

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Baldy Buzzcut Timber Sale is located within Section 36 of T12N-R15W, and W½, NE¼, and NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 2 of T11N-15W on the State's Missoula Unit. Approximately 12,128 tons, consisting of primarily Douglas-fir and Lodgepole Pine sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **September 17, 2026 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 \$5,188.00**, 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: Baldy Buzzcut			
For specific sale information, contact: Clark Cederberg			
Phone	406-542-5805	Missoula	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

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:

- **Prospective Bidders are highly encouraged to visit the timber sale area before submitting a bid. Arrangements can be made with DNRC Forester, Clark Cederberg (406)-542-5805 for a field tour Aug. 24th-27th or Aug. 31st-Sept. 3rd. The Forester can accompany prospective bidders for additional field visits on request. Bidders who do not wish to be accompanied can request a gate combo lock code and access map by calling the office number listed above.**
- **WEED SPRAYING IS REQUIRED IN THIS CONTRACT;** it shall be done by a commercial applicator licensed by the State of Montana or by personnel under the direct supervision of the licensed applicator. All herbicide applications shall follow EPA label requirements. **Any weed control must comply with the current standards of the County Weed Board and as directed by the Forest Officer.** Weed spraying specifications can be found in Attachment B (IX. C.) DNRC conducted preliminary weed spraying spring 2026.
- **COMBINATION UNITS:** Cable units may contain a small percentage of tractor ground. Some units may contain both tractor and cable ground. For the purposes of timber appraisal, units designated as combination are appraised as if the entire unit is designated cable. Harvest plans in Combination Units will be approved by Forest Officer. The Forest Officer will only approve alternatives that are consistent with planned mitigation and resource protection measures
- **THIS SALE PACKAGE INCLUDES ROAD BUILDING.** It is highly recommended that Attachment B in the timber sale contract be reviewed prior to bidding. 0.5 miles of new permanent road construction will be required. In addition to permanent road construction temp roads/spurs/trails MAY be needed depending on harvest equipment used by Purchaser. TEMP Spurs are optional, and reasonable alternatives will be considered. Temp spurs are not included in the appraisal but are estimated at a total of \$5247 for development and closeout.
- **TEMPORARY SPUR ROAD OR CATCH TRAIL CONSTRUCTION:** Purchaser is permitted to construct temporary spur roads or skid catch trails for access to portions of some of the units. The roads must be constructed and reclaimed to specifications in Attachment B. Temp spurs may be required to access cable ground in portions of units 7 and 10, depending on the harvest equipment used by the Purchaser. Temp spurs will be shorter than 500ft. All other locations must be approved by the Forest officer before construction. Temp spur specifications and requirements are listed in Attachment B. VII ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS A. TEMP SPUR ROAD SPECIFICATIONS
- **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.
- **HARVEST BY PRESCRIPTION:** In most harvest units, trees designated for harvest are not marked and shall be harvested according to silvicultural descriptions found in the Contract (Section VII. LOGGING). Portions of the sale have been leave tree sample marked to represent the harvest prescription (see Attachment A). In unmarked units, the Forest Officer will work with the Purchaser to ensure that the desired harvest prescription is being met. The Forest Officer will be available and make regular site visits during harvest operations to clarify any harvest prescription questions or sample mark small portions in conjunction with operations. See VII. LOGGING G. SPECIAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS for more details
- **SLASHING OF LOGGING-DAMAGED TREES REQUIRED:** The Purchaser shall fell all submerchantable 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" on the uphill side.
- **NON-SAWLOG REMOVAL REQUIRED:** Clearcut w/ residuals – Harvest Units 5 and 8 (35 acres total). All Douglas-fir impacted by defoliators in harvest units 5 and 8, greater than 5" DBH that do not meet minimum sawlog requirements and are not designated to leave, must be cut and skid to a landing pile. Non-Sawlog material may be purchased as pulp/firewood at a set rate of \$1.00/ton or left in a landing pile post-harvest.
- **SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS:** Operational periods for most units are "Year-round when soil conditions allow". Units 2,3,& 12 are restricted to harvesting during snow-free periods only. Restrictions are in place to ensure maximum scarification is achieved during harvesting operations.
- **FOREST IMPROVEMENT FEES:** Will be billed concurrently with stumpage, rather than quarterly.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Baldy Buzzcut												
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												\$8.55
Pounds per cubic foot		49.0		43.0								
Estimated CF		536348.1		1664.6								538,013 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		3539.9		35.4								3,575 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		12094		34								12,128 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		0		0								0 tons
Gross MBF		2279		7								2,286 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		7.7		5.0								7.7%
Net MBF		2103		6								2,110 MBF
Average logs per MBF		20.4		24.1								20.4 logs/MBF
Average DBH		14.3		11.0								14.3 in
Average tons to cut per acre												21 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												3.7 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												35
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,857 and 2,361 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									11.9%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	12,128 estimated tons / 2,110 Net MBF											5.75 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	7/1/2030	
Operating Period:	Units 2,3, and 12 - Snow free periods when soil conditions allow. All other units - Year-round when soil conditions allow.	

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	15%
% of volume logged with tractors	50%
% of volume logged by skyline	24%
% of volume logged by other system (Combination)	22%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	600 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	59.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	15.4 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.78/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$45,844
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	concurrent w/stumpage
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$0
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$17,100
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$1.41/ton

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$15,250
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.26/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$7.23/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$31,786
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$2.62/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.5 miles
Miles of road optional construction	750 feet
Miles of road with site improvements	12.7 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	7.1 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	24	450	91	October 31st, 2029
10	29	650	114	October 31st, 2029
11	45	1050	309	October 31st, 2029
12	62	1800	295	October 31st, 2029
13	111	1580	148	October 31st, 2029
14	25	1080	213	October 31st, 2029
2	76	1590	396	October 31st, 2029
3	68	1678	143	October 31st, 2029
4	23	350	87	October 31st, 2029
5	4	50	10	October 31st, 2029
6	14	580	78	October 31st, 2029
7	22	500	96	October 31st, 2029
8	31	350	43	October 31st, 2029
9	32	420	87	October 31st, 2029
	566 Ac.	12,128 tons	2,110 MBF	

Attachment A-1

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

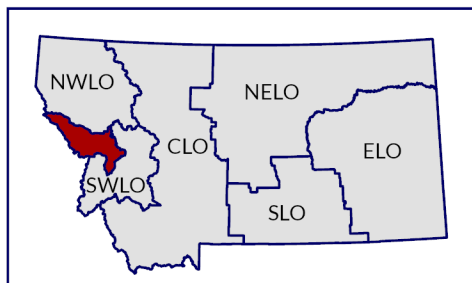
Missoula Unit

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Section 36 T12N
R15W & Section 2
T11N R15W

County: Granite

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



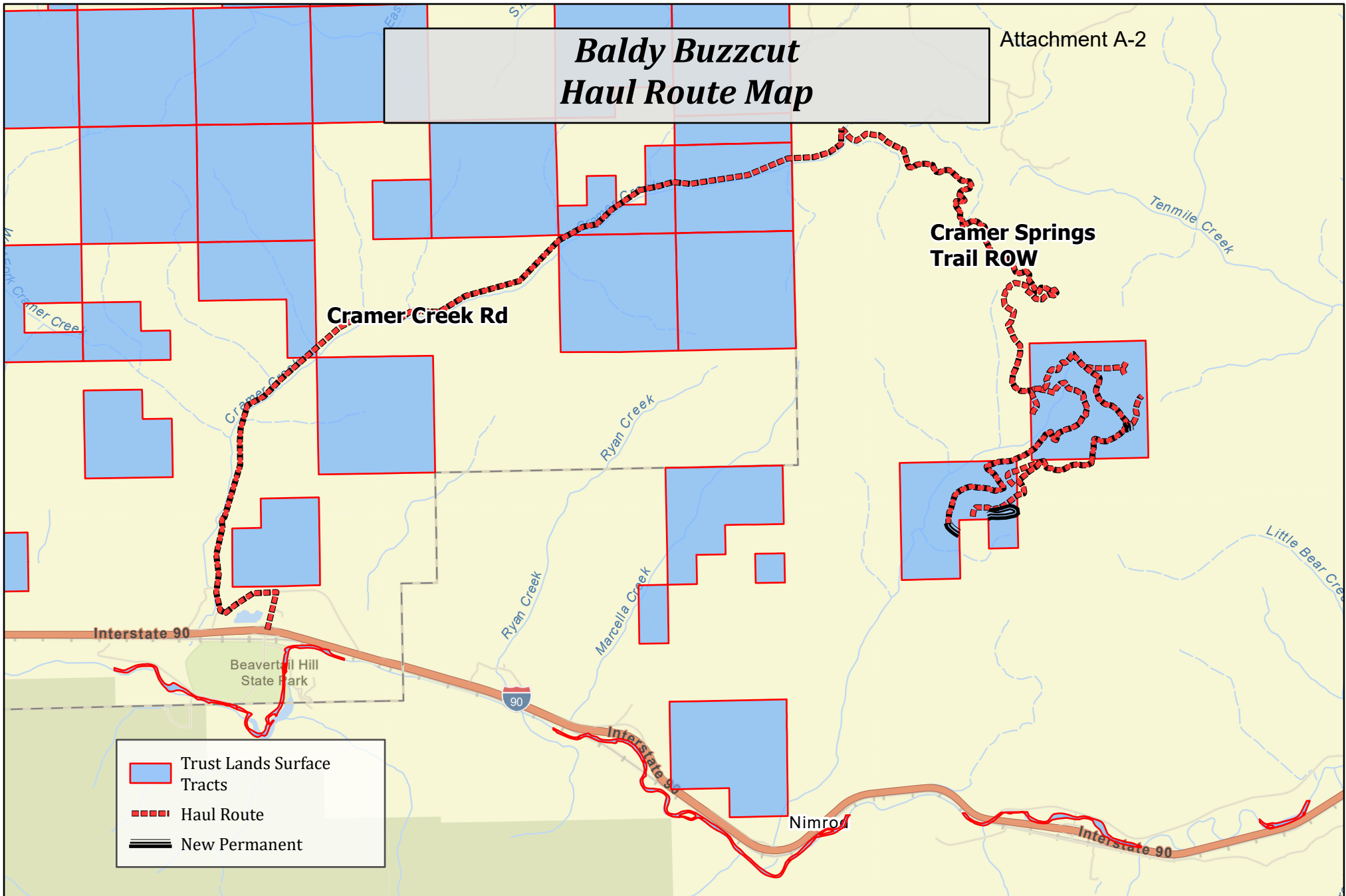
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NAD 1983 State Plane



Baldy Buzzcut Haul Route Map

Attachment A-2



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1/26/2026

Scale: 1:68,987

0 7,500 15,000 Feet





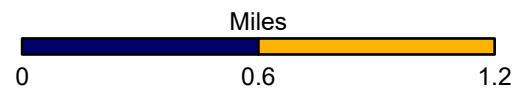
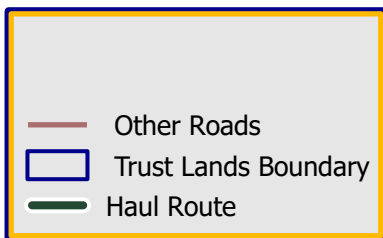
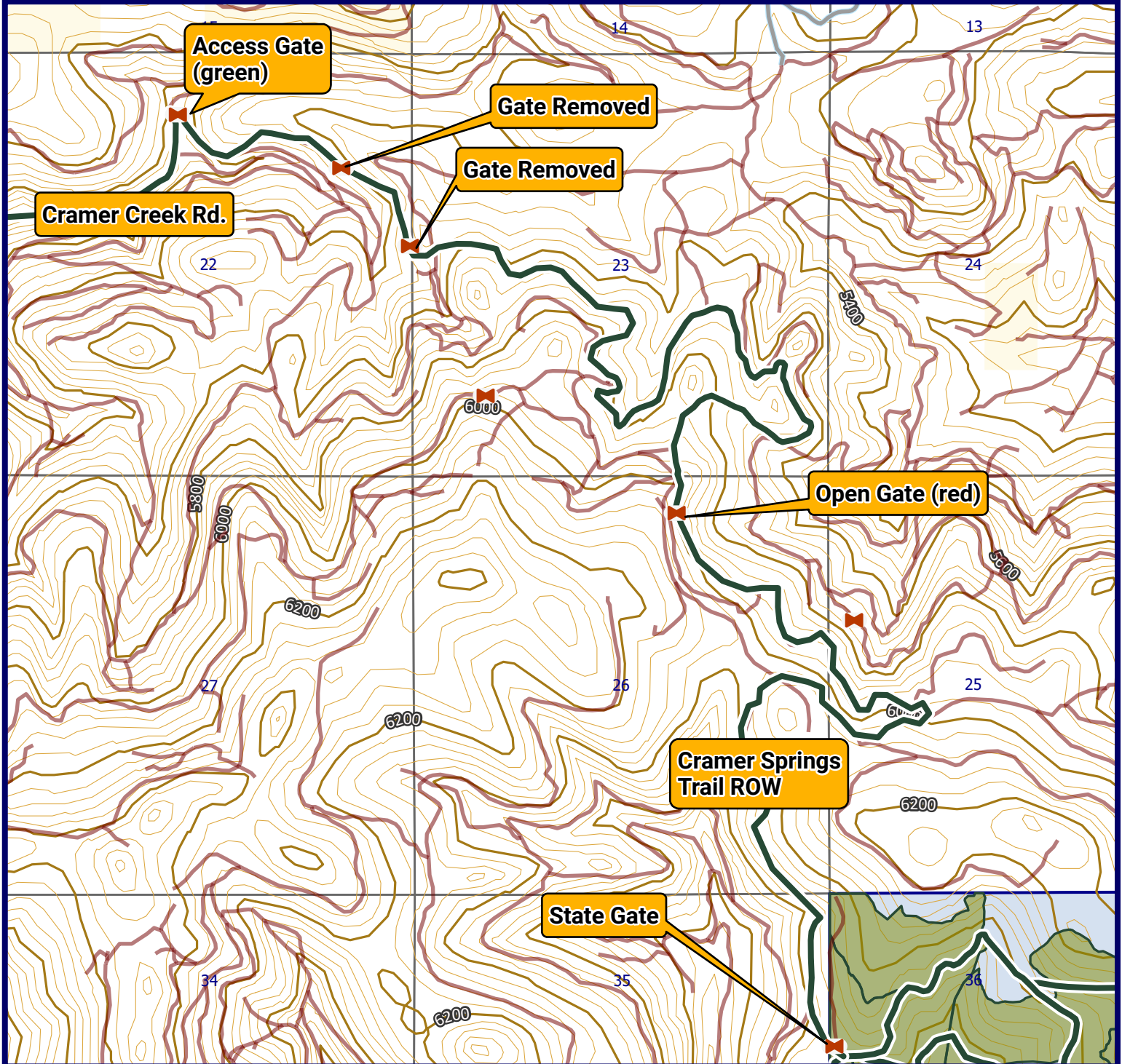
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Haul Map - Easement Route Zoom

Attachment A-3

Haul Route Easement: T12N R15W

Sections: 22,23,25,26,35

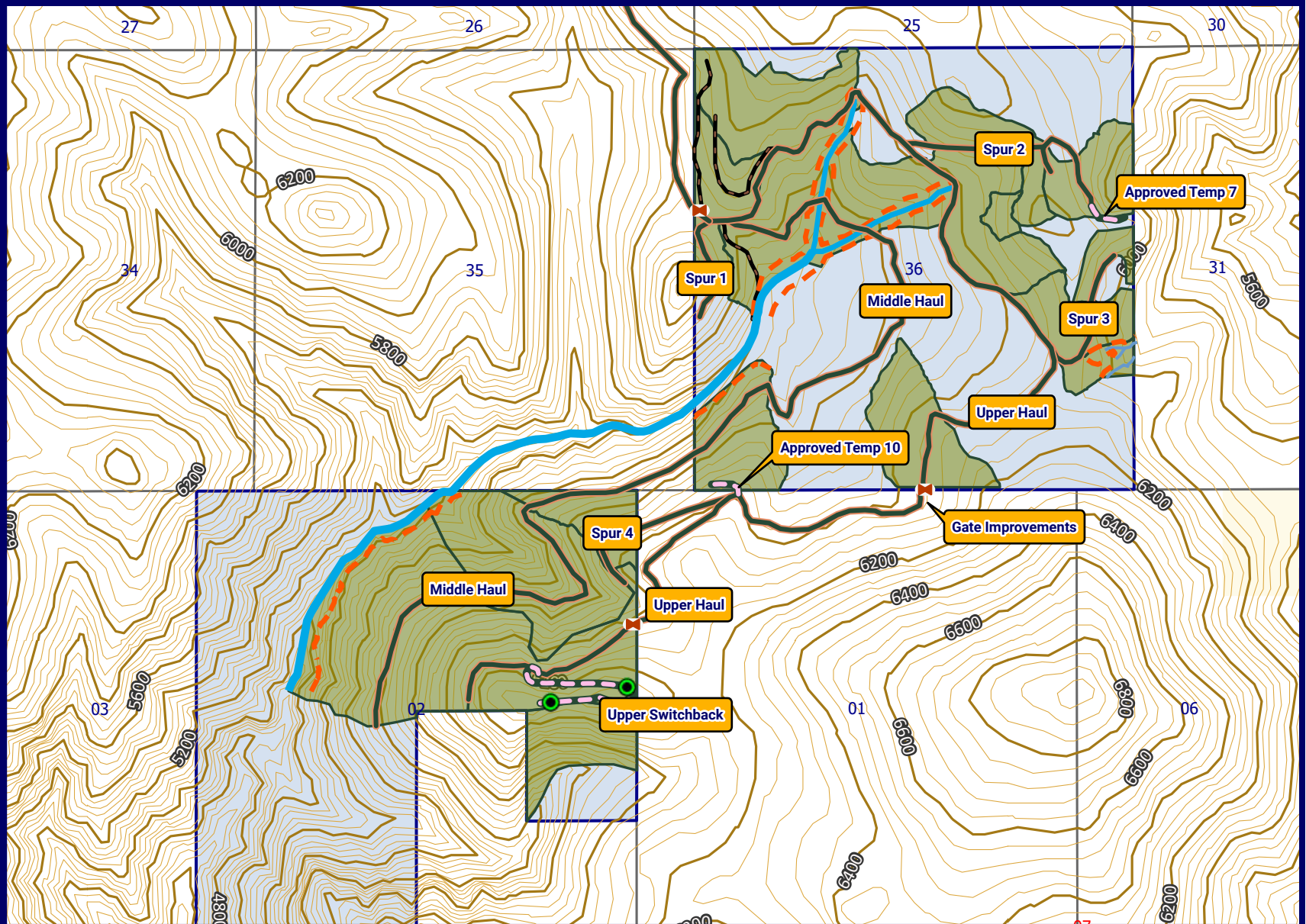




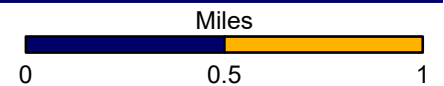
Baldy Buzzcut

Roads Map

T12N R15W S36
T11N R15W S02



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| Trust Lands Boundary | P-Line | Class 2 Stream |
| Gate | Haul Route | Class 3 Stream |
| Control Point | SMZ | Excavated Skid Trail |
| | Class 1 Stream | |



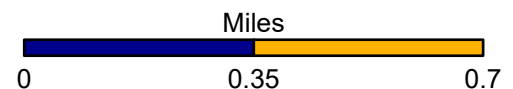
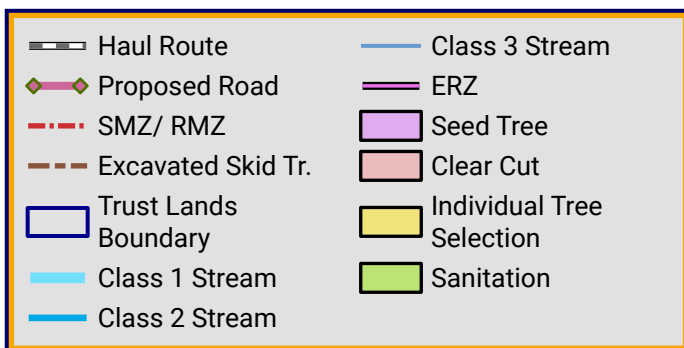
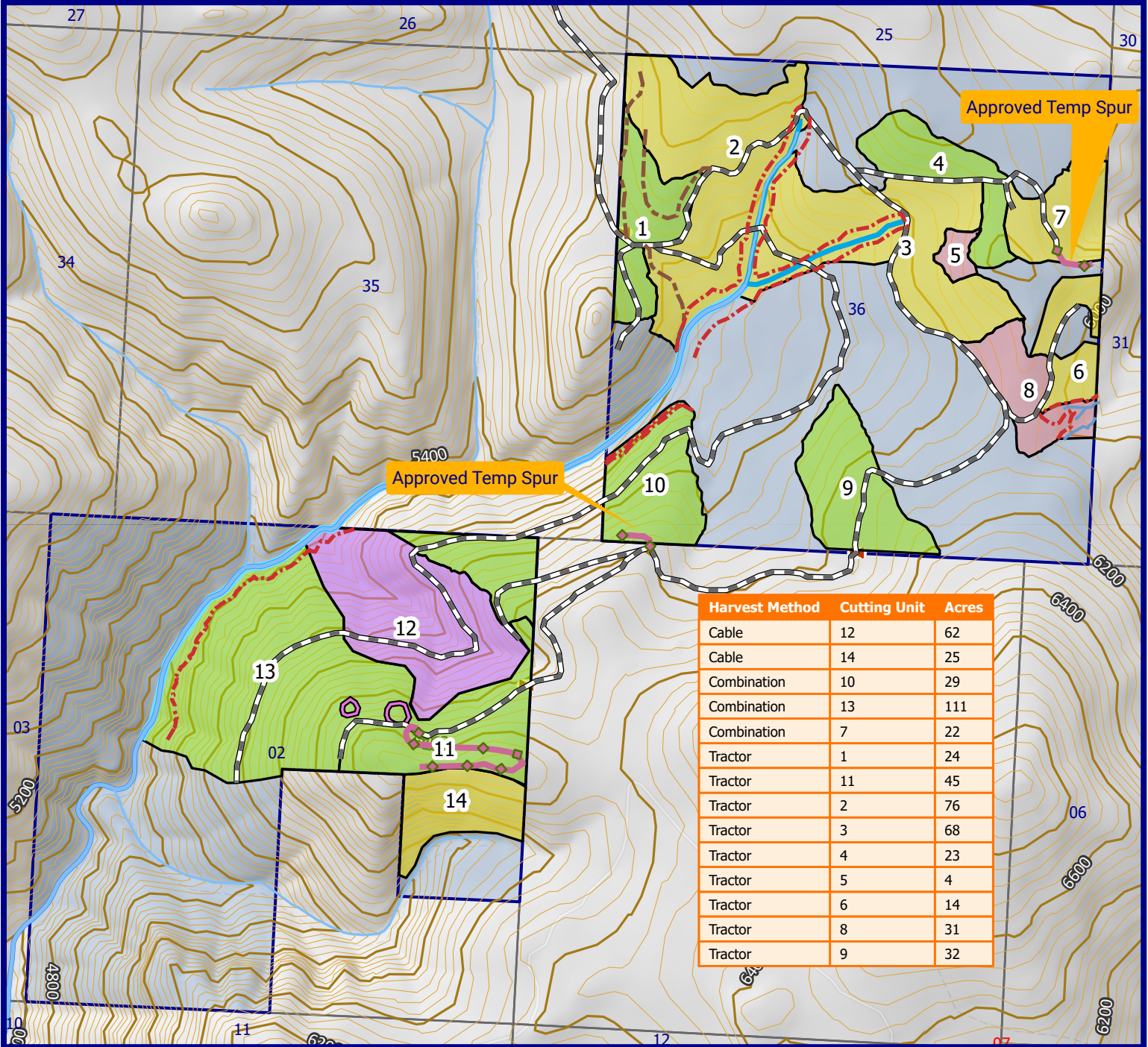


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Harvest Unit Map

Attachment A-5

T12N R15W Sec. 36 & T11N R15W Sec. 02



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