

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Antice Flats Timber Sale is located within Sections 3,4,10,14,15,23, & 24 of T33N-R23W and Sections 33 & 34, T34N-R23W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 27,931 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 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Trust Land Management 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 \$19,691.00**, 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. Award of the timber sale is conditional upon approval of the timber sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners at their June 16, 2025, meeting. 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, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/timber-sale-information> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: Antice Flats			
For specific sale information, contact: Karl Crittenden			
Phone	406-897-4032		Unit Office: Stillwater
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
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 Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management 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. At rates specified in the Contract, the purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement Fees** on all sawlog volume. All applicable **Road Use and/or Maintenance fees** will also be paid by the Purchaser in addition to stumpage payments.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
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:

- **Access:** Hwy 93N to Upper Whitefish Road. Units will be accessed from the Upper Whitefish Road, the Stryker Ridge Road, and the Antice Loop Road (see attached maps for unit specifics).
- **Roadwork:** (see Attachment B for roadwork specifics).
 - 26.3 miles of road maintenance and brushing.
 - 1 CLT installation and removal to access part of Unit 12.
 - Drain-dip and water-bar installation requiring gravel, talus, and pit run hauled from the Chicken Pit near the 7-mile marker and junction with the Lower Whitefish Road.
 - "Stillwater Blend" grass-seed required on designated roads post-harvest.
 - Dust abatement required at the junction of Upper Whitefish Road and Hwy 93N and at the 9-mile junction of the Upper Whitefish Road.
- **Harvest Details:** Approximately 3.86 MMBF will be harvested from the Antice Flats Timber Sale. (see attached contract for harvest unit specifics).
 - Units 1 and 2 are clear-cuts that comprise 306 acres and approximately 2.432 MMBF of the sales volume.
 - Units 3 through 13 are commercial thins that comprise 332 acres and approximately 1.428 MMBF of the sales volume.
- **Open Road Hazard Reduction:** A total of 76 acres will require open-road hazard reduction. This requires 100 feet inside the identified portion of the cutting unit boundary to be mechanically piled in which 90% of the slash generated through logging and small tree slashing be machine piled for burning (minimum pile size of 6 feet) as directed by the Forest Officer.
- **Winter Recreation:** There are multiple Winter Recreation Land Use Licenses held within the sale area. Extra coordination and mitigations will be required for harvesting and hauling in winter months. The extra coordination during the winter includes the following:
 - Log hauling must be conducted during the normal work week (Monday – Friday). Exceptions to this may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Forest Officer.
 - Log hauling will not be conducted on holidays.
 - Communicate timelines, schedules, and changes with the Forest Officer allowing for time to make appropriate changes.
 - Snow plowing operations will leave 1 – 2 inches of snowpack on the haul route to accommodate snowmobile traffic.
 - Feather edges of plowed snow berms for cross traffic on haul route.
 - Communicate directly with recreation licensees to deconflict traffic.
 - Forest officer will post recreation-related traffic signs.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Antice Flats												
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												All except PP \$14.10
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		502	904	610	16248	1255		8413			0	27,931 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		31	98	20	545	68		400			0	1,162 tons
Gross MBF		58	137	87	2597	210		1551			0	4,640 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		8.8	24.7	8.2	13.2	18.0		22.7			0.0	16.8%
Net MBF		53	103	80	2254	172		1198			0	3,860 MBF
Average logs per MBF		40.0	54.1	30.8	29.9	30.1		34.7			0.0	32.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH		9.1	8.0	10.2	10.2	9.5		9.9			0.0	9.9 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												44 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.1 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												167
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			3,372 and 4,348 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									12.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	27,931 estimated tons / 3,860 Net MBF											7.24 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	12/1/2029	
Operating Period:	Units 1 (portion only), 9, and 13 June 16-March 31; Units 1 (portion only), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 July 1 - March 31; and when soil conditions allow.	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	52%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	12.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	35.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.67/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$102,506.77
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$17,084.46
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$11,250.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.40/ton

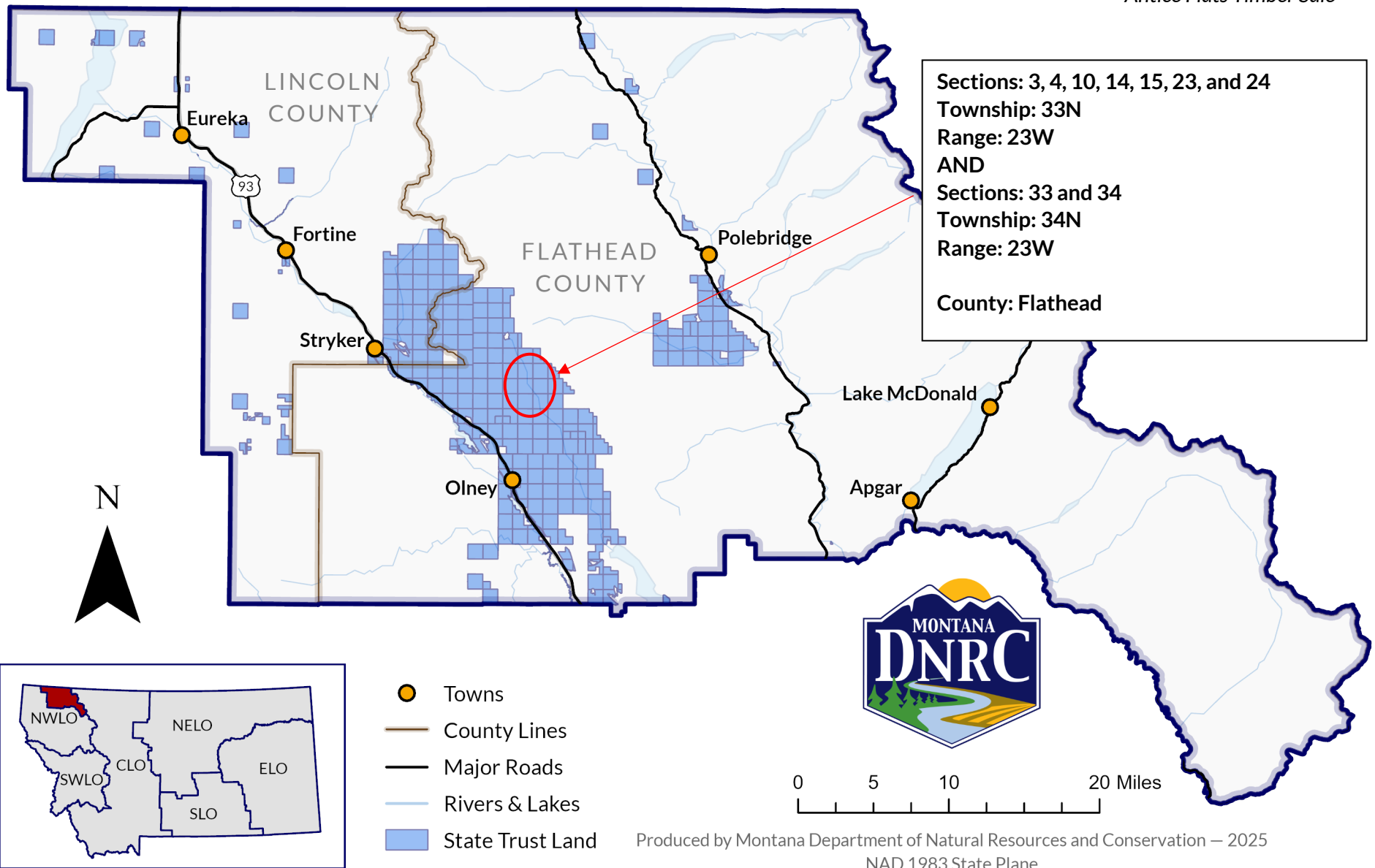
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$46,438
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.66/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$12.03/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$26,896
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.96/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	23.6 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	294.92	16755	2315	Nov. 1, 2029
2	11.08	844	117	Nov. 1, 2029
3	133.37	4630	640	Nov. 1, 2029
4	18.48	494	68	Nov. 1, 2029
5	18.44	264	37	Nov. 1, 2029
6	11.95	249	34	Nov. 1, 2029
7	4.38	109	15	Nov. 1, 2029
8	38.47	1127	156	Nov. 1, 2029
9	16.43	582	80	Nov. 1, 2029
10	21.10	443	61	Nov. 1, 2029
11	13.98	331	46	Nov. 1, 2029
12	27.53	1370	189	Nov. 1, 2029
13	27.61	733	101	Nov. 1, 2029
	638 Ac.	27,931 tons	3,860 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

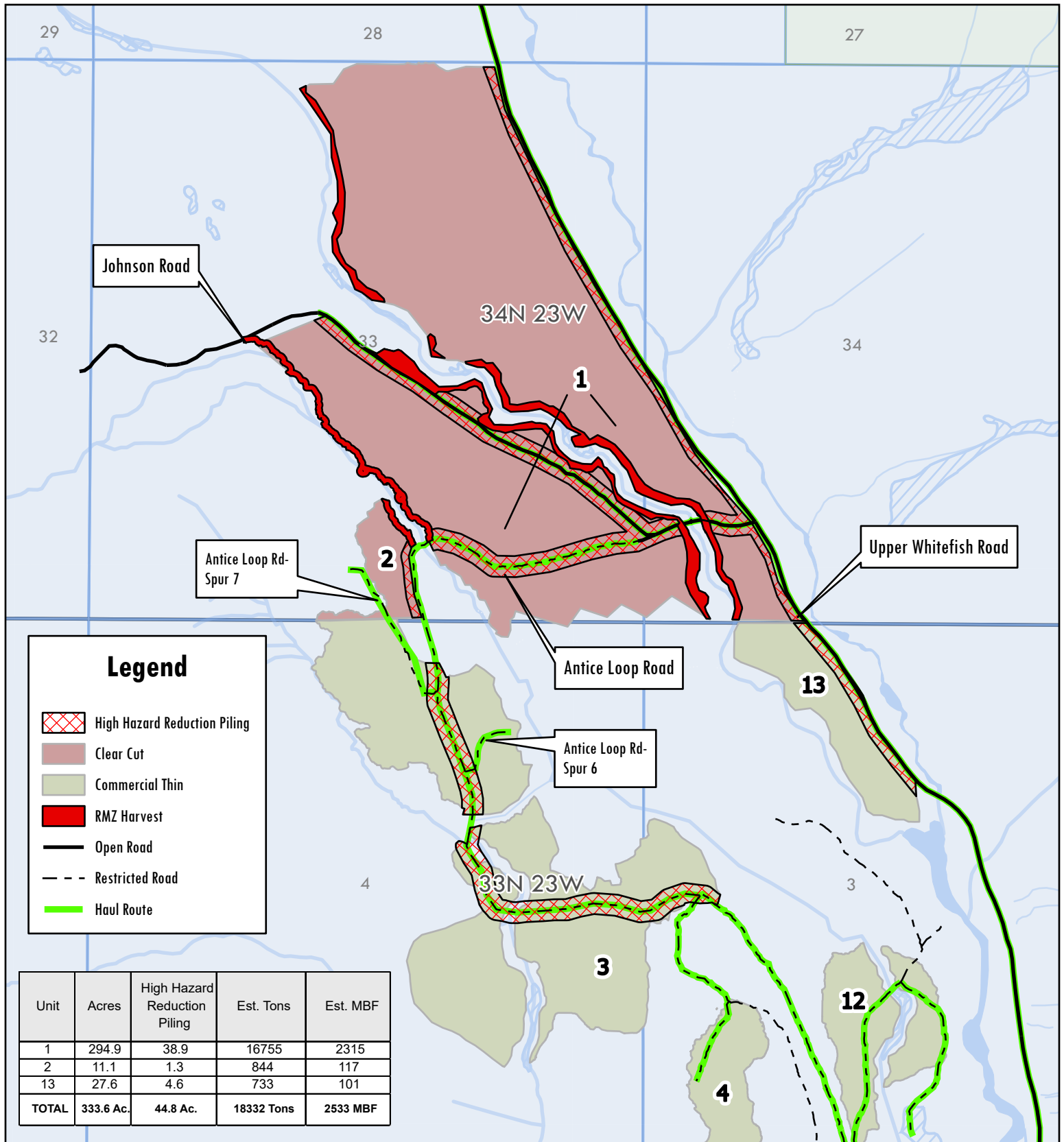
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Antice Flats Timber Sale Map (Units 1, 2 & 13)

Sections 33 & 34 T34N R23W and Section 3 T33N R23W

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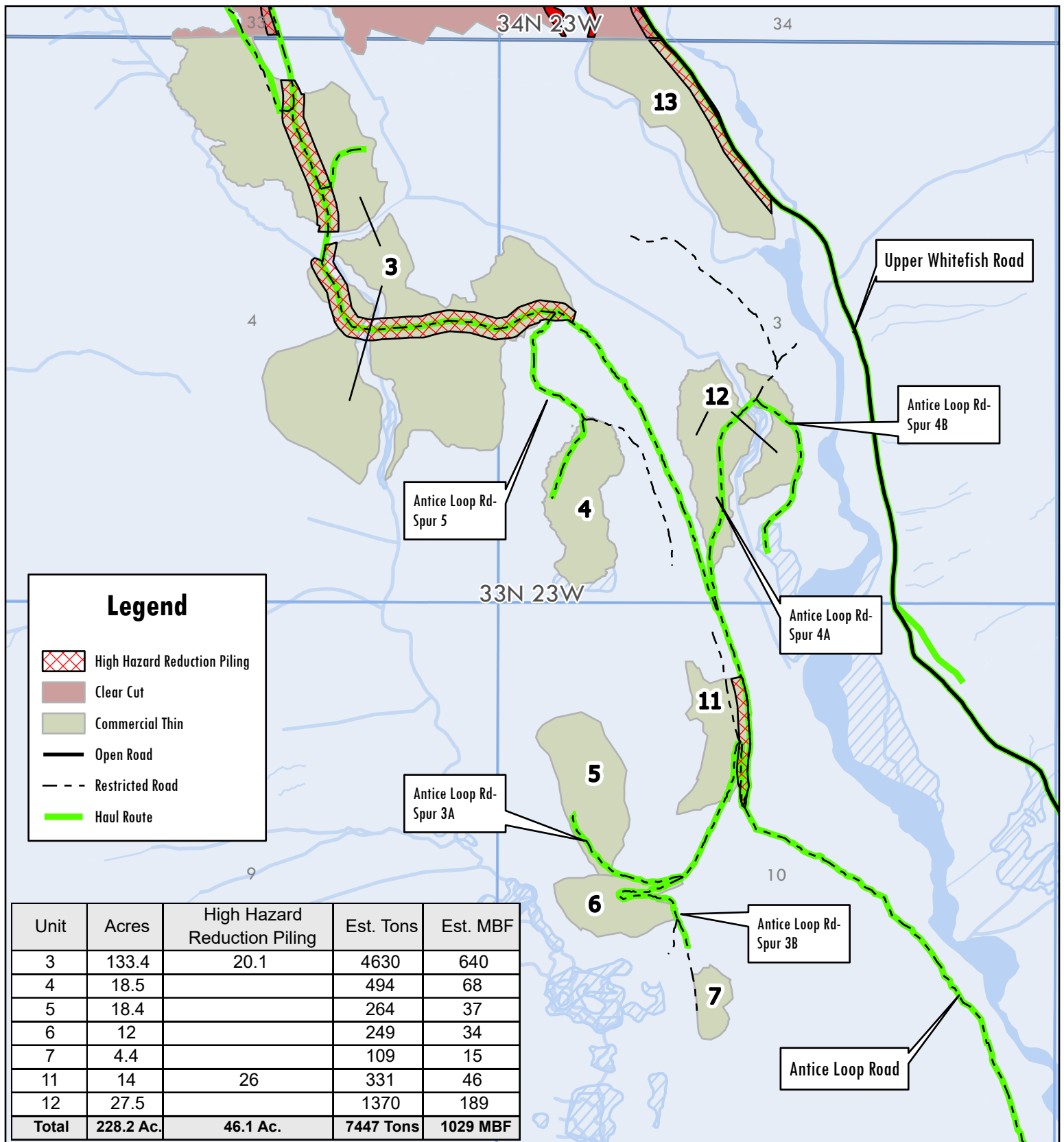
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Antice Flats Timber Sale Map (Units 3-7, 11 & 12)

Sections 3, 4 & 10 T33N R23W

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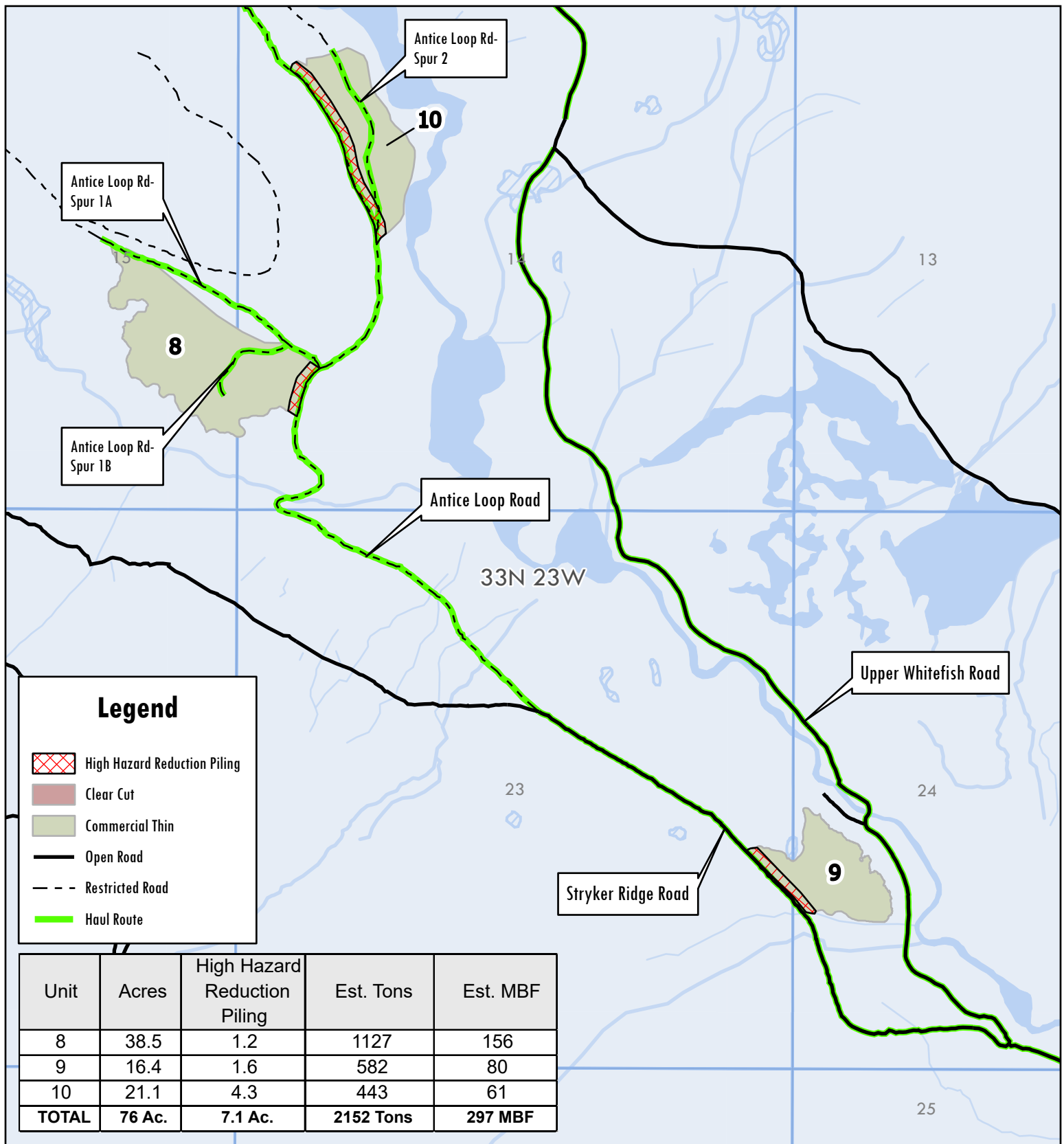
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Antice Flats Timber Sale Map (Units 8, 9 & 10)

Sections 14, 15, 23 & 24 T33N R23W

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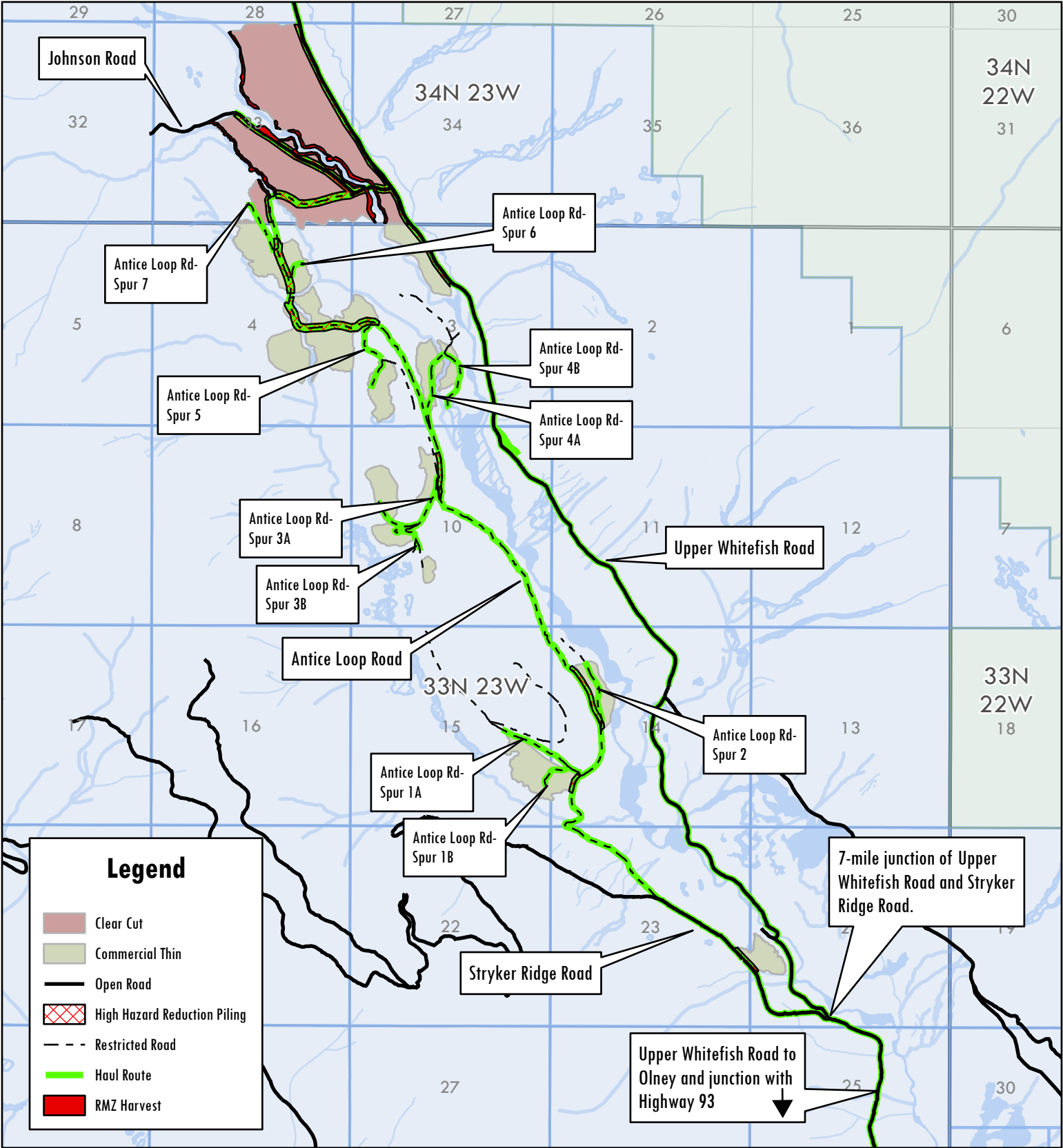


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Antice Flats Timber Sale Road Map



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