

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Top Secret Timber Sale is located within Section 16 T12N-R14W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 11,192 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 23, 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 \$6,290.00**, 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 <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: Top Secret Timber Sale			
Timber Sale Location: Section 16 T12N R14W			
For specific sale information, contact: Scott Allen			
Phone	406-542-5803	Unit Office: Missoula	
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 Scott Allen, Missoula Unit DNRC (406) 542-5803; 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. **HARVEST BY PRESCRIPTION:** In Unit 2, trees designated for harvest are not marked and shall be harvested according to silvicultural descriptions found in the Contract (Section VII. LOGGING). An 8-acre portion of the unit is leave tree sample marked to help represent the harvest prescription. The Forest Officer will be available and make regular site visits during harvest operations to clarify any harvest prescription questions or issues.
4. **THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. **0.3** miles of new permanent road will need to be constructed
5. **DUST ABATEMENT:** The Purchaser **may** be required to apply approximately 0.25 miles of dust abatement on Top Secret Road just passed its junction with Bear Gulch Road (private residence) if excessive amounts of dust are created or expected to be created during hauling operations
6. **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO BIDDING.**

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Top Secret Timber Sale												
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												\$11.24
Pounds per cubic foot		54.0		56.0							40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		11093		61							38	11,192 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		163		12							3	178 tons
Gross MBF		2049		7							10	2,066 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		20.0		20.9							27.6	20.1%
Net MBF		1638		6							7	1,651 MBF
Average logs per MBF		26.9		86.7							37.9	27.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.8		7.3							9.2	12.6 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											33 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											4.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											79
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,455 and 1,848 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											11.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	11,192 estimated tons / 1,651 Net MBF											6.78 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	June 15,2026	
Operating Period:	year round when soil conditions allow	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	44.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	7.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.21/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$35,926.32
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$5,987.72
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

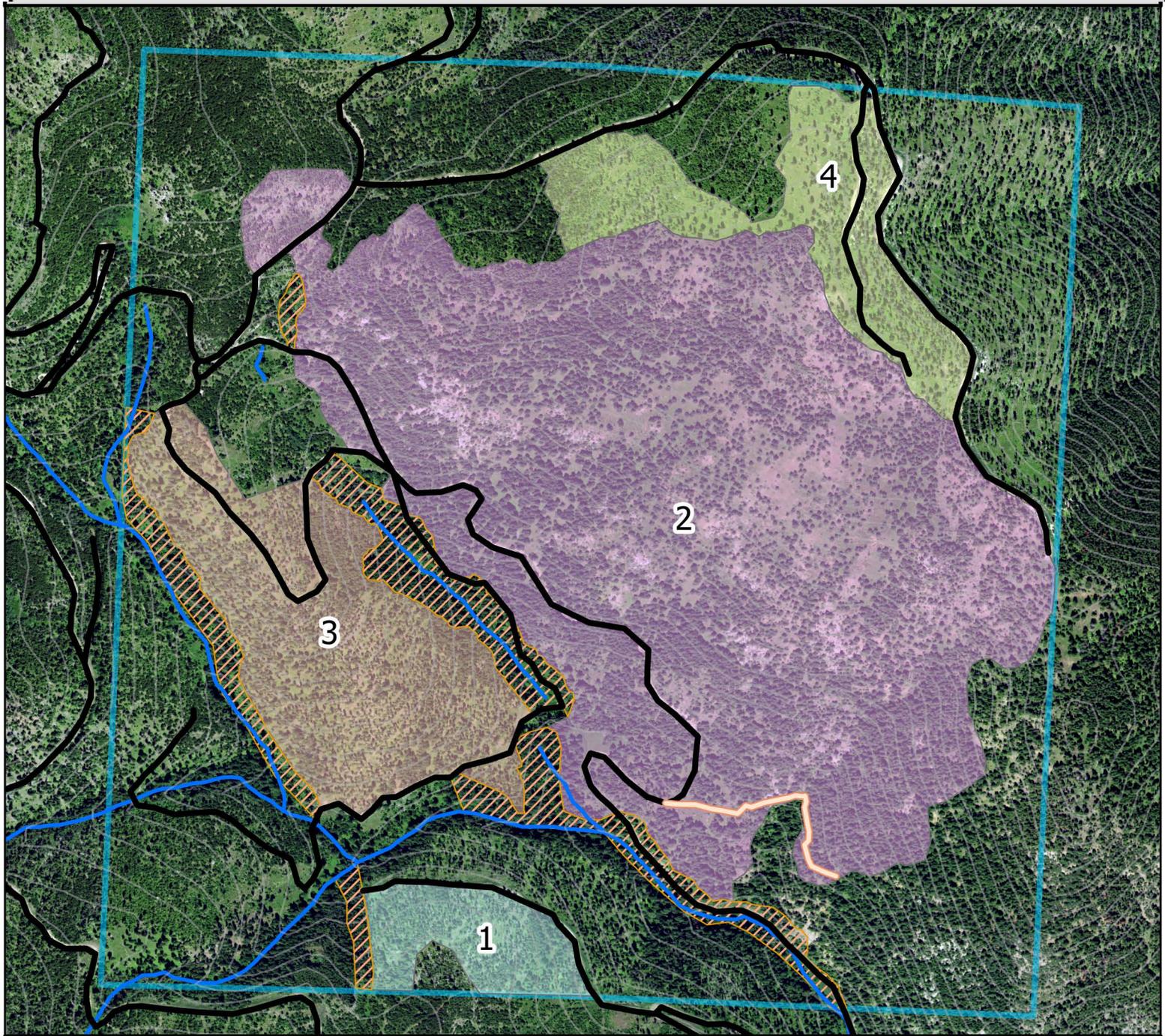
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$13,729
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.23/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$8.31/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$21,964
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.96/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.3 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	3.7 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
Cutting Unit 1	15	875	129	October 15, 2025
Cutting Unit 2	238	7302	1077	October 15, 2025
Cutting Unit 3	55	2365	349	October 15, 2025
Cutting Unit 4	32	649	96	October 15, 2025

Attachment A1

Top Secret Timber Sale

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Top Secret Harvest Units

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

State Trust Lands



Roads

New Road Construction

Unit	Acres	Marking
1	15	Purple Leave Tree
2	238	Harvest by Prescription
3	55	Purple Leave Tree
4	32	Purple Leave Tree

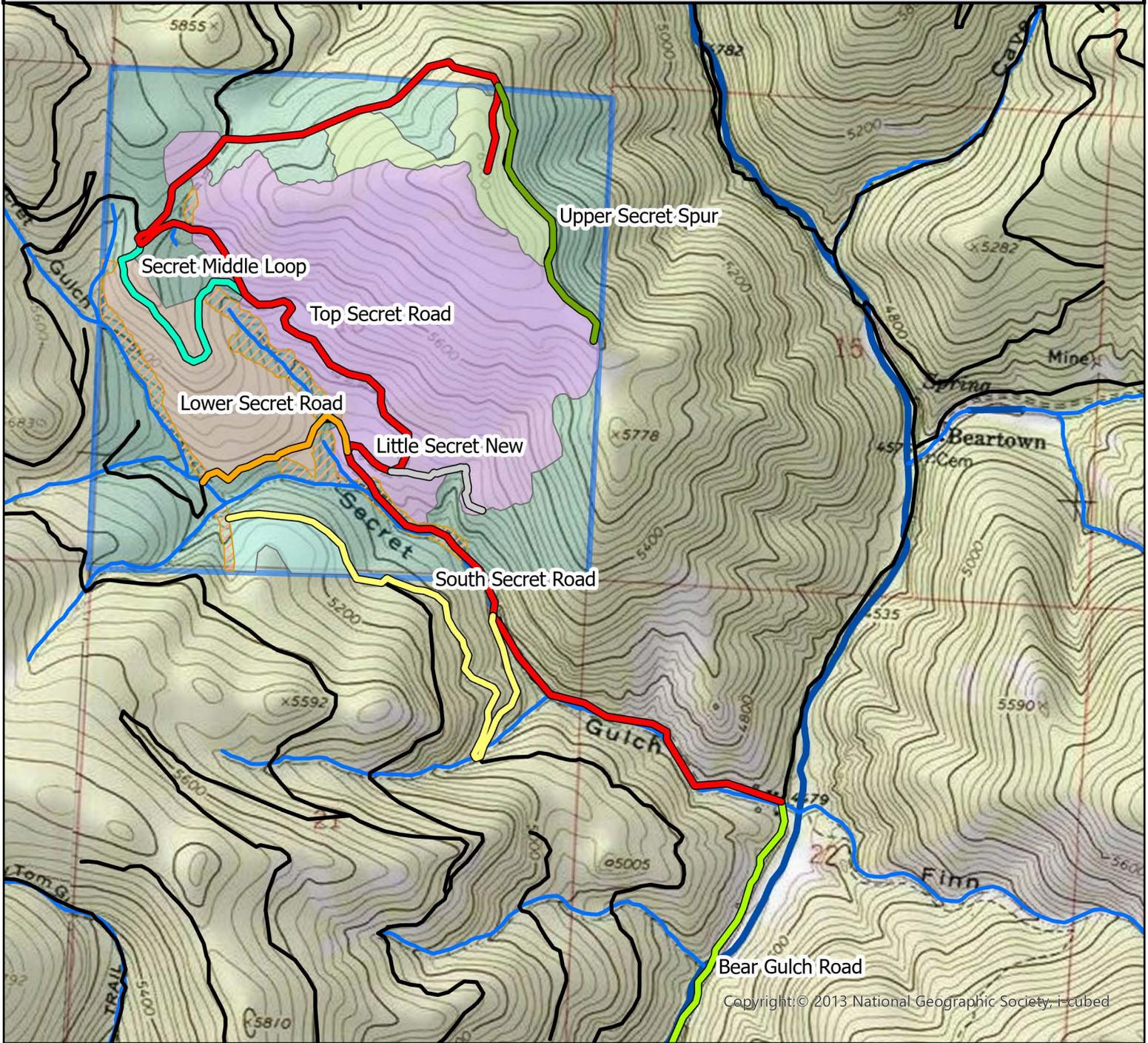


Top Secret Timber Sale Travel Map

Section 16 T12N R14W

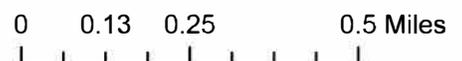
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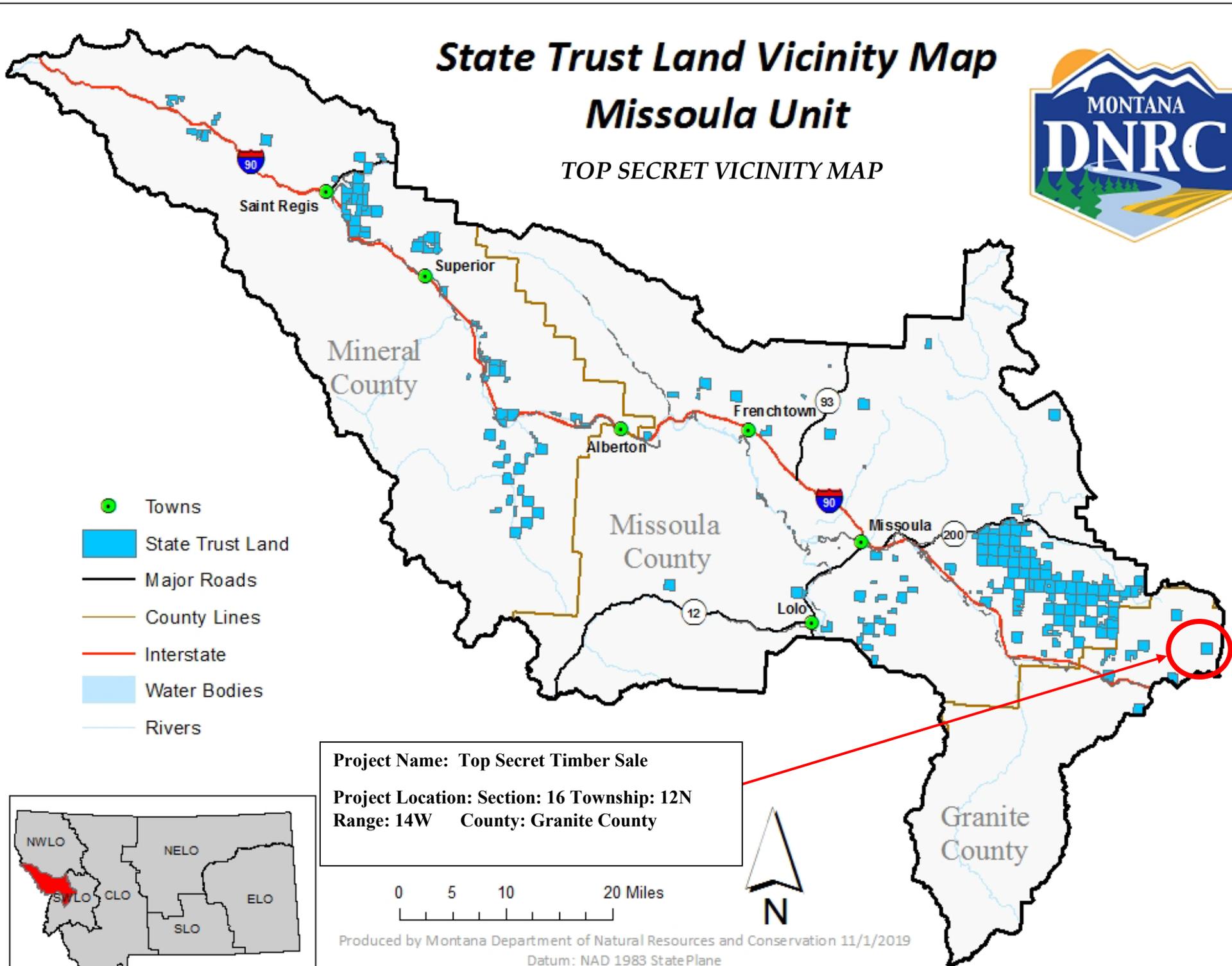
Name	Type of Work	Miles	Length (feet)
Secret Middle Loop	Maintenance	0.6	3052
Bear Gulch Road	County Maintenance	5.6	29542
Top Secret Road	Maintenance / Improvements	3.3	17389
Lower Secret Road	Maintenance / Improvements	0.4	2145
South Secret Road	Maintenance	1.2	6373
Upper Secret Spur	Maintenance	0.6	3145
Little Secret New	New Construction	0.3	1385



State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Missoula Unit

TOP SECRET VICINITY MAP



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

Project Name: Top Secret Timber Sale
Project Location: Section: 16 Township: 12N
Range: 14W **County:** Granite County



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