

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The North Soup Canyon Timber Sale is located within Sections 22,25, 26, and 27 of T24N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 9,982 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 **December 19, 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 \$5,204.00**, 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: North Soup Canyon			
For specific sale information, contact: Hiram Jones			
Phone	406-754-2301	Swan	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 North Soup Canyon Timber Sale consists of seven units (232 acres).**

- a. Three ground-based units (112.48 acres, 570 MBF)
- b. Three units of combination ground-based and cable yarding (97 acres, 778 MBF)
- c. One skyline unit (22.6 acres, 168 MBF)

2. The North Soup Canyon Timber sale Road package includes:

- a. Approximately 10,296 feet of new road construction will include right-of-way harvesting, road pioneering, drain dip installations, CMP installations, grass seeding, maintenance, and final blading.
- b. Approximately 13.5 miles of road maintenance including brush clearing and piling, right-of-way clearing, road widening, drainage construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.

3. Access/Directions

- a. The North Soup Canyon Timber Sale area can be accessed via the Soup Creek Road off Highway 83 South at MP 64.8. The sale area is primarily east, northeast of the Soup Creek campground.
- b. To reach the east side of the sale area, drive east off Highway 83 on Soup Creek Road at MP 64.8. Follow Soup Creek Road for approximately 3.8 miles, follow the road around the outside of the campground as it turns south and becomes the Goat Soup Cut-Across Road. Stay on the Goat Soup Cut-Across Road for approximately 0.6 miles to the junction with Soup Canyon Road. Turn on to Soup Canyon Road and follow it 2.5 miles to the sale area.

At MP 3.8 on the Soup Creek Road turn left onto the Cilly Creek Road. Stay on the Cilly Creek Road for approximately 1.1 miles to the junction with the Upper Cilly Ridge Road.
- c. See attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.
- d. Gate keys are required to access Upper Cilly Ridge Road and Soup Canyon Road. 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: Award date through March 16, 2024; June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: Award date through March 16, 2024; June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; June 16, 2026 through September 1, 2026; and when hauling restrictions are not applicable.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

North Soup Canyon												
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												\$10.43
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs		6197	2857	165	305	349	31	17			59	9,982 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		134	35	6	10	9	1	2			0	196 tons
Gross MBF		989	656	26	42	98	6	2			16	1,834 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		14.6	17.3	13.9	14.9	48.9	7.0	15.0			14.8	17.4%
Net MBF		844	542	23	36	50	6	2			14	1,516 MBF
Average logs per MBF		27.6	13.3	33.7	36.5	36.1	32.7	52.5			20.4	23.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.5	13.9	10.4	10.2	11.9	11.0	8.0			14.9	11.9 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											43 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											6.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											87
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,263 and 1,768 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											16.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	9,982 estimated tons / 1,516 Net MBF											6.59 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2026
Operating Period:	Award date through March 16, 2024; June 16, 2024 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2026; and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	68%
% of volume logged with tractors	50%
% of volume logged by skyline	50%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	700 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	50.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	8.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.04/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$40,327.28
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$6,721.21
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	\$119,707
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$11.99/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$78.98/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$21,046
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$2.11/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	2.0 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	13.5 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
22-05	28.01	1101	167	March 16, 2026
25-04	32.34	823	125	March 16, 2026
25-05	38.68	1614	245	March 16, 2026
26-01	34.79	1593	242	March 16, 2026
26-02	34.21	2428	369	March 16, 2026
27-01	22.60	1104	168	March 16, 2026
27-05	41.46	1319	200	March 16, 2026
	232 Ac.	9,982 tons	1,516 MBF	

ATTACHMENT A

State Trust Land Vicinity Map Swan Unit

North Soup Canyon VICINITY MAP



Project Name: North Soup Canyon

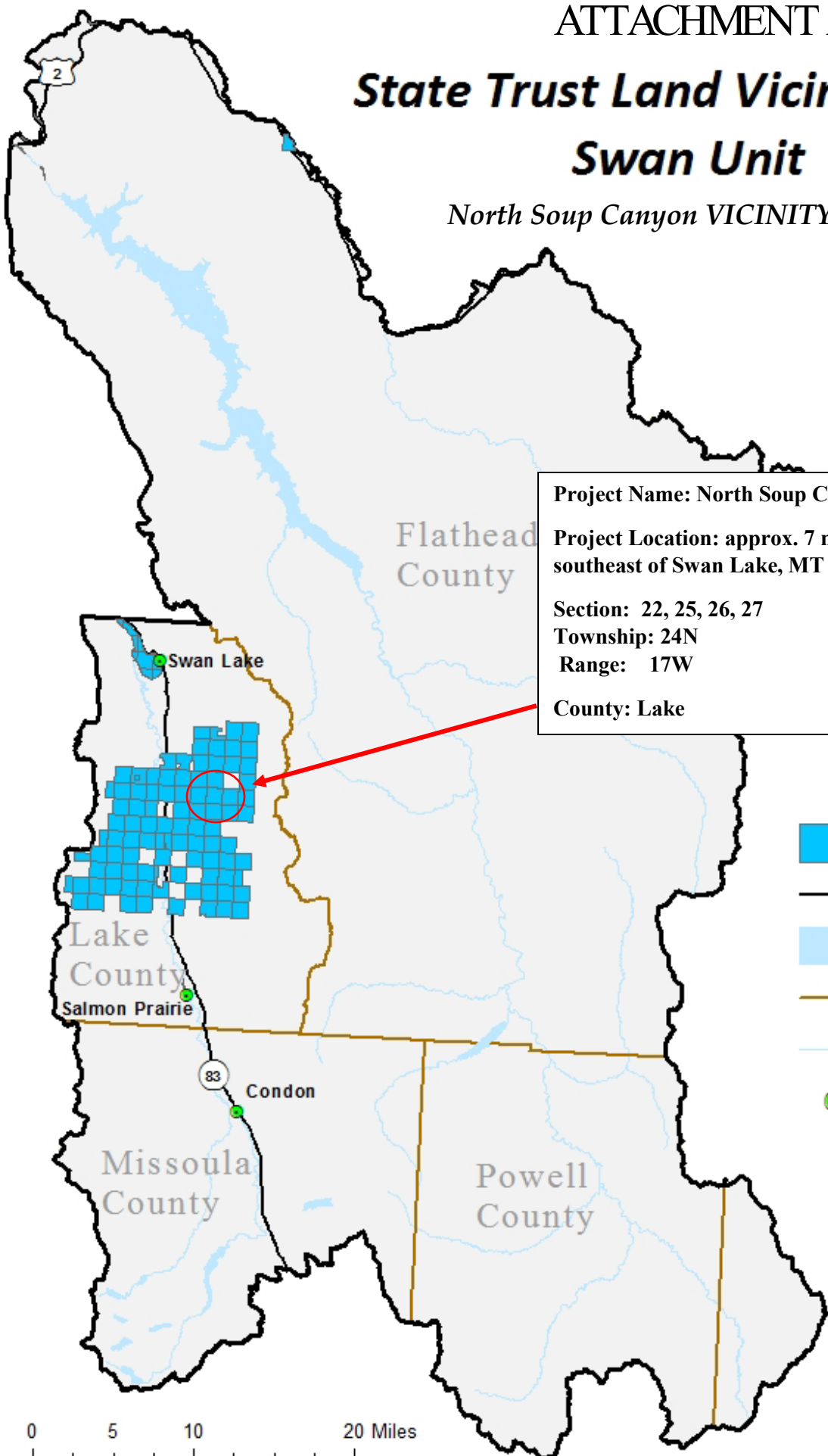
Project Location: approx. 7 miles southeast of Swan Lake, MT

Section: 22, 25, 26, 27

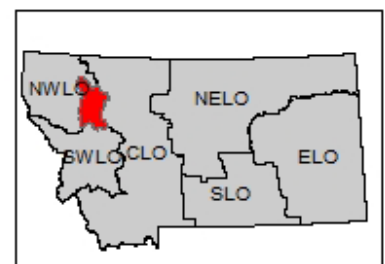
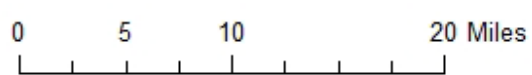
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Range: 17W

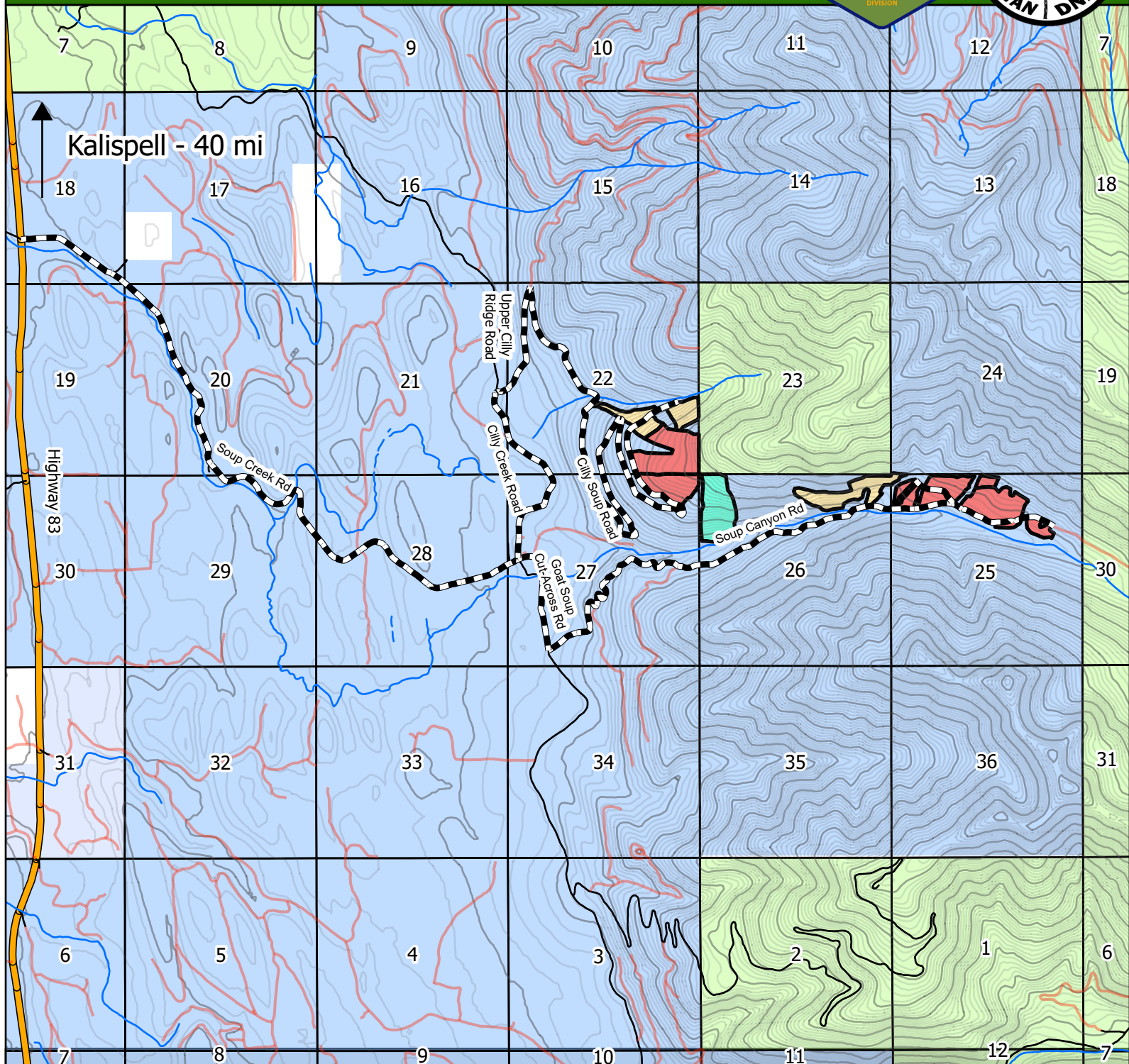
County: Lake



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



Attachment A1, Haul Route North Soup Canyon, 24N 17W Sec 22, 25, 26, 27



0 1 2 4 Miles

Sale Roads

--- Haul Routes

Streams

— Class 1

Roads

Road Class

- HIGHWAY
- OPEN
- Restricted Closure Class A

Sale Units

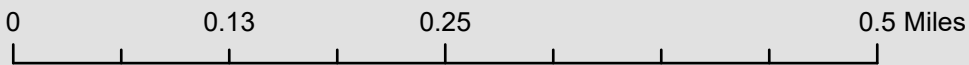
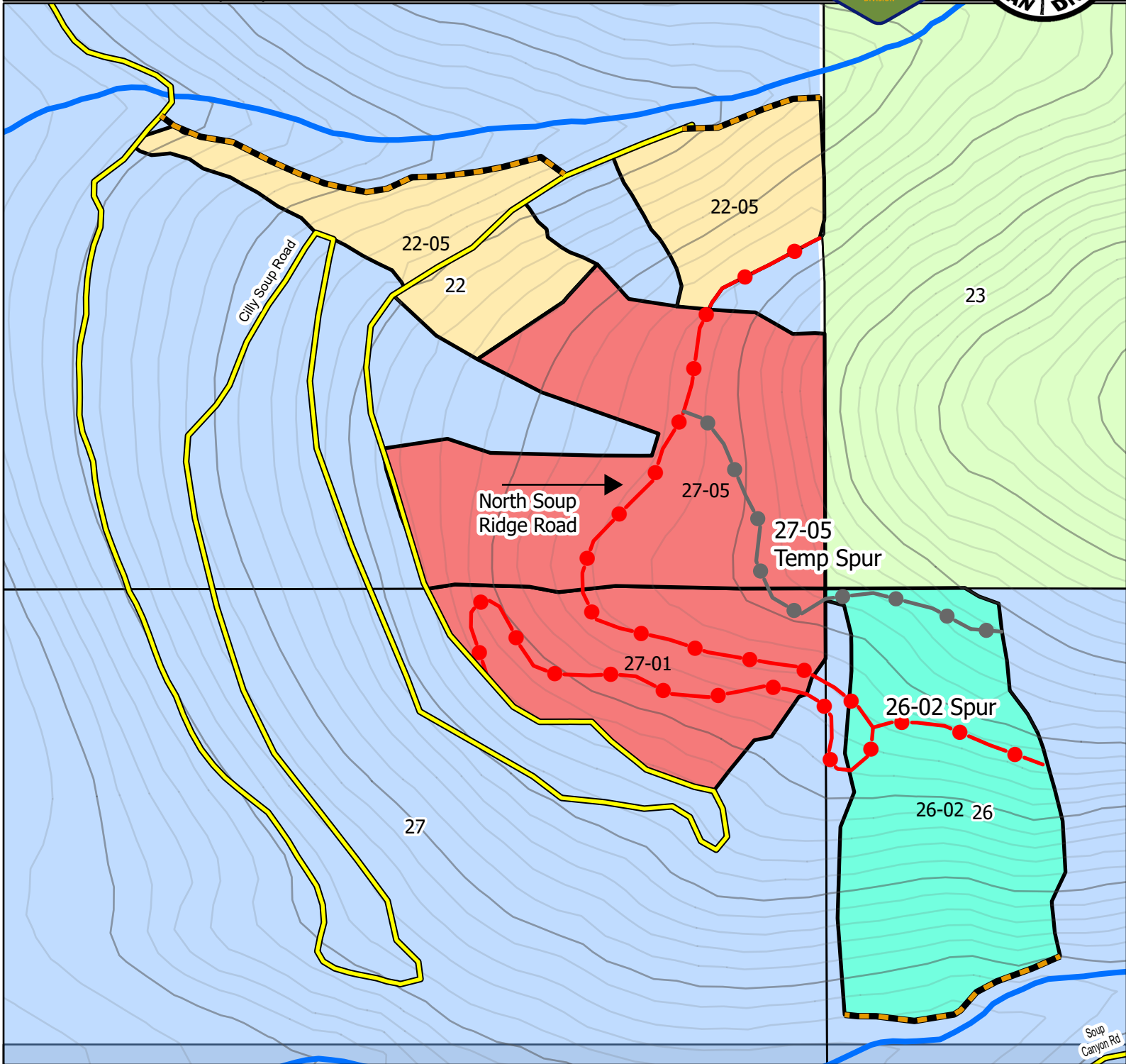
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- Ground
- Line

Ownership

- MT DNRC
- MT FWP
- USFS



**Attachment A2
North Soup Canyon
Sale Units - West
24N 17W Sec 22, 26, 27**



- Haul Routes
- New Road Construction
- Temp Road Construction
- Contours 200Ft
- Contours 40Ft

Streams

- Class 1
- SMZ

Sale Units

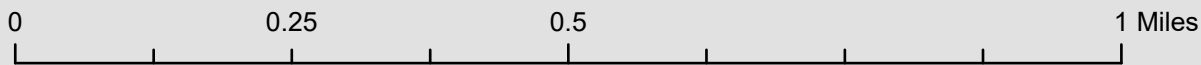
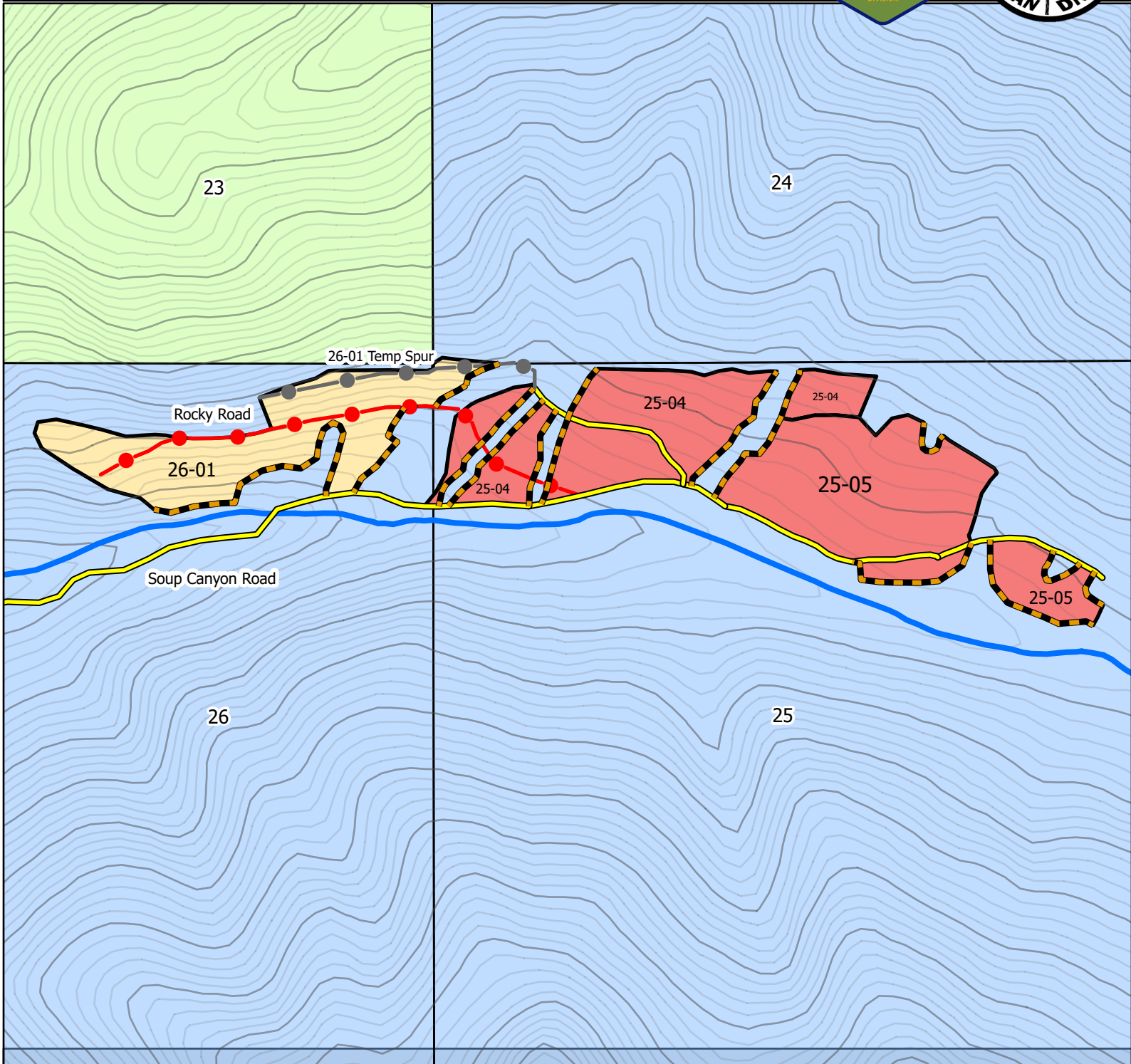
- Combo
- Ground
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Ownership

- MT DNRC
- USFS



**Attachment A3
North Soup Canyon
Sale Units - East
24N 17W Sec 25, 26**



- Haul Routes
- New Road Construction
- Temp Road Construction
- Contours 200Ft
- Contours 40Ft

- Streams**
- Class 1
 - SMZ

- Sale Units**
- Combo
 - Ground
 - Line

- Ownership**
- MT DNRC
 - USFS

