

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Marten Creek Timber Sale is located within Section 18 & 20, T23N-R26W on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 30,104 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 **March 13, 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 (406-542-4310) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received. **Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of \$15,795.95**, 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 February 18, 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 (406-542-4310).

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: Marten Creek			
For specific sale information, contact: Joe Buchanan			
Phone	406-826-4725	Plains	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:

- A. The Sale area is located approximately 25-26 miles up the Little Thompson River Road to both haul route roads (Little Rock Creek Rd and Stobie Ranch Rd). From there it is 2 miles up Stobie Ranch Rd to the sale area or 2.5 miles if you take Little Rock Creek Rd.
- B. **Special Operating Requirements:** The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units:
1. **CONVENTIONAL GROUND-BASED YARDING:** This unit may be yarded using conventional ground-based yarding equipment
 2. **RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to sub-merchantable trees. Retain patches of advanced regeneration for wildlife hiding cover throughout the harvest unit with preference for shade tolerant species. If damage is excessive as determined by the Forest Officer, operations may be suspended until suitable arrangements are made to reduce damage.
 3. **SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** The 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 12 inches on the uphill side.
 4. **SKID TRAIL SPACING:** Skid trails shall be spaced not less than 60 feet apart between trails except at common landings.
 5. **ADVERSE SKIDDING:** Purchaser may be required to adverse skid.
 6. **VISUAL SCREENING ALONG OPEN ROADS:** Reserve sub-merchantable and non-sawlog trees along open roads for visual screening.
 7. **EQUIPMENT RESTRICTION ZONE, STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONE:** Equipment is prohibited from operating in areas designated as equipment restriction or streamside management zones. All trees designated for harvest within such zones shall be winchline skidded to skid trails outside the zone. Designated crossings must be approved by the Forest Officer. Slash will not be piled in or pushed into the zone.
 8. **GRAZING LEASE:** Grazing lease within sale area and along haul route (specifically Stobie Ranch Rd and Little Rock Creek Rd).
 9. **ACTIVE NORTHERN GOSHAWK NEST:** If an active Northern Goshawk nest is identified in the vicinity of timber sale activities, the Forest Officer will require the purchaser to suspend operations in the vicinity of the nest. Previously confirmed nests are indicated with pink/black flagging and are identified on the contract maps. Nesting activity will be checked annually by a DNRC biologist and timing restrictions will be relaxed if the nest site is not active or the nest is damaged/destroyed by natural causes. If the nest is determined to be active, timber sale activities will then be restricted to limit disturbance during the nesting period (April 1st - August 15th) within a ¼ mile radius of the nest. If a nest is found to be active, hauling will be allowed on Stobie Ranch Road within ¼ mile of the nest. Additionally, a no harvest buffer of 100 feet radius will be established around any verified goshawk nest.
- C. **Notice: Optional Road Maintenance costs in the appraisal are not factored into the total road costs for the minimum bid price.**
- D. **Notice: The State anticipates the advertisement and sale of a second timber sale (Stobie Ranch) in this area, which is expected to be offered tentatively Fall 2025. This sale is anticipated to be 3.5 MMBF harvested from Sections 24 & 26 T23N R27W and would utilize part of the same road system.**

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Marten Creek												
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												\$10.49
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7	58.3	56.0		60.0					40.0	
Estimated tons of sawlogs	3853	19286	457	6498		29					0	30,124 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	61	487	31	463		0					0	1,043 tons
Gross MBF	596	3157	83	1008		19					0	4,864 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	9.0	19.6	27.8	16.9		75.0					0.0	18.1%
Net MBF	543	2536	60	838		5					0	3,982 MBF
Average logs per MBF	23.9	30.8	45.9	43.7		47.8					0.0	32.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH	11.7	10.9	8.9	8.7		20.0					0.0	10.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												34 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												110
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	3,663 and 4,312 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											8.1%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	30,124 estimated tons / 3,982 Net MBF											7.56 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	7/31/2029
Operating Period:	Harvest operations may take place as site conditions allow; unless superseded by "ACTIVE NORTHERN GOSHAWK NEST". If the nest is active, the units and roads within a quarter mile buffer of the nest will have an operational period from August 16th to March 31st.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	2%
% 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)	43.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	28.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.52/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$106,036.48
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$17,672.75
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	\$21,689
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.72/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$5.45/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$6,540
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.22/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.3 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.1 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	11.7 miles

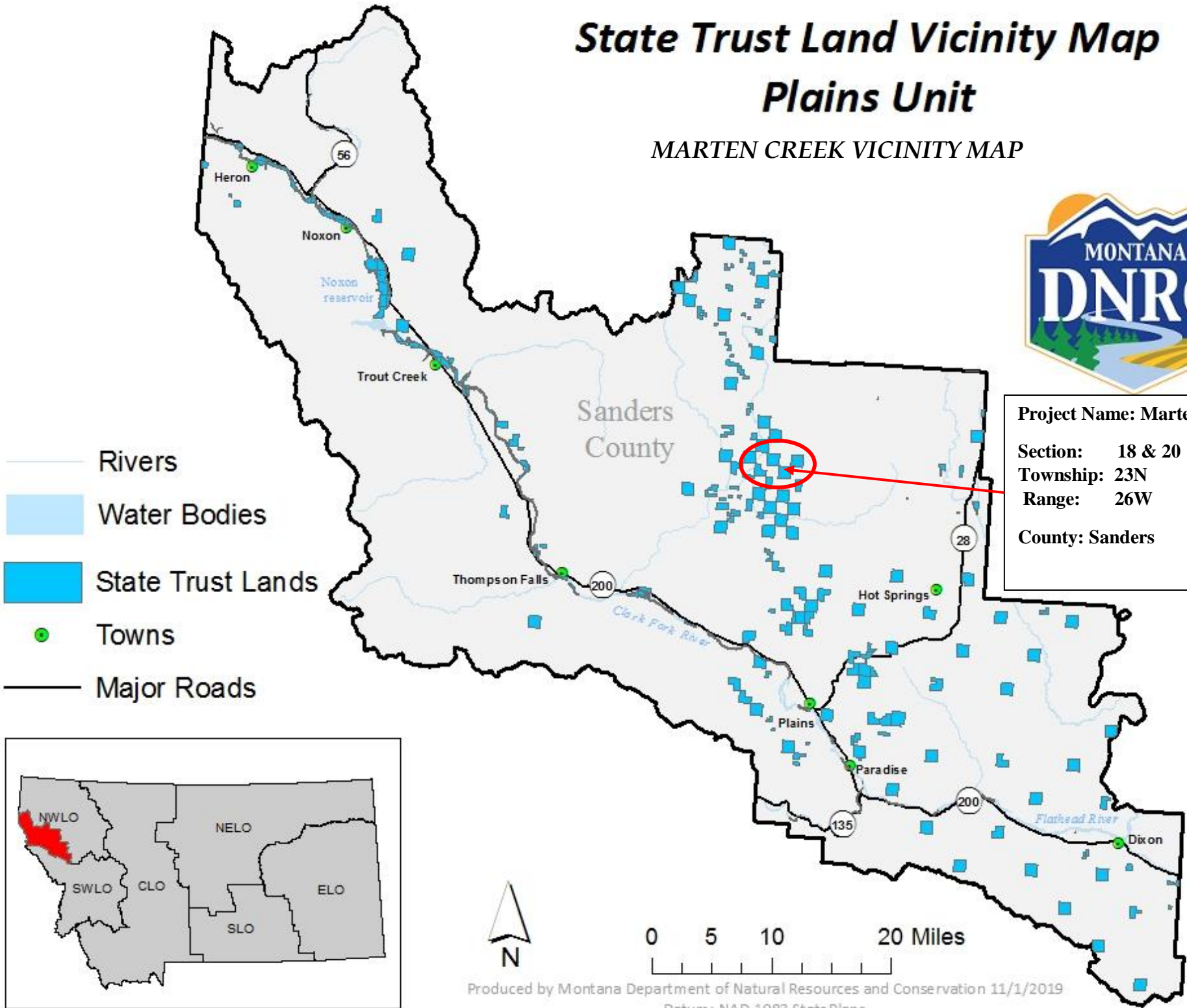
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Unit 18-1	155	6838	904	February 28, 2029
Unit 18-2	163	5635	745	February 28, 2029
Unit 18-3	148	5264	696	February 28, 2029
Unit 18-4	127	4621	611	February 28, 2029
Unit 18-5	17	638	84	February 28, 2029
Unit 20-1	18	846	112	February 28, 2029
Unit 20-2	46	1091	144	February 28, 2029
Unit 20-3	193	4706	622	February 28, 2029
Unit 20-4	27	484	64	February 28, 2029
	894 Ac.	30,124 tons	3,982 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map Plains Unit

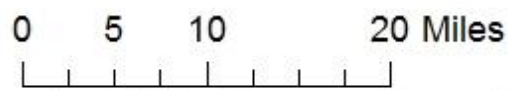
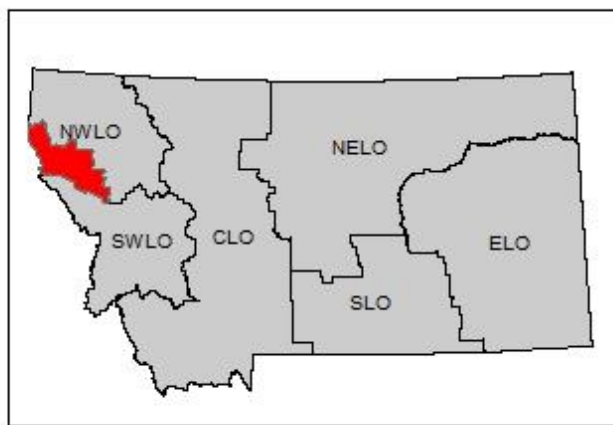
MARTEN CREEK VICINITY MAP



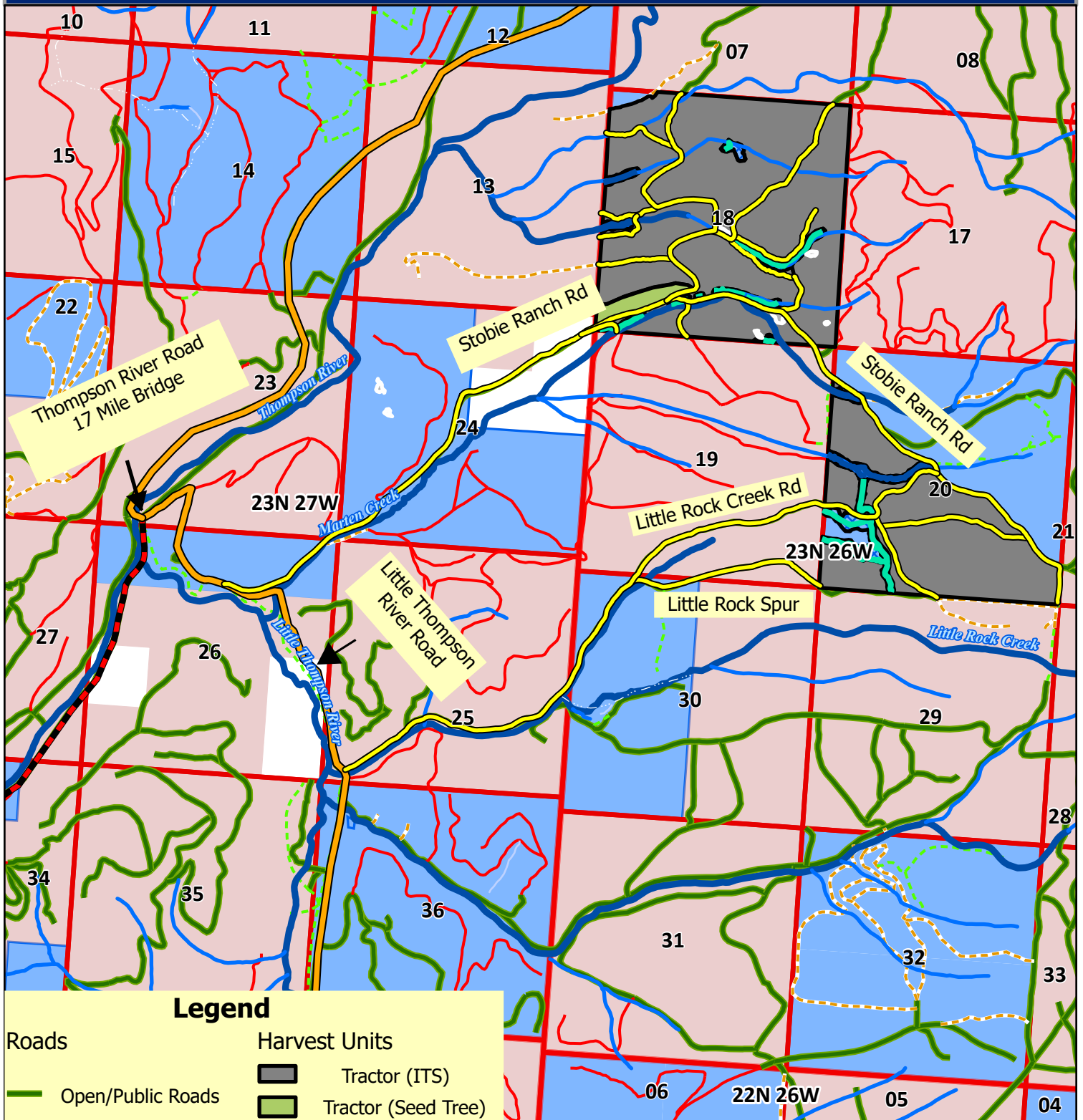
Project Name: Marten Creek
Section: 18 & 20
Township: 23N
Range: 26W
County: Sanders



- Rivers
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- State Trust Lands
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- Major Roads



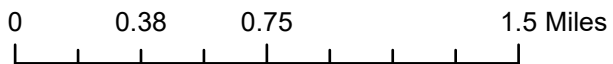
Attachment A-2 Marten Creek TS Haul Route S18 & S20 T23N R26W



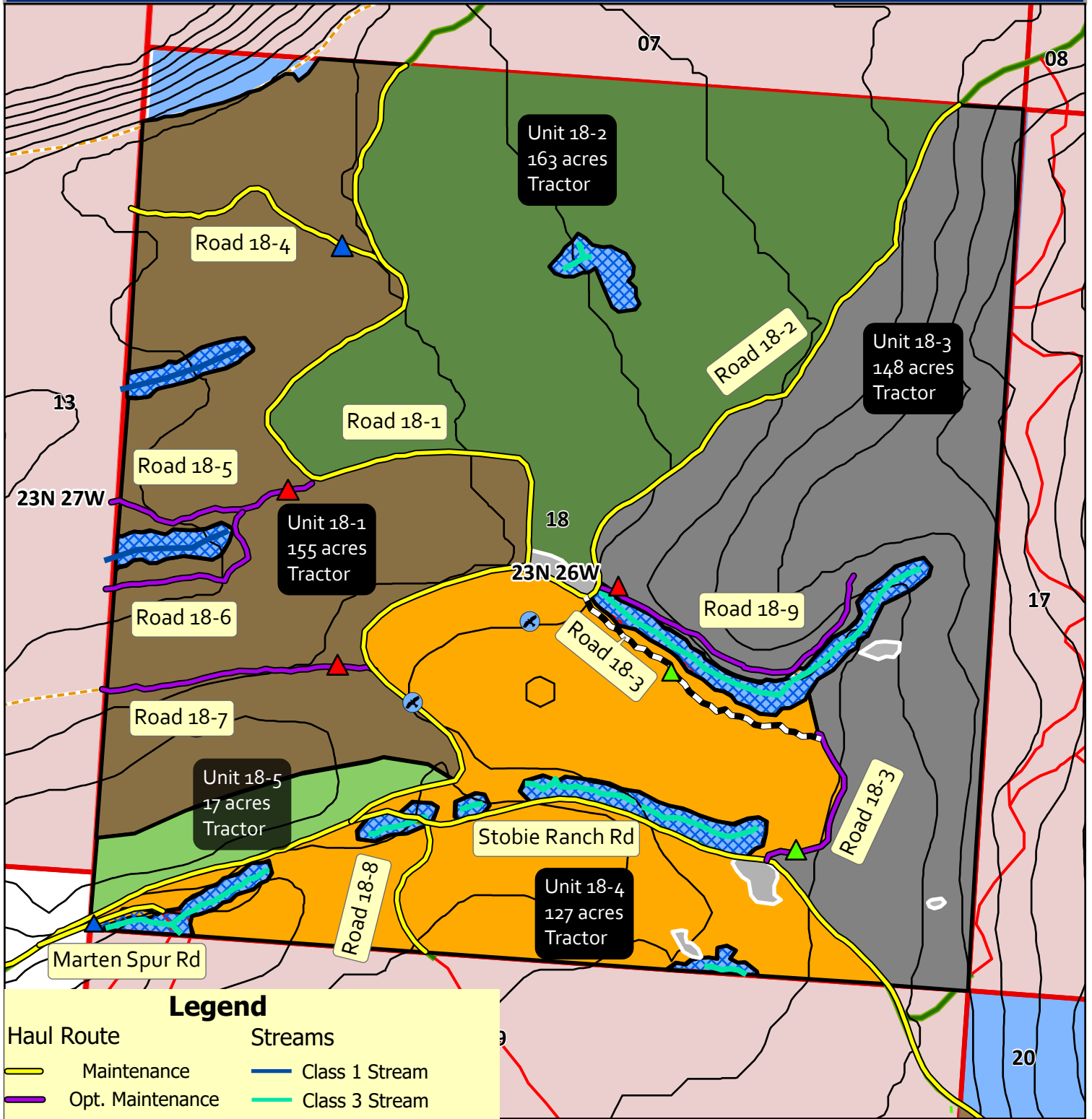
Legend

Roads	Harvest Units
Open/Public Roads	Tractor (ITS)
Restricted Class A	Tractor (Seed Tree)
Haul Route	SMZ
Haul Route	Ownership
ACM Road	MT DNRC
County Road	Green Diamond
	Private

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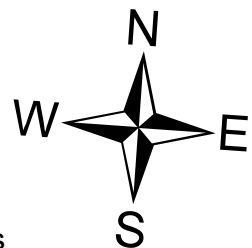
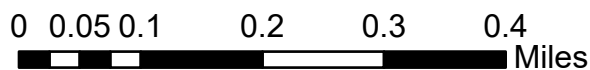
Attachment A-3 Marten Creek TS Harvest Units S18 T23N R26W



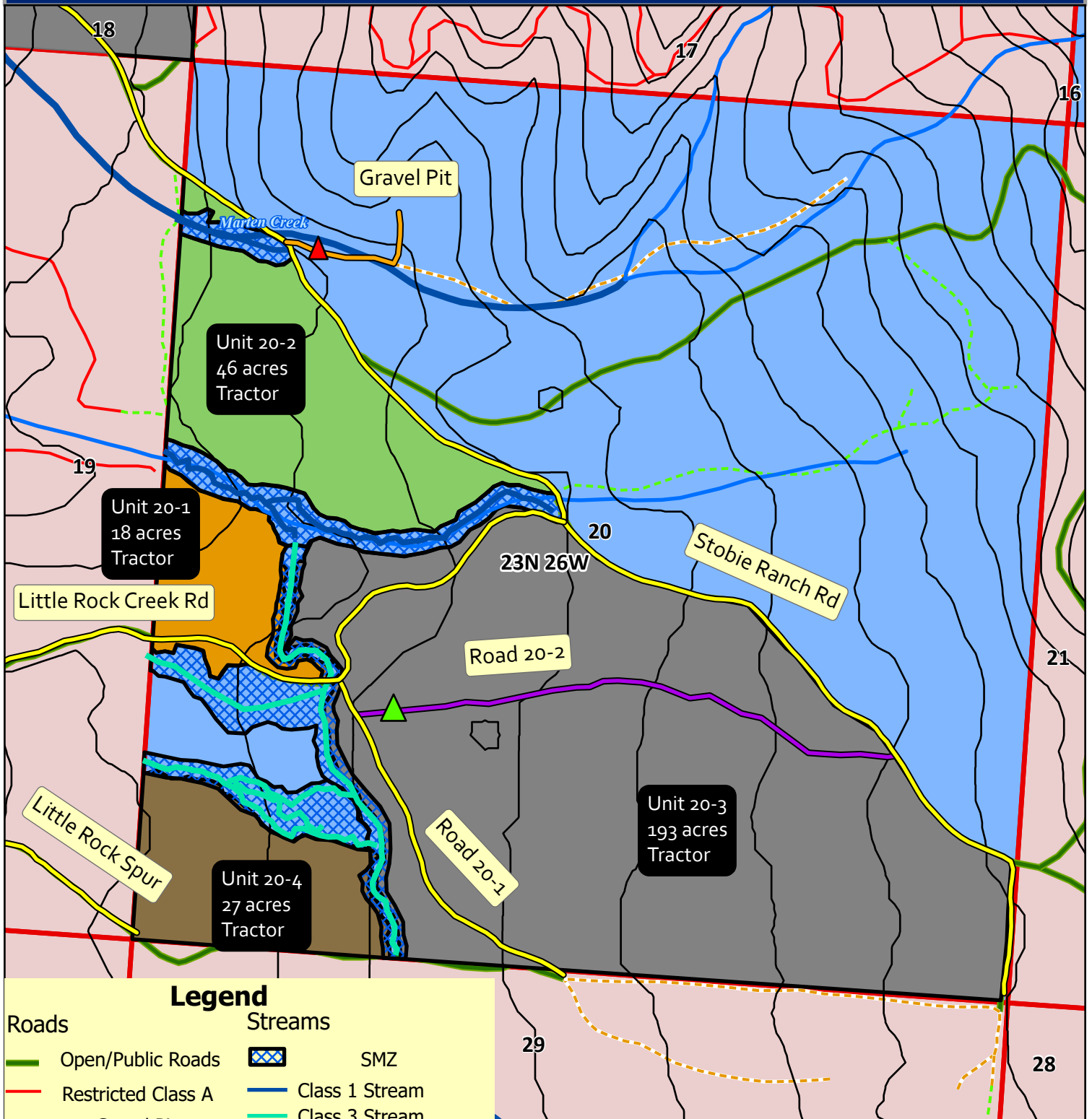
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Haul Route	Streams
Maintenance	Class 1 Stream
Opt. Maintenance	Class 3 Stream
New Construction	ERZ
Gate	SMZ
Kelly Hump	Ownership
Bermed Post Harvest	MT DNRC
Goshawk Nest	Green Diamond
	Private

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Attachment A-4 Marten Creek TS Harvest Units S20 T23N R26W



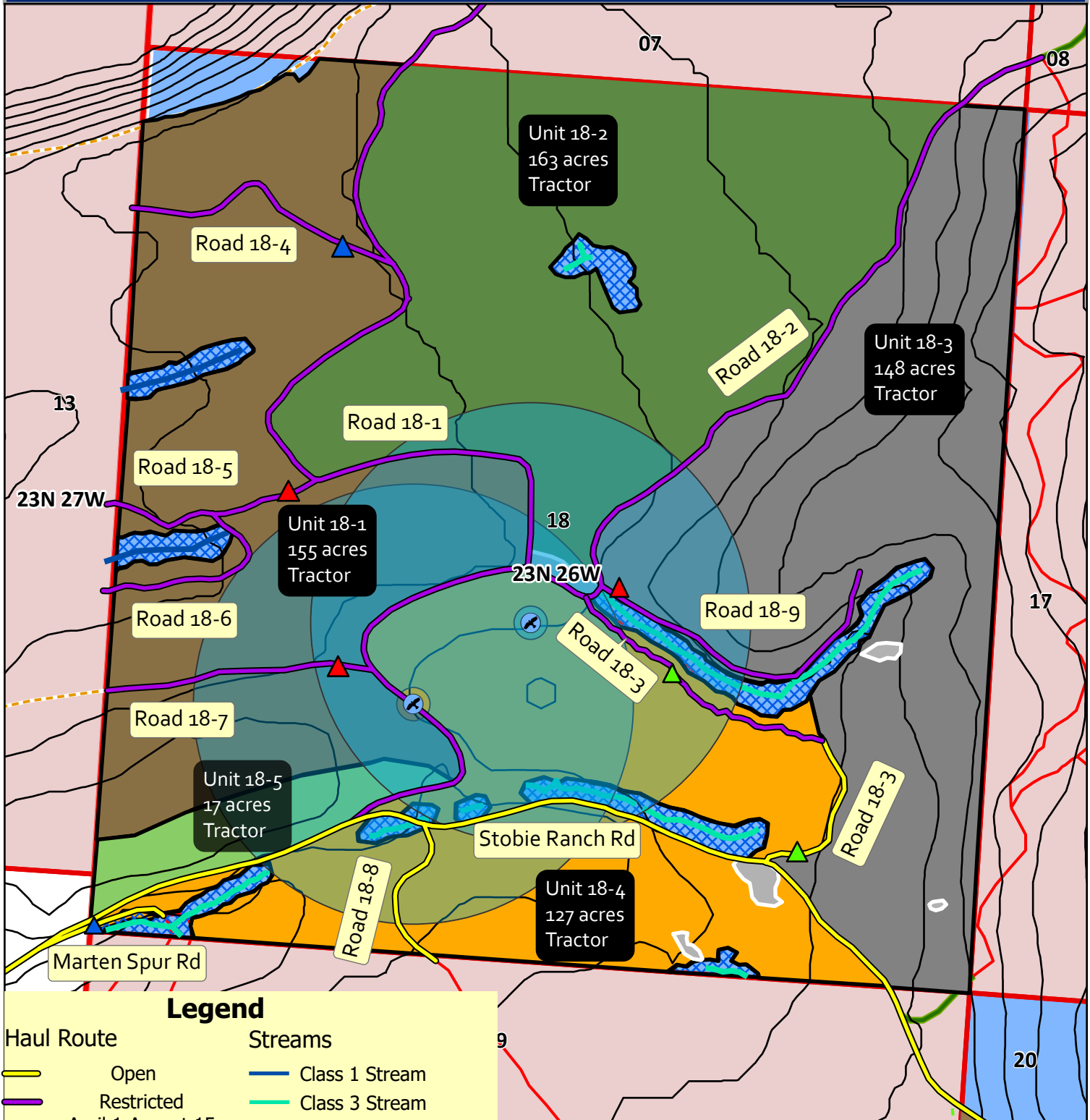
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Roads	Streams
Open/Public Roads	SMZ
Restricted Class A	Class 1 Stream
Gravel Pit	Class 3 Stream
Haul Route	Ownership
Maintenance	MT DNRC
Opt. Maintenance	Green Diamond
New Construction	Private
Kelly Hump	
Bermed Post-Harvest	

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Attachment A-5 Marten Creek TS Active Northern Goshawk Restrictions S18 T23N R26W



Legend

Haul Route	Streams
Open	Class 1 Stream
Restricted April 1-August 15	Class 3 Stream
Gate	ERZ
Kelly Hump	SMZ
Bermed Post Harvest	Ownership
Goshawk Nest	MT DNRC
	Green Diamond
	Private

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