

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Fast Horse Timber Sale is located within Section 18 of T15N-R14W, on the State's Clearwater Unit. Approximately 5,931 tons of required and optional harvest consisting of mixed conifers, primarily Douglas-fir sawlogs, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **September 3, 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 \$5,035.00**, 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 August 17, 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: Fast Horse			
Timber Sale Location: 10.5 miles south-southeast of Seeley Lake			
For specific sale information, contact: Travis M. Serdar			
Phone	406-244-2387	travis.serdar@mt.gov	Clearwater 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	Missoula 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:

- The gate on the H-1800 Road will have a combination lock for the duration of the bid period (**Combo: 4-9-9-9**)
- OPERATING PERIOD (ALL UNITS): **June 16 – March 31** and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2), *Grizzly Bear Closure: April 1 through June 15 closed from all operations.*
- No new road construction or reconstruction is required with this timber sale. Any maintenance, if necessary, will be performed prior to hauling operations on any timber sale road. The Purchaser shall furthermore continue regular maintenance as necessary to timber sale roads and haul route, as directed by the Forest Officer, at the expense of the Purchaser.
- Leave tree marking: Two different prescriptions are employed across the four units.
 - Unit 1: **Trees are not marked in Unit 1.**
 - Leave four (4) trees per acre of the largest size class available (100-foot spacing)
 - If present, retain two (2) trees per acre >21" with good wildlife characteristics. These trees can be counted for the 100-foot spacing.
 - Species leave preference: western larch, Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine.
 - Units 2, 3, and 4: All **leave** trees are marked with **blue** paint.
- **DESIGNATED LANDING:** Unit 3 contains a Designated Landing. Logs must be skidded to and processed at this location. The purchaser may either construct a two-track to load logs for hauling at the landing, or deck processed logs to be loaded out directly on the P-1000 Road (Lost Prairie Road). All slash and debris must be contained at the landing, unless otherwise approved by the Forest Officer. Clearing limits and bounds for the optional two-track are flagged in orange.
- **NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT**

At the conclusion of harvest and hauling and before July 1st of the final year of the contract, the Purchaser will be required to weed spray 4.4 miles of the haul routes and all landings. See Attachment B, Section VI. H. for further detail.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Fast Horse												
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												\$16.98
Pounds per cubic foot	51.0	50.0	48.0								40.0	
Estimated CF	25460.2	220309.8	8247.1								0.0	254,017 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	1816.2	17396.3	659.0								0.0	19,871 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	611	5134	186								0	5,931 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	44	407	15								0	466 tons
Gross MBF	129	963	38								0	1,131 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	5.9	6.8	5.9								0.0	6.7%
Net MBF	122	897	36								0	1,055 MBF
Average logs per MBF	12.7	16.5	18.6								0.0	16.1 logs/MBF
Average DBH	15.8	15.3	14.0								0.0	15.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												30 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												5.3 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												42
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	930 and 1,180 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											11.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	5,931 estimated tons / 1,055 Net MBF											5.62 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	
Operating Period:	June 16 - March 31 and when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L 1&2), <i>Grizzly Bear Closure: April 1 through June 15 closed from all operations.</i>

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	21%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	83.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	5.9 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
Forest Improvement fee perMBF	\$21.75/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	\$3.87/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	\$22,953
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	\$3,826
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total \$	\$8,460
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	\$1.43/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	\$14,725
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$2.48/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

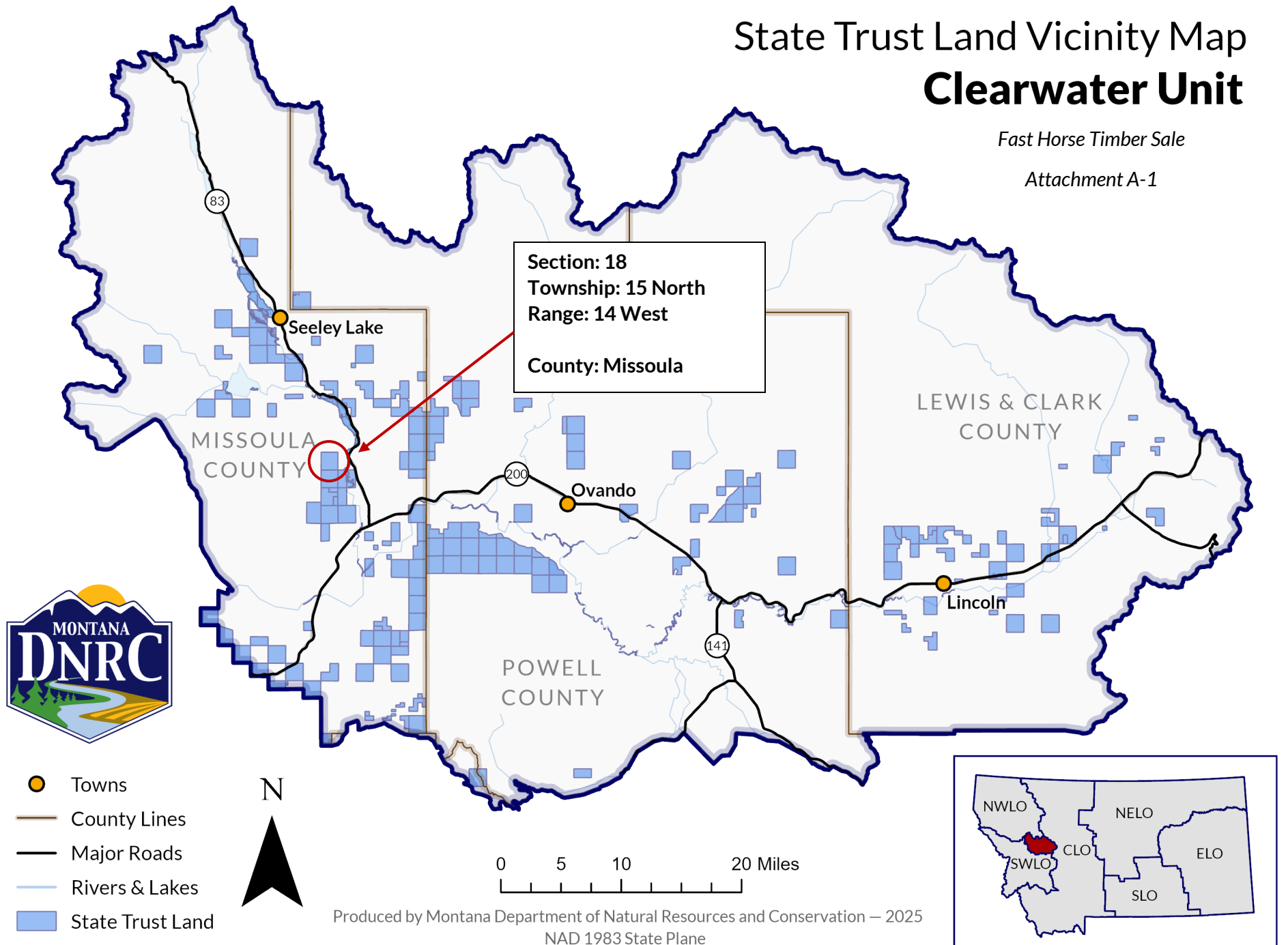
Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	118	3,178	565	October 31, 2029
4	18	557	99	October 31, 2029
3	17	965	172	October 31, 2029
2	46	1,231	219	October 31, 2029
	199 Ac.	5,931 tons	1,055 MBF	

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Clearwater Unit

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Attachment A-1



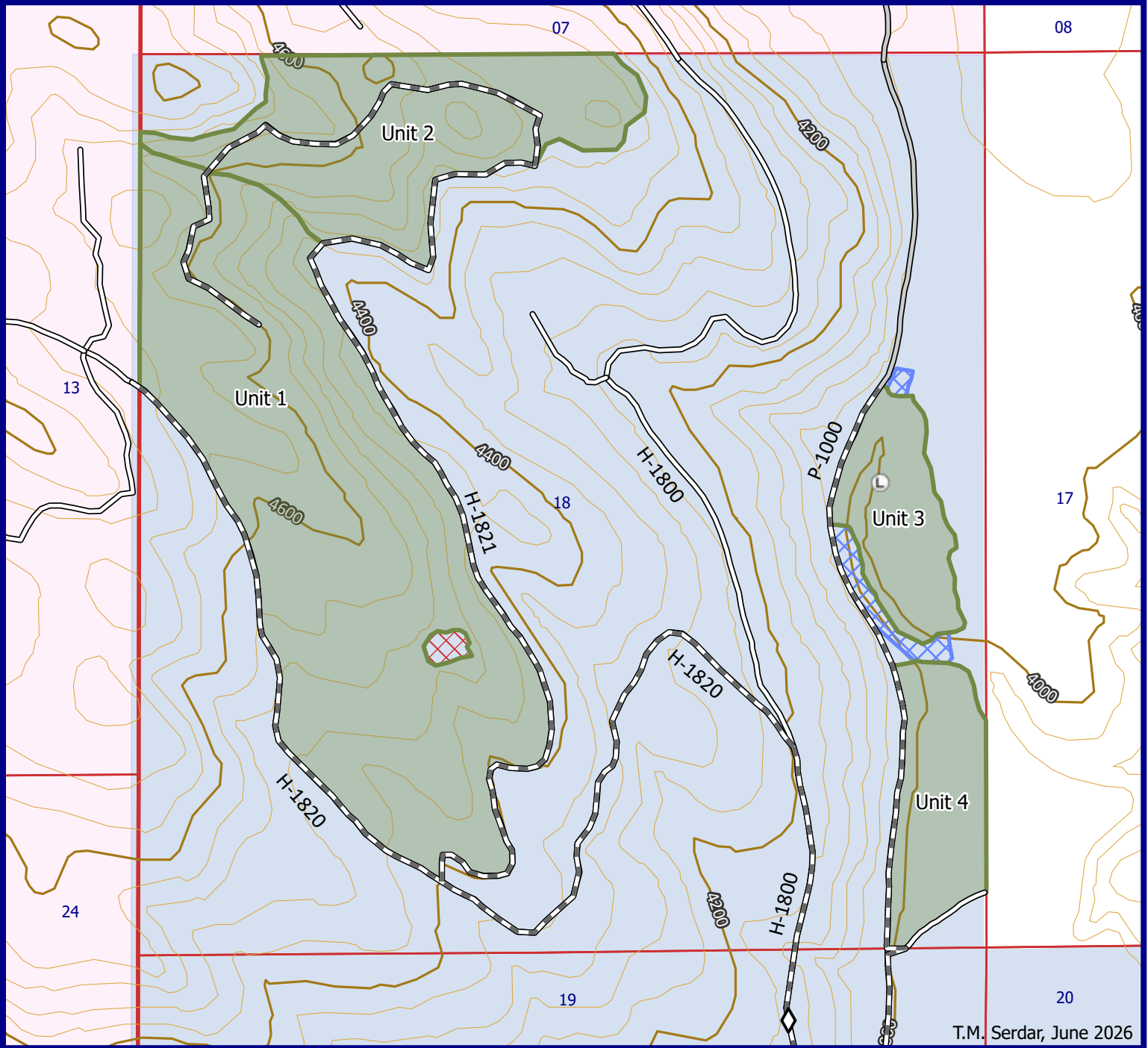


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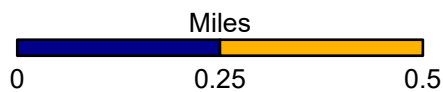
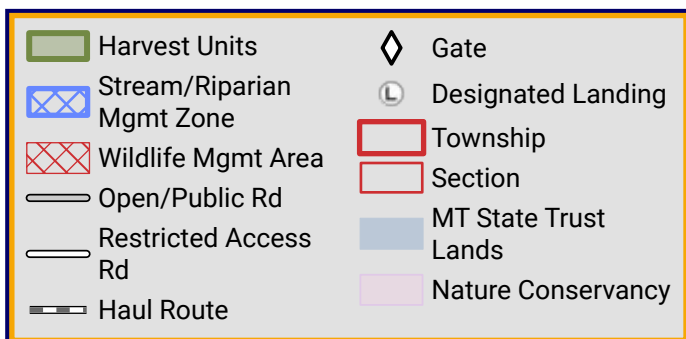
Harvest Unit Map

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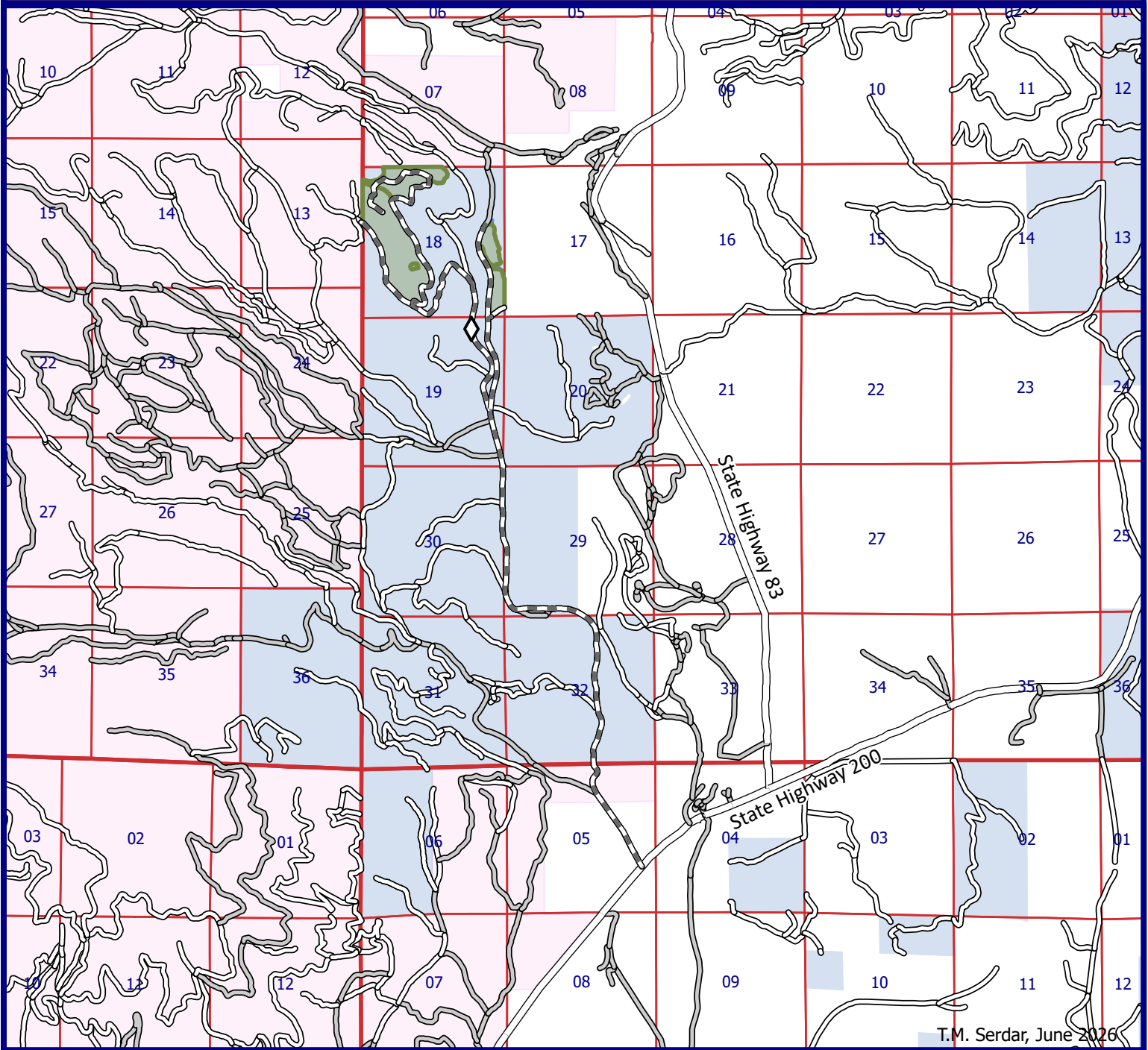


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Haul Route Map

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