

## NOTICE OF SALE

### Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Four Score Timber Sale is located within Section 4, T17N-R27W and Sections 27, 33, 34, & 35, T18N-R27W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 22,103 tons, consisting of mixed conifers, 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 **June 5, 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 \$4,090.00**, 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 May 19, 2025 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 <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**

<b>Timber Sale Name:</b> Four Score	
<b>Timber Sale Location:</b> Section 4 T17N R27W Sections 27, 33, 34, 35 T18N R27W	
<b>For specific sale information, contact: Lauren Converse</b>	
Phone 406-542-4319	Unit Office: Missoula
<b>For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:</b>	
Phone 406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau DNRC Missoula Office
Phone 406-542-4200	Southwestern Land Office - Missoula

**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. **ROAD MAINTENANCE.** The Purchaser shall be responsible for 1 (one) application of Milestone @ 7 ounces/acre with 1 qt. 2-4-D and surfactant on approximately 6 miles of all roads used under this contract or as specified by the Forest Officer. In addition, for areas with Houndstongue add 1 oz/acre Escort. The application shall be completed after harvest and prior to the contract termination date. Road spray width shall be 30 feet. Any change to the herbicides used must be approved by the Forest Officer.

The Purchaser may be required to apply dust abatement on 0.57 miles of Sloway Rd. Dust abatement shall be applied before hauling during dry conditions. Dust abatement shall be applied within 1 week of being notified by the Forest Officer. Dust abatement options include limiting the speed of all project vehicles (including log trucks) to 10 mph, road watering, or application of chemical dust abatement such as Magnesium Chloride.

There will be a total of approximately 9.3 miles of road maintenance

2. **THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. 2.86 miles of new permanent road will need to be constructed.
3. **HARVEST BY PRESCRIPTION:** In all units, trees designated for harvest are not marked and shall be harvested according to silvicultural description found in the Contract (Section VII. LOGGING). In unmarked units, Forest Officer will work with purchaser to ensure that the desired harvest prescription is being met. If the Forest Officer determines that the desired harvest prescription is not being met by the Purchaser, the Forest Officer may require the Purchaser to sample mark an additional portion of the unit and have that sample marked portion be approved by the Forest Officer. If the Purchaser continues to be unable to meet the harvest prescription requirements the Forest Officer may require marking of the entire unit by the Purchaser and approval of marking by the Forest Officer prior to continuing harvest.
4. **ALTERNATE YARDING SYSTEMS MAY BE APPROVED:** The Forest Officer may approve alternative yarding methods besides those specified for each sale unit. An alternative system proposed by the Purchaser must be approved by the Forest Officer at or before the time the Logging Operations Plan for the unit is approved. The Forest Officer will only approve alternatives that are consistent with planned mitigation and resource protection measures. Alternatives may include tethered equipment or other systems. Costs of alternative systems will be borne by the Purchaser.
5. **SLASHING OF LOGGING DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** Purchaser shall fell all sub-merchantable trees with logging-related root or stem damage causing lean. The stem shall be completely severed from the stump below the lowest live limb. Maximum stump height shall be 8 inches on the uphill side.
6. **RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to submerchantable trees. Areas of dense regeneration exist within the stand. Skid trails will be located through these areas only when necessary and at locations approved by the Forest Officer.
7. **SKID TRAIL LOCATION:** Skid trails will not be located in draws and may only cross in areas approved by the Forest Officer.

**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**

Four Score												
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												\$4.25
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0		60.0					0.0	
Estimated CF	185785	547922	67329	2043		11534					0.0	814,613 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0					0.0	Not Estimated
Estimated tons of sawlogs	5398	14858	1482	54		311					0	<b>22,103 tons</b>
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	0	0		0		0					0	Not Estimated
Gross MBF	896	2513	311	7		47					0	3,774 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	6.4	12.1	24.6	5.0		10.0					0.0	11.7%
Net MBF	839	2209	235	6		43					0	3,331 MBF
Average logs per MBF	15.5	19.8	28.5	51.6		29.3					0.0	19.5 logs/MBF
Average DBH	14.8	13.7	11.9	8.0		11.3					0.0	13.7 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												44 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												6.6 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												59
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	3,003 and 3,659 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											9.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	22,103 estimated tons / 3,331 Net MBF											6.63 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	6/1/2028
Operating Period:	Year-round, as conditions allow

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	10%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (Combo/Tether)	90%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	500 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$111,939
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$5.06/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$33.60/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$29,358

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Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (Combo/Tether)	900 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	111.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	9.0 miles

<b>Purchaser fees and estimated costs</b>	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.28/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$72,497.84
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$12,082.97
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

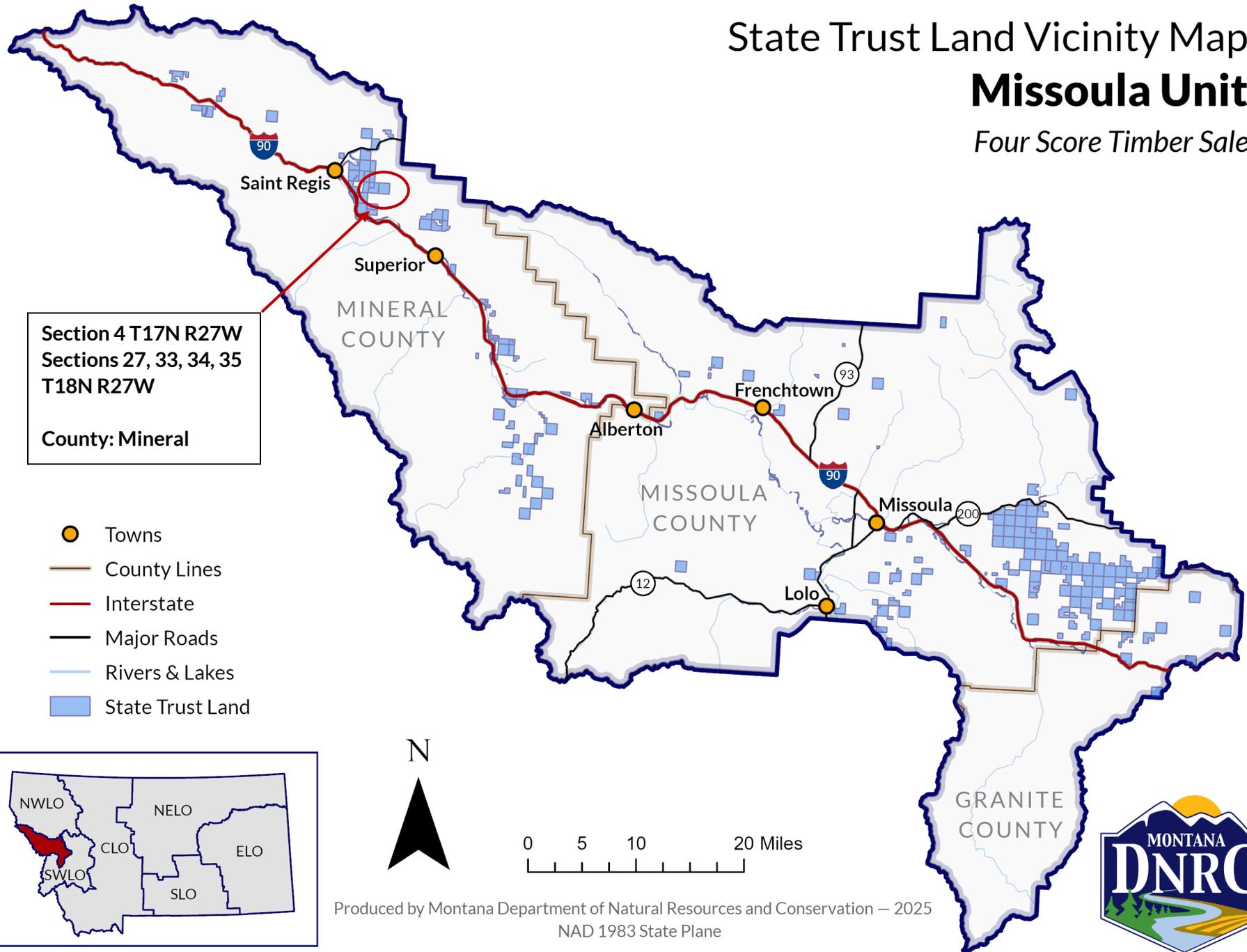
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.33/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	2.9 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	9.3 miles

<b>Unit harvest volume</b>				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 1	37	1343	202	April 1, 2028
Unit 2	203	9174	1383	April 1, 2028
Unit 3	102	4873	734	April 1, 2028
Unit 4	95	4552	686	April 1, 2028
Unit 5	12	311	47	April 1, 2028
Unit 6	54	1850	279	April 1, 2028
	<b>503 Acres</b>	<b>22,103 Tons</b>	<b>3,331 MBF</b>	

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

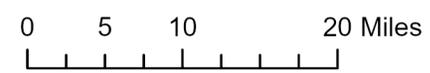
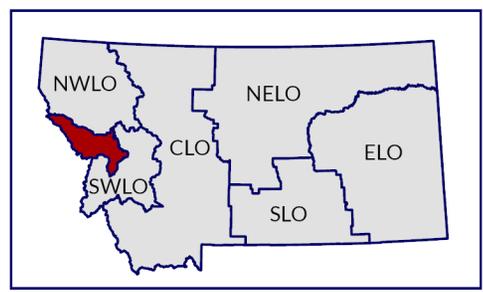
## Missoula Unit

*Four Score Timber Sale*



Section 4 T17N R27W  
Sections 27, 33, 34, 35  
T18N R27W  
County: Mineral

- Towns
- County Lines
- Interstate
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land



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NAD 1983 State Plane





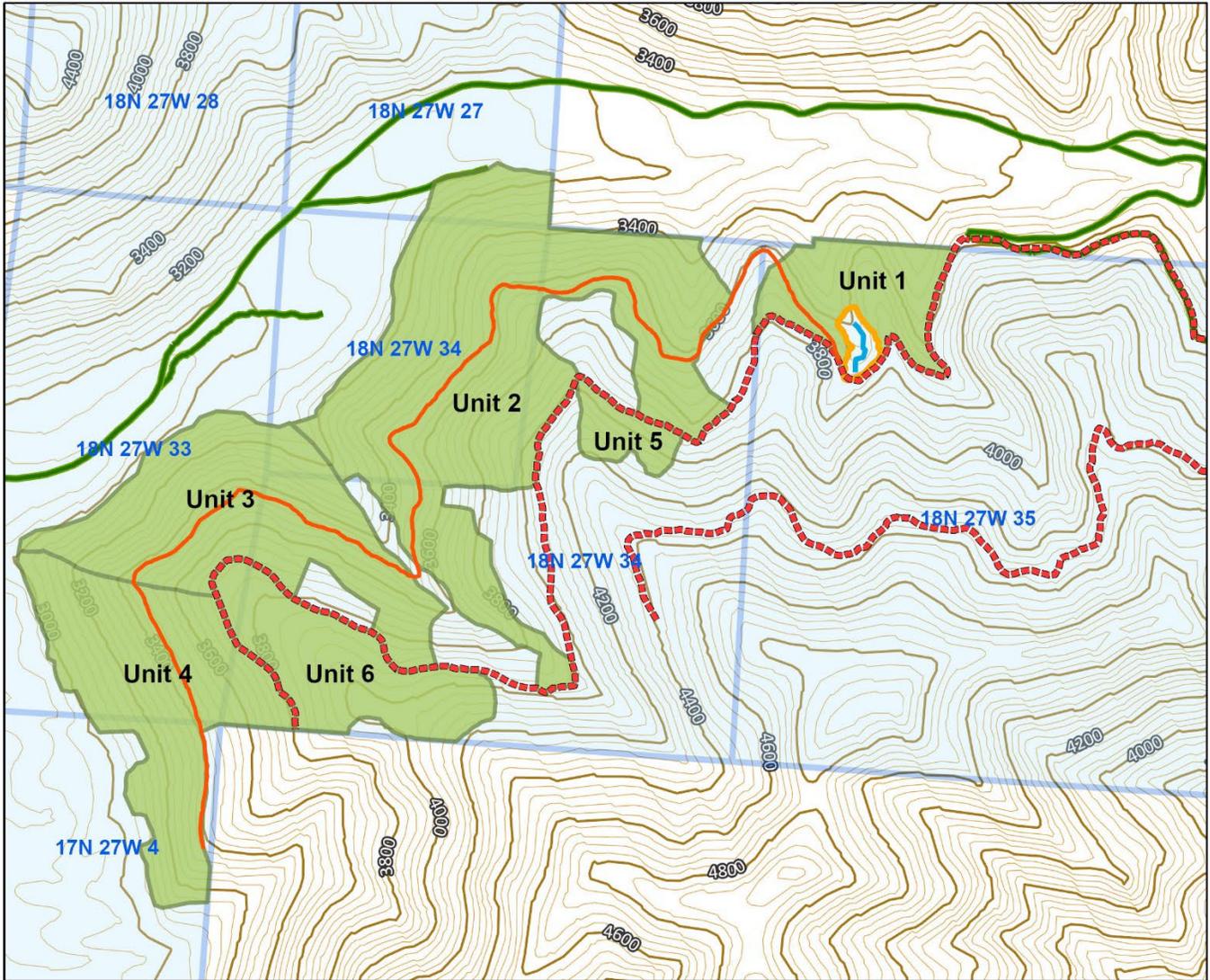
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## Section 4 T17N R27W

### Sections 27, 33, 34, 35 T18N R27W

#### Missoula Unit

Attachment A-1



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- State Trust Lands
- Harvest Units
- New Construction (Abe Rd)
- Existing Road
- SMZ
- Class 2 Stream

Unit 1: 37 Acres    Unit 2: 203 Acres    Unit 3: 102 Acres  
 Unit 4: 95 Acres    Unit 5: 12 Acres    Unit 6: 54 Acres

All units are unmarked. See contract for harvest specifications.

Protect the residual stand and regeneration during all aspects of harvest operations.  
 Use existing skid trails and landings when possible.

Harvest Boundaries: 3 purple stripes and blue flagging  
 New Road Construction: Pink flagging and pink paint along centerline  
 Road Stations: Pink and red/white candy stripe flagging and pink paint



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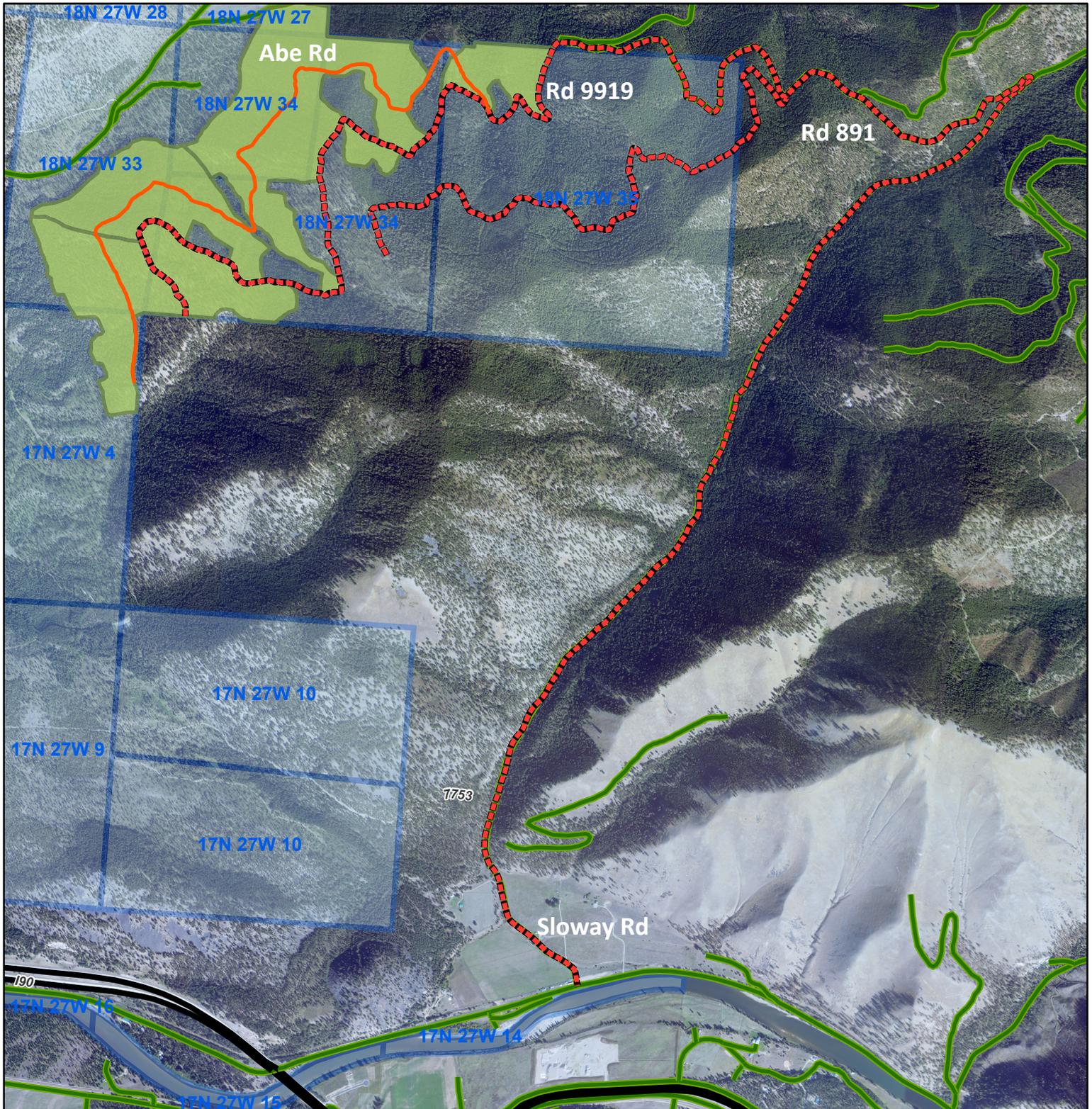


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