

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Bottom Wood Timber Sale is located within Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, T24N-R18W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 6,847 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 **July 13, 2021 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 \$10,045.00**, 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, 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: Bottom Wood			
For specific sale information, contact: Jack WhiteClay Stephenson			
Phone	406-754-2301	Swan River State Forest	Unit Office
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. The Bottom Wood timber sale consists of six units.

- a. 23-05 (41.4 Acres, Ground based yarding)
- b. 23-09 (27.9 Acres, Ground based yarding)
- c. 24-03 (21.4 Acres, Ground based yarding)
- d. 24-04 (52.7 Acres, Ground based yarding)
- e. 24-07 (19.2 Acres, Ground based yarding)
- f. 24-19 (17.2 Acres, Ground based yarding)

2. The Bottom Wood timber sale road package includes:

- a. Approximately 10.5 miles of road maintenance including brush clearing and piling, right-of-way clearing, road widening, drain feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.

3. Access/Directions

- a. The Bottom Wood timber sale is in Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 T24N, R18W, on the Swan River State Forest. Bottom Wood cutting units are accessed by Fatty Creek road off Highway 83 between Mile Posts (MP) 58 and 59 just south of the Swan Unit Office.
- b. To access the units, drive west off Fatty Creek Rd. to Whitetail Rd. (MP 1.37). Continue down Whitetail Rd. to junction with Lower Whitetail. (MP 5.2), junction with Marsh Spur (MP 5.5), junction with 243 Spur (MP 5.7) and junction with Bottom Wood Spur (MP 6.1). **See Attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.*
- c. **Gate keys are available at the Swan River State Forest Office.*

4. Harvest Operational Period

- a. Award date through March 16, 2022; November 16, 2022 through March 16, 2023; November 16, 2023 through March 16, 2024; November 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

5. Road Construction/Maintenance

- a. Award date through March 16, 2022; June 16, 2022 through March 16, 2023; June 16, 2023 through March 16, 2024; June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through August 31, 2025; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

6. Purchaser Do FI

- a. Purchaser is required to pile and scarify in unit 23-05. See Attachment E: Piling and Scarification Requirements for details.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Bottom Wood											
Timber Sale Cruise Data											
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE	
Minimum Bid per ton										\$29.34	
Pounds per cubic foot	62	62	58	56	44	60	44.0	60.0			
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)	46	196	3,633	105	414	641	1,702	111		6,847 tons	
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		0 tons	
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	8	44	1,067	16	74	185	959	33		2,386 MBF	
% Cull and Breakage	0	21	35	8	14	46	62	27		45.2%	
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	8	34	694	15	64	102	367	24		1,308 MBF	
Average logs per MBF	11.5	15.3	16.2	34.9	23.5	35.25	28.5	6.1		21.4 logs/M	
Average DBH	19	15.4	13	9.2	11.9	12.1	17.8	29.2		14.6 in.	
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units										64 tons/ac	
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units										35 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale										7.2 MBF/ac	
Average number of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise										76 TPA	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,104 and 1,511 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									15.0%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet											
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	6,847 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 1,308 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									5.24 tons/MBF	

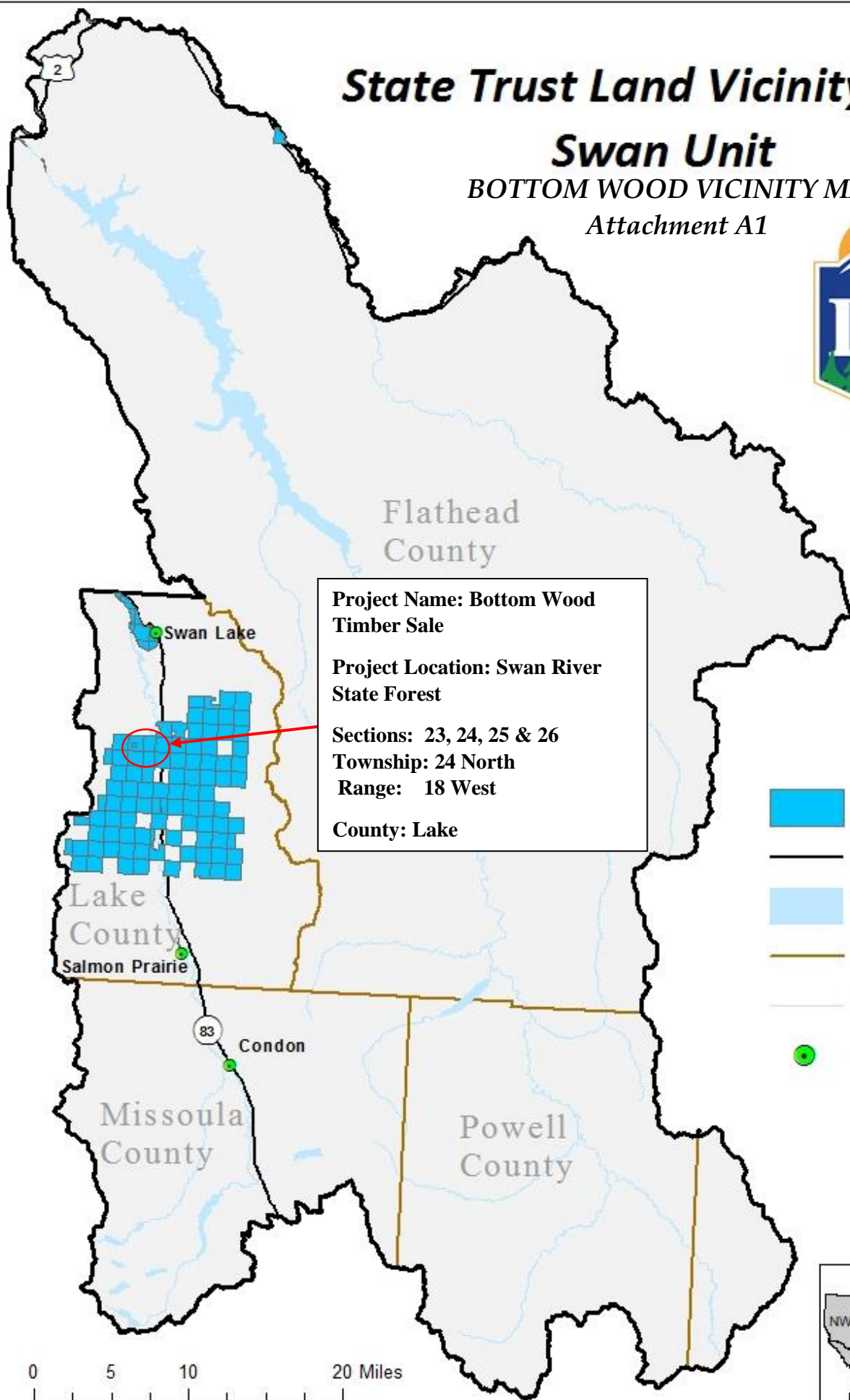
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Operating Period:	Award date through March 16, 2022; November 16, 2022 through March 16, 2023; November 16, 2023 through March 16, 2024; November 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Swan Unit

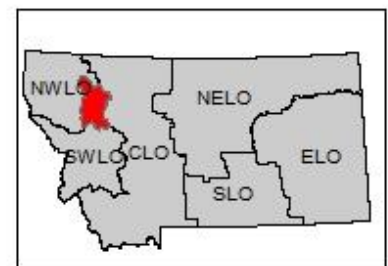
BOTTOM WOOD VICINITY MAP

Attachment A1

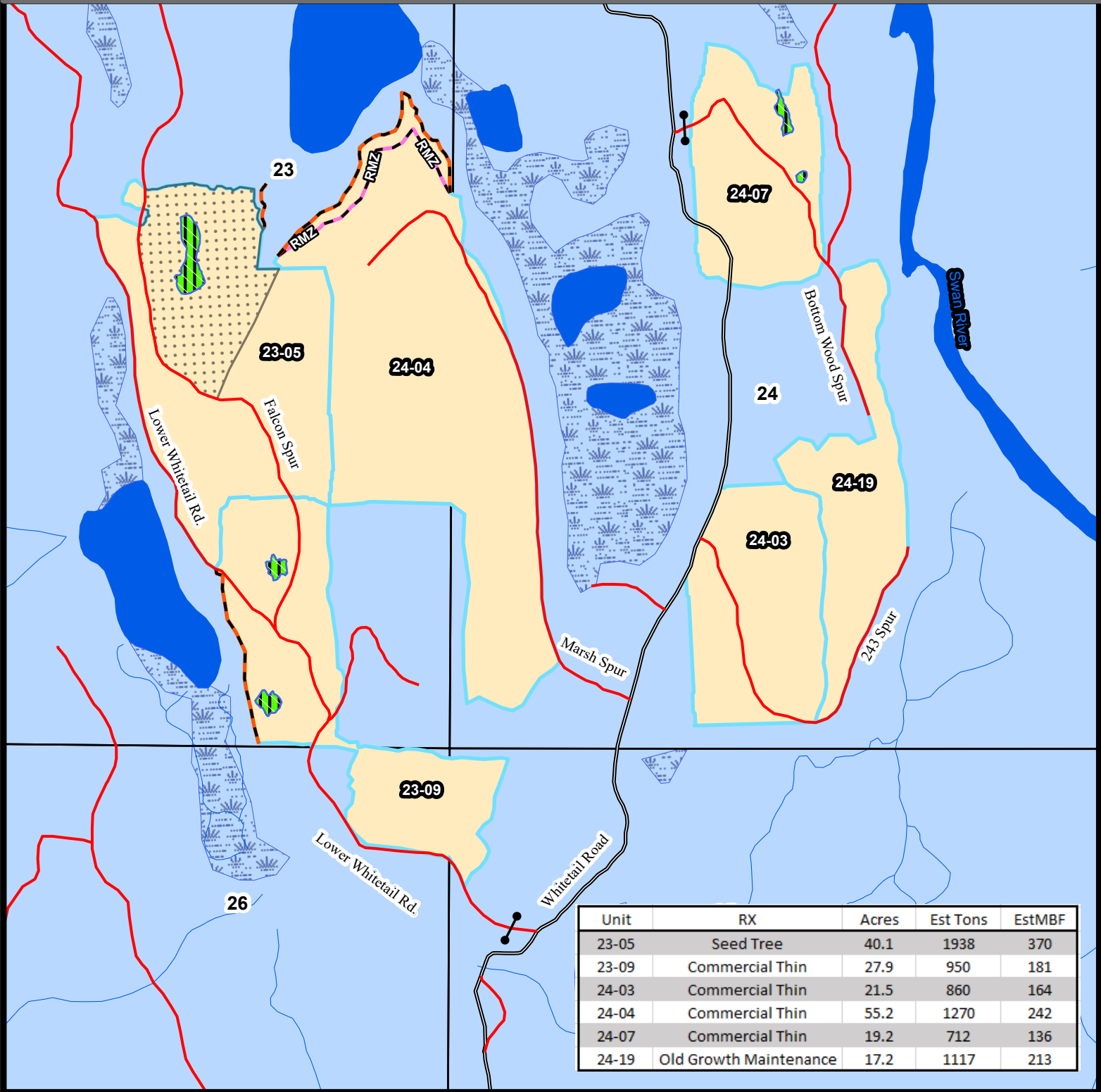


Project Name: Bottom Wood Timber Sale
Project Location: Swan River State Forest
Sections: 23, 24, 25 & 26
Township: 24 North
Range: 18 West
County: Lake

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

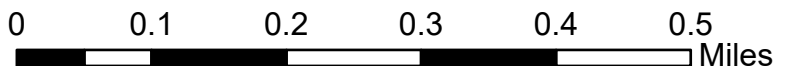


Attachment A2: Bottom Wood Sale Map T24N R18W Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26



Unit	RX	Acres	Est Tons	EstMBF
23-05	Seed Tree	40.1	1938	370
23-09	Commercial Thin	27.9	950	181
24-03	Commercial Thin	21.5	860	164
24-04	Commercial Thin	55.2	1270	242
24-07	Commercial Thin	19.2	712	136
24-19	Old Growth Maintenance	17.2	1117	213

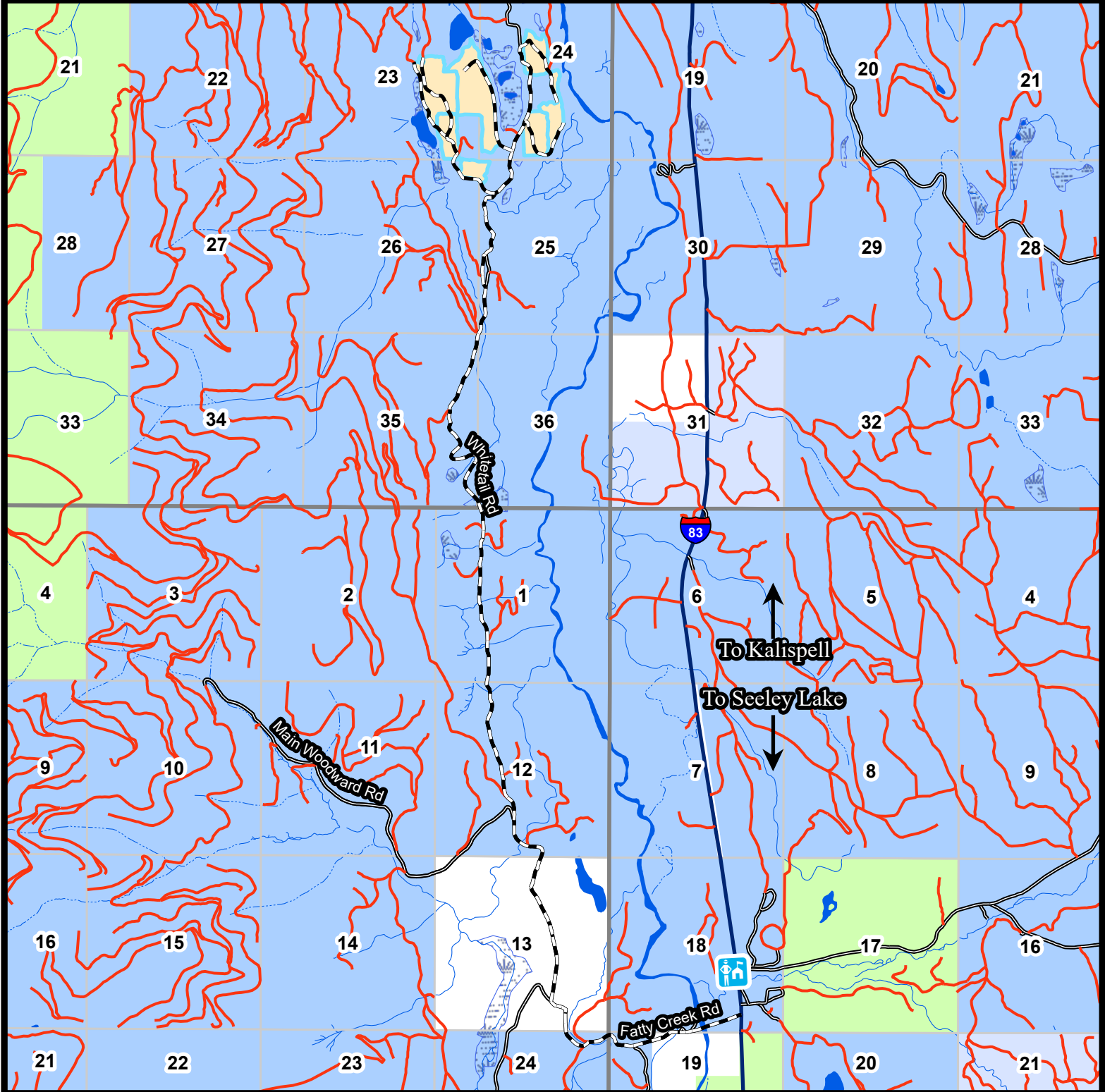
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- ERZ
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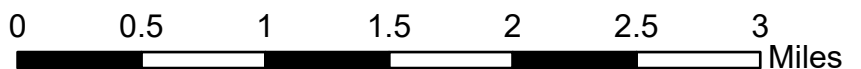


Attachment A3: Bottom Wood Haul Route Map T24N R18W Sections 23,24,25, and 26

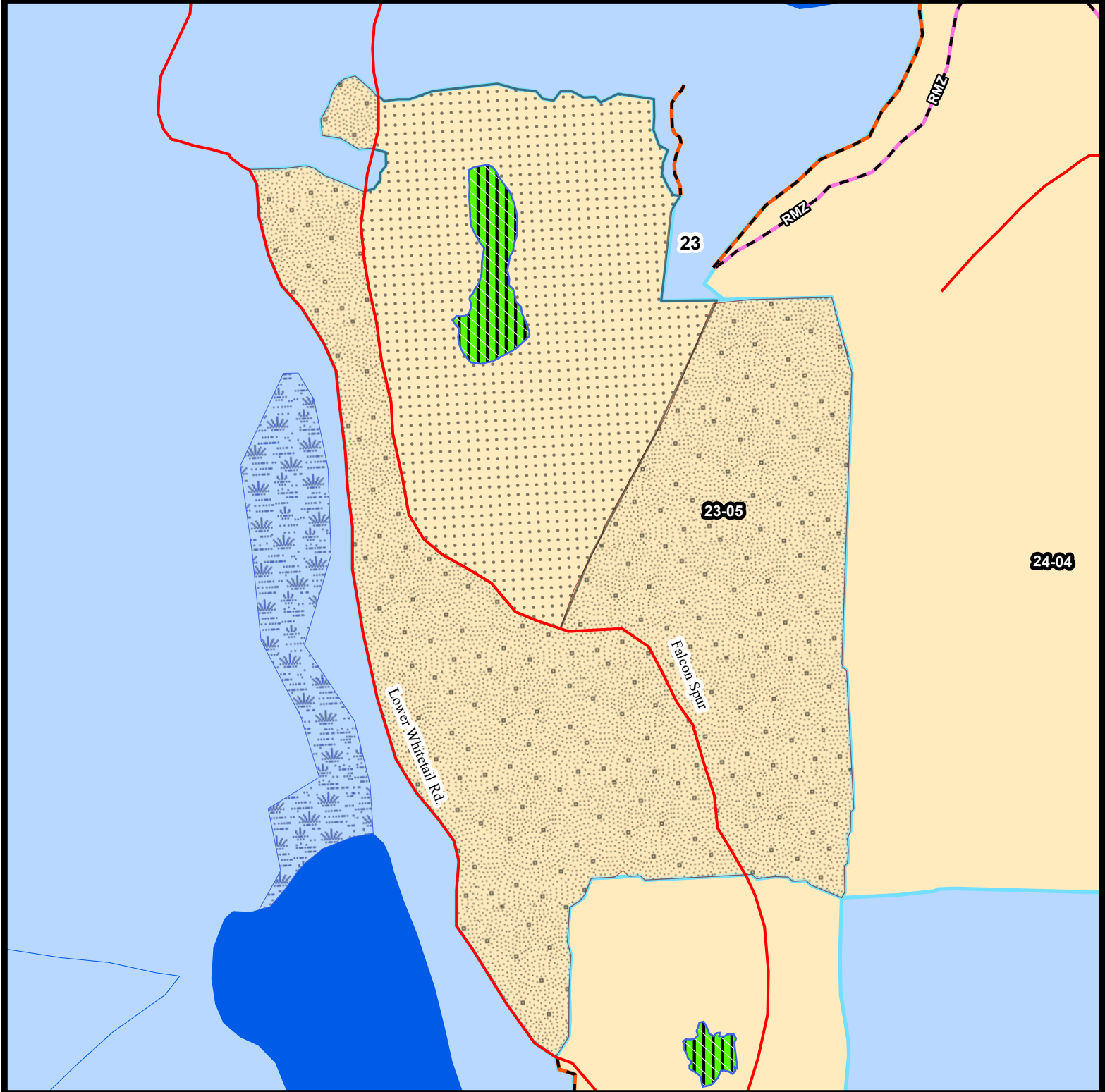










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- USFS


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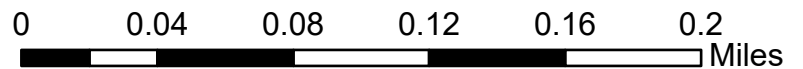


Attachment A4: Bottom Wood Piling and Scarification T24N R18W Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26



-  Cutting Units
-  Pile and Scarify Portion
-  Restricted Roads
-  RMZ
-  SMZ
-  ERZ
-  WMZ
-  Perennial Stream

-  Perennial Lake
-  Wetland
-  MT DNRC



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