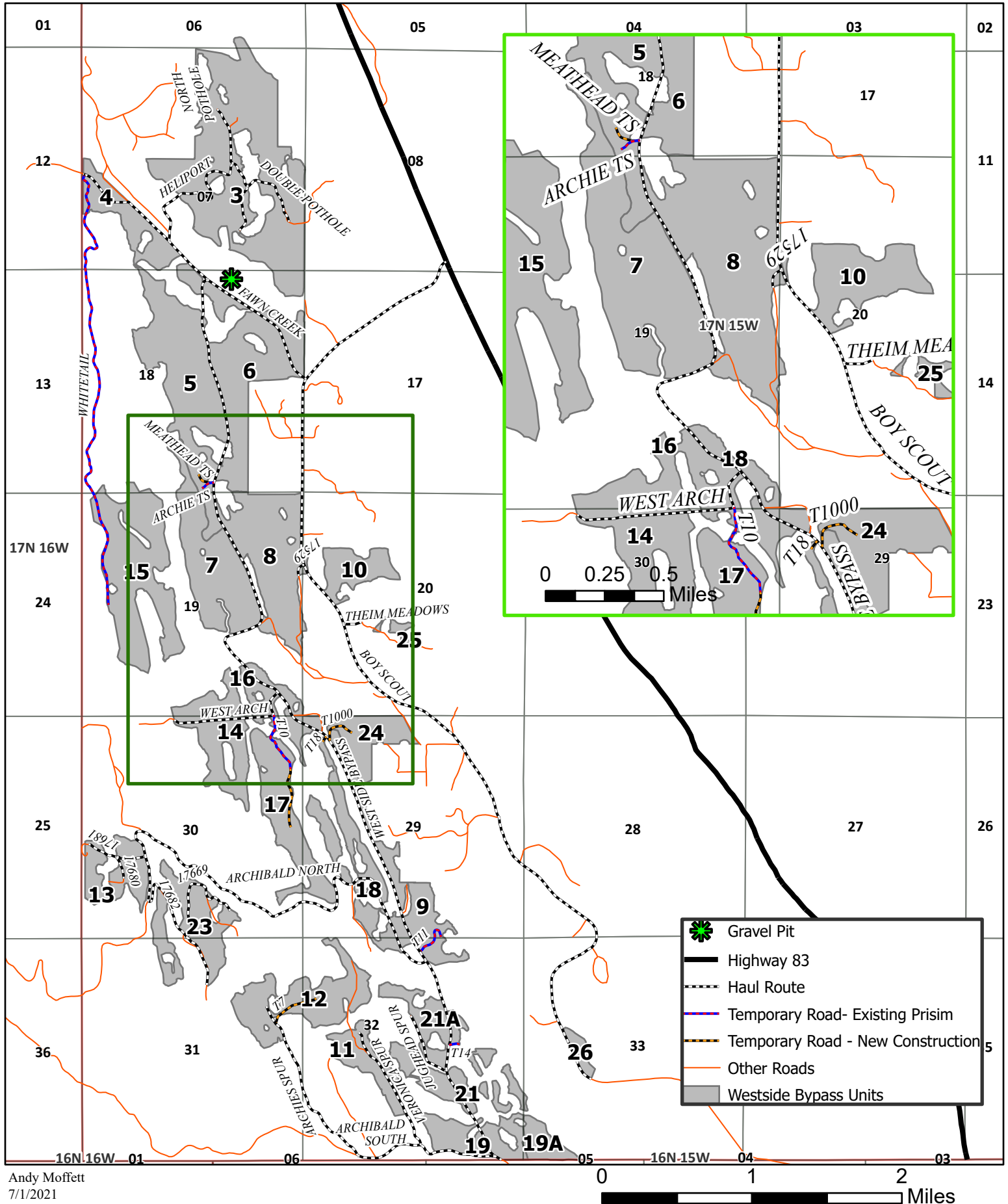
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# Westside Bypass Haul Map

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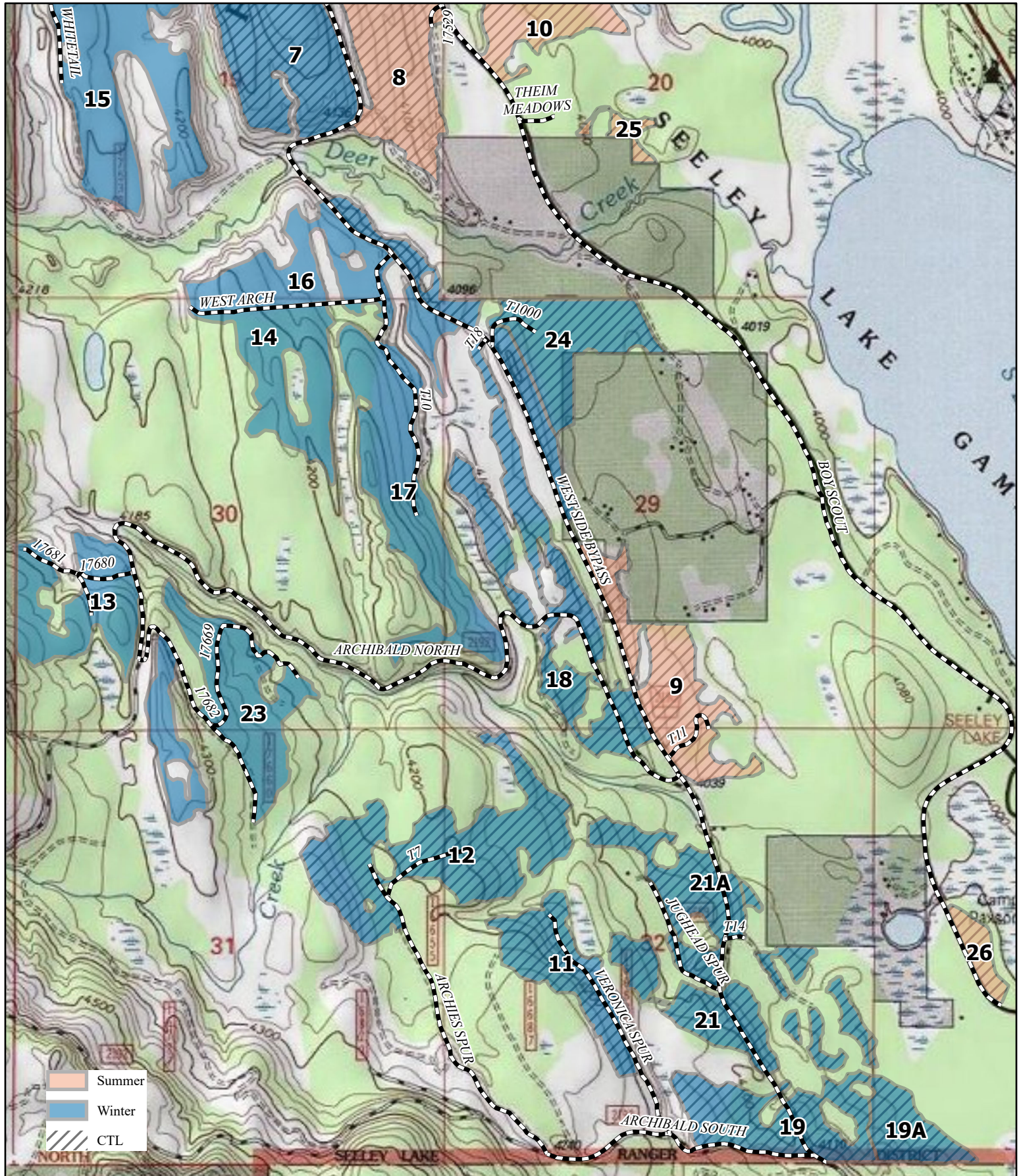






# Westside Bypass Sale Map South Half

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# Westside Bypass Sale Map North Half

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