

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Whitetail timber sale is located within sections 18 and 19 of T4N – R4W, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36 of T4N – R5W, 28 and 33 of T5N – R4W, 3 and 4 of T5N – R5W, and 27 and 34 of T6N – R5W on the Beaverhead - Deerlodge National Forest. Approximately 33,052 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, January 7th, 2026, 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 **\$8,082** 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 Whitetail			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-702-5148	Ann Parks	Dillon Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau

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. The Sale is divided into four (4) distinct geographical areas. Potential bidders should review the harvest deadlines for each area and the maps in Attachment A.
4. Intermediate harvest completion dates for each sale area are detailed in Table 3 of the Sample Contract.
5. Unit boundaries are painted with three vertical orange lines facing into the unit. There is NO interior leave-tree or cut-tree marking. Cutting designations and residual stand descriptions are found in Attachment G of the bid package.
6. Not all unit boundaries were painted at the time of this advertisement. Potential bidders should follow the geo-referenced maps included in Attachment A to visit unpainted units. Only boundary paint and/or geo-referenced maps will accurately identify unit boundaries. There is blue flagging in and around units, this flagging DOES NOT necessarily represent unit boundaries.
7. The State is securing a 124 permit for an arch-pipe replacement on Galena Gulch Rd, FSR 638, mile post 0.23. Refer to Attachment B for the specifics. The Forest Officer and a Forest Engineer must be on-site when this work is done.
8. Potential bidders should be aware of pre- and post- harvest road maintenance, weed spray and grass seed requirements, as specified in Attachment B.
9. The successful bidder may be required to obtain an Overload Permit. If so, the State will provide the Overload Permit Application and facilitate the process. This permit must be secured prior to mobilization.
10. **An optional pre-bid tour will be held on Monday December 22, 2025 at 10:00am. Please RSVP to Ann Parks at (406) 702-5148 by 17:00 on December 18, 2025.** If there are no responds by this date the field tour will be cancelled. A map and meeting location will be sent to attendees on December 19, 2025.
11. Due to the geographical spread of the Sale, the pre-bid tour will not cover all units or unit groups. Potential bidders are highly encouraged to visit the sale area outside of the tour. The site visit will focus on cutting prescriptions, access and road work, and provide an opportunity for potential bidders to ask questions.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Whitetail TS												
Timber Sale Cruise Data												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE		
Minimum Bid per ton												
Pounds per cubic foot		60		60					40.0			
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		31,011		141					1,017	32,169 tons		
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)		795.6		8.4					80	884 tons		
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		3,700		16					144	3,859 MBF		
% Cull and Breakage		10		5					6	9.2%		
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		3,353		15					135	3,503 MBF		
Average logs per MBF		31.8		33.8					40	32.3 logs/M		
Average DBH		11.8		9.6					8.5	10.8 in.		
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale											3.7 MBF/ac	
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise											24 to 91	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			3,206 and 3,761 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises								7.9%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	32,168 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 3,484 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB										9.18 tons/MBF	

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2030	
Operating Period:	Annually as soil conditions allow in Section VII.L.1 and 2 and wildlife mitigation measures are not in place according to Contract Section VII.L.7, 8 and 9.	

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)	1200 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	65.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	10.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Estimated Purchaser-do Forest Improvement total \$	\$16,590
Estimated Purchaser-do Forest Improvement per ton	\$0.52/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	\$13,000
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.40/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$3.71/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$258,664
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$8.04/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.24/ton
Miles of road construction	2.5 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	7.2 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	2.5 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	15.3 miles

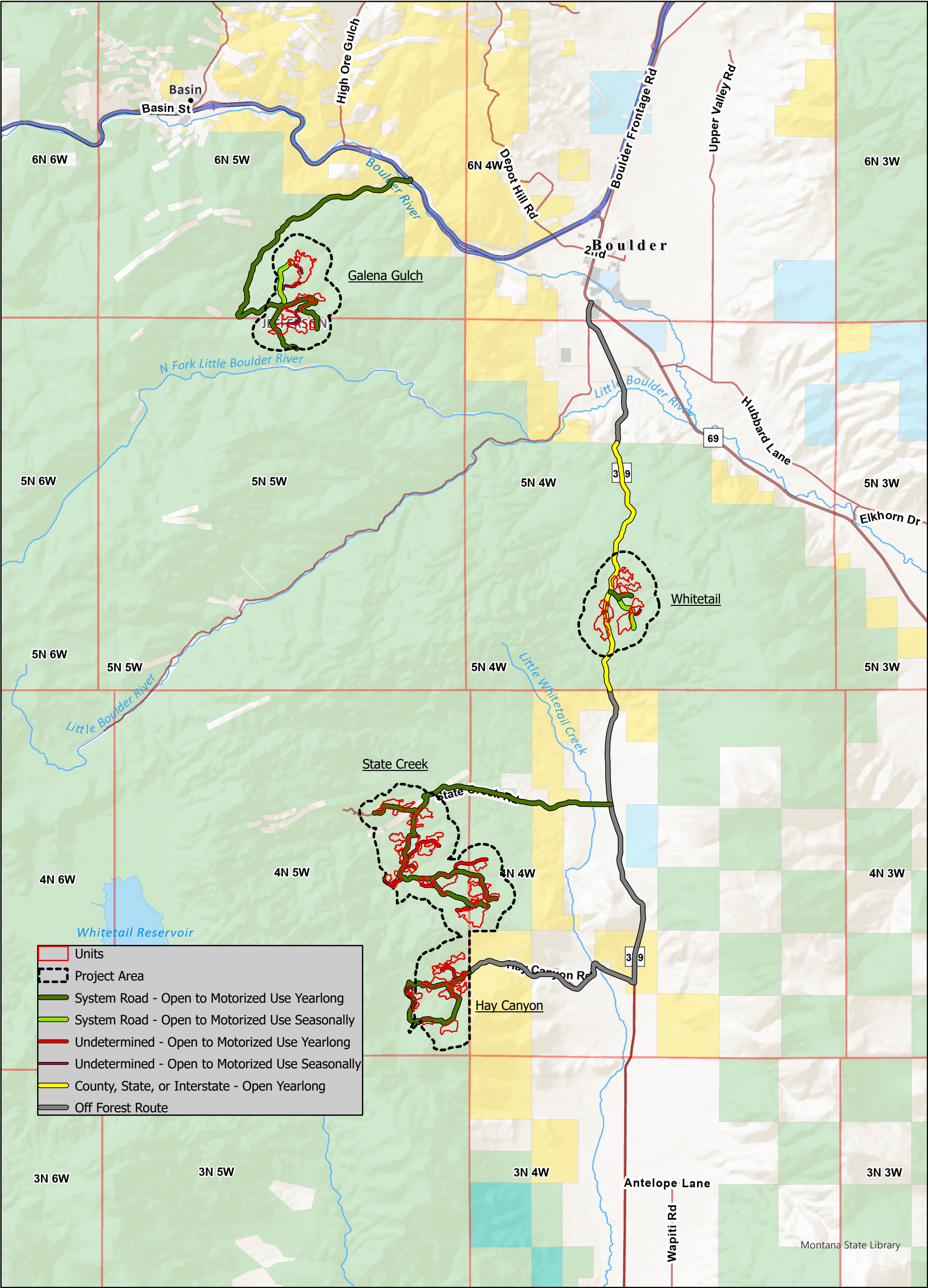
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Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
100	65.4	3,369	365	12/31/2029
110	31.1	1,858	201	12/31/2029
120	20.8	1,696	184	12/31/2029
130	20.0	545	59	12/31/2029
140	21.7	925	100	12/31/2029
160	17.9	721	78	12/31/2029
170	5.7	260	28	12/31/2029
210	16.5	769	83	9/30/2028
220	11.9	368	40	9/30/2028
230	9.1	267	29	9/30/2028
240	9.8	360	39	9/30/2028
250	11.3	513	56	9/30/2028
260	7.0	167	18	9/30/2028
270	33.9	878	95	9/30/2028
280	16.3	244	26	9/30/2028
290	43.8	1,111	120	9/30/2028
310	22.9	518	56	6/1/2027
320	42.2	1,830	198	6/1/2027
330	12.9	369	40	6/1/2027
340	15.9	422	46	6/1/2027
350	25.0	676	73	6/1/2027
360	38.5	1,578	171	6/1/2027
370	22.9	985	107	6/1/2027
380	15.4	454	49	6/1/2027
390	16.6	557	60	6/1/2027
400	23.2	458	50	6/1/2027
420	15.7	128	14	6/1/2027
430	12.5	302	33	6/1/2027
440	39.7	777	84	6/1/2027
450	10.3	554	60	6/1/2027
470	3.9	118	13	6/1/2027
480	25.9	514	56	6/1/2027
490	10.2	651	70	6/1/2027
500	7.8	163	18	6/1/2027
510	68.6	2,084	226	6/1/2027
520	15.0	315	34	9/30/2028
521	1.4	26	3	9/30/2028
540	9.4	173	19	9/30/2028
541	2.9	95	10	9/30/2028
550	24.4	589	64	9/30/2028
551	12.6	171	18	9/30/2028
552	7.5	299	32	9/30/2028
560	14.6	653	71	9/30/2028
561	17.6	706	76	9/30/2028
570	22.1	883	96	9/30/2028
590	21.8	730	79	9/30/2028
600	8.0	342	37	9/30/2028
Compliance				7/1/2030
	929 Ac.	32,169 tons	3,503 MBF	



GNA Whitetail

Project Vicinity
ATTACHMENT A-1



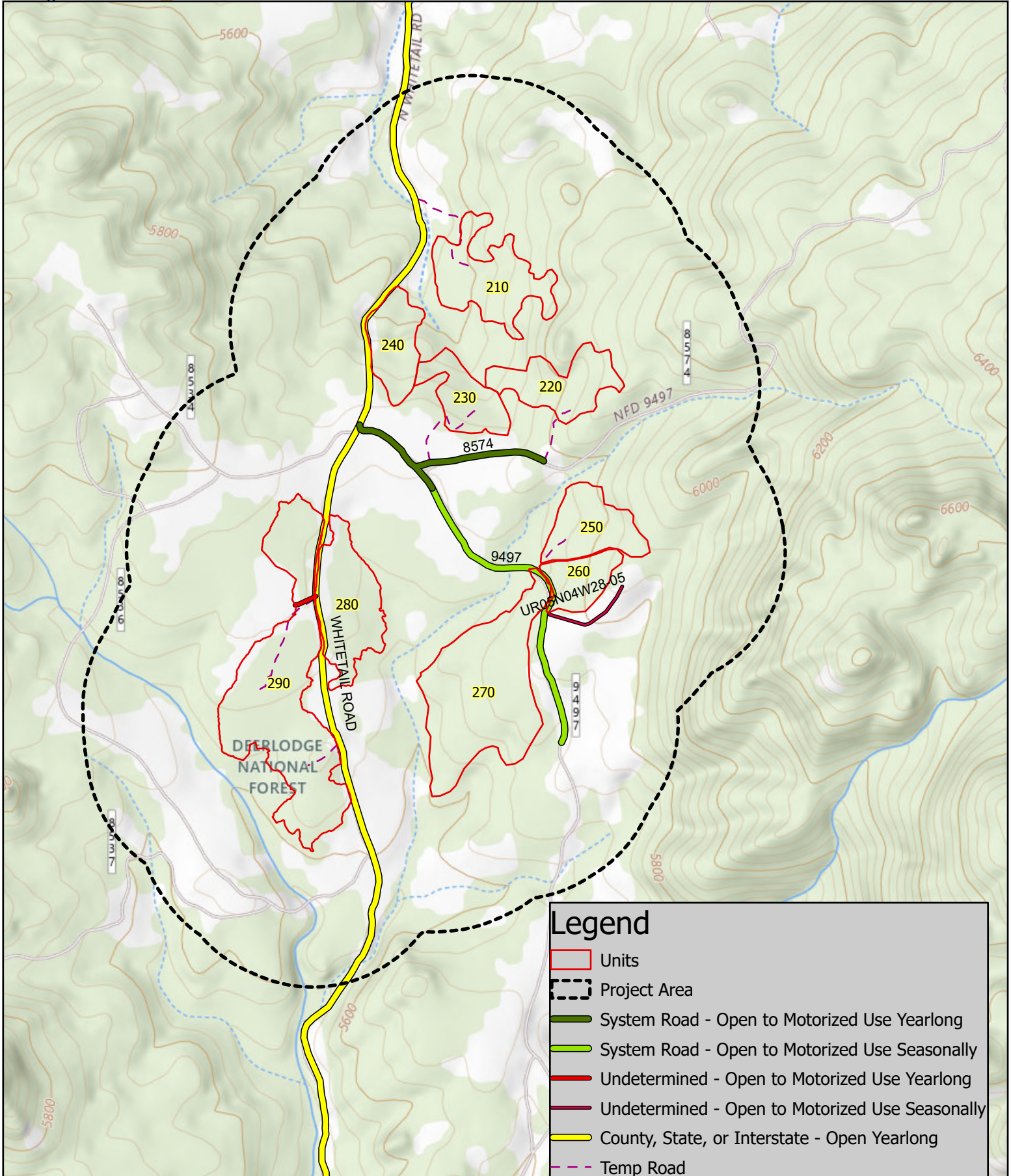




GNA Whitetail - Whitetail



Attachment A-3





A. Parks
10/20/2025

0 1 2 Miles



GNA Whitetail - Hay Canyon



Attachment A-5

