

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Starvation Sticks Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T12N-R17W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 8,378 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 19, 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 \$2,149.00**, 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 May 19, 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 <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales> for upcoming sales and bid results.

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

Timber Sale Name: Starvation Sticks			
Timber Sale Location: Sec 36. T12N R17W			
For specific sale information, contact: Clark Cederberg (Management Forester)			
Phone	406-542-5805		Missoula Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office	Missoula 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. **PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO VISIT TIMBER SALE AREA.** Arrangements can be made with Clark Cederberg, Missoula Unit DNRC (406) 542-5805; for tours or access information **PRIOR** to visiting sale area.
2. **Weed Spraying is required in this contract.** It shall be done by a commercial applicator licensed by the State of Montana or by personnel under the direct supervision of the licensed applicator. All herbicide applications shall follow EPA label requirements. **Any weed control must comply with the current standards of the County Weed Board and as directed by the Forest Officer.**
3. **THIS SALE PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. .07 miles of new permanent road will need to be constructed. In addition to permanent road construction temp roads/spurs/trail MAY be needed depending on harvest equipment used by Purchaser.
4. **HARVEST BY PRESCRIPTION:** In most harvest units, trees designated for harvest are not marked and shall be harvested according to silvicultural descriptions found in the Contract (Section VII. LOGGING). Portions of the sale have been leave tree sample marked to represent the harvest prescription (see Attachment A). In unmarked units, the Forest Officer will work with purchaser to ensure that the desired harvest prescription is being met. The Forest Officer will be available and make regular site visits during harvest operations to clarify any harvest prescription questions or sample mark small portions in conjunction with operations. See VII. LOGGING G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS for more details.
5. **ALTERNATE YARDING SYSTEMS MAY BE APPROVED:** The Forest Officer may approve alternative yarding methods besides those specified for each sale unit. An alternative system proposed by the Purchaser must be approved by the Forest Officer at or before the time the Logging Operations Plan for the unit is approved. The Forest Officer will only approve alternatives that are consistent with planned mitigation and resource protection measures. Alternatives may include tethered equipment or other systems. Costs of alternative systems will be borne by the Purchaser.
6. **TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD OR CATCH TRAIL CONSTRUCTION:** Purchaser is permitted to construct temporary spur roads or skid catch trails for access to portions of some of the units. The roads must be constructed and reclaimed to specifications in Attachment B. Locations for approved temporary spur roads and specifications are in Attachment B. All other locations must be approved by Forest officer prior to construction.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Starvation Cruise												
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:\$5.83
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	57.0	58.3	56.0							40.0	
Estimated CF	54869.2	260559.6	9643.1	390.7							0.0	325,463 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	327.6	2585.3	178.4	23.6							0.0	3,115 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	1534	6587	248	10							0	8,379 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	10	67	5	1							0	82 tons
Gross MBF	247	1063	43	1							0	1,354 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	10.2	11.4	12.0	5.0							0.0	11.2%
Net MBF	222	942	38	1							0	1,202 MBF
Average logs per MBF	18.6	21.5	26.8	72.7							0.0	21.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH	14.8	14.0	11.5	9.0							0.0	14.0 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												33 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												51
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,003 and 1,402 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									16.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	8,379 estimated tons / 1,202 Net MBF											6.97 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2028
Operating Period:	Year-round when soil conditions allow

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	06%
% of volume logged with tractors	40%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (Combo/tether approved)	60%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	700 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	68.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	8.3 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.12/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$26,142.48
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$4,357.08
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$20,320.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$2.43/ton

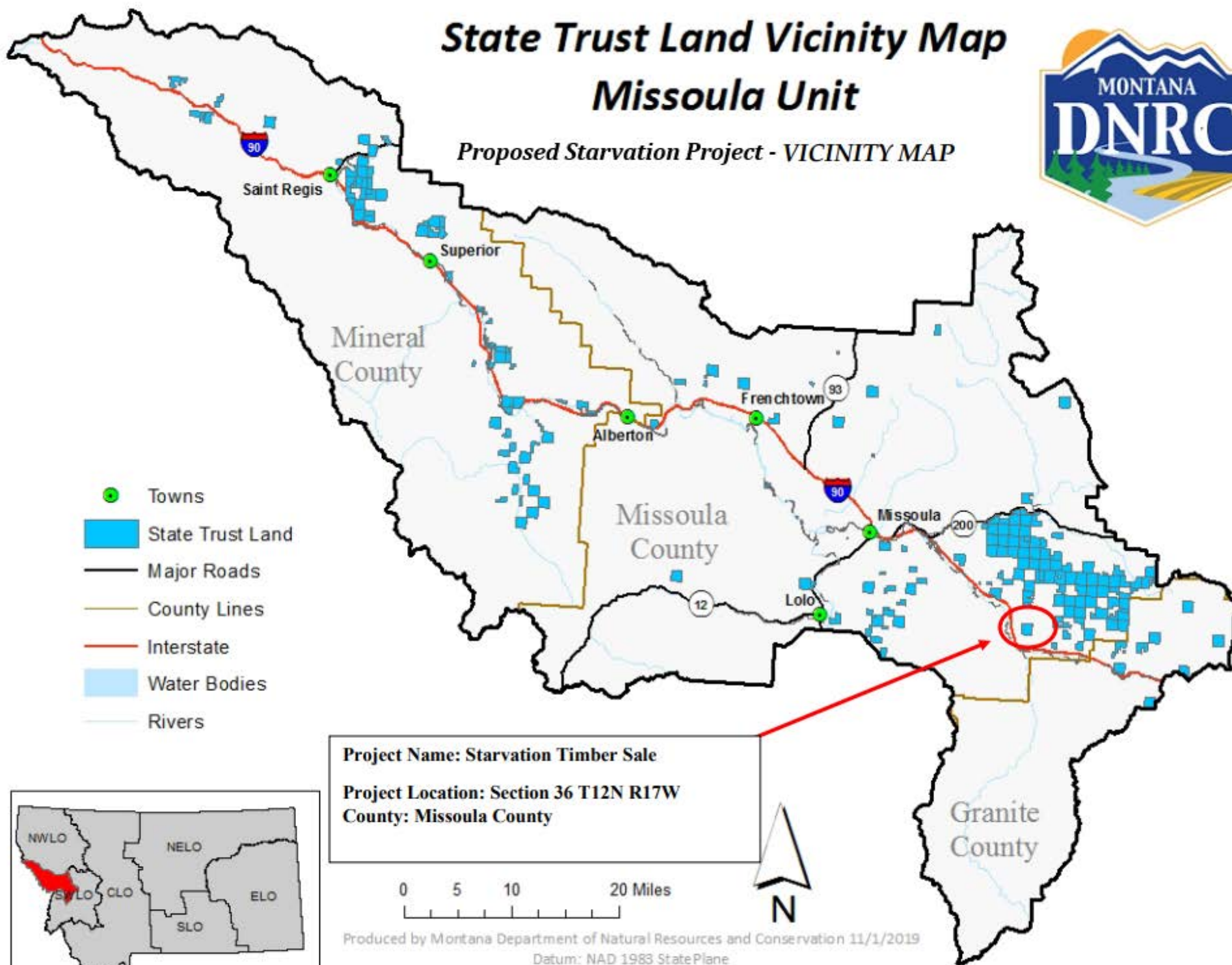
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$28,311
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$3.38/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$23.55/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$35,873
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$4.28/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.7 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	2.5 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment (temp road)	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	7.5 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	37	2060	296	July 1st, 2028
Unit 2	14	772	111	July 1st, 2028
Unit 3	8	168	24	July 1st, 2028
Unit 4	25	1670	240	July 1st, 2028
Unit 5	70	1066	153	July 1st, 2028
Unit 6	100	2642	379	July 1st, 2028
	254 Ac.	8,378 tons	1,202 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map Missoula Unit



Proposed Starvation Project - VICINITY MAP



- Towns
- State Trust Land
- Major Roads
- County Lines
- Interstate
- Water Bodies
- Rivers

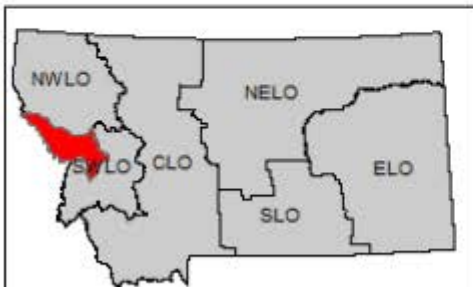
Project Name: Starvation Timber Sale

Project Location: Section 36 T12N R17W
County: Missoula County

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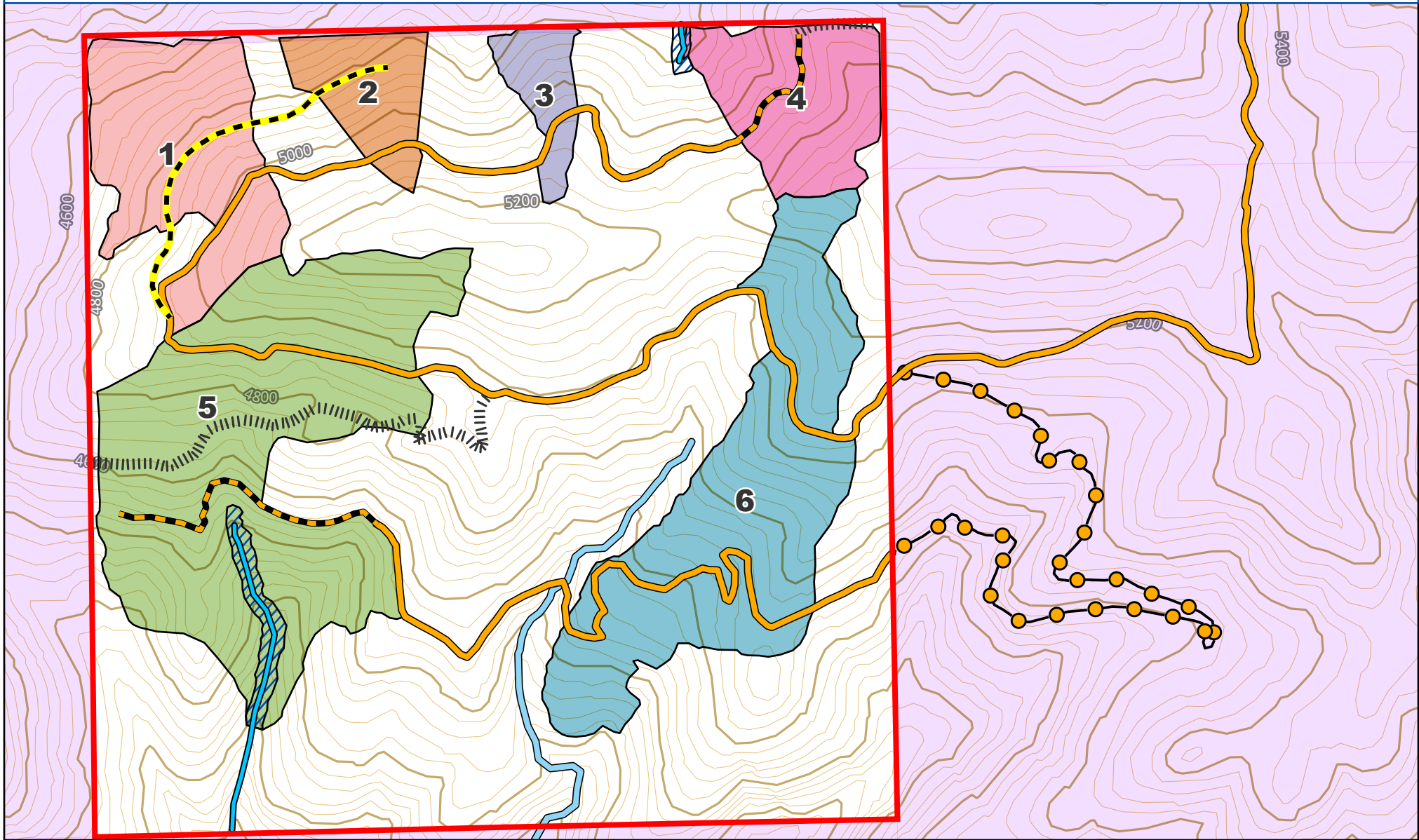


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Starvation Timber Sale (Proposed)

Attachment A-1 - Harvest Units



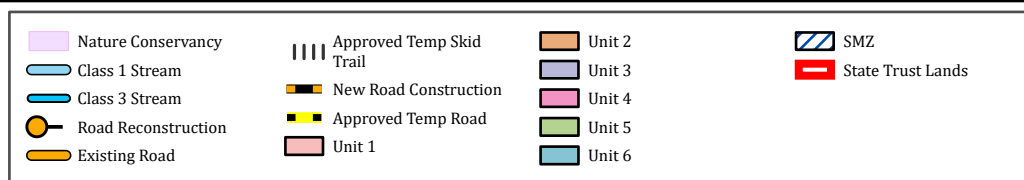
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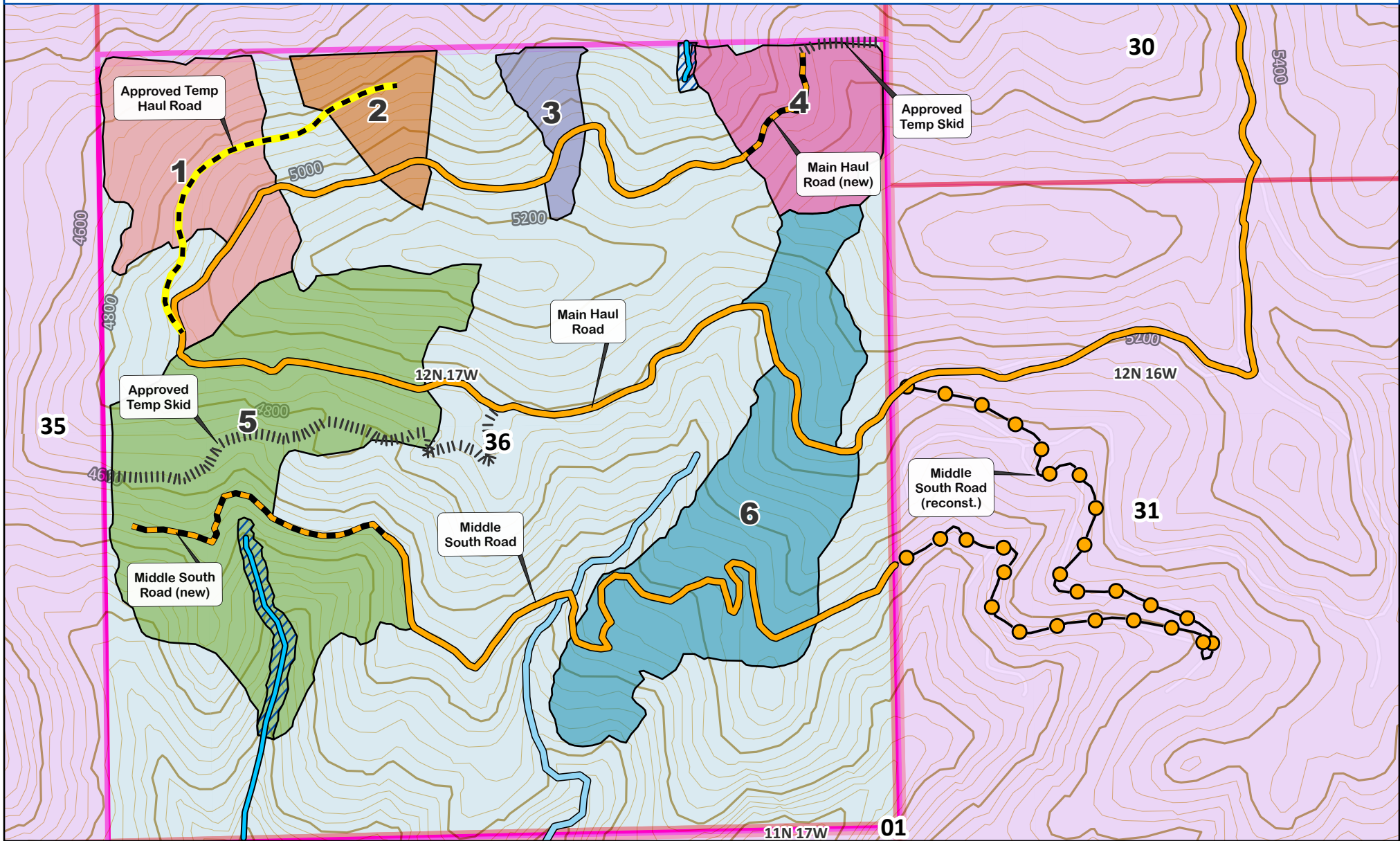
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Attachment A-1



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2/4/2025

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