

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Lost Again Timber Sale is located within Sections 4, 9, and 10 of T24N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 4,712 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 **April 9, 2024 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 \$5,579.00**, 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 March 18, 2024 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: Lost Again</b>			
<b>For specific sale information, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-837-8107	Josh Reed	Swan Unit Office
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240		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 Lost Again Timber Sale consists of three units (263 acres).**

- a. 4-01 (41.4 Acres, ground-based yarding 206 MBF)
- b. 9-01 (171 Acres, ground-based yarding 315 MBF)
- c. 9-02 (51 Acres, ground-based yarding 243 MBF)

### **2. The Lost Again Timber Sale Road package includes:**

- a. Approximately 14.9 miles of road maintenance including drainage feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.

### **3. Access/Directions**

- a. The Lost Again Timber Sale is located in Sections 4, 9, and 10 T24N, R17W, approximately 5 air miles southeast of Swan Lake, MT.
- b. To access unit 4-01 drive east on the Lost Creek Road off Highway 83 between mile marker 69 and 70. Continue on Lost Creek Road for 2.4 miles until the junction with North Lost Creek Road. Stay right and continue for 0.9 miles. The junction with Old Campground Road is in the center of unit 4-01.
- c. To access units 9-01 and 9-02 drive east on Cilly Creek Road off Highway 83 between mile marker 66 and 67. Continue approximately 0.6 until junction with Road 9521. Unlock gate and continue east on Road 9521 approximately 1.3 miles. The junction with Spur Road 9-15D is in unit 9-02. Going right on Spur Road 9-15D 0.14 miles will lead to the lower portion of unit 9-01. To access the northern portion of 9-02 and access to the center of 9-01 continue left on Road 9521 approximately 0.2 miles until the junction with Spur-D. Take a right on Spur D, continue 0.6 miles to access 9-01.
- d. To access the eastern portion of unit 9-01 drive east on Soup Creek Road off Highway 83 between mile marker 64 and 65. Continue on Soup Creek Road approximately 3.8 miles until the junction with Cilly Creek Road. Continue north on Cilly Creek Road approximately 1.7 miles until the junction with Lower Cilly Creek Road. Turn north on Lower Cilly Creek Road, unlock gate, and drive approximately 1.7 miles to reach the eastern portion of unit 9-01.
- e. See attached sale and haul route map with Notice of Sale.
- f. Gate keys are required to access Lower Cilly Creek Rd and Road 9521. Keys are available at the Swan River State Forest Office (34925 MT HWY 83, Swan Lake MT. 59911).

### **4. Harvest Operational Period**

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 and Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of this contract apply. Contract termination date is September 30, 2026.

### **5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period**

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: June 16, 2024, through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2026 through September 1, 2026 and when Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.

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

Lost Again													
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													\$23.68
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0				40.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs		791	2237	260	37	654	733				0		<b>4,712 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		11	53	6	1	9	3				0		82 tons
Gross MBF		123	440	43	5	123	253				0		986 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10.6	17.1	14.9	10.0	26.4	37.3				0.0		22.5%
Net MBF		110	365	36	5	90	159				0		764 MBF
Average logs per MBF		21.4	23.2	29.8	39.0	28.2	17.2				0.0		22.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.8	11.4	11.6	10.0	12.2	18.8				0.0		12.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											18 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											2.9 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut	→											36	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	638 and 891 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											16.5%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet													
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	4,712 estimated tons / 764 Net MBF											6.16 tons/MBF	

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2026
Operating Period:	June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026

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<b>Logging Information</b>	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	16%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	50.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	0.0 miles

<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.32/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$20,347.27
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment - N/A	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

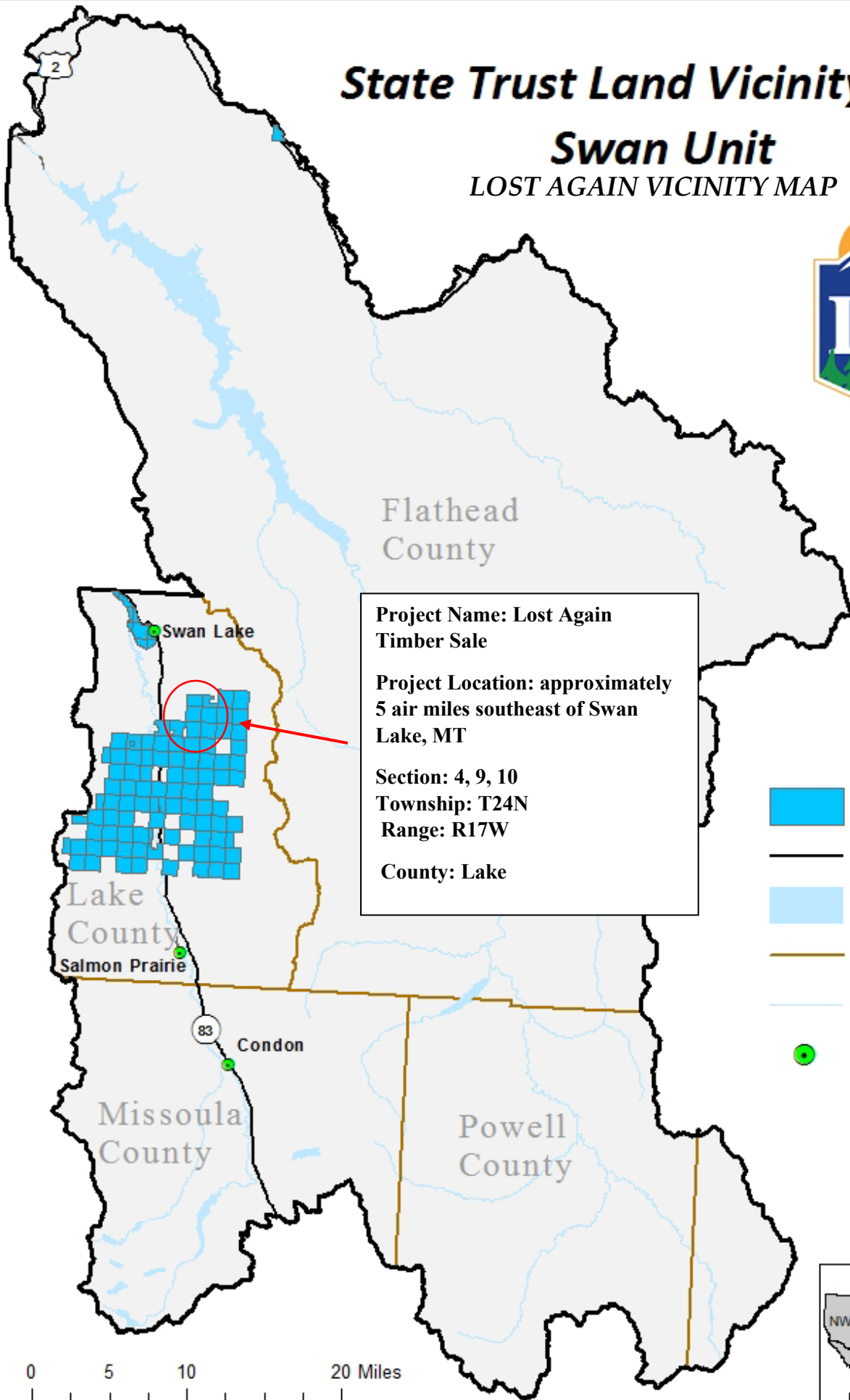
<b>Road development and maintenance fees and estimates</b>	
Estimated road development cost total	\$5,446
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.16/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$7.12/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$13,732
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$2.91/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	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	14.9 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
4-01	41.44	1267	206	March 16, 2026
9-01	170.93	1944	315	March 16, 2026
9-02	50.49	1501	243	March 16, 2026
Totals	263 Ac.	4,712 tons	764 MBF	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Swan Unit

### LOST AGAIN VICINITY MAP



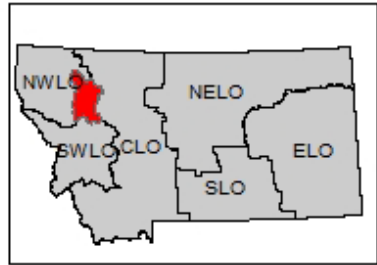
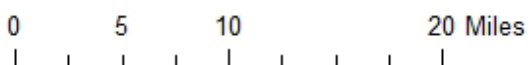
**Project Name:** Lost Again  
Timber Sale

**Project Location:** approximately  
5 air miles southeast of Swan  
Lake, MT

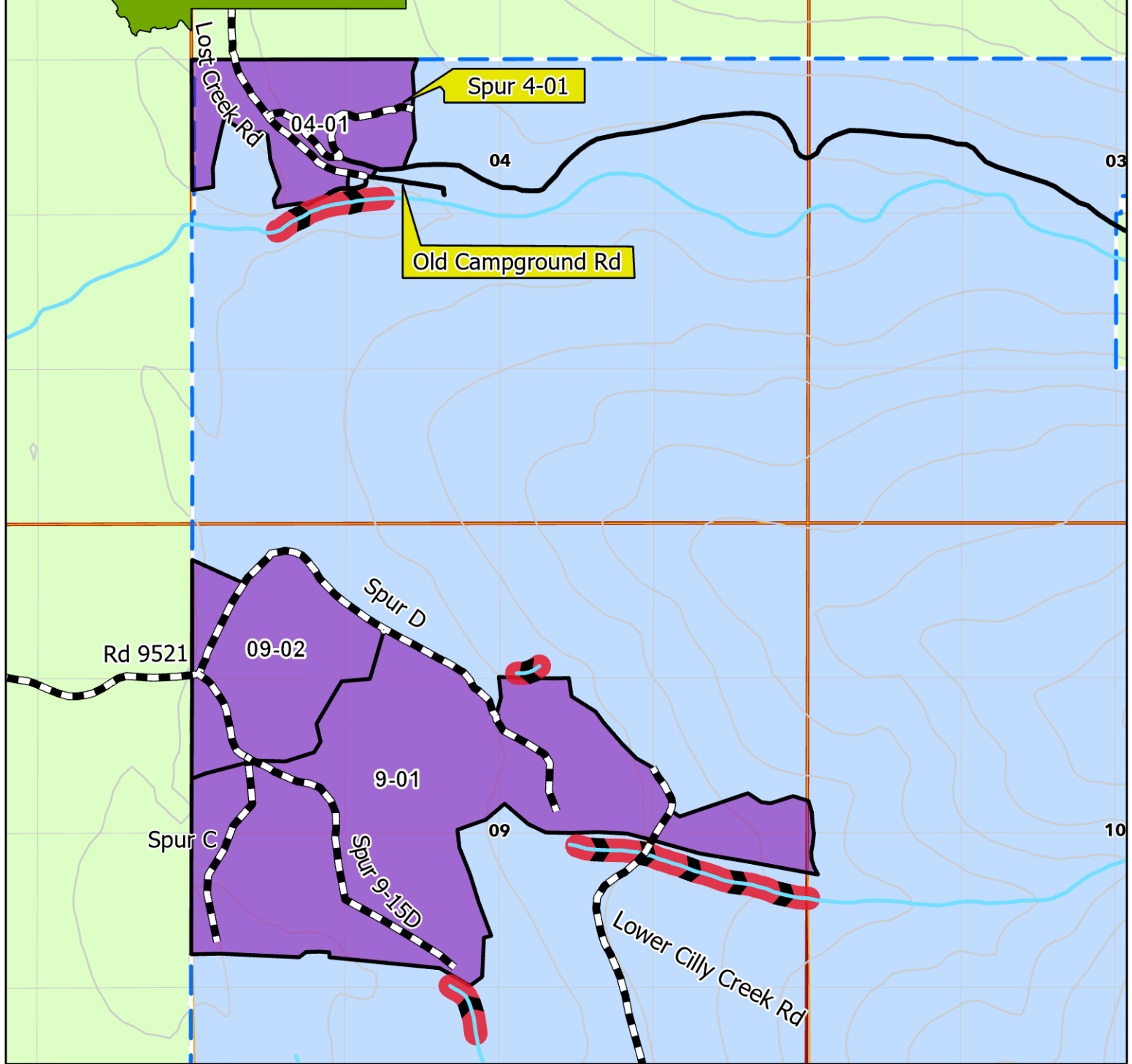
**Section:** 4, 9, 10  
**Township:** T24N  
**Range:** R17W

**County:** Lake

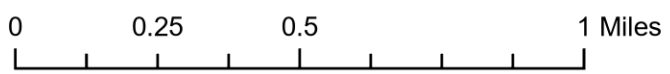
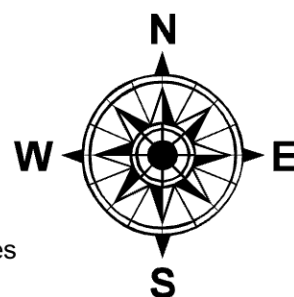
- State Trust Land
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- County Lines
- Rivers
- Towns



**Attachment A2  
Lost Again Timber Sale  
T24N R17W  
Sections 4, 9, and 10**

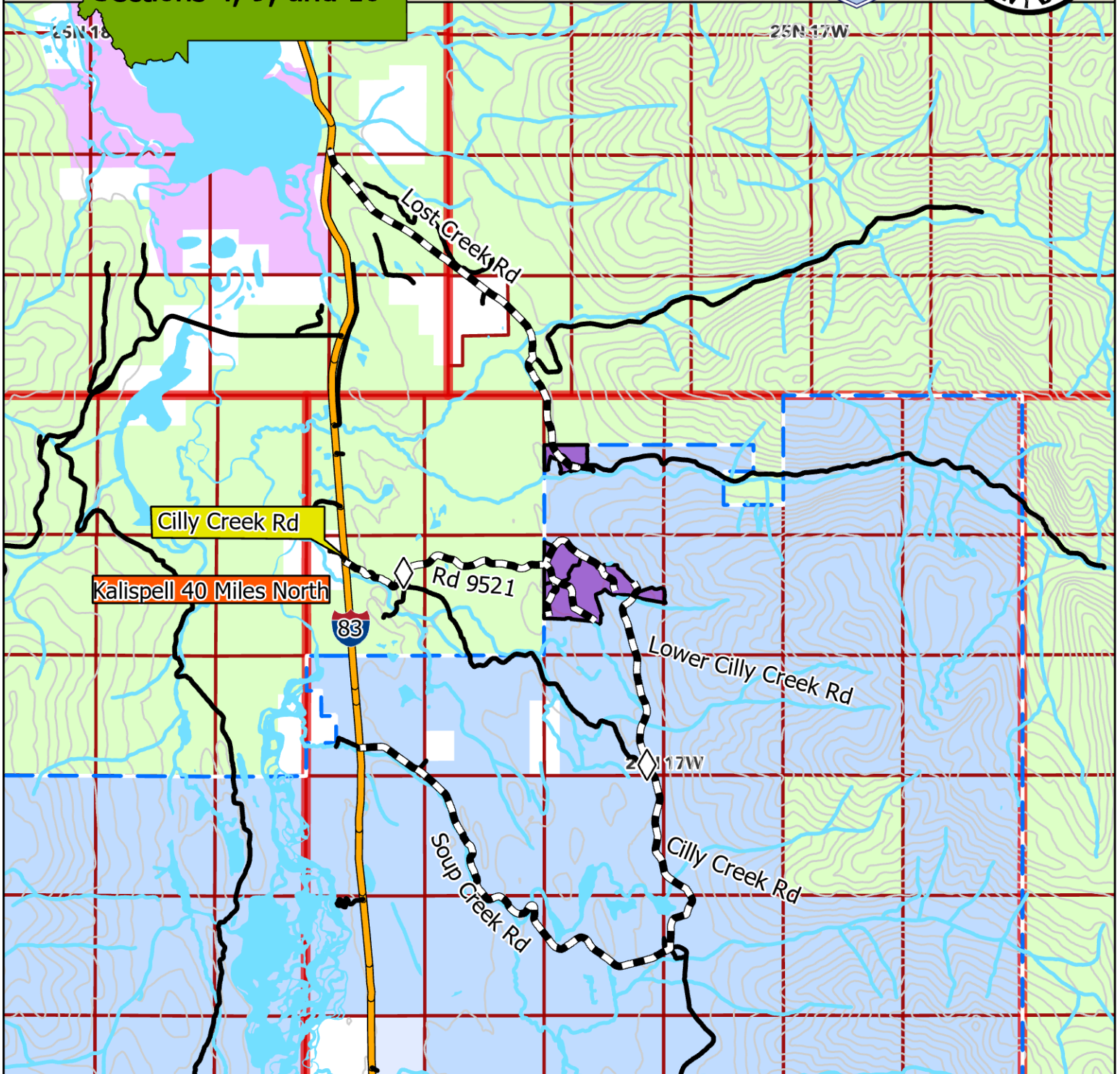


- Cutting Units
- SMZ/RMZ
- MT DNRC
- USFS
- Hydro
- Open Roads
- HaulRoute



Unit	Rx	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF
4-01	Seed Tree	41.44	1,267.10	205.55
9-01	Overstory Removal	170.93	1,944.16	315.39
9-02	Commercial Thin	50.49	1,500.82	243.47

**Attachment A3  
Lost Again Haul Route  
T24N R17W  
Sections 4, 9, and 10**



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| Cutting Units | HIGHWAY    | MT DNRC |
| HaulRoute     | Open Roads | MT FWP  |
| Gates         | Hydro      | USFS    |
|               |            | USFWS   |

