

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Airgun Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T17N-R15W on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 9,729 tons, consisting primarily of 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 **January 9, 2025 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 \$6,147.00**, 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: Airgun			
Timber Sale Location: 1 mile east of Seeley Lake			
For specific sale information, contact: Kyle Carpenter			
Phone	406-244-2382	kyle.carpenter@mt.gov	Clearwater Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-542-4200	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. **“SKIDDER PILES”:**
The Purchaser is required to redistribute logging slash by piling a majority of the landing slash in the unit using a grapple skidder. These piles will be at least 8 feet tall and will be piled in a way as to promote burning (higher NOT wider). The piles will be placed in larger openings, at least 50 feet from any residual trees. If another operation is used, it is necessary for the Purchaser to get written approval from the Forest Officer. 70% of the slash shall be in the unit and 30% in the landings.
2. **LOGGING SLASH DISTRIBUTION:** If the Purchaser uses a harvest system that produces heavy in-woods slash levels, the Forest Officer may require scattering and/or unit piling of slash. Unit piles will be at least 8 feet tall and will be piled in a way as to promote burning (higher, NOT wider). The piles will be placed at least 50 feet away from residual trees, unless otherwise approved by Forest Officer.
3. **Gun Range:** The Purchaser is required to coordinate with the Wilderness Sportsman’s Club of Seeley Lake to coordinate harvest timing, and any gun range safety closures during harvest and piling operations in units 2,3,4,5.
4. **Harvest Deadline:**

TABLE 1 HARVEST COMPLETION SCHEDULE		
Priority	Unit or Portion of Sale	Completion Date
1	ALL	All units are to be completed by October 31, 2026

5. No new road construction or reconstruction is required with this timber sale. Any maintenance, if necessary, will be performed prior to hauling operations on any timber sale road. The Purchaser shall furthermore continue regular maintenance as necessary to timber sale roads and haul route, as directed by the Forest Officer.
6. 2 powder river gates (16’ and 4’) delivery and installation is required with this timber sale. **Installation is required following harvest of unit 6**
7. Tree marking:
 - A. TREES MARKED TO CUT: For units **01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07**: **UNMARKED** Douglas-fir and Spruce are to be cut. **PURPLE** marked ponderosa pine and western larch are to be cut.

For unit **08**: **UNMARKED** trees are to be cut.
 - B. TREES MARKED TO LEAVE: For **ALL UNITS** Douglas-fir marked in **BLUE** are to be left. For units **01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07**: All **UNMARKED** ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, and western larch are to be left.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Airgun TS												
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												\$12.64
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3		57.0						40.0	
Estimated CF	14156.6	358450.7	4767.4		29764.8						0.0	407,139 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	49.7	1872.8	24.2		332.6						0.0	2,279 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	381	8522	112		714						0	9,729 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	1	45	1		8						0	55 tons
Gross MBF	70	1684	23		142						0	1,918 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	12.9	22.9	19.5		16.0						0.0	21.9%
Net MBF	61	1299	18		119						0	1,497 MBF
Average logs per MBF	16.6	18.8	20.5		20.5						0.0	18.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH	16.0	16.0	14.5		13.0						0.0	15.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												33 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.0 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												37
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	1,185 and 1,810 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											20.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	9,729 estimated tons / 1,497 Net MBF											6.50 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/30/2026
Operating Period:	Road Maintenance: June 16 through October 15; Harvesting: June 16 through March 1.

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)	500 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$800
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.08/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.53/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$15,525

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Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	97 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	1.25 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.35/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$32,592.15
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$5,432.03
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$12,460
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$1.28/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.60/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	1.4 miles

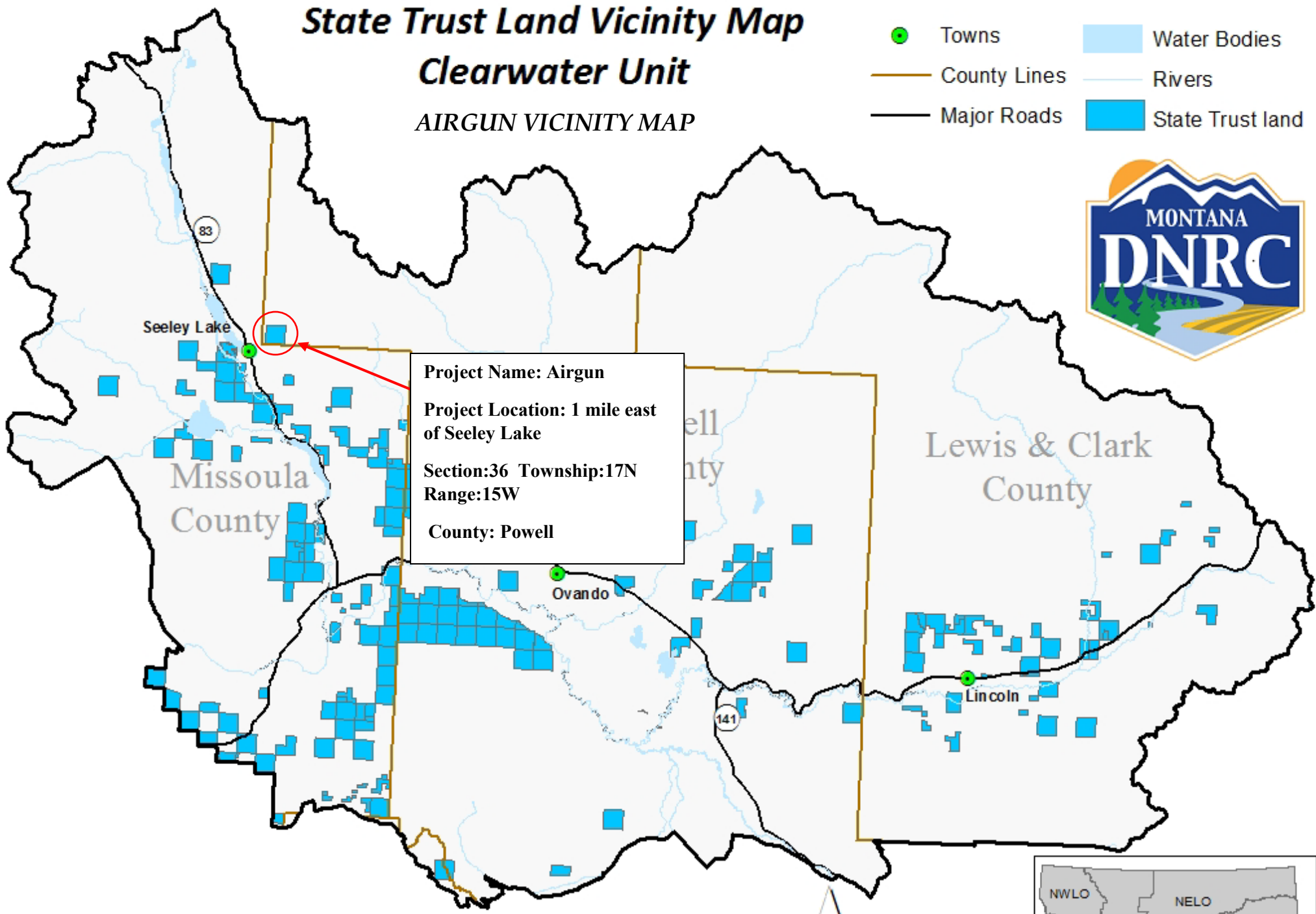
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	177.53	3608	555	October 31, 2026
Unit 2	14.17	1115	172	October 31, 2026
Unit 3	13.04	874	134	October 31, 2026
Unit 4	11.41	725	112	October 31, 2026
Unit 5	4.24	219	34	October 31, 2026
Unit 6	29.48	1483	228	October 31, 2026
Unit 7	40.60	1156	178	October 31, 2026
Unit 8	7.82	550	85	October 31, 2026
	298 Ac.	9,729 tons	1,497 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

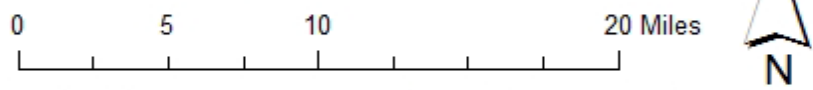
Clearwater Unit

AIRGUN VICINITY MAP

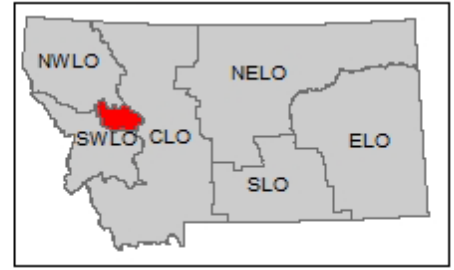
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-  County Lines
-  Major Roads
-  Water Bodies
-  Rivers
-  State Trust land

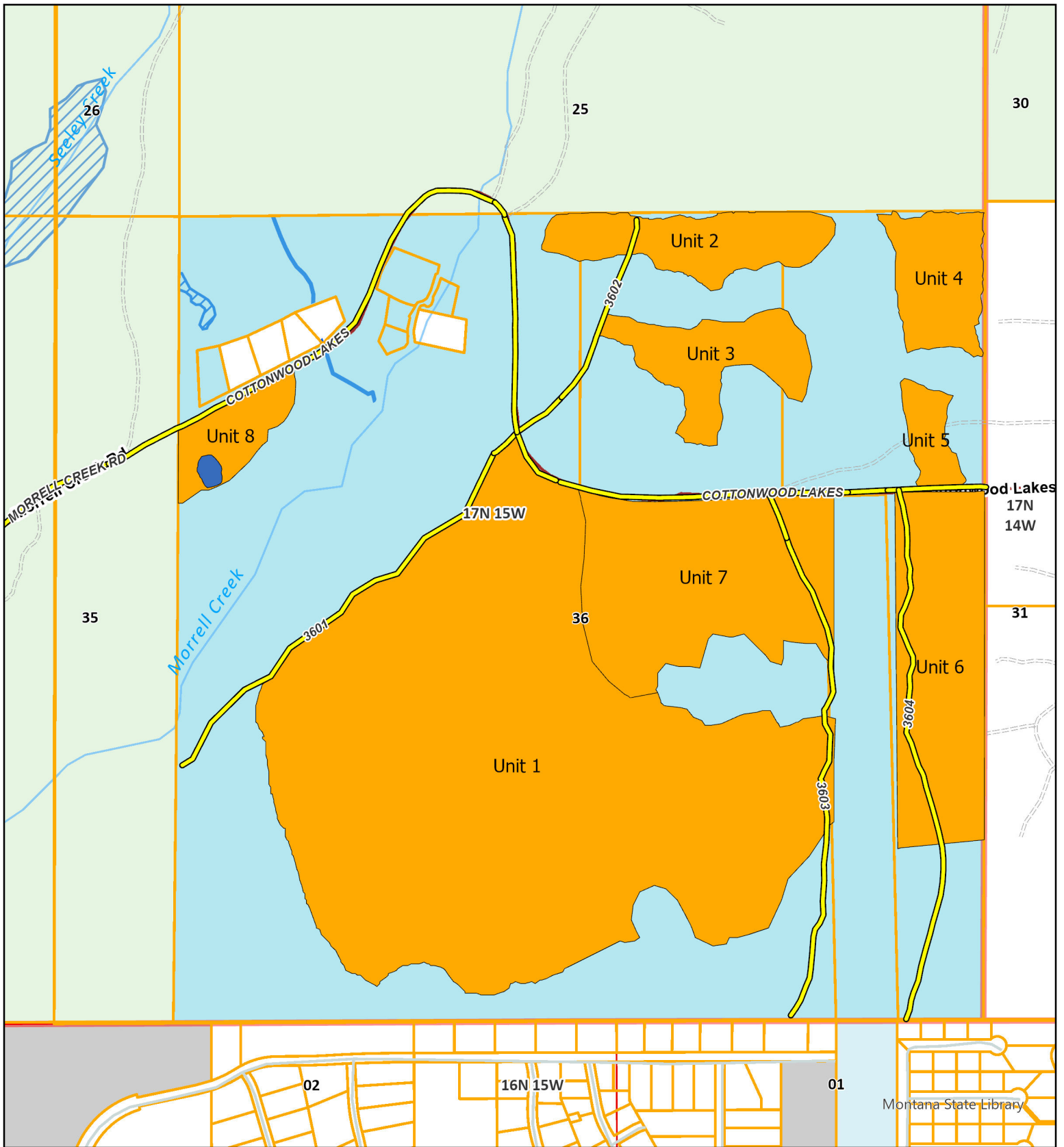


Project Name: Airgun
Project Location: 1 mile east of Seeley Lake
Section:36 **Township:**17N
Range:15W
County: Powell








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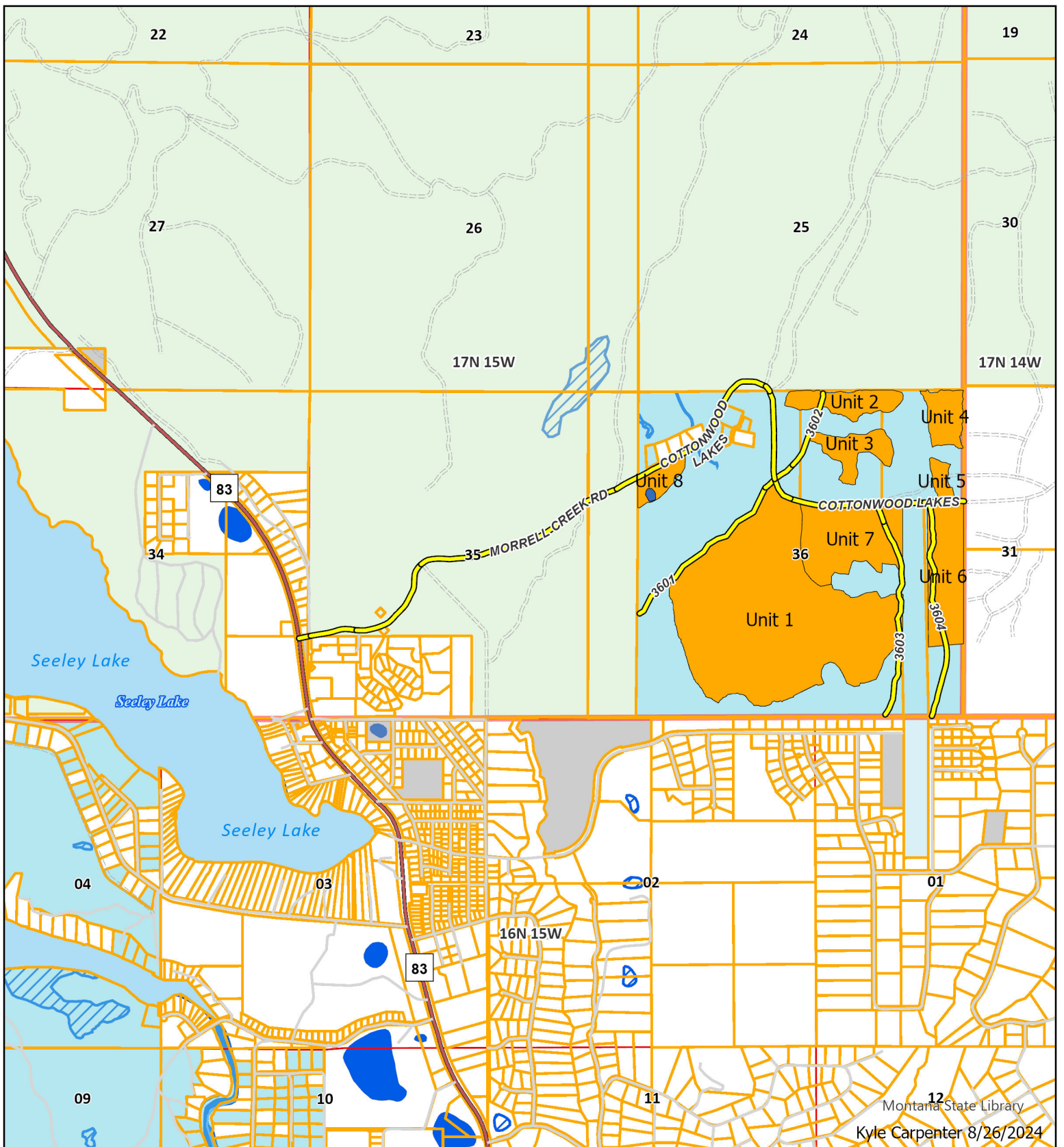
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Attachment A-2

Harvest Unit Map





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Attachment A-3
 Haul Route Map

