

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Ronan Creek Fire Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 26, T25N-R22W on the State's Kalispell Unit. Approximately 3,312 tons, consisting of Douglas-fir and western larch sawlogs, are offered for sale. Ponderosa pine is optional to harvest on this sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **January 5, 2023 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 \$3,085.00**, 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 **21** 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: Ronan Creek Fire Salvage			
For specific sale information, contact: Pete Seigmund			
Phone:	406-751-2266	Unit Office: Kalispell	
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 21 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 non-ponderosa pine 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. Purchaser will select cut trees. Retain at least 4 trees per acre 20 inches DBH or greater. If 20-inch DBH trees are not present, leave the largest diameter trees available. Spacing can vary depending on the quality and quantity of suitable leave trees. A uniform spacing of 100 feet between leave trees will result in 4 trees per acre. Older dead and cull trees that are standing can be counted towards the required 4 trees per acre. Broken topped trees should be a minimum of 16 feet tall to be counted as a leave tree. Retain sub-merchantable trees to the greatest extent practical. Approximately 60 acres have been leave tree marked along the eastern boundary of the harvest unit. This portion of the unit did not burn as intense and many of the green topped western larch were marked for seed trees.
2. The forest improvement fee will be charged on non-ponderosa pine species and collected concurrent with stumpage.
3. Ponderosa pine (non-blue stained) is optional to harvest and may be added to the contract at a negotiated rate through a contract amendment. The stumpage rate for blue stained ponderosa pine is \$1 per ton. The forest improvement fee will not be charged on blue stained ponderosa pine. Blue stained sawlogs are defined as ponderosa pine logs showing blue stain in both ends of the scaling cylinder.
4. Access to the sale area is through 3 gates. The first 'double' green cattle gate must always remain closed. The other gates' status will depend on the time of year harvest and hauling operations occur. See haul map for gate locations and access information.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

RONAN CREEK FIRE SALVAGE										
Timber Sale Cruise Data										
SPECIES		DF	WL	LP	ES	WF	CE	WP	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton										\$18.63
Pounds per cubic foot		55	52							55
Estimated tons of sawlogs (5.6" top DIB)		2,307	995							3,312 tons
Estimated tons of other material (pulp, etc)										0 tons
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		428	233							661 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		8	21							11.8%
Net MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)		396	184							580 MBF
Average logs per MBF		16.7	21.5							17.0 logs/M
Average DBH		15.6	13							14.4 in.
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units	→									0 tons/ac
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units	→									0 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale	→									2.3 MBF/ac
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise	→									0
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,061 and 1,487 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									16.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet										
Contract Value - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	3,312 estimated tons to a 5.6 inch top / 580 Net MBF Scribner to a 5.6 inch top DIB									5.71 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/1/2023
Operating Period:	Year round as site conditions allow. Soil must be dry, frozen, or snow covered.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	100%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	42.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	9.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.66/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$15,433.92
FI concurrent with stumpage	
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/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	\$9,879
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$2.98/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$17.03/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$2,968
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.90/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	0.9 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	7.4 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	559	3,312	580	October 1, 2023
	559 Ac.	3,312 tons	580 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Kalispell Unit

RONAN CREEK FIRE
SALVAGE

VICINITY MAP

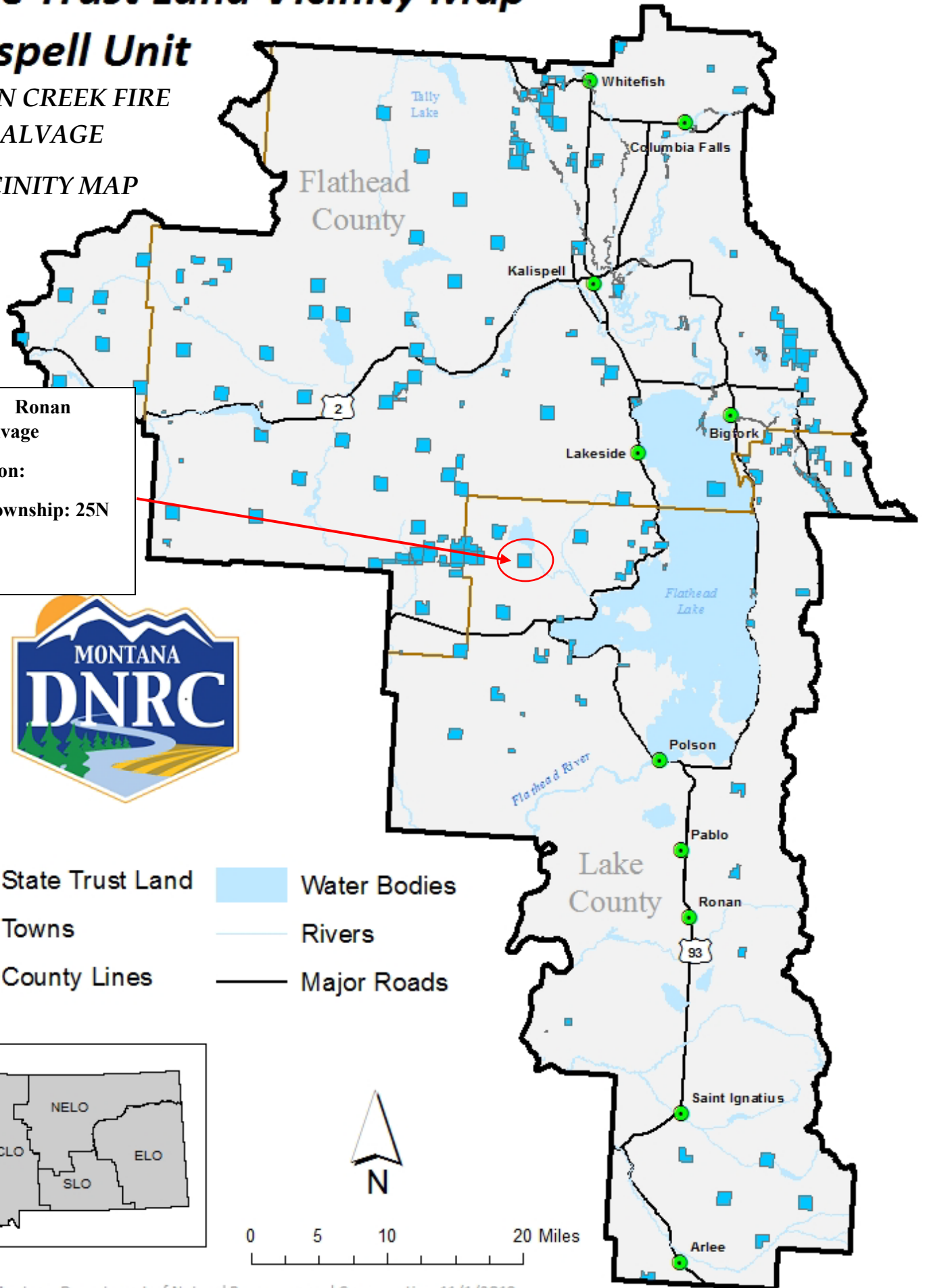
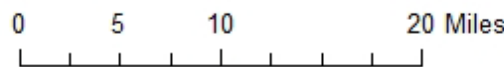
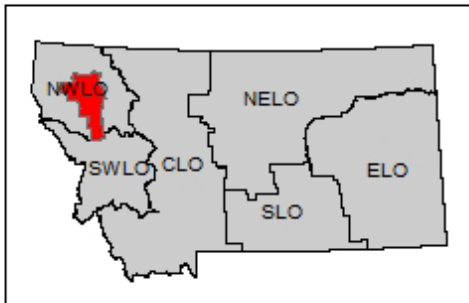
Project Name: Ronan
Creek Fire Salvage

Project Location:
Section: 26 Township: 25N
Range: 22W

County: Lake



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



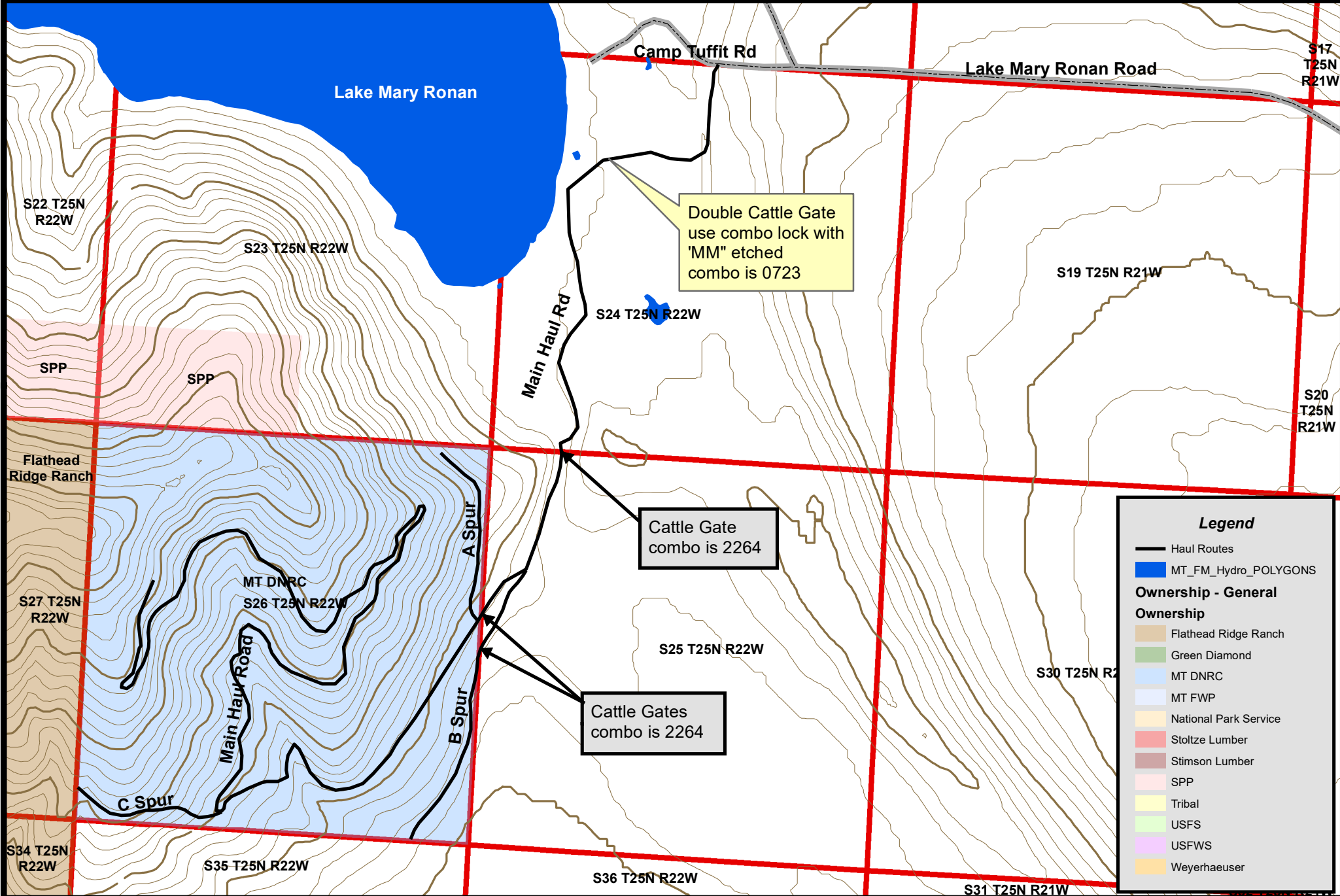
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S. 26, T25N, R22W

HAUL ROAD MAP



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Legend

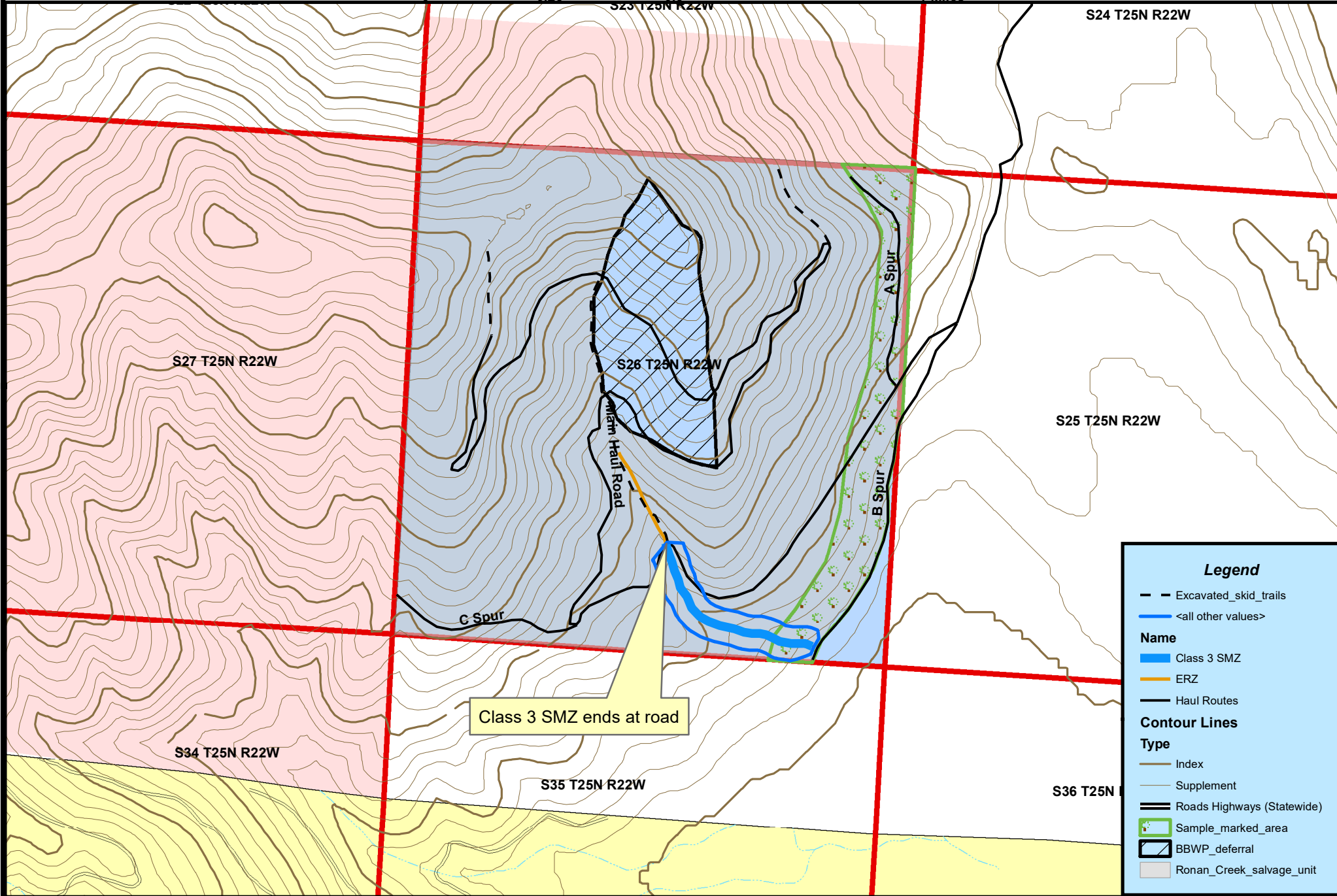
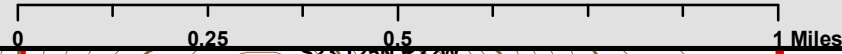
- Haul Routes
- MT_FM_Hydro_POLYGONS

Ownership - General Ownership

- Flathead Ridge Ranch
- Green Diamond
- MT DNRC
- MT FWP
- National Park Service
- Stoltze Lumber
- Stimson Lumber
- SPP
- Tribal
- USFS
- USFWS
- Weyerhaeuser

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S. 26, T25N, R22W TIMBER SALE MAP



Legend

- - Excavated skid trails
- <all other values>

Name

- Class 3 SMZ
- ERZ
- Haul Routes

Contour Lines

Type

- Index
- Supplement
- Roads Highways (Statewide)
- Sample marked area
- BBWP deferral
- Ronan_Creek_salvage_unit