

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Whiskey Spring Timber Sale is located within Sections 1,2,11,14,15,22,23, & 24, T12S-R6W, on the State's Dillon Unit. Approximately 16,004 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 **May 28, 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 \$3,240.00**, 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: Whiskey Springs Timber Sale			
For specific sale information, contact: Riley Stevenson			
Phone	406-925-7073		Unit Office: Dillon
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-683-6305	Dillon Unit Office	Central 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 Forest Improvement fee will be charged and collected concurrent with stumpage. No quarterly payments required.

Special Operating Requirements

1. **PURCHASER CUT TREE SELECTION:** The purchaser will be responsible for cut tree selection upon interpretation of silvicultural prescriptions for each harvest unit.
2. **RESERVED SUBMERCHANTABLE TREE PROTECTION:** Care shall be exercised in felling and skidding operations to minimize damage to conifer regeneration. If damage is excessive as determined by the Forest Officer, operations may be suspended until suitable arrangements are made to reduce damage. This stipulation does not apply to mature trees in the intermediate and suppressed canopy.
3. **SLASH REDUCTION:** In the event slash accumulations within the harvest unit exceeds DNRC recommended maximum fuel loading specifications (during harvest or upon completion), Purchaser may be required to spot pile, lop, trample or yard excessive material to landing piles. Woody debris (slash) consists of dead and green material that has occurred naturally or from harvest operations. Fuel loading determination is based on slash size class, weight (tons per acre), and slope that will result in a maximum flame length of 4' with ignition. All areas determined to exceed desired fuel loads greater than 2 acres may be designated for treatment. The Montana DNRC Photo Series Handbook for Appraising Timber Slash in Montana will be used to evaluate slash hazard conditions for this sale activity. Portions of units within 100 feet of property boundaries, public access roads, railroads and powerline corridors must meet the 4-foot flame length standard. The 4-foot flame length standard is defined as 90% of the area logging slash being reduced to a level at which a fire starting under conditions similar to a "Standard Day" (87 degrees, 17% RH, 12 mph wind speed) would burn with a flame length of 4 feet or less as calculated by the BEHAVE model.
4. **CONSTRUCTED SKID TRAIL RECLAMATION:** All constructed skid trails will be reclaimed after use. This includes installing drainage features and reshaping to near natural contours. Use of an excavator is required.

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Whiskey Spring												
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												\$4.05
Pounds per cubic foot		60.0		56.0	57.0						40.0	
Estimated CF		447612.7		2790.0	16226.7						86620.5	553,250 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		11570.2		618.3	544.0						1660.4	14,393 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		14622		45	976						361	16,004 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		304		15	13						5	338 tons
Gross MBF		2389		7	160						333	2,889 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		16.5		12.5	14.0						85.6	26.2%
Net MBF		1947		6	130						48	2,131 MBF
Average logs per MBF		29.2		62.2	24.9						26.5	29.2 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.4		7.1	10.6						12.7	11.4 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												46 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												152
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between												18.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet												7.51 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:		Nov. 30, 2029
Operating Period:	Year round as conditions allow	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	44%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	900 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	93.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	41.0 miles

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$106,323
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$6.64/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$49.90/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$6,868.50
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.43/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	4.6 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	10.8 miles

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Concurrent with Stumpage

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$8.20/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$1.09/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$17,444.36
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	N/A
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

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 1	65	3507	467	
Cutting Unit 2	34	1717	229	
Cutting Unit 3	26	1185	158	
Cutting Unit 4	45	1477	197	
Cutting Unit 5	30	1192	159	
Cutting Unit 6	37	1157	154	
Cutting Unit 7	15	563	75	
Cutting Unit 8	71	1081	144	
Cutting Unit 9	3	113	15	
Cutting Unit 10	8	355	47	
Cutting Unit 11	5	319	42	
Cutting Unit 12	25	927	123	
Cutting Unit 13	22	489	65	
Cutting Unit 14	13	458	61	
Cutting Unit 15	39	1464	195	
	438 Ac.	16,004 tons	2,131 MBF	

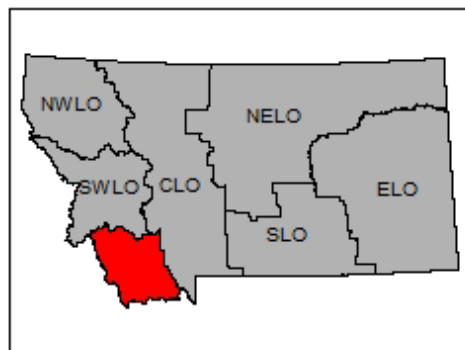
WHISKEY SPRING
TIMBER SALE VICINITY
MAP

State Trust Land Vicinity Map
Dillon Unit



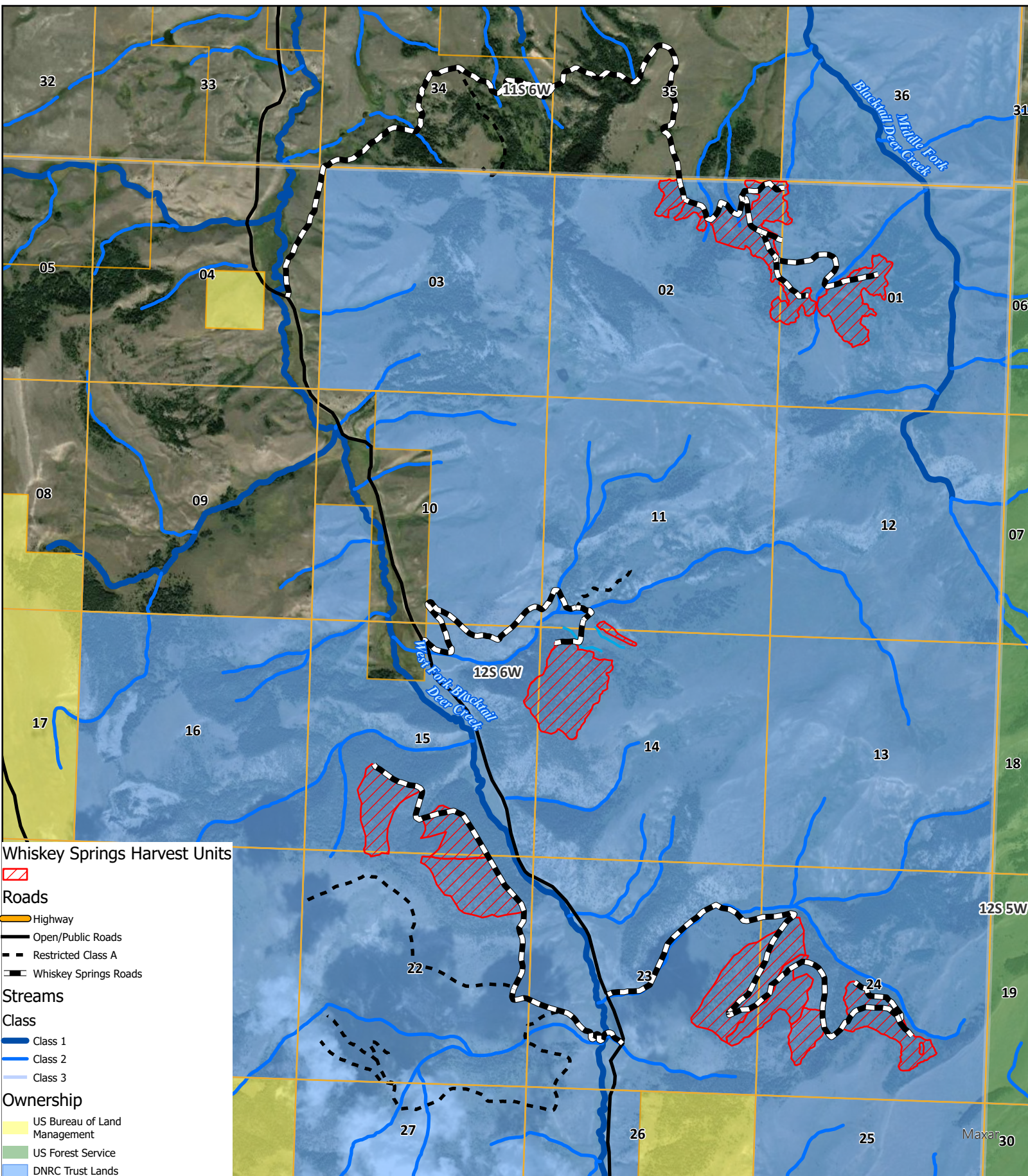
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Interstate
- State Trust Land
- Water Bodies
- County Lines
- Rivers

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Project Location:
Sections: 1, 2, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24
Township: 12S Range: 12S 6W
County: Beaverhead

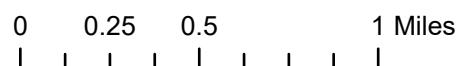


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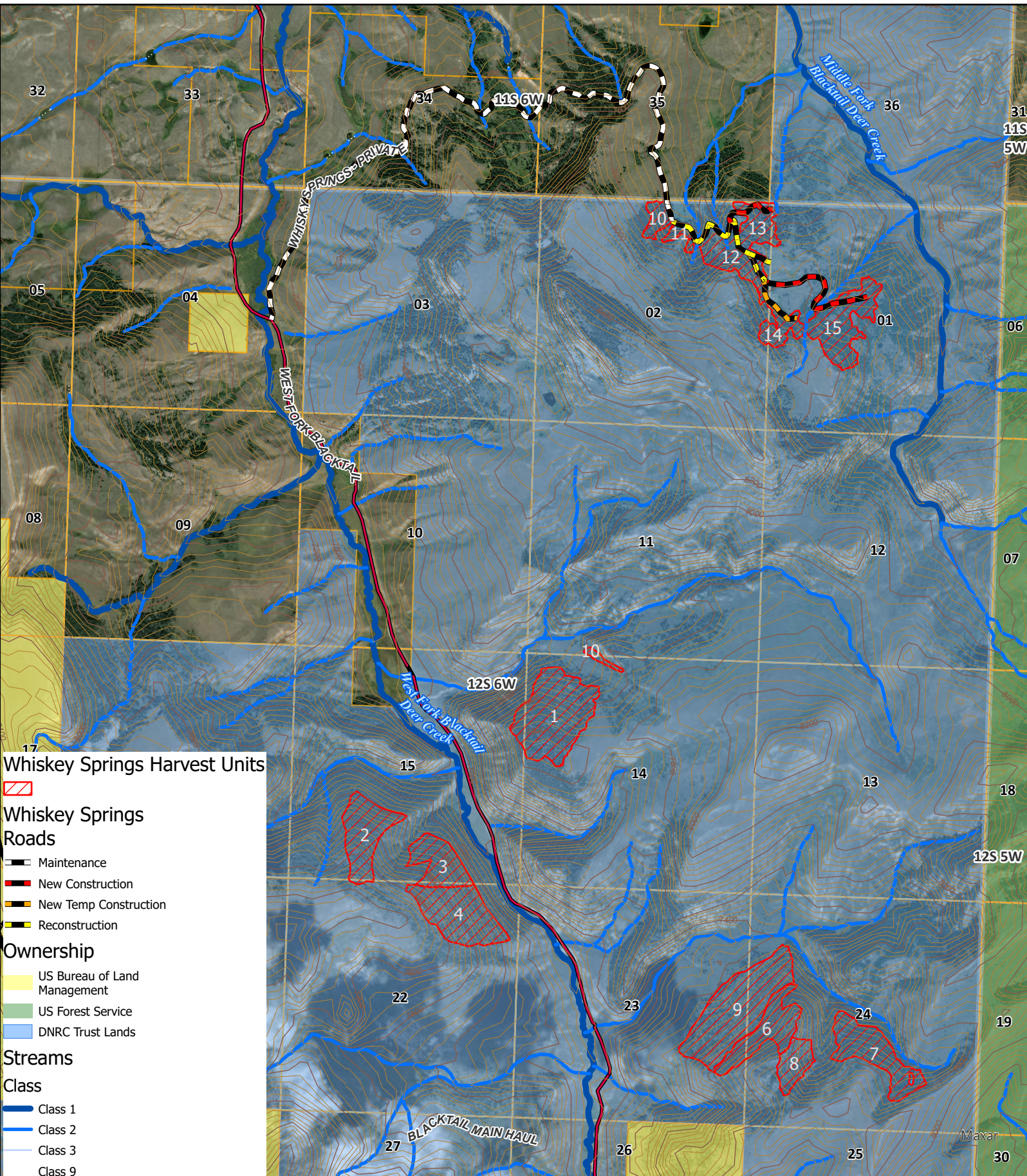


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Attachment A-1: Harvest Map



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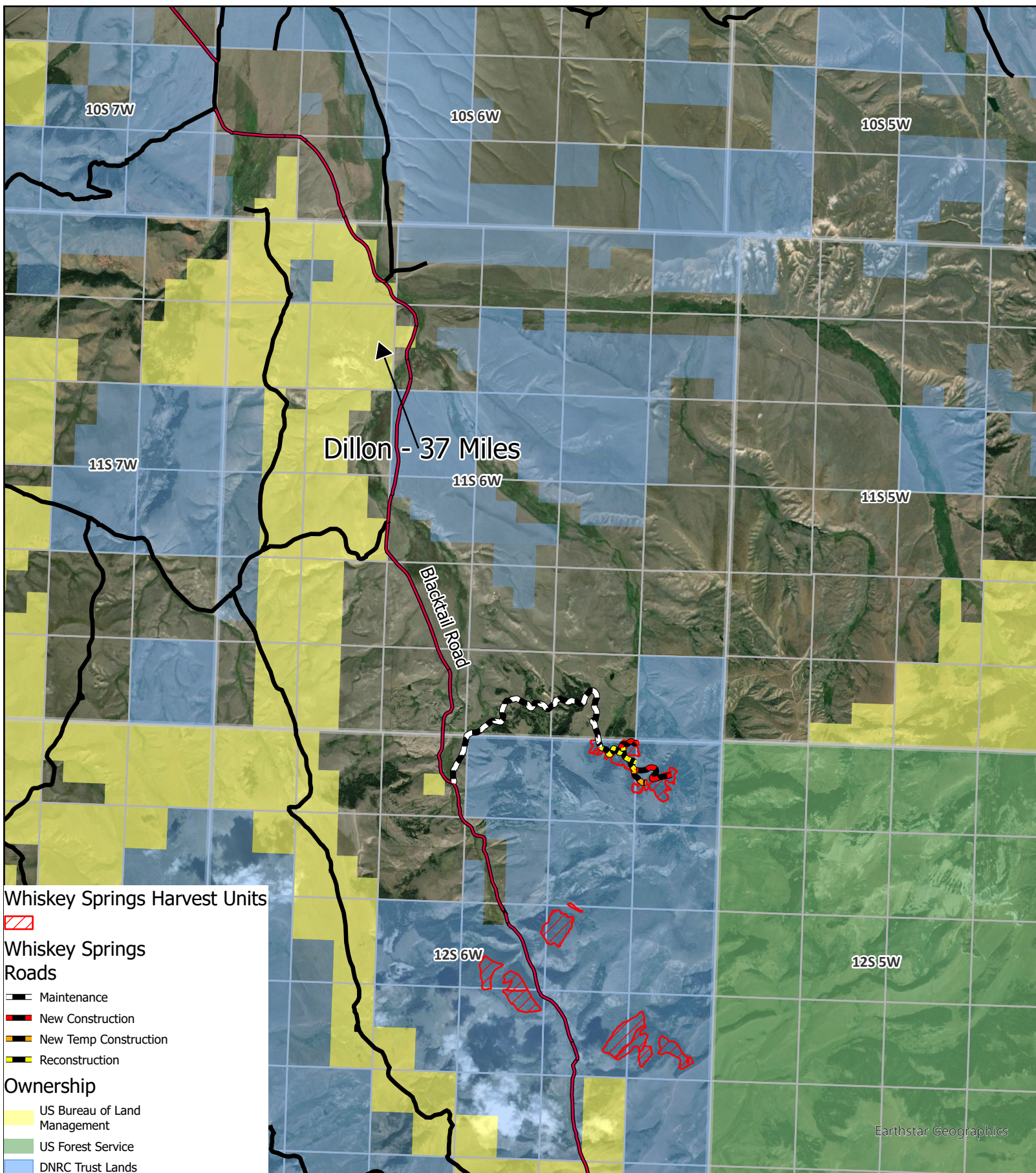
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Attachment A-2: Haul Map



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