

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Squeezer Loop Timber Sale is located within Sections 15, 16, 20, 22 & 27, T23N-R17W on the State's Swan Unit. Approximately 18,391 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 **February 11, 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 \$14,292.85**, 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 January 21, 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 <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

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| Timber Sale Name: Squeezer Loop | | | |
| For specific sale information, contact: | | | |
| Phone | 406-837-8107 | Josh Reed | Swan Unit Office |
| | 406-837- 8103 | Hiram Jones | 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 Squeezer Loop Timber Sale consists of ten units (500 acres).

- a. 16-30 (18.7 acres, ground-based yarding 128 MBF)
- b. 16-32 (67.3 acres, ground-based yarding 429 MBF)
- c. 16-33 (30.2 acres, ground-based yarding 126 MBF)
- d. 22-42 (50.5 acres, ground-based yarding 313 MBF)
- e. 22-43 (53 acres, ground-based yarding 267 MBF)
- f. 22-45 (24.2 acres, ground-based yarding 181 MBF)
- g. 20-03 (11.1 acres, ground-based yarding 69 MBF)
- h. 20-05 (172.5 acres, ground-based yarding 863 MBF)
- i. 20-06 (53.6 acres, ground-based yarding 399 MBF)
- j. 20-07 (19.1 acres, ground-based yarding 24 MBF)

2. The Squeezer Loop Timber Sale Road package includes:

- a. Approximately 9.5 miles of road maintenance including drainage feature construction and repair, grass seeding, weed spraying, BMP improvements and initial, intermediate, and final blading.

3. Access/Directions

- a. The Squeezer Loop Timber Sale is located in Sections 15, 16, 20, 22 and 27, T23N, R17W, east of the Swan Unit Office.
- b. To access the eastern units of the Squeezer Loop Timber Sale, go east on Goat Creek Road off Highway 83 at Mile Marker 58.7. Continue on the Goat Creek Road for 1.5 miles and turn right onto Squeezer Creek Road.
- c. To access the western units of the sale, go east on New Squeezer Loop off Highway 83 at Mile Marker 58.5. Go through the MDOT station and stay to the right at the Y to access the New Squeezer Loop Road.
- d. See Attached Sale and Haul Route map with Notice of Sale.
- e. Gate keys are required to access Dump Road, No Goat Road, Pine Road and New Squeezer Loop. 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 30, 2025; November 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; November 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027; June 16, 2027 through March 30, 2028; June 16, 2028 through March 30, 2029; June 16, 2029 through September 1, 2029. As weather provides favorable conditions for the work to be completed. When Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.
- b. OPERATING PERIOD UNITS 22-42 AND 22-43: Award Date through March 30, 2025; November 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; November 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027; November 16, 2027 through March 30, 2028; November 16, 2028 through March 30, 2029; As weather provides favorable conditions for the work to be completed. When Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.

5. Road Construction/Maintenance Operational Period

- a. OPERATING PERIOD: Award Date through March 30, 2025; November 16, 2025 through March 30, 2026; November 16, 2026 through March 30, 2027; June 16, 2027 through March 30, 2028; June 16, 2028 through March 30, 2029; June 16, 2029 through September 1, 2029 when Hauling Restrictions in Section VII.N. of the timber sale contract apply.

6. **Ponderosa pine sawlog price is set at \$2.00/ton.** Bid price should reflect sawlogs from all other included species.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

| Squeezer Loop | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|----|------|------------------------|
| 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 | \$ 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | All except PP: \$16.80 |
| 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 | 1556 | 5747 | 4655 | 4165 | 1949 | 277 | 20 | 22 | | | 0 | 18,391 tons |
| Estimated tons of non-sawlog material | 26 | 82 | 68 | 161 | 39 | 7 | 0 | 1 | | | 0 | 385 tons |
| Gross MBF | 221 | 908 | 944 | 659 | 339 | 55 | 6 | 4 | | | 0 | 3,135 MBF |
| % Cull and Breakage | 5.9 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 8.2 | 10.9 | 33.8 | 30.0 | 30.0 | | | 0.0 | 10.7% |
| Net MBF | 208 | 817 | 824 | 605 | 302 | 36 | 4 | 3 | | | 0 | 2,800 MBF |
| Average logs per MBF | 26.0 | 22.4 | 17.6 | 29.3 | 23.7 | 41.0 | 24.4 | 54.3 | | | 0.0 | 23.2 logs/MBF |
| Average DBH | 11.7 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 9.9 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 16.0 | 9.0 | | | 0.0 | 11.5 in. |
| Average tons to cut per acre | | | | | | | | | | | | 37 tons/ac |
| Average MBF to cut per acre | | | | | | | | | | | | 5.6 MBF/ac |
| Total Average TPA Cut | | | | | | | | | | | | 74 |
| Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between | 2,496 and 3,103 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises | | | | | | | | | | | 10.8% |
| Tons Per Thousand Board Feet | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet | 18,391 estimated tons / 2,800 Net MBF | | | | | | | | | | | 6.57 tons/MBF |

| Contract Information | | |
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| Contract Termination Date: | September 30, 2029 | |
| Operating Period: | Award Date - Mar 30, 2025; Nov 16, 2025 - Mar 30, 2026; Nov 16, 2026 - Mar 30, 2027; Jun 16, 2027 - Mar 30, 2028; Jun 16, 2028 - Mar 30, 2029; Jun 16 - Sep 1, 2029 | |

| 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. |
| Yarding distance skyline (average) | 0 ft. |
| Yarding distance other system (specify) | 0 ft. |
| Estimated haul distance (paved) | 50.0 miles |
| Estimated haul distance (unpaved) | 3.0 miles |

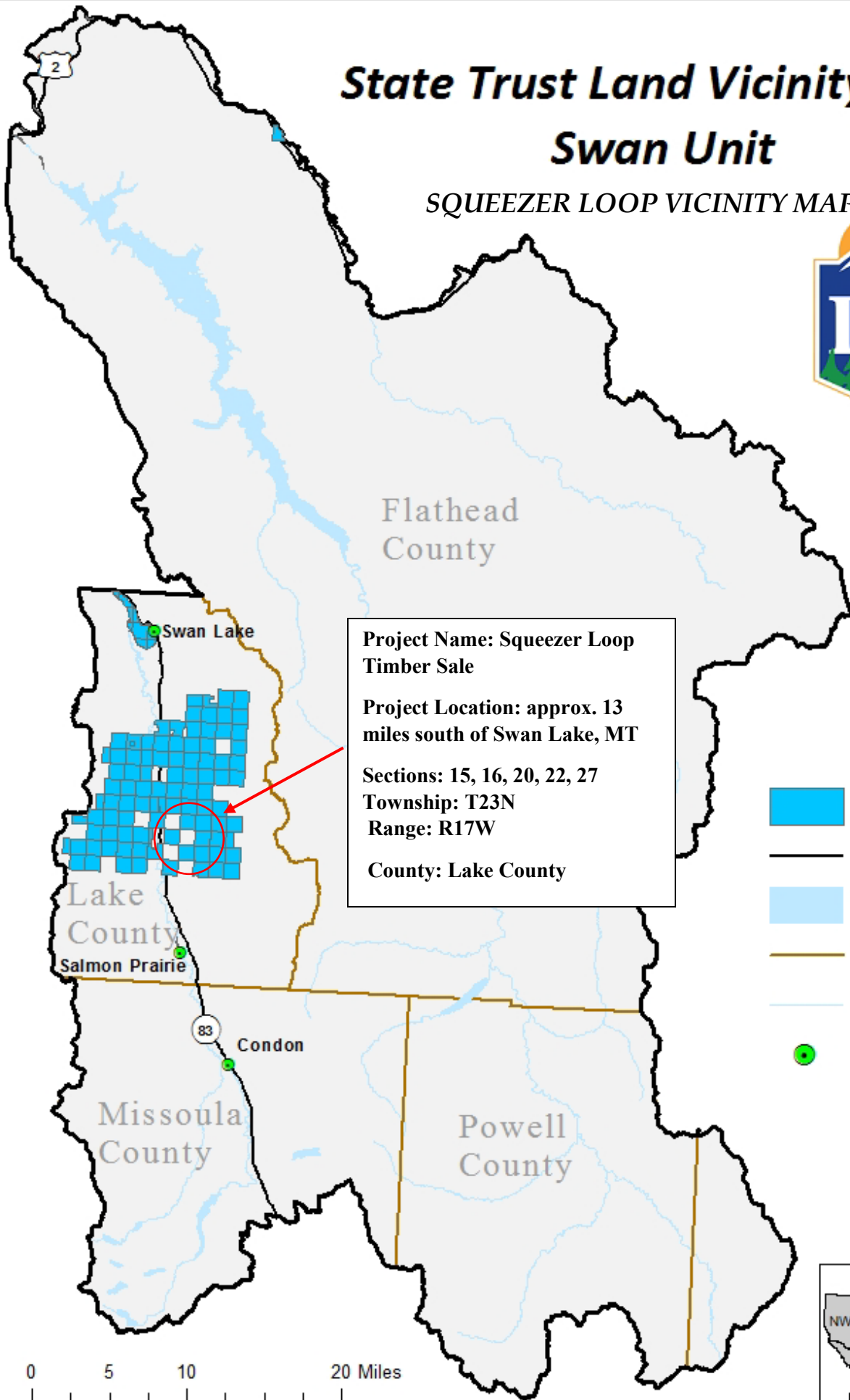
| Purchaser fees and estimated costs | |
|--|-------------|
| Forest Improvement fee perMBF | \$26.60/MBF |
| Forest Improvement fee per ton | \$4.05/ton |
| Forest Improvement fee estimated total | \$74,483.55 |
| Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment | \$12,413.93 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do 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 | |
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| Estimated road development cost total | \$12,872 |
| Estimated road development cost per ton | \$0.70/ton |
| Estimated road development cost perMBF | \$4.60/MBF |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total | \$16,366 |
| Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton | \$0.89/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 | 9.5 miles |

| Unit harvest volume | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Unit # | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF | Harvest Deadline |
| 16-30 | 18.66 | 843 | 128 | September 1, 2029 |
| 16-32 | 67.28 | 2816 | 429 | September 1, 2029 |
| 16-33 | 30.21 | 830 | 126 | September 1, 2029 |
| 22-42 | 50.45 | 2056 | 313 | March 30, 2029 |
| 22-43 | 52.94 | 1752 | 267 | March 30, 2029 |
| 22-45 | 24.21 | 1191 | 181 | September 1, 2029 |
| 20-03 | 11.05 | 451 | 69 | September 1, 2029 |
| 20-05 | 172.47 | 5669 | 863 | September 1, 2029 |
| 20-06 | 53.61 | 2622 | 399 | September 1, 2029 |
| 20-07 | 19.06 | 160 | 24 | September 1, 2029 |
| | 500 Ac. | 18,391 tons | 2,800 MBF | |

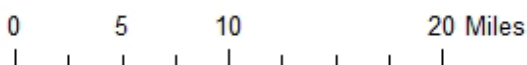
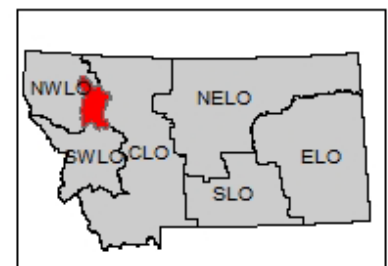
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Swan Unit

SQUEEZER LOOP VICINITY MAP

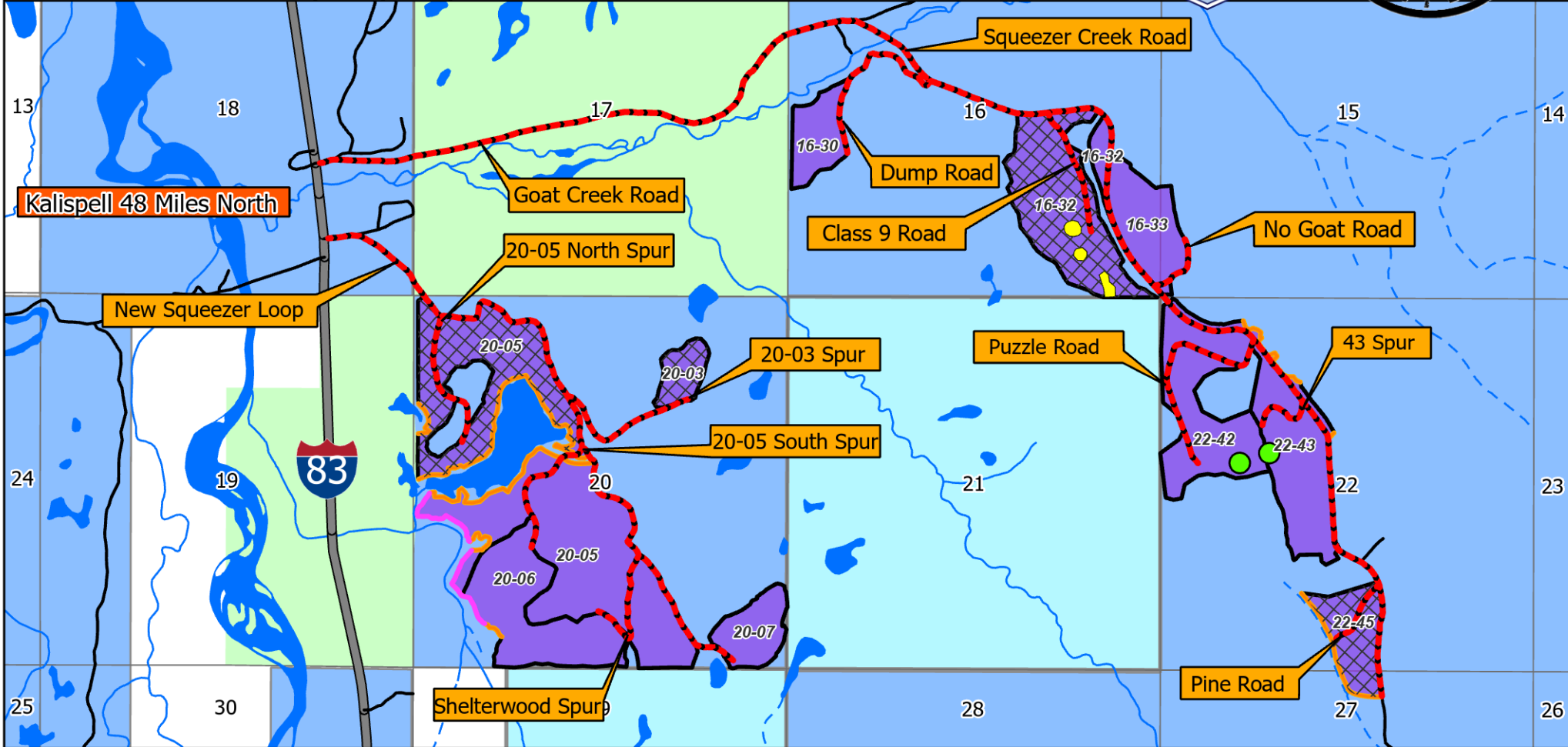


Project Name: Squeezer Loop Timber Sale
Project Location: approx. 13 miles south of Swan Lake, MT
Sections: 15, 16, 20, 22, 27
Township: T23N
Range: R17W
County: Lake County

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



Attachment A2 Squeezer Loop Unit Map T23N R17W Section 16, 15, 20, 22 and 27



- Cutting Units
- Marked Units
- Haul Route
- HIGHWAY
- OPEN
- Class 1
- Class 2
- RMZs
- SMZs
- Equipment Restriction Zone
- Nest Protection Buffer
- MT DNRC
- MT FWP
- USFS

| Unit harvest volume | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|---------|
| Unit # | Rx | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF | Unit # | Rx | Acres | Est Tons | Est MBF |
| 16-30 | Individual Tree Selection | 18.66 | 843 | 128 | 22-45 | Commercial Thin | 24.21 | 1191 | 181 |
| 16-32 | Commercial Thin | 67.28 | 2816 | 429 | 20-03 | Commercial Thin | 11.05 | 451 | 69 |
| 16-33 | Individual Tree Selection | 30.21 | 830 | 126 | 20-05 | Old Growth Maintenance | 172.47 | 5669 | 863 |
| 22-42 | Shelterwood | 50.45 | 2056 | 313 | 20-06 | Shelterwood | 53.61 | 2622 | 399 |
| 22-43 | Individual Tree Selection | 52.94 | 1752 | 267 | 20-07 | Overstory Removal | 19.06 | 160 | 24 |
| | | 500 Ac. | 18,391 Tons | 2,800 MBF | | | | | |

