

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Soup or Cilly Timber Sale is located within Sections 14,15, 21, and 22 of T24N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 11,712 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 **November 14, 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 \$5,736.00**, 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: Soup or Cilly			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-837-8105	Alex Golden	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 Soup or Cilly Timber Sale consists of five units (318.38 acres).**

- a. Two ground-based units (Units 15-06 & 22-11 – 53.84 acres, 110 MBF)
- b. One skyline unit (Unit 22-03 - 42.57 acres, 221 MBF)
- c. Two combination units (Units 15-02 & 15-05 - 217.21 acres, 1,593 MBF)

2. The Soup or Cilly Timber Sale Road package includes:

- a. Approximately 4,500 ft of new road construction that includes right-of-way harvesting, road pioneering, drain dip installations, CMP installations, grass seeding, maintenance, and final blading.
- b. Approximately 13.13 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 Soup or Cilly Timber Sale area can be accessed via the Soup Creek Road off Highway 83 South at MP 64.8. The sale area is north of the Soup Creek campground primarily off the Upper Cilly Ridge Road.
- b. To reach the northeast 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, head north at the junction of Soup Creek and Cilly Creek roads at the Soup Creek Campground. Follow Cilly Creek Road approximately 1.4 miles to the junction with Upper Cilly Ridge Road. Continue east approximately 2.2 miles to the junction of Cilly Trail Road, continue to Spur 1509 Road for 0.5 miles and then follow Spur 1509 for approximately 0.4 miles to access the sale area.
- c. See Attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.
- d. Gate keys are required to access Upper Cilly Ridge Road. They are available at the Swan River State Forest Office (34925 MT HWY 83, Swan Lake MT. 59911).

4. Harvest Operational Period

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: November 16, 2023 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 Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: November 16, 2023 through March 16, 2024; June 16, 2024, through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 through March 16, 2025; June 16, 2026 through September 1, 2026 and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 of this contract apply.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Soup or Cilly 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												\$9.79
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0	57.0	60.0	44.0	55.0			40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	45	6784	3358	34	177	1091	71	92			60	11,712 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	105	15	2	7	14	6	1			0	150 tons
Gross MBF	5	1111	859	4	27	339	12	17			42	2,415 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	0.0	11.0	18.8	5.0	10.0	52.6	12.0	17.2			53.8	20.4%
Net MBF	5	989	698	4	24	161	10	14			20	1,924 MBF
Average logs per MBF	36.3	21.6	8.7	47.1	34.6	33.3	50.4	26.6			4.6	18.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	11.0	12.6	19.4	9.0	10.0	13.5	8.3	12.9			31.0	13.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											38 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											6.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											55
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,636 and 2,212 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											15.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	11,712 estimated tons / 1,924 Net MBF											6.09 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/30/2026
Operating Period:	November 16, 2023 - March 16, 2024; June 16 - March 16, 2025; June 16, 2025 - March 16, 2026 and when Soil Compaction Restrictions in Section VII.L.1 apply.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	70%
% of volume logged with tractors	17%
% of volume logged by skyline	13%
% of volume logged by other system (combination)	70%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 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)	14.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$4.37/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$51,181.44
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$8,530.24
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

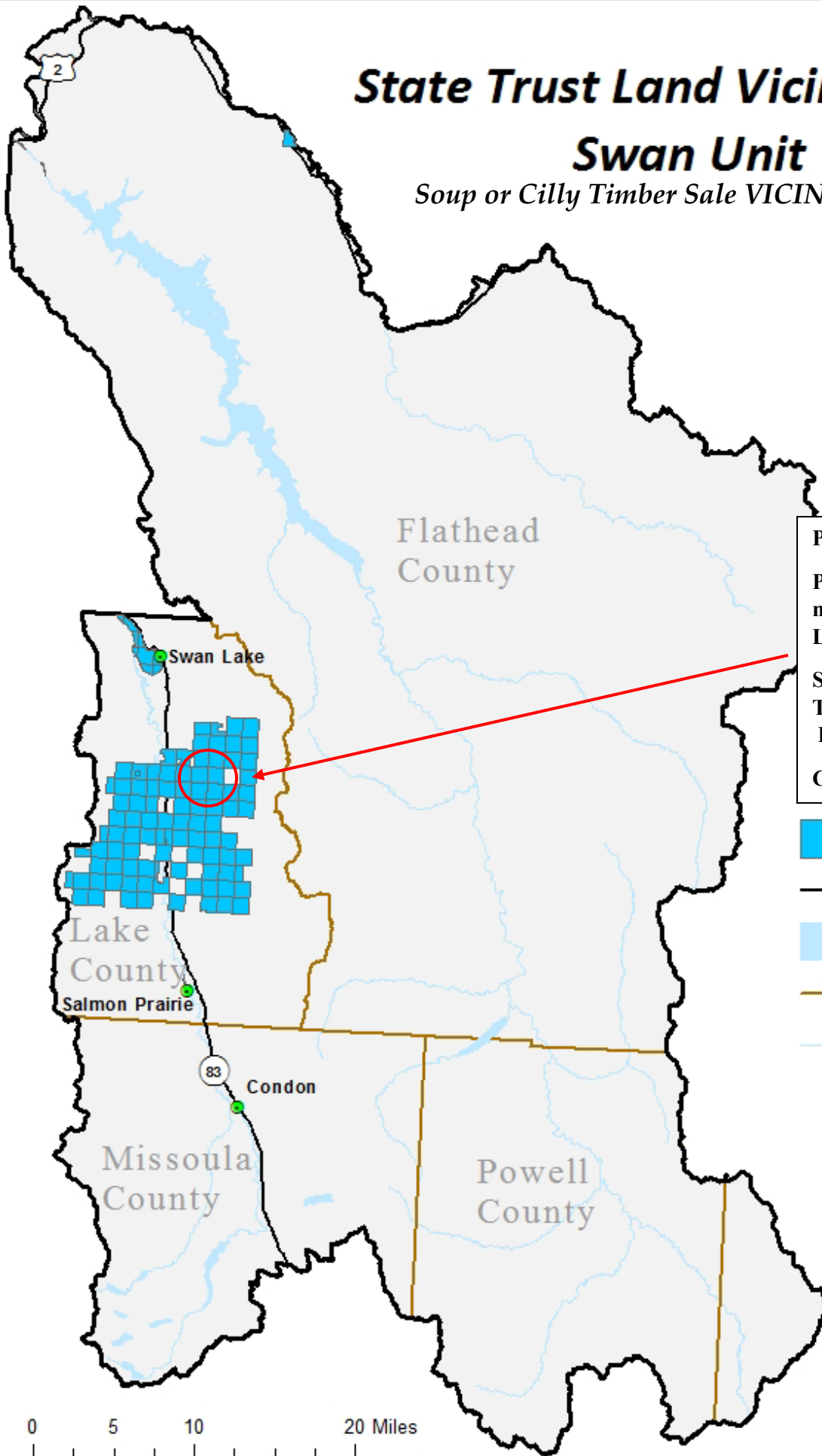
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$54,464
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$4.65/ton
Estimated road development cost per MBF	\$28.31/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$14,686
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.25/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.9 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	13.1 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
15-02	138.90	6368	1046	September 1, 2026
15-05	78.31	3327	547	September 1, 2026
15-06	11.27	155	25	September 1, 2026
22-03	38.86	1346	221	September 1, 2026
22-11	42.57	516	85	September 1, 2026

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

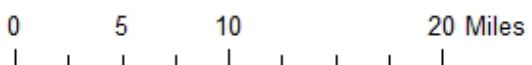
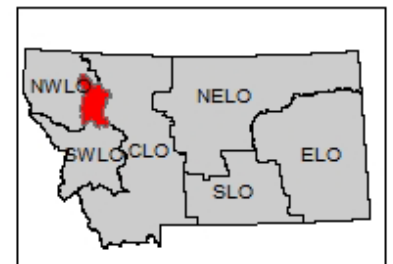
Swan Unit

Soup or Cilly Timber Sale VICINITY MAP



Project Name: Soup or Cilly
Project Location: approx. 10 miles southeast of Swan Lake, MT
Sections: 14, 15, 21, and 22
Township: 24N
Range: 17W
County: Lake

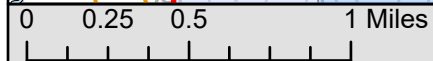
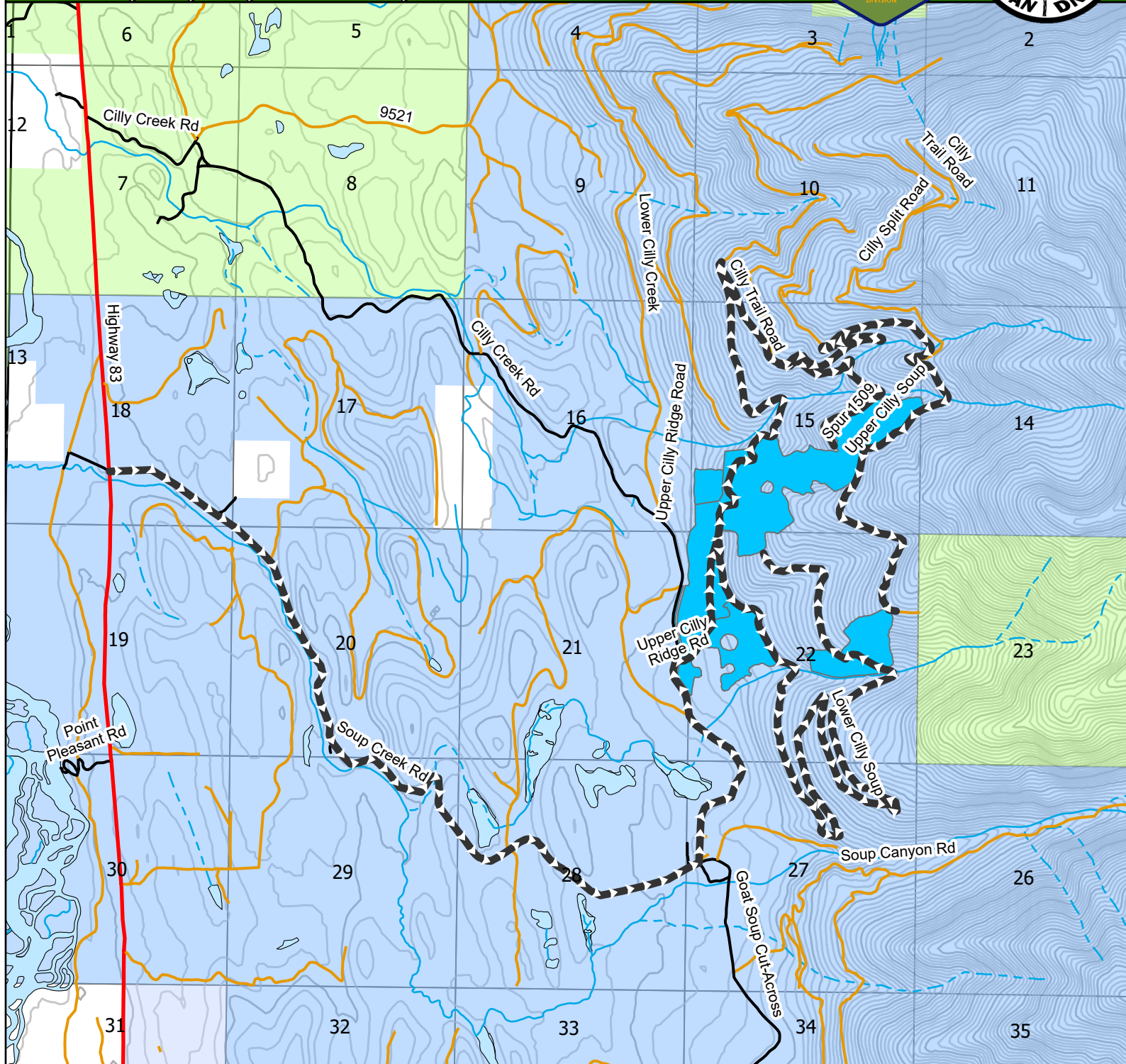
- State Trust Land
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- County Lines
- Rivers
- Towns



Attachment A2

Soup or Cilly Timber Sale: Haul Route

Sec. 14, 15, 21, 22 T24N, R17W



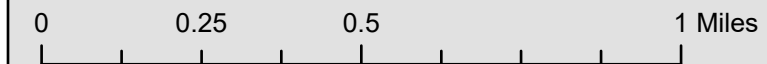
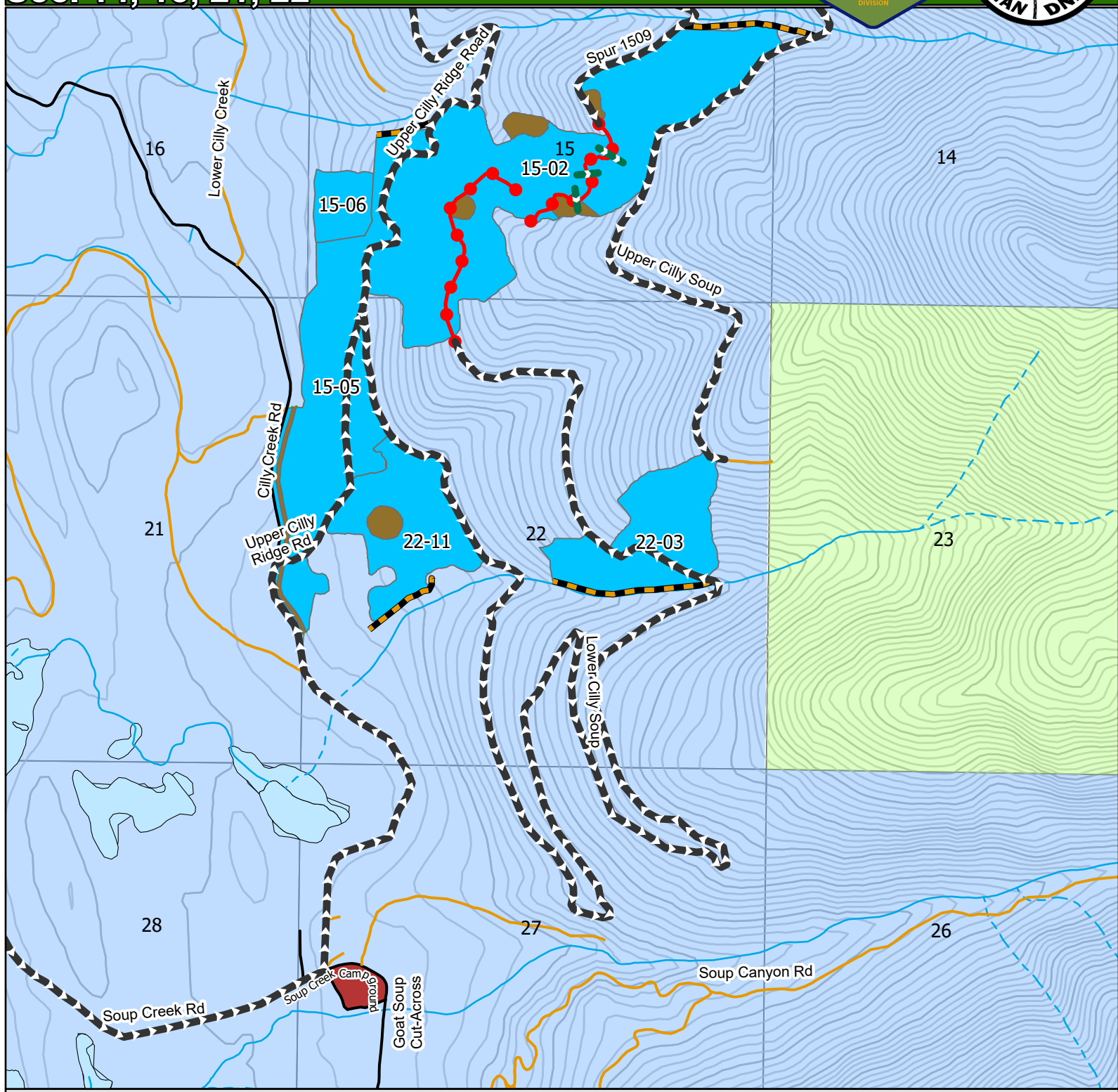
FMB Roads	Haul Route	Ownership	Contours 200ft
HIGHWAY	Hydrolines	MT DNRC	Units
OPEN	Intermittent Stream	MT FWP	
Restricted Closure Class A	Perennial Stream	USFS	
		Contours 40ft	



Attachment A3

Soup or Cilly Timber Sale: Sale Units

Sec. 14, 15, 21, 22



FMB Roads	New Road Construction	Grizzly Bear Patches	USFS
OPEN	SMZ	Visual Screening	Contours 40ft
Restricted Closure Class A	Hydrolines	Soup Creek Campground	Contours 200ft
Haul Route	Intermittent Stream	Ownership	Units
Crossings	Perennial Stream	MT DNRC	

