

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Short Star Timber Sale is located within Section 13, 14, & 24, T31N-R24W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 19,536 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 8, 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 \$24,352.00**, 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 15, 2023 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**

<b>Timber Sale Name: Short Star Timber Sale</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Joe Rizzi</b>			
Phone	406-881-2675	Unit Office: Stillwater	
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2257	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, cashier's 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. Access to the sale is located off of the Star Meadow Road on the east side of the road about 6.5 miles off of Farm to Market Rd. A combination lock will be on the gate, code **2-3-7-1**.
2. Property lines on the edges of units 6, 8, and 15 will be surveyed Summer of 2023. Purchaser will be required to coordinate with Forest Officer before starting harvest in these units.
3. Units 1 & 9 will be winter harvest conditions only and SMZ harvest is required. Hand felling will be required for up to 7 acres in units combined.
4. Unit 7 will have 4 acres special marked to maintain 40-60% canopy cover for wildlife security.
5. Units 12 and 14 contain portions of steep yarding. There are areas that will be difficult to access that are provided as optional harvest acres. Unit 12 could require hand felling and winches in these optional acres. Unit 14 will require adverse skidding along old jammer roads as long as BMPs are followed.
6. Units 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 are "cut by description". Specifications by unit are available in the contract unit boxes.
7. Unit 15 will require 3 spur trails less than 500 feet in length for access.
8. Unit 1 contains 2 acres of Class 1 SMZ harvest. Unit 2 contains 1.5 acres of class 2 SMZ harvest. Unit 9 contains 4.5 acres of class 2 SMZ harvest.
9. Wet CMP installation on class 2 stream that is usually dry in August.
10. About 0.5 miles of brushing, 3 culvert installs, and re-work of a road approach will be required to access unit 1. Approximately 6.4 miles of road maintenance and spot blading will be required for the rest of the sale area.

**Timber Sale Information Sheet**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

Short Star												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All   All   Cut)												
SPECIES		DF	WL	LP	ES	GF		AF			Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$24.93
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		8605	2645	1974	4179	74		2028			30	<b>19,536 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		127	41	106	59	0		122			1	456 tons
Gross MBF		1370	514	299	804	13		367			5	3,373 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		11.2	14.6	8.6	13.3	10.0		22.7			10.0	13.3%
Net MBF		1216	439	273	697	12		284			5	2,926 MBF
Average logs per MBF		22.4	21.0	33.0	19.7	15.8		40.0			31.2	24.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.7	12.4	9.2	12.6	17.0		9.3			11.0	11.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre											→	49 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre											→	7.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut											→	106
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,606 and 3,246 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											10.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	19,536 estimated tons / 2,926 Net MBF											6.68 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2026	
Operating Period:	June 16 - March 31; when soil conditions allow	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	27%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	878 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	27.5 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.5 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.98/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$77,753.28
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$12,958.88
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	\$4,971
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.25/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$1.70/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$10,311
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.53/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	0.6 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	6.4 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	13.0	811	121	09/30/26
2	22.1	1139	171	09/30/26
3	32.3	445	67	09/30/26
4	32.6	1418	212	09/30/26
5	28.0	1428	214	09/30/26
6	35.9	1726	258	09/30/26
7	31.4	2186	327	09/30/26
8	42.5	2368	355	09/30/26
9	30.0	2638	395	09/30/26
10	22.3	661	99	09/30/26
11	22.8	959	144	09/30/26
12	42.3	2009	301	09/30/26
13	10.4	180	27	09/30/26
14	15.1	568	85	09/30/26
15	18.9	1002	150	09/30/26
	399 Ac.	19,536 tons	2,926 MBF	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

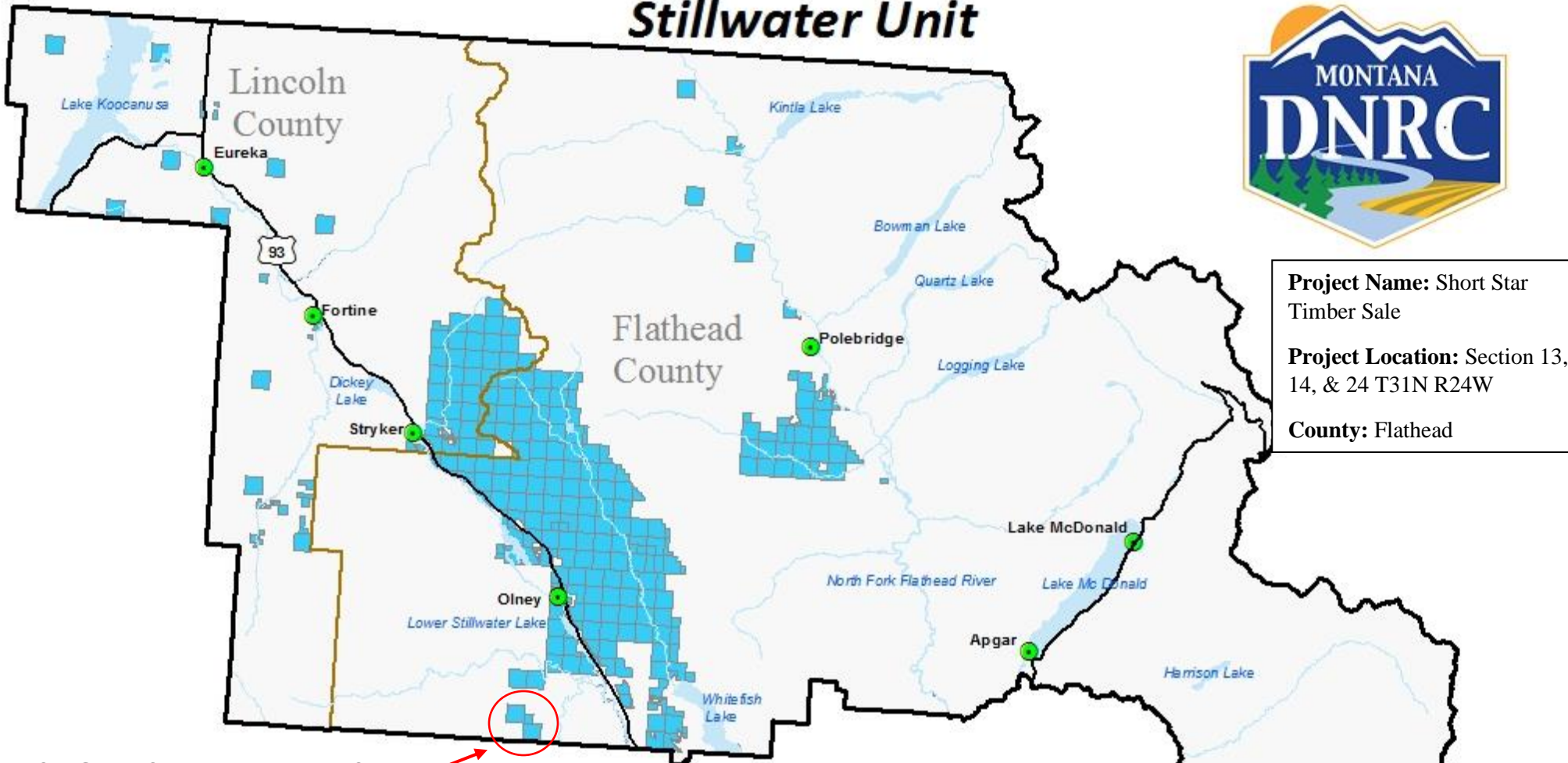
## Stillwater Unit



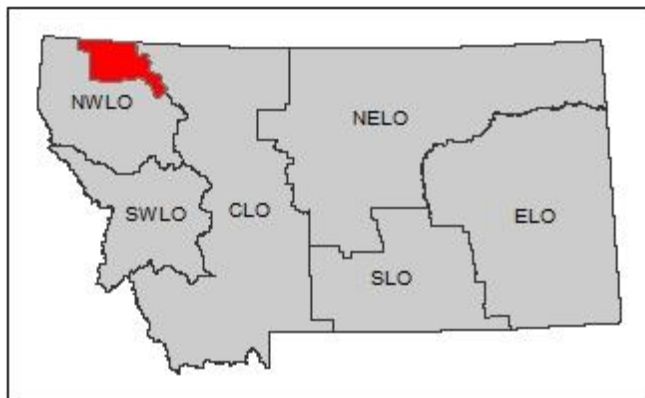
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**Project Location:** Section 13, 14, & 24 T31N R24W

**County:** Flathead



**SHORT STAR TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP**



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

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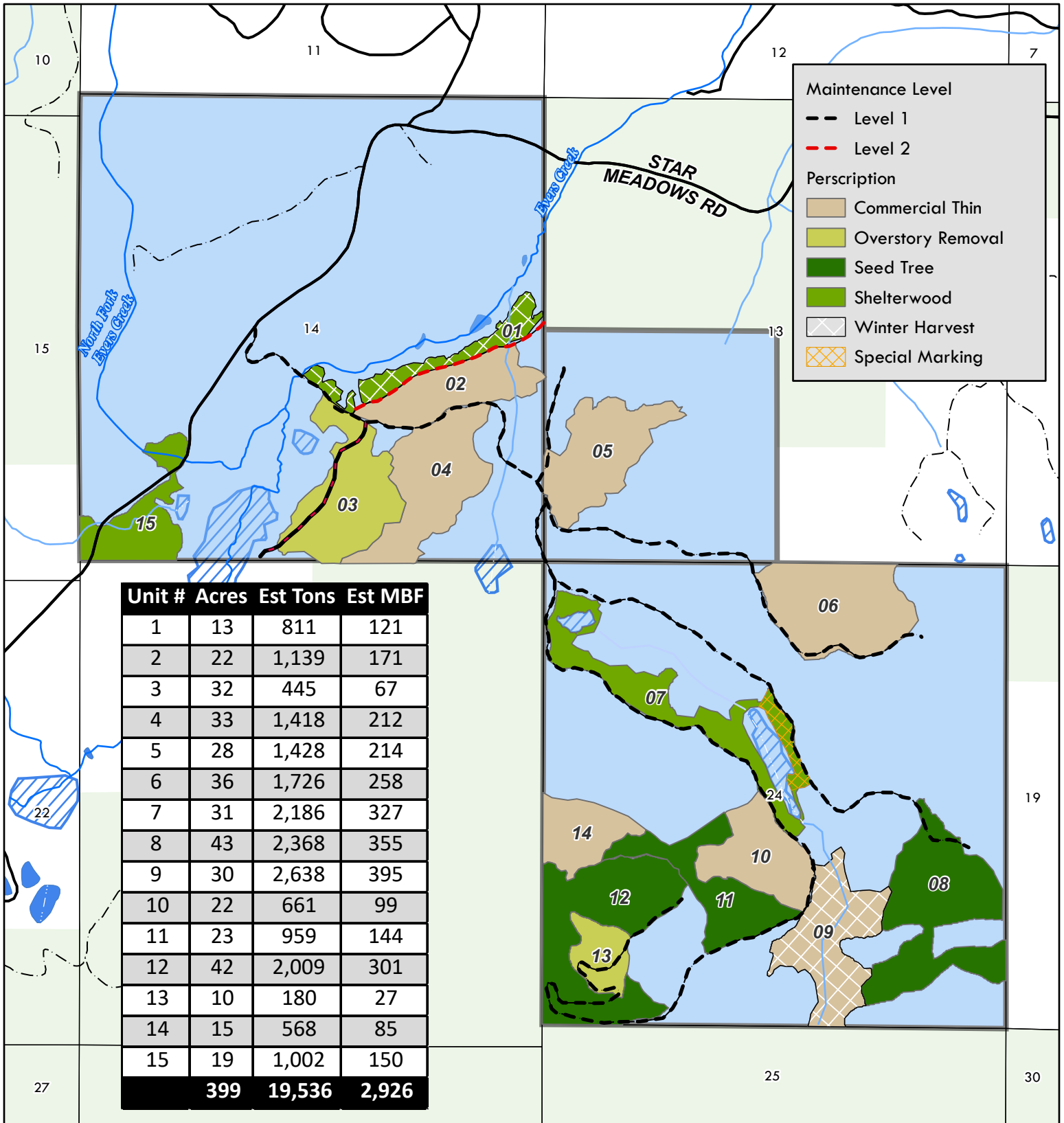
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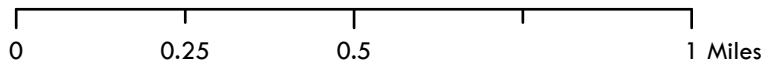
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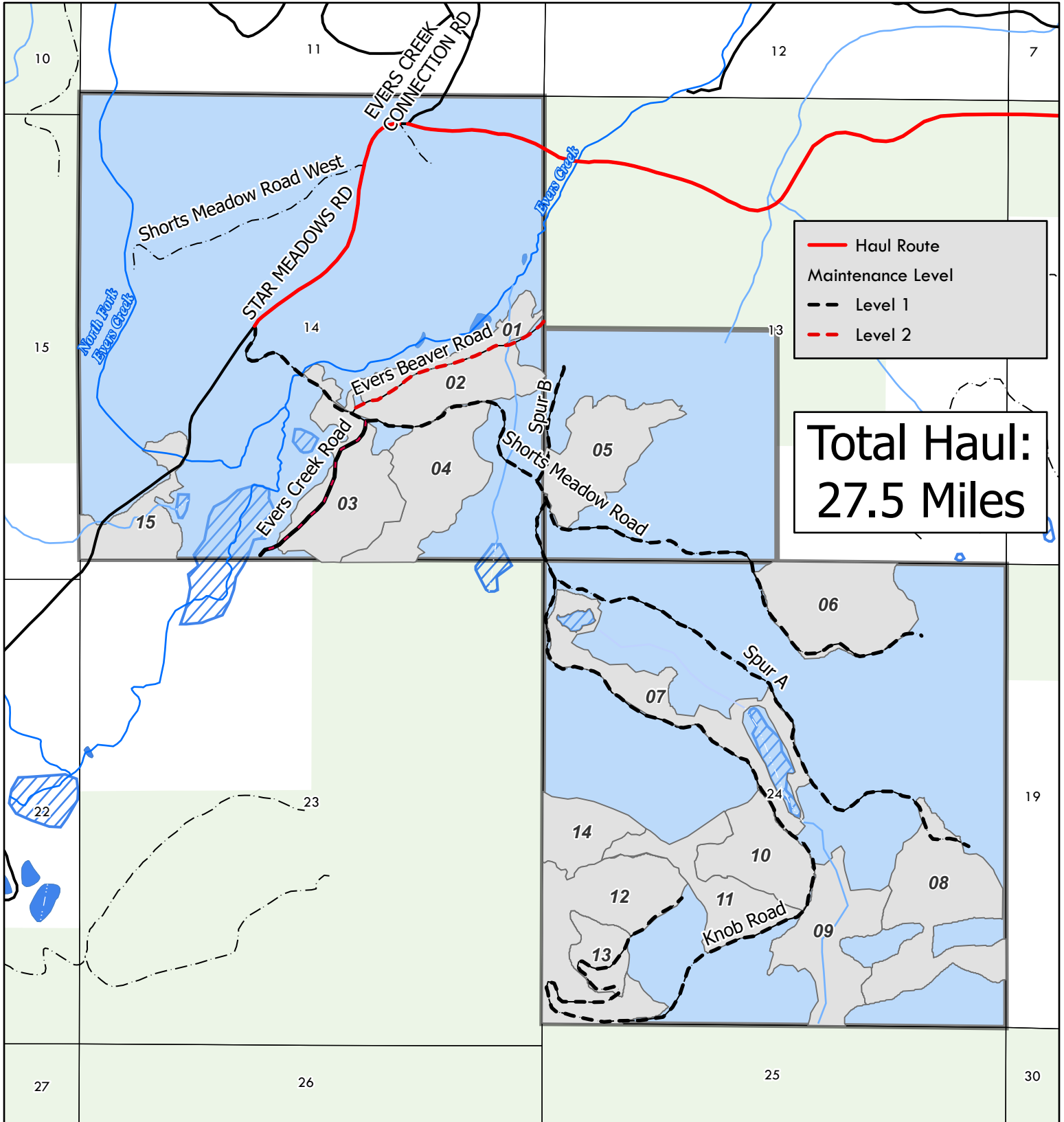




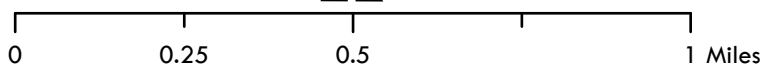
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