

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The 8% Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T31N-R31W, on the State's Libby Unit. Approximately 8,677 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 15, 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 **\$2,594.00**, 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 April 21, 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: 8% Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact: Jessica Mannion			
Phone	406-283-3529	Unit Office: Libby	
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:

1. Operable soil conditions (**Contract, VII, L. 1**) for ground based mechanical felling and yarding tend to be infrequent during the winter season in the sale area.
2. Traffic control required for felling along roads: Portions of the unit will require staffing a traffic guard to stop traffic on Jennings Haul Road, not to exceed 15 minutes at a time. Refer to **Contract VII. K. 4**. Public safety is a non-negotiable and the Purchaser's mitigation plans for rolling debris during both construction and harvesting must be approved by the Forest Officer.
3. Purchaser leave tree selection: Leave trees are not marked. Leave trees will be selected by the purchaser based on direction and approval by the Forest Officer. Refer to **Contract, VII.G.1**.
4. Exception to Equipment Restriction Zone: Harvest will be optional within the equipment restriction zone. Refer to **Contract, VII.G.9**. **A contract amendment will need to be completed.**
5. 2.24 miles of new road construction and 3.49 miles of road maintenance are required. Refer to **Attachment B**.
6. A skyline system capable of yarding 1,600 – 2,000 feet uphill must be used (**Contract, VII. G.6**).
7. Alternative yarding systems may be approved: The Forest Officer may approve alternative yarding system methods besides those specified for the unit. Refer to **Contract, VII.G.11**.
8. Slashing of logging damaged sub merchantable trees is required.
9. Purchaser Hazard Reduction is required. Refer to **Contract, VII.G.2**.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

8%												
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												\$5.98
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	56.0	57.0			60.0					40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	241	6968	1439			29					0	8,677 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	2	190	48			0					0	240 tons
Gross MBF	55	1360	315			11					0	1,741 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	33.4	23.0	29.1			55.0					0.0	24.8%
Net MBF	36	1045	224			5					0	1,310 MBF
Average logs per MBF	29.1	30.8	32.6			23.6					0.0	31.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.3	11.2	10.5			23.0					0.0	11.1 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												31 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												89
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,211 and 1,520 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											11.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	8,677 estimated tons / 1,310 Net MBF											6.62 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2029
Operating Period:	When soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1&2)

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	44%
% of volume logged by skyline	56%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	N/A
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1100 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	N/A

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$117,363
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$13.53/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$89.59/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$5,550
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.64/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton

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Estimated haul distance (paved)	48.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.02/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$34,881.54
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$5,813.59
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$6,900.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.80/ton

USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	2.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	1.1 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	2.4 miles

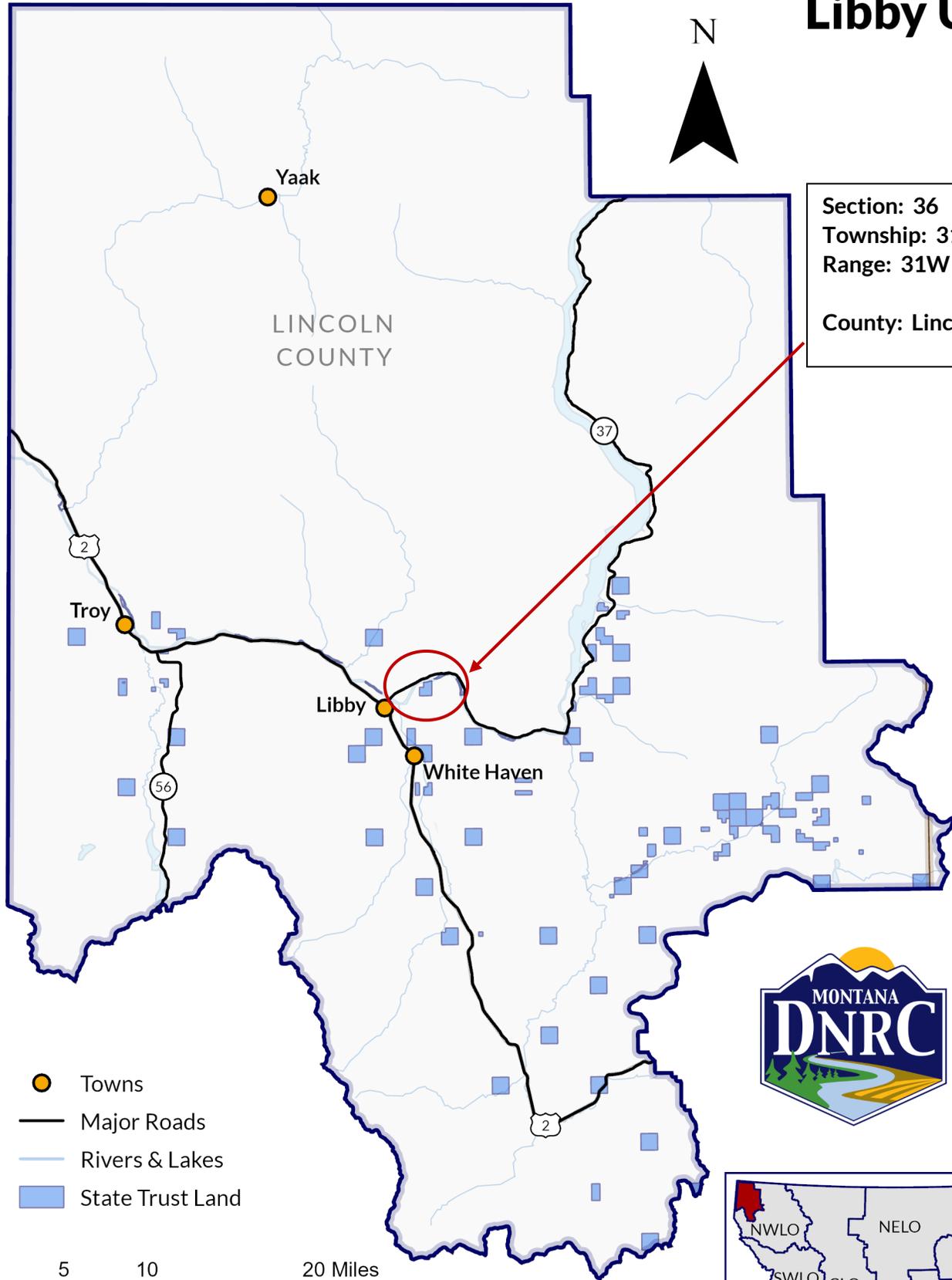
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	277	8677	1310	August 30, 2029
	277 Ac.	8,677 tons	1,310 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

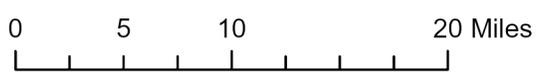
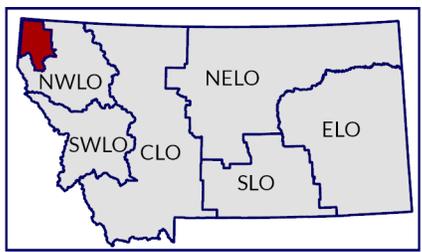
Libby Unit



Section: 36
Township: 31N
Range: 31W
County: Lincoln



- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land

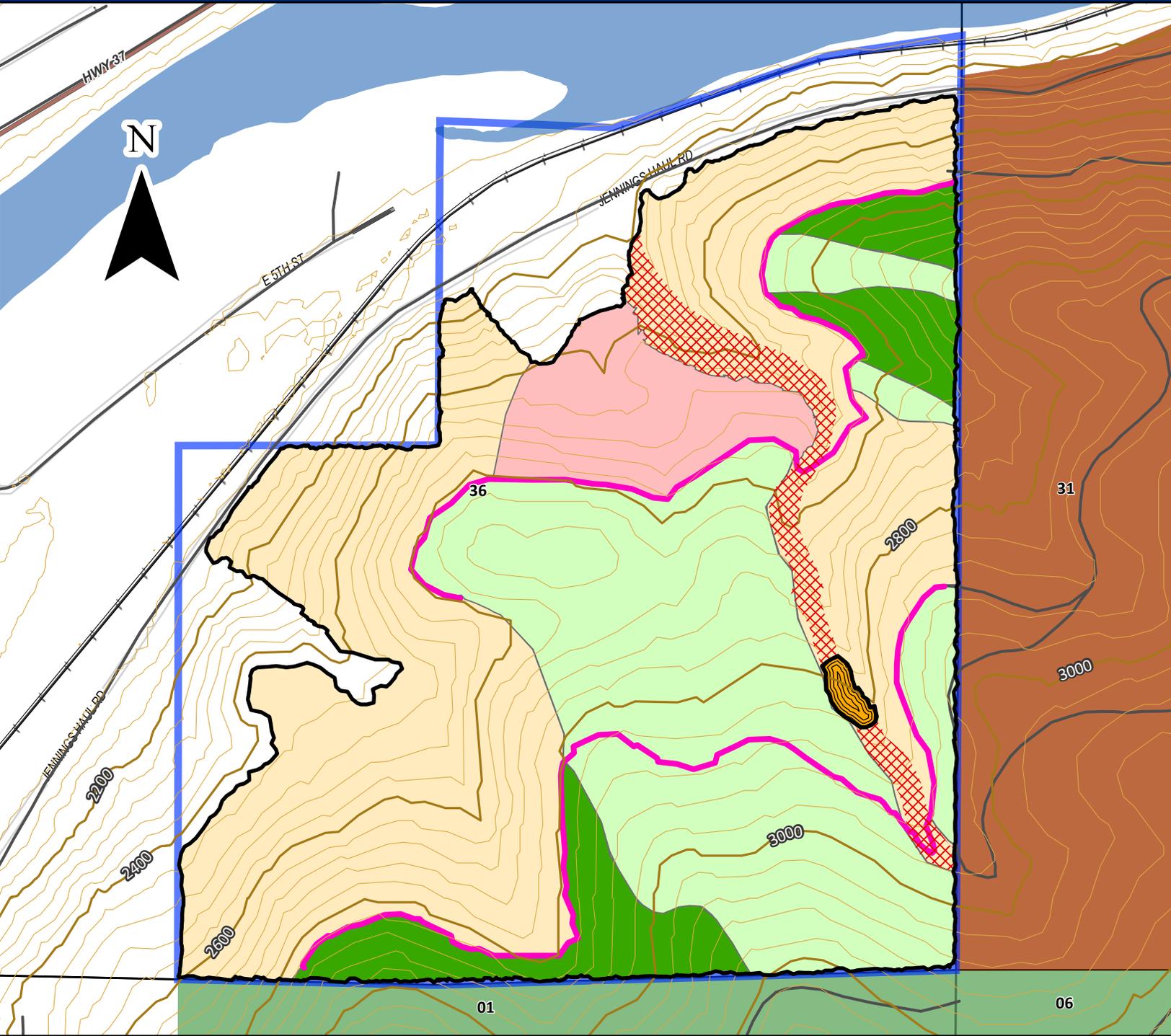


8% Timber Sale - Harvest Unit

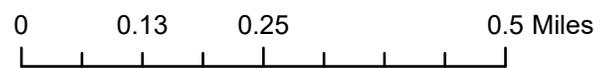
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Attachment A



- DNRC Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Stimson Lumber
- Unit 1
- Existing Roads
- Required New Road Construction
- Cable
- Combination
- Steep Tractor
- Tractor
- Optional ERZ Harvest
- SMZ - NO Harvest



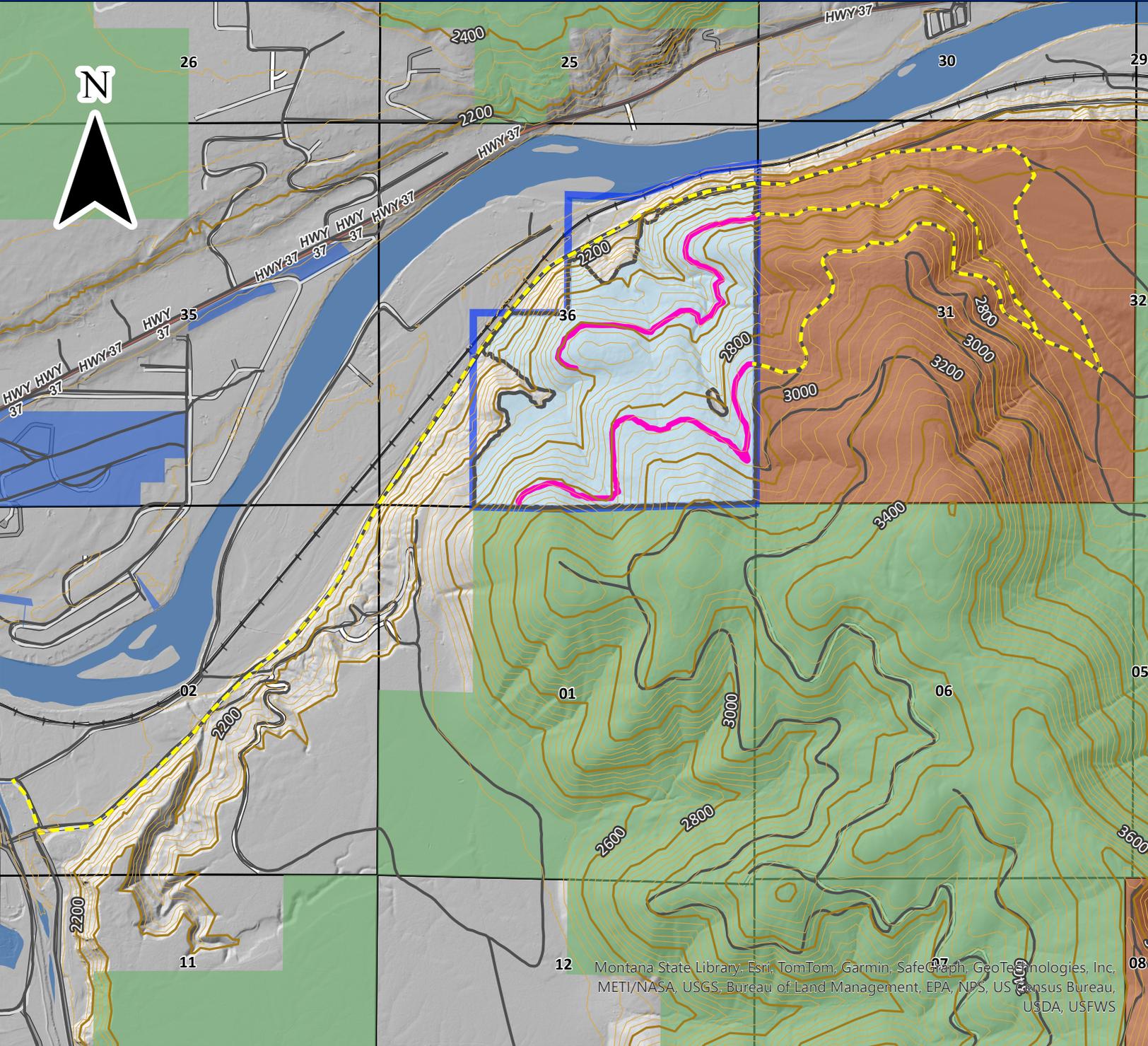
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8% Timber Sale - Haul Route

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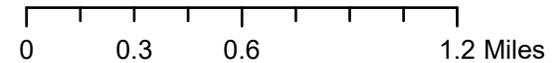


Attachment A



Montana State Library, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS

- DNRC Trust Lands
- County Government
- US Forest Service
- Stimson Lumber
- Unit 1
- Haul Route
- Proposed Required Construction
- Existing Roads



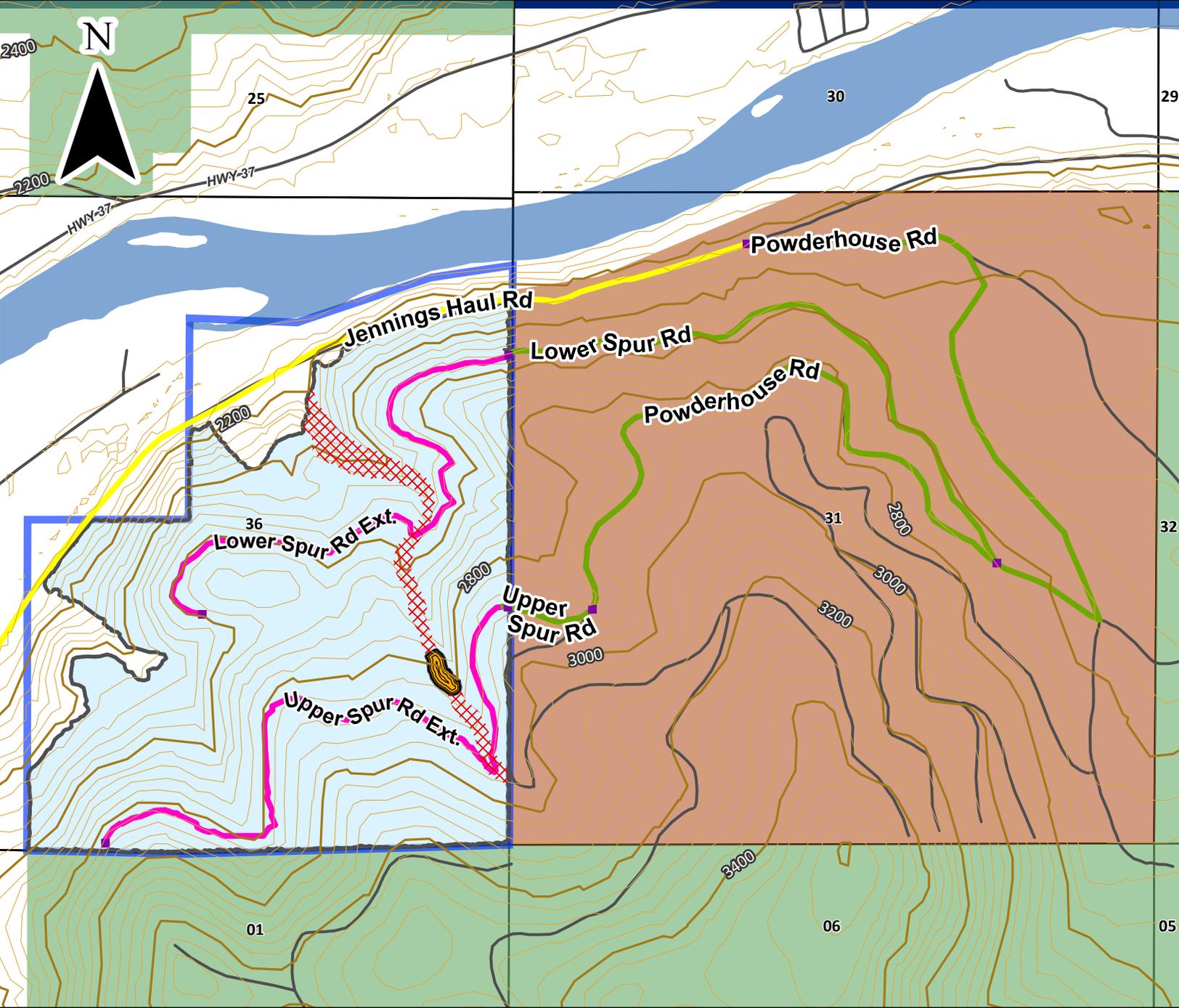
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8% Timber Sale Roads

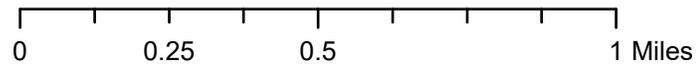
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- DNRC Trust Lands
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- Optional ERZ Harvest
- Haul Route
- Required Road Maintenance
- Required Road Construction
- Existing Roads
- SMZ

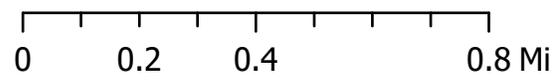
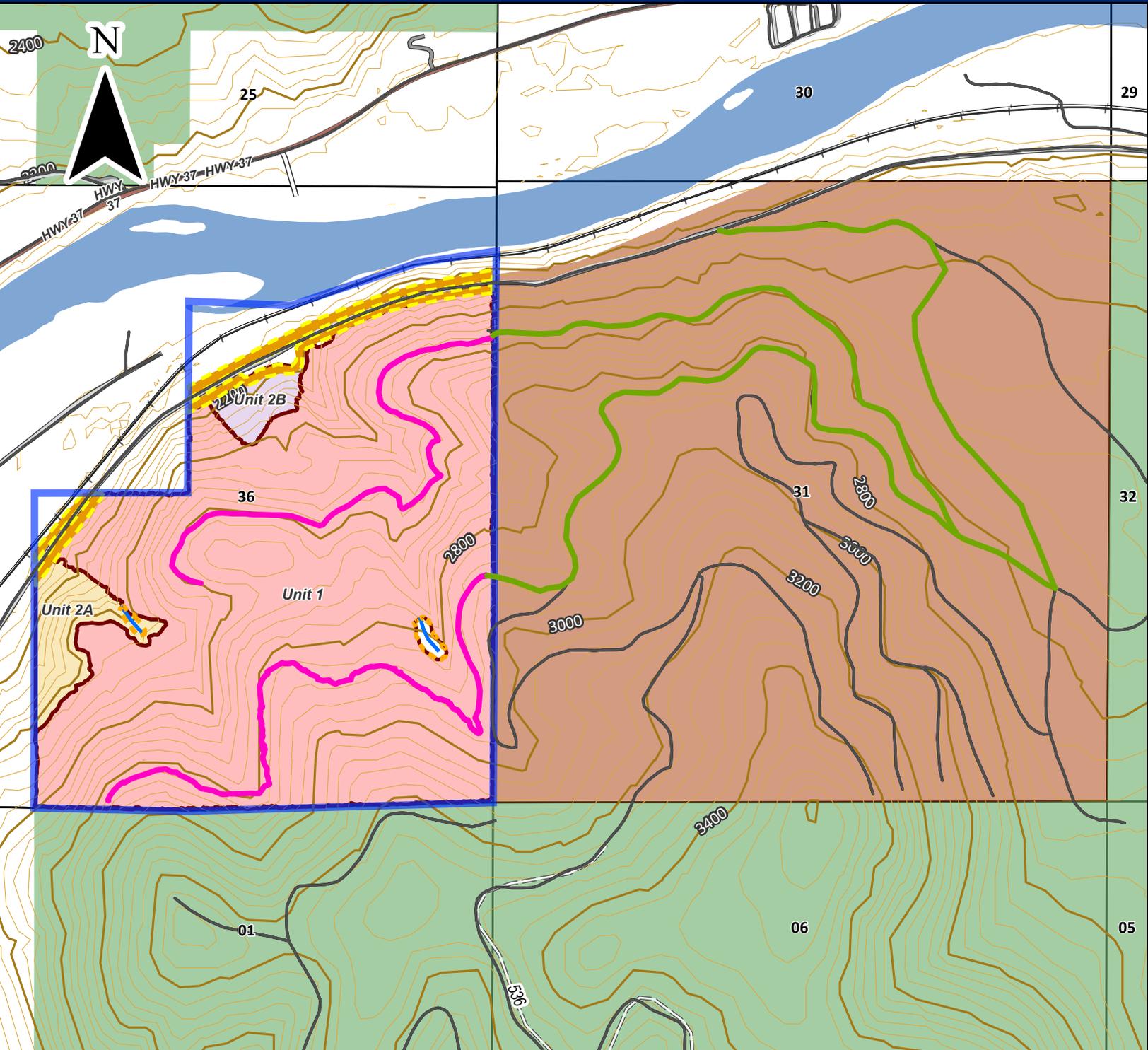


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8% Timber Sale - Project Overview

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- DNRC Trust Lands
- US Forest Service
- Stimson Lumber
- Class 3 Stream
- Proposed New Road Construction
- Streamside Management Zone
- Proposed Road Maintenance
- Existing Roads
- Shaded Fuel Breaks
- Unit 1
- Unit 2A
- Unit 2B

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