

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Case for Potomac Timber Sale is located within Sections 22 & 23 of T13N-R15W, on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 8,020 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 **October 13, 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 \$2,496.00**, 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 September 21, 2026, 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

Timber Sale Name: Case for Potomac			
For specific sale information, contact: Sam Whitney, Forest Management Coordinator			
Phone	406-207-1235		Clearwater Field 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		Southwest 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. **For questions and access information:** contact Sam Whitney 406-207-1235
Combo lock is 3672 (DNRC).
2. **Roads and Seasonal Conditions:**
 - a. Seasonal non-operable conditions should be anticipated mid-October through November, March through mid-June each year.
 - b. 0.2 miles of the haul route is located on the paved Garnet Range Road, which is owned and maintained by BLM.
 - i. The main gate is closed to the public January 1 through April 30 each year. Hauling through the gate will be permitted through the gate during the public closure. See additional information in Section III of Attachment B.
 - ii. Use of Garnet Range Road for hauling is limited to a single lane January 1 through April 30. The other lane must remain undisturbed by purchaser operations because it is reserved for recreational snowmobile use.
 - iii. BLM planned maintenance may occur on the Garnet Range Road in the summer of 2027 or 2028. While traffic will not be restricted, traffic delays may occur during midday operations.
 - c. The first mile of Jasper Road haul route accessing this sale area is in use and under maintenance by another timber sale with harvest adjacent to the road. Interruptions to hauling are not anticipated. Purchaser of this contract will be responsible for maintenance of Jasper Road including final blading prior to termination of the contract.
3. **Herbicide Application:** Purchaser will be required to apply herbicide on approximately 3.32 miles of roads in the sale area prior to July 15, 2029.
4. **Non-sawlog material,** including pulp and firewood are optional to haul at \$1.00/ton.
5. **Sample marking:** Portions of the main harvest unit is sample marked. See Attachment A for sample marked locations.
6. All harvest must be **completed by July 31, 2029.**

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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											\$10.91
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5								40.0	
Estimated CF	158319.7	154852.6	12421.1								0.0	325,593 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	10241.8	13362.8	633.0								0.0	24,238 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	3953	3763	303								0	8,020 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	258	331	15								0	604 tons
Gross MBF	794	660	66								0	1,520 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	10.5	12.5	7.2								0.0	11.2%
Net MBF	711	578	62								0	1,350 MBF
Average logs per MBF	13.9	21.4	12.7								0.0	17.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH	16.3	14.2	17.7								0.0	15.1 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												26 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.4 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												32
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,200 and 1,500 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises									11.1%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	8,020 estimated tons / 1,350 Net MBF											5.94 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	8/30/2029	
Operating Period:	Year round, as soil conditions allow.	

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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)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	132.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.66/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$29,353
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$4,892
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$18,050
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$2.25/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	\$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$0.00/ton

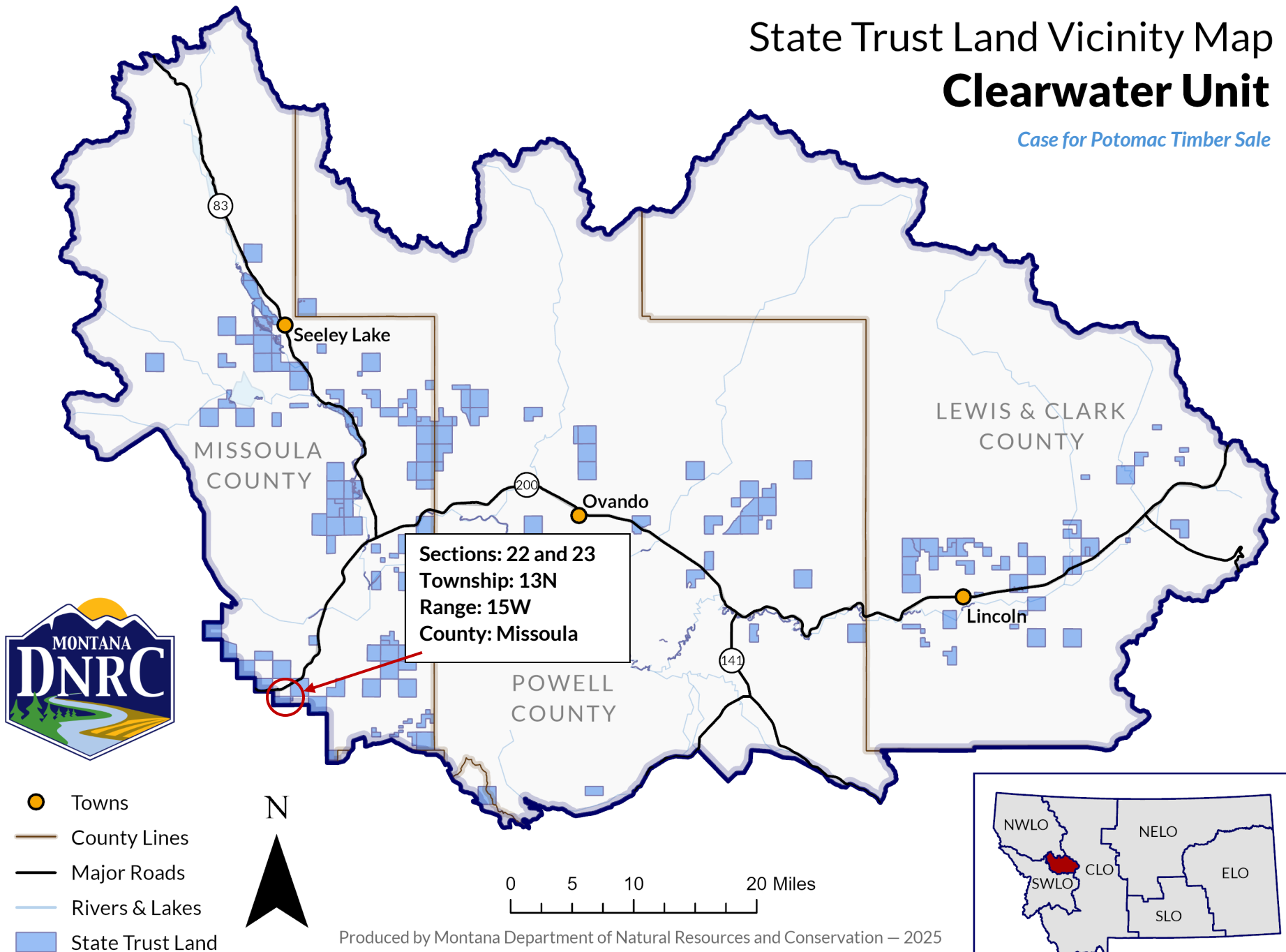
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$13,920
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.74/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$10.31/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$10,230
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$1.28/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction (Optional)	0.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction (Optional)	0.5 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	3.3 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment (Optional)	0.2 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	3.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
2301	20.00	319	54	July 31, 2029
2201	307.00	7700	1296	July 31, 2029
	327 Ac.	8,020 tons	1,350 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Clearwater Unit

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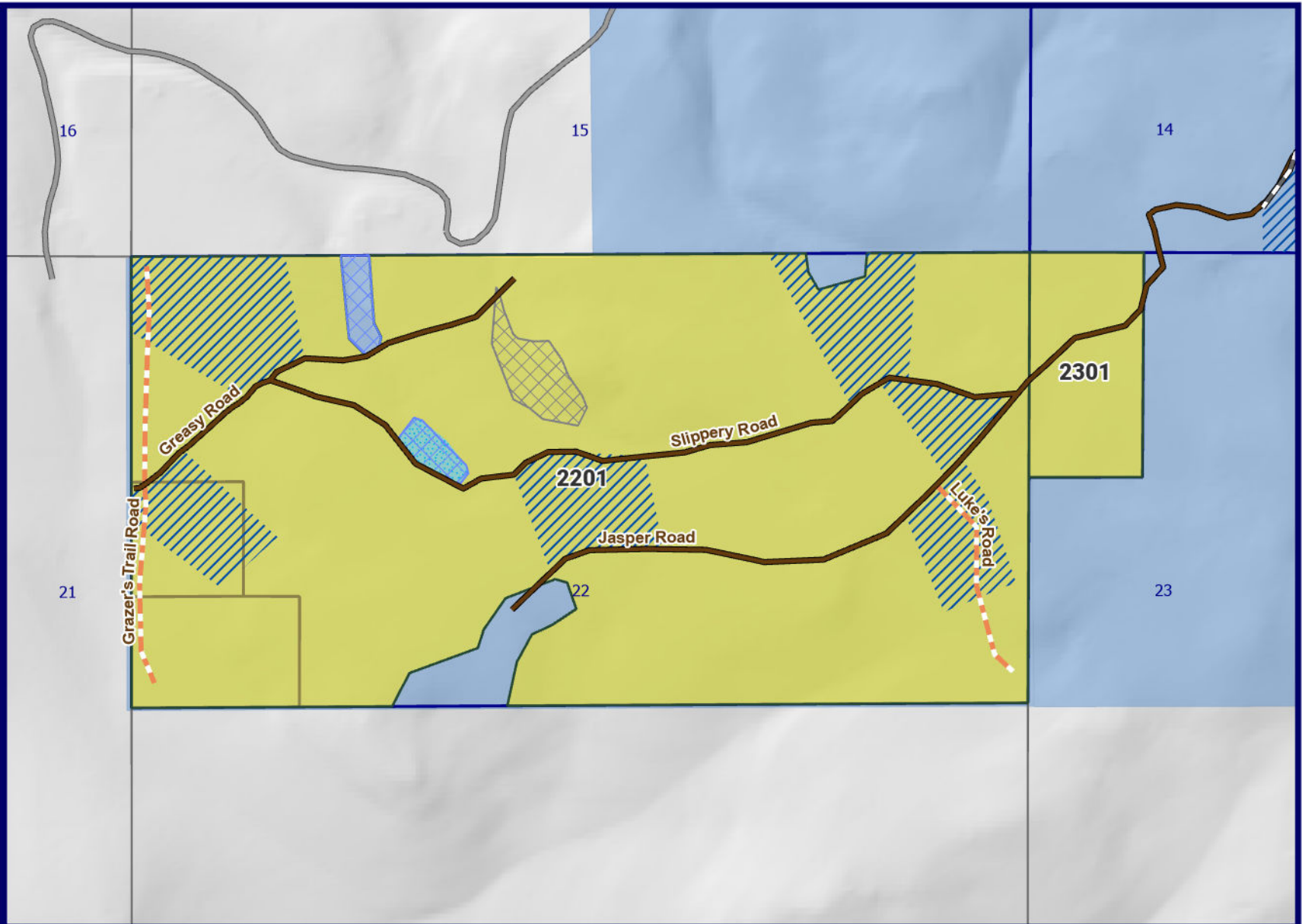
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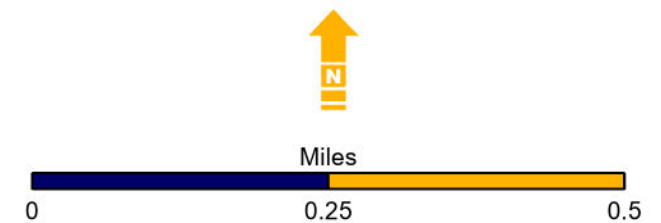
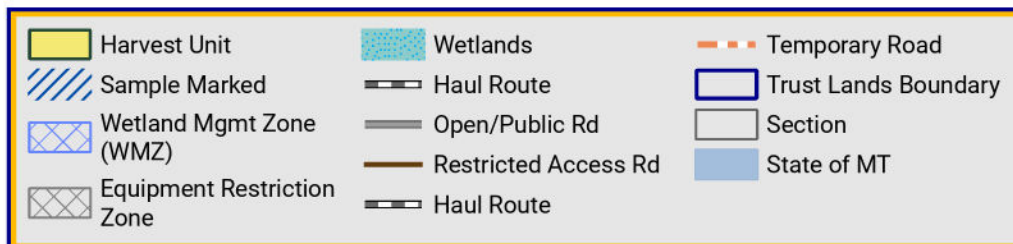
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Unit Map

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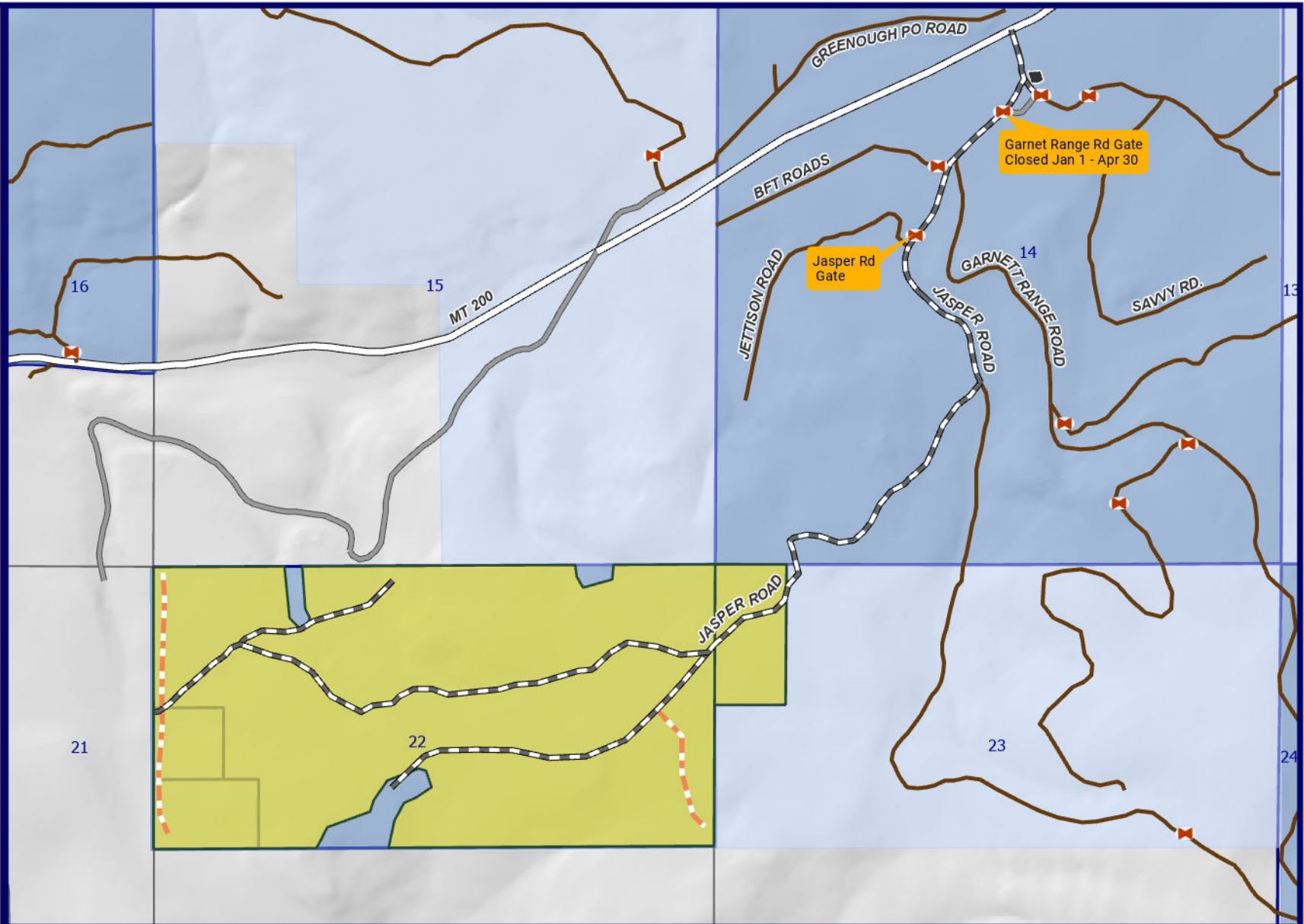




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Haul Map

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