NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale is located within Section 36 of T26N-R28W, on the State's Plains Unit. Approximately 5,019 tons, consisting of mixed conifers, primarily Douglas-fir and Western larch sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **November 10, 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 $3,014.00,** 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 October 19, 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: Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage			
For specific sale information, contact: Nate Weaver			
Phone	406-826-4722		Unit Office Plains
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2251		Northwest 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. Northern Goshawk timing restriction. No Road work or Harvest operations from April 1st – August 15th within ¼ mile of active nests.

2. For gate keys contact Nate Weaver at (406)826-4722 or pick up at Plains Unit Office.

3. No initial Road Maintenance required before harvest activities EXCEPT repair of a washout on NF-4422 at mile 1.9. Purchaser will furnish 20 cu. yd. of pit run gravel to repair washout. Purchaser will also clean clogged culvert adjacent to washout prior to harvest and hauling activities.

Timber Sale Information Sheet

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All | All | All)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												$12.00
Pounds per cubic foot	55.8	55.5	52.5		51.3	54.0			54.0	60.0	40.0	
Estimated CF	9530.6	144617.1	32174.6		4996.3	2071.9			18683.3	271.6	0.0	212,345 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	571.7	10855.6	1696.3		213.9	106.5			963.5	125.8	0.0	14,533 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	176	3507	733		103	50			441	8	0	**5,019 tons**
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	11	264	39		4	3			23	4	0	348 tons
Gross MBF	49	680	173		29	9			109	1	0	1,050 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	34.2	12.8	13.2		20.0	10.0			12.5	0.0	0.0	14.0%
Net MBF	32	593	150		23	8			95	1	0	903 MBF
Average logs per MBF	17.7	18.2	12.4		9.7	17.5			9.4	64.1	0.0	16.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	17.0	14.8	18.0		23.0	17.0			19.3	9.0	0.0	15.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											11 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											2.0 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											12
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	744 and 1,063 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											17.7%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,019 estimated tons / 903 Net MBF											5.56 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	October 15th, 2028
Operating Period:	Harvest operations may take place as site conditions allow; unless superseded by "ACTIVE NORTHERN GOSHAWK NEST". If the nest is active, the areas in units 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	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)	55.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	11.0 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	$26.60/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	$4.78/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	$23,991
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	$3,998
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	$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	$13,215
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	$2.63/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	15.5 miles

Unit harvest volume

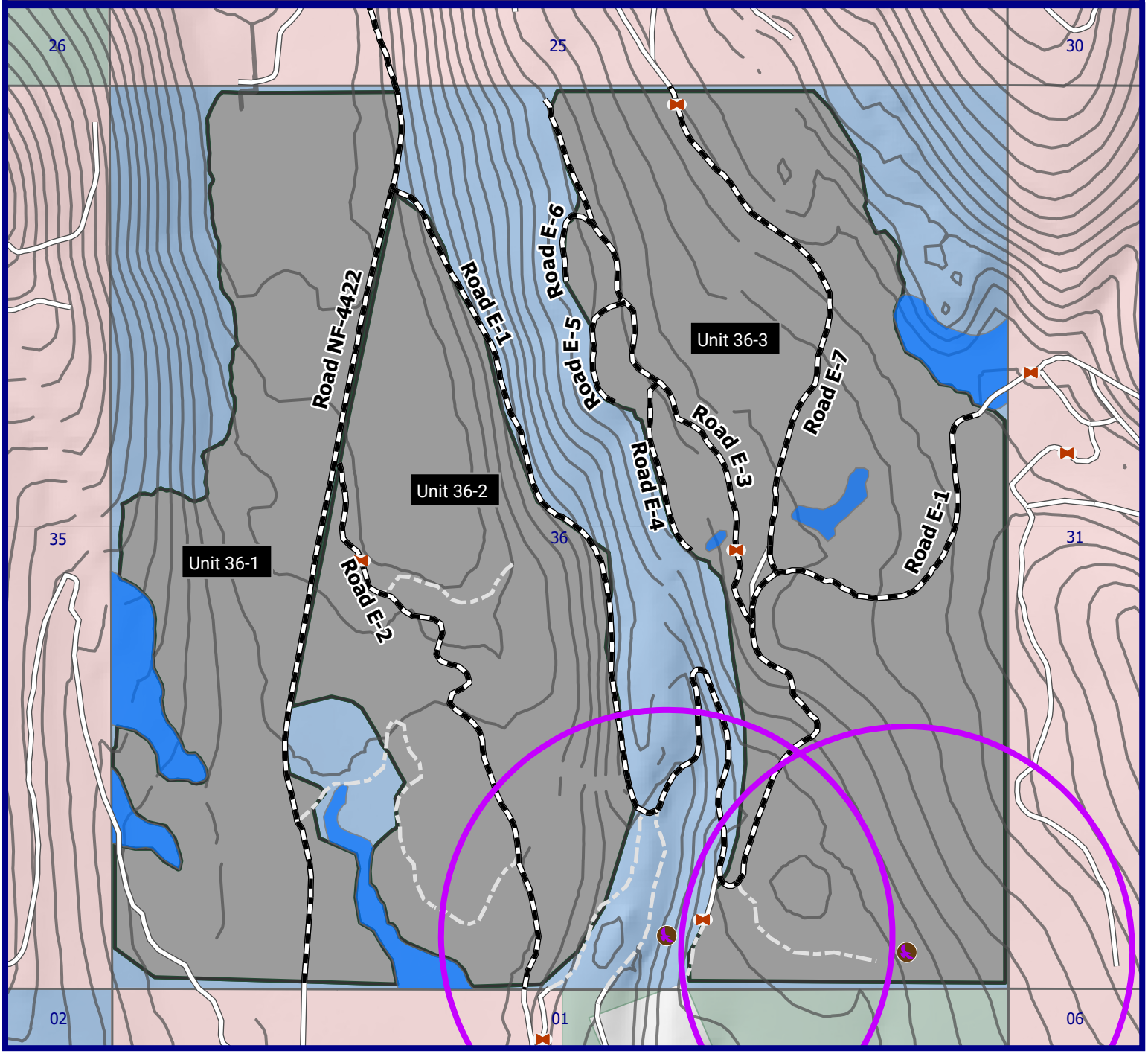
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
36-1	118	1,836	329	March 31, 2028
36-2	122	1,444	259	March 31, 2028
36-3	211	1,739	315	March 31, 2028
	451 Ac.	**5,019 tons**	**903 MBF**	

Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage

Unit Map

Attachment A-1

T26N R28W Section: 36



- Salvage Unit
- SMZ
- Goshawk Buffer
- Bird Nest
- Gate
- Haul Route
- Open/Public Rd
- Restricted Access Rd
- DNRC
- USFS
- Industrial Timberlands

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Cutting Unit	Acres	Volume (MBF)
36-1	118	329
36-2	122	259
36-3	211	315

Feet

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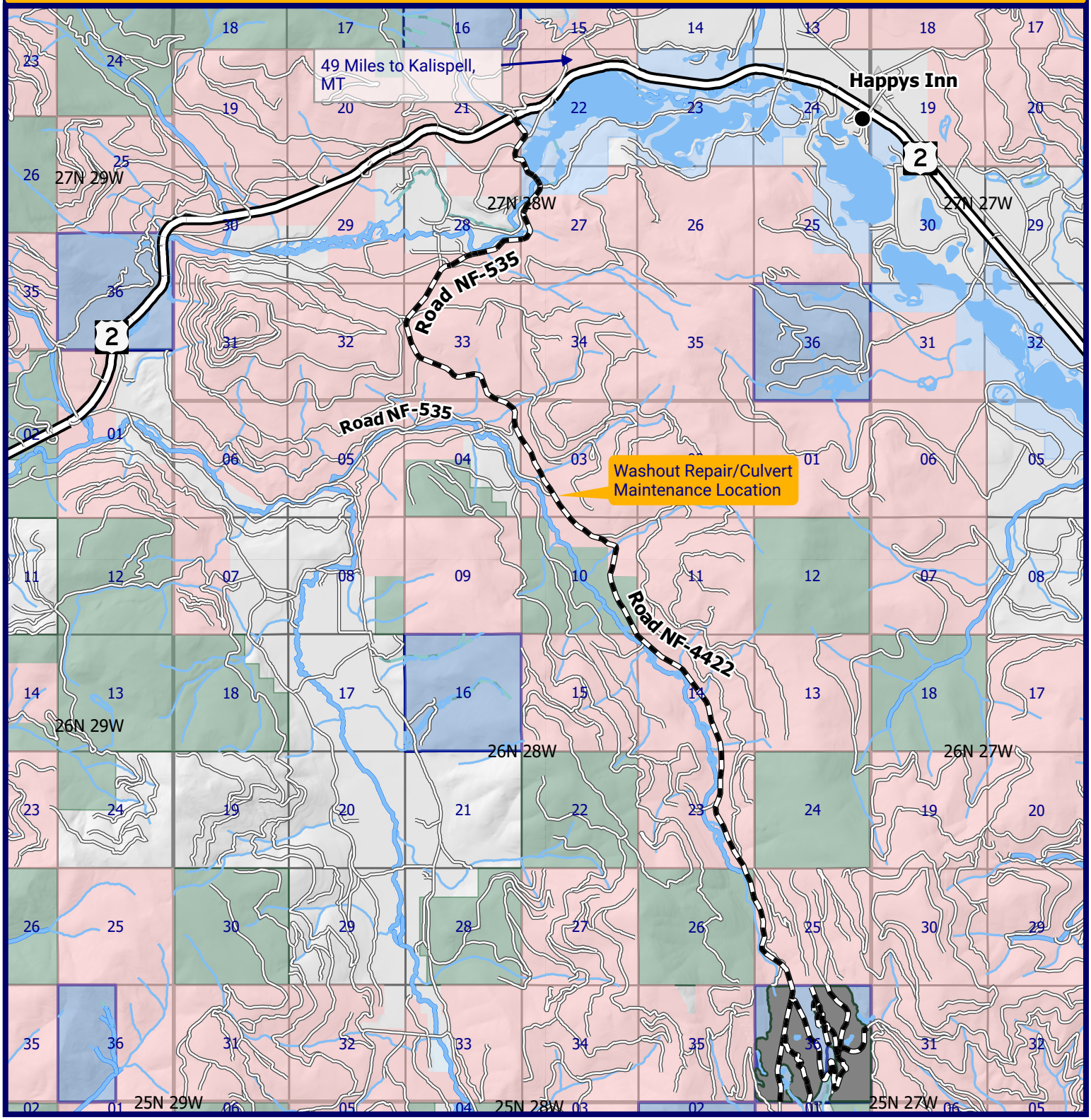
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Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage

Haul Map

Attachment A-2

T26N R28W Section: 36



Tractor Unit
Haul Route
Highway
Open/Public Rd
Restricted Access Rd
Local Government
State of MT
MT FWP
MT State Trust Lands
USFS
Industrial Timberlands

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Miles

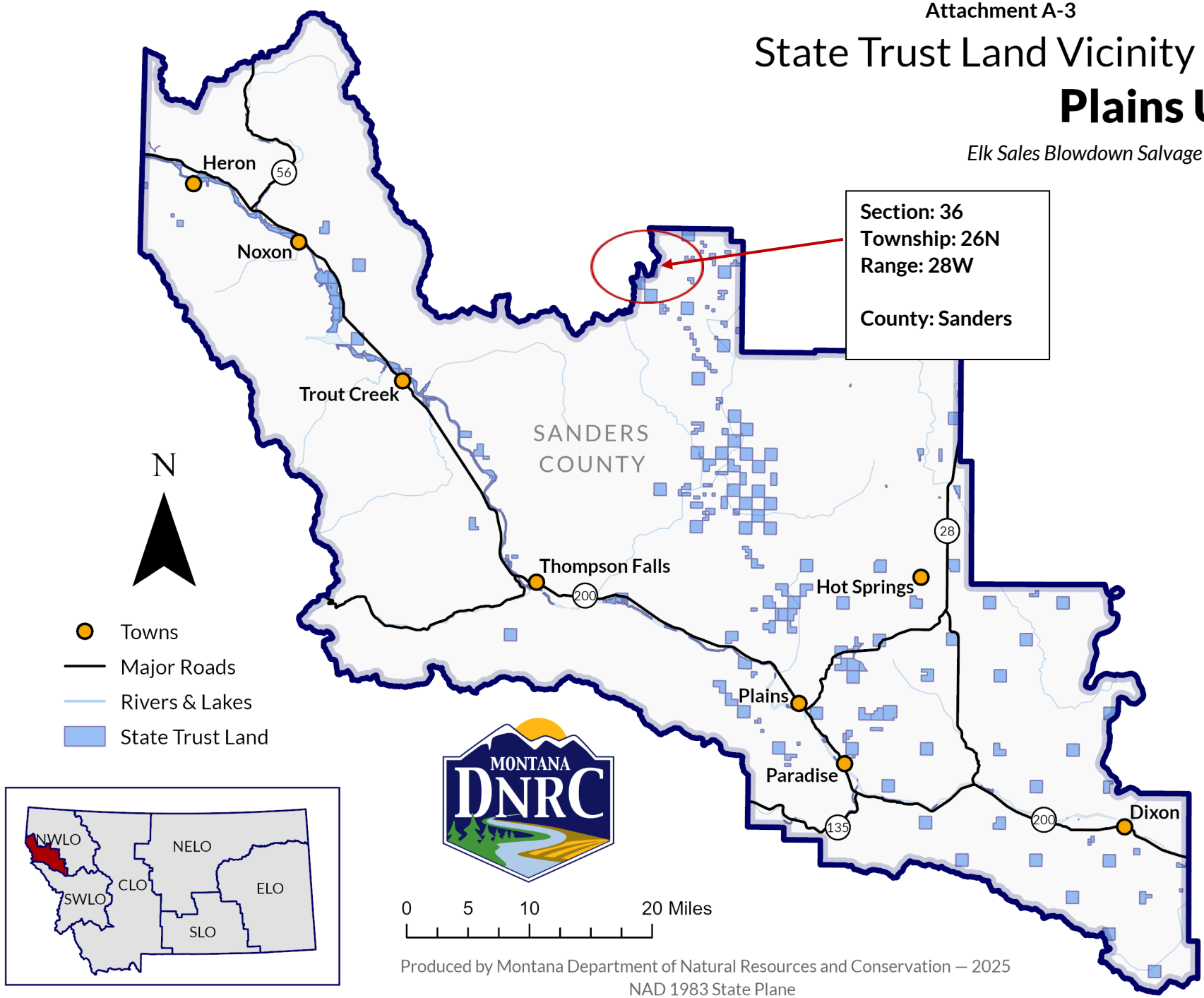
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Attachment A-3

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Plains Unit

Elk Sales Blowdown Salvage



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