NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Soda timber sale is located within sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, and 34 of T1N – R22W on the Bitterroot National Forest. Approximately 23,475 tons, consisting of mixed conifer sawlogs and ponderosa pine, are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 2:00 pm.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forestry 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 **$1,921** 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Forest-Products/timber-sales

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name: GNA Soda			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-210-0373	Forester Thayer Jacques	Hamilton Unit
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Missoula DNRC Main Office	GNA Bureau

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 Good Neighbor Authority Bureau, Forestry 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. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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. This timber sale is a State of Montana Timber Sale on Forest Service Land and is being performed under the Good Neighbor Authority. Potential Purchasers should be aware that this is a partnership, between the Montana DNRC and the US Forest Service, to increase the pace and Scale of forest restoration on National Forest System Lands. Considering Good Neighbor Authority is a high priority of both agencies, and it has a high degree of public interest, the purchaser should expect increased DNRC, Forest Service, and public attention on this timber sale. The DNRC and Forest Service may wish to have public or media tours of this timber sale and we will encourage active involvement by the timber sale purchaser and their contractors.
2. Under the Good Neighbor Authority all NEPA mitigations and Forest Plan requirements must be adhered to. Specific mitigations to do so are written into the contract. The DNRC encourages potential purchasers to familiarize themselves with these mitigations prior to bidding.
3. Removal of Other Material: Treatment of other material, >4" DBH and not meeting sawlog specifications, is optional.
4. Designation by Prescription: Operator will be responsible for selecting leave trees based on the prescription. See contract for more details.
5. Virtual boundaries: This sale contains virtual boundaries. Only SMZ's (RHCA's) and property lines are painted. All other unit boundaries are only flagged (blue). In "combination units", areas with slopes over 40% (shovel ground) are not flagged. All operators must have an electronic device with the ability to load and display georeferenced PDF's to identify non-painted boundaries.
6. Borate Treatment: All ponderosa pine stumps over 12" diameter will receive borate treatment. See contract for details.
7. An optional pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on ***Tuesday, August 19th, 2025***. Please send RSVP to Forest Officer at (406) 210-0373 by Friday, August 15th, 2025, to RSVP and for specific meeting location. If no one responds by this date the field tour will be cancelled.
8. Access: The sale area is accessed via Gemmell Creek Road (FR 5633) located off Nez Perce Road in the West Fork Ranger District. Additional roads within the sale area may be gated. Contact Thayer Jacques 406-210-0373 for gate combinations.

Timber Sale Information Sheet

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Soda												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All | Live | All)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7		56.0	57.0	60.0		55.0			40.0	
Estimated CF	186495.8	650260.9		41075.0	1562.1	1376.3		1322.7			0.0	882,093 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material	1825.0	5126.2		769.3	2.2	12.0		2.2			0.0	7,737 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs	5409	16913		1044	40	37		31			0	**23,475 tons**
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	54	133		19	0	0		0			0	207 tons
Gross MBF	806	2715		171	7	5		5			0	3,710 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	6.5	15.5		9.1	10.0	10.0		15.0			0.0	13.3%
Net MBF	754	2293		155	7	5		4			0	3,218 MBF
Average logs per MBF	20.8	22.7		25.2	9.4	27.1		15.8			0.0	22.3 logs/MBF
Average DBH	13.0	14.2		11.5	25.0	13.0		20.0			0.0	13.8 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												33 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												50
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,877 and 3,559 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											10.6%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	23,475 estimated tons / 3,218 Net MBF											7.29 tons/MBF

18,066 tons non-PP

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/30/2028
Operating Period:	Year round when soil conditions allow

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	57%
% of volume logged by skyline	43%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	500 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	130.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.9 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	$5,398
Estimated road development cost per ton	$0.23/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	$1.68/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	$94,874
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	$4.04/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles

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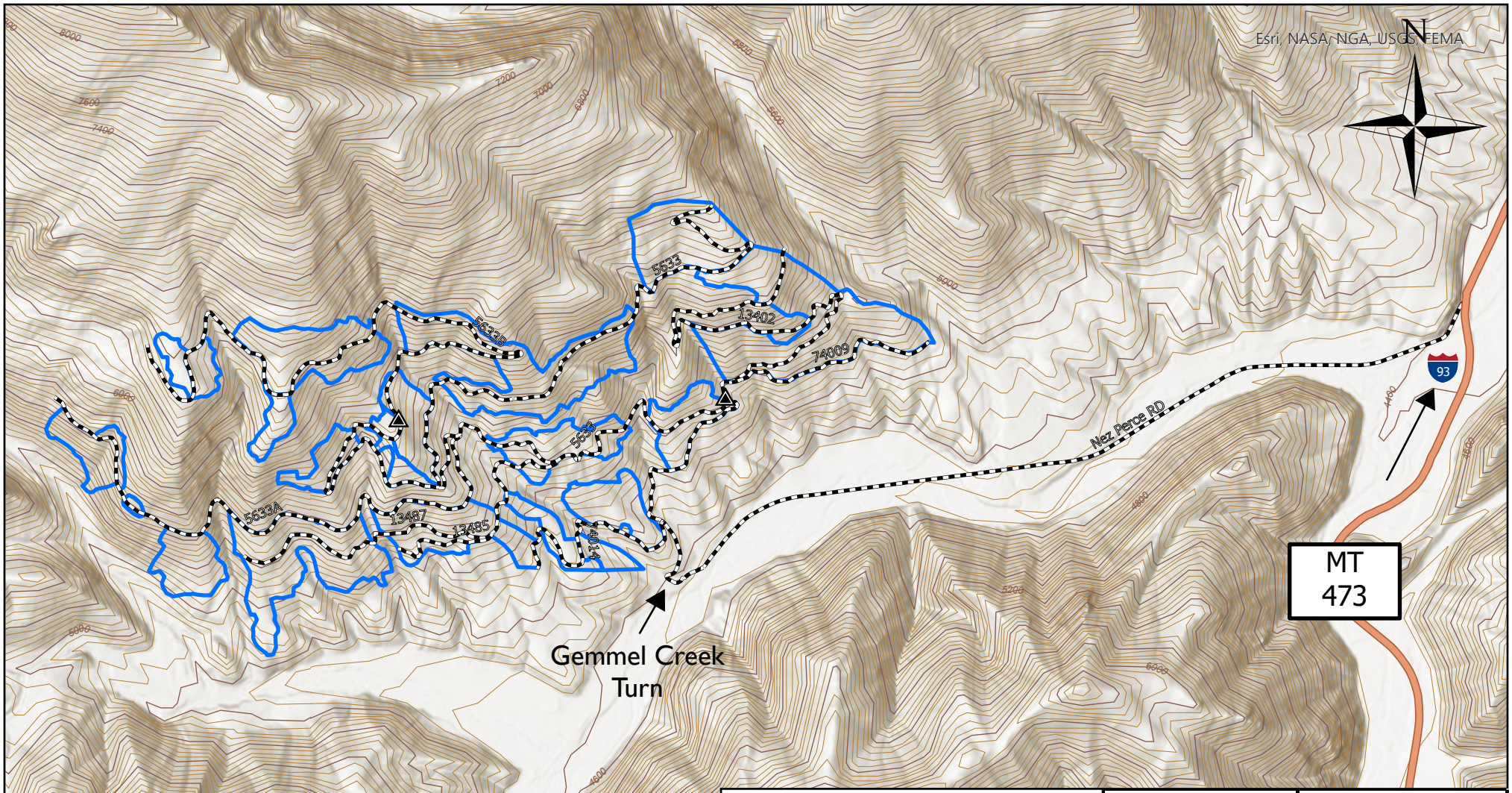
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Forest Improvement fee perMBF	$0.00/MBF
Forest Improvement fee per ton	$0.00/ton
Forest Improvement fee estimated total	$0.00
Forest Improvement fee quarterly installment	$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do FI total $	$10,144
Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton	$0.43/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	$28,440.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	$1.21/ton

Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.2 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	16.5 miles

Unit harvest volume

Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
2	78.27	4270	585	October 1, 2028
3	49.64	1233	169	October 1, 2028
7	22.28	535	73	October 1, 2028
10	93.29	3627	497	October 1, 2028
11	35.07	1066	146	October 1, 2028
12	30.51	489	67	October 1, 2028
13	26.83	765	105	October 1, 2028
14A	54.36	2584	354	October 1, 2028
14B	116.54	2840	389	October 1, 2028
1C	28.37	1008	138	October 1, 2028
1B	2.02	141	19	October 1, 2028
4B	16.21	325	45	October 1, 2028
1A	25.47	450	62	October 1, 2028
4A	8.96	252	35	October 1, 2028
9A	53.97	1963	269	October 1, 2028
8B	12.56	397	54	October 1, 2028
8A	24.96	671	92	October 1, 2028
9B	12.04	599	82	October 1, 2028
5B	10.15	96	13	October 1, 2028
5A	9.11	162	22	October 1, 2028
	711 Ac.	23,475 tons	3,218 MBF	



GNA Soda Baker Haul Route

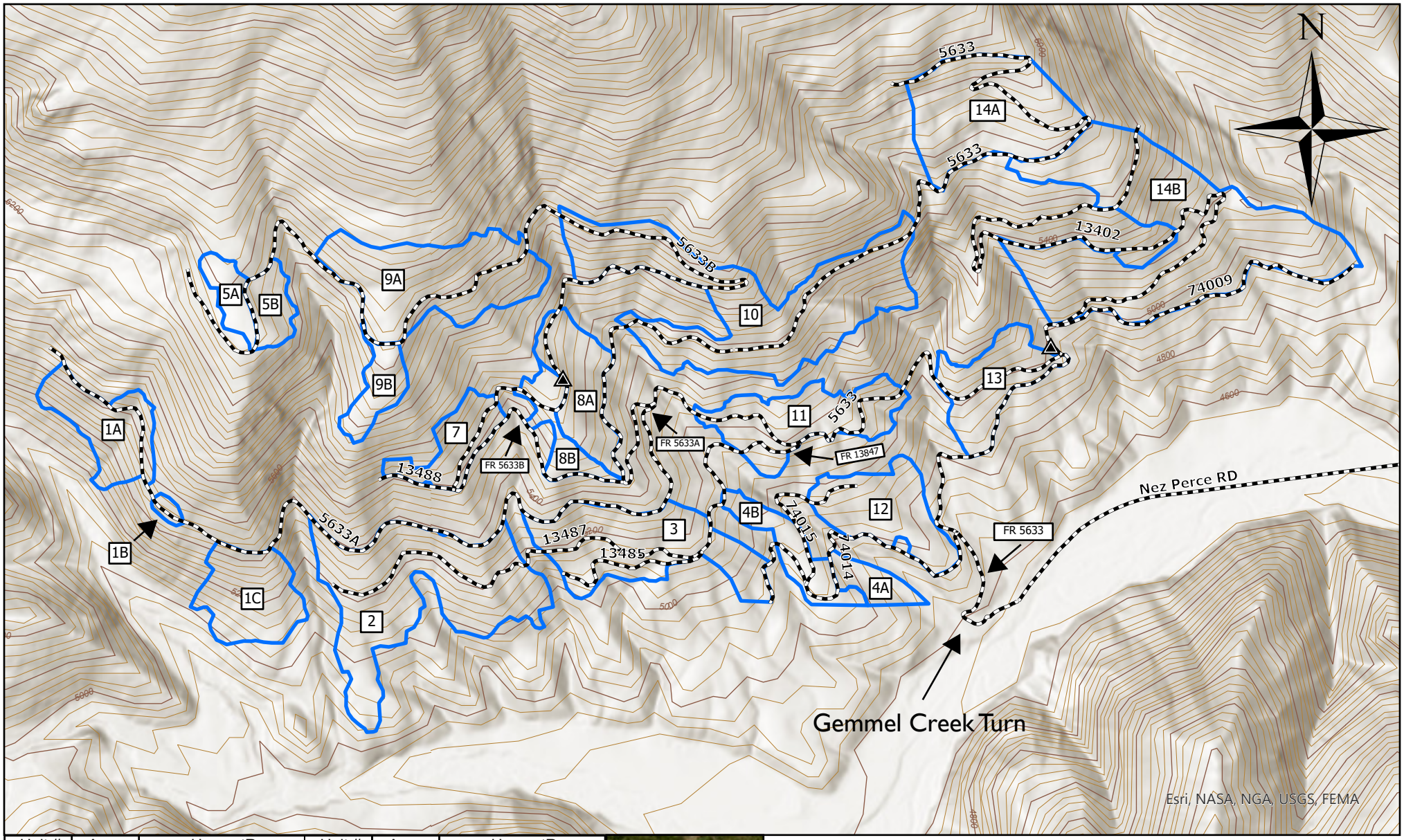
Soda Baker Haul Route

Soda Baker Harvest Units

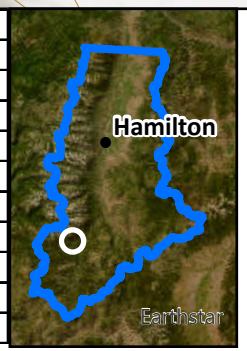
Gates

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Road #	Distance
5633	5.33
5633A	2.30
5633B	3.95
13485	0.41
13487	1.57
74014	0.96
13402	2.13
74009	0.82
Nez Perce	2.93



Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx	Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
1A	25	Improvement Cut	8A	25	Improvement Cut
1B	2	Improvement Cut	8B	12	Improvement Cut
1C	28	Improvement Cut	9A	54	Improvement Cut
2	78	Improvement Cut	9B	12	Improvement Cut
3	48	Improvement Cut	10	92	Improvement Cut
4A	9	Improvement Cut	11	32	Improvement Cut
4B	16	Improvement Cut	12	30	Improvement Cut
5A	9	Improvement Cut	13	26	Improvement Cut
5B	10	Improvement Cut	14A	54	Improvement Cut
7	22	Improvement Cut	14B	116	Improvement Cut

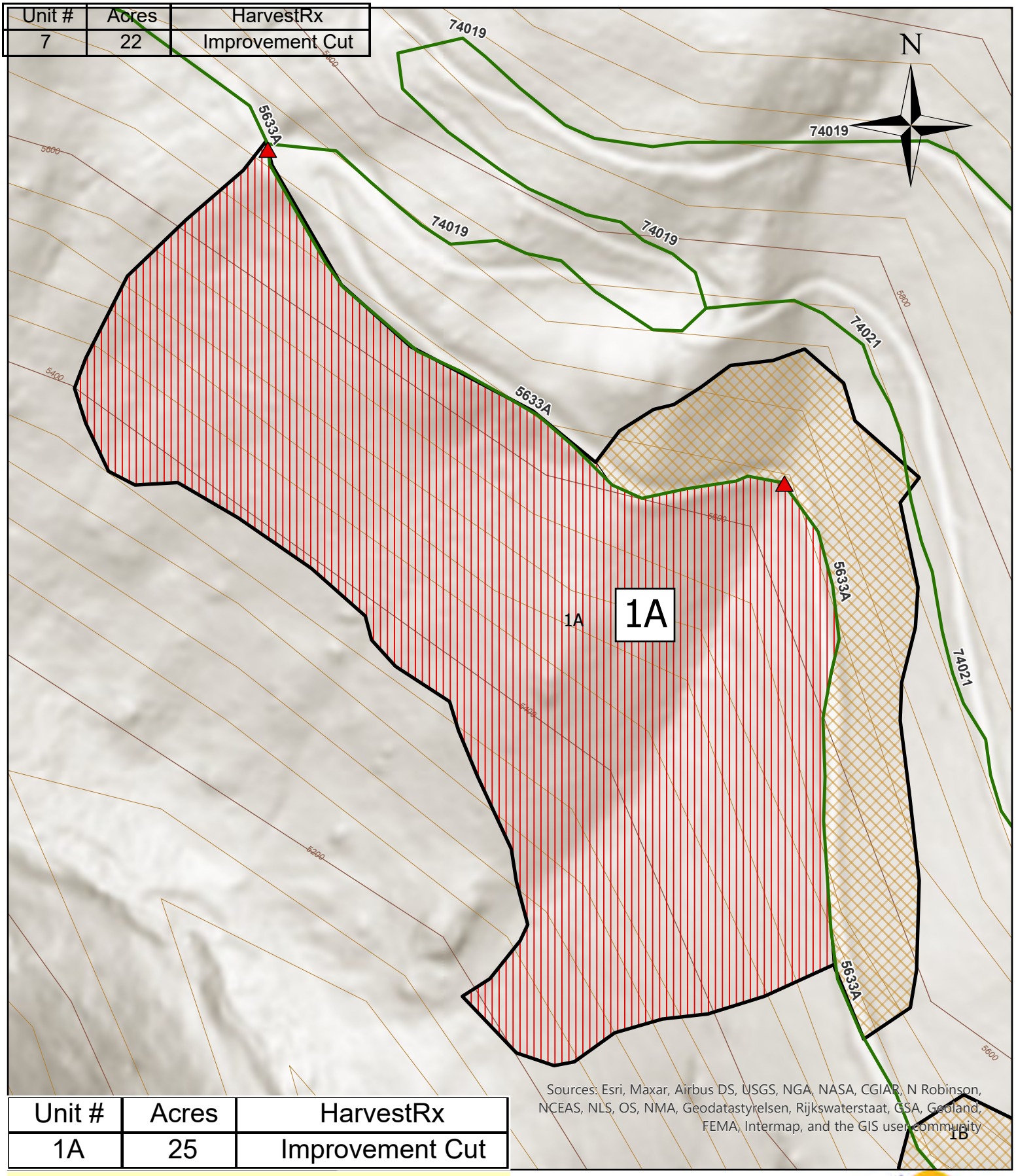


Harvest Units
Roads
Gates

GNA Soda Baker Sale Map

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0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
1A	25	Improvement Cut

Harvesting Methods

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

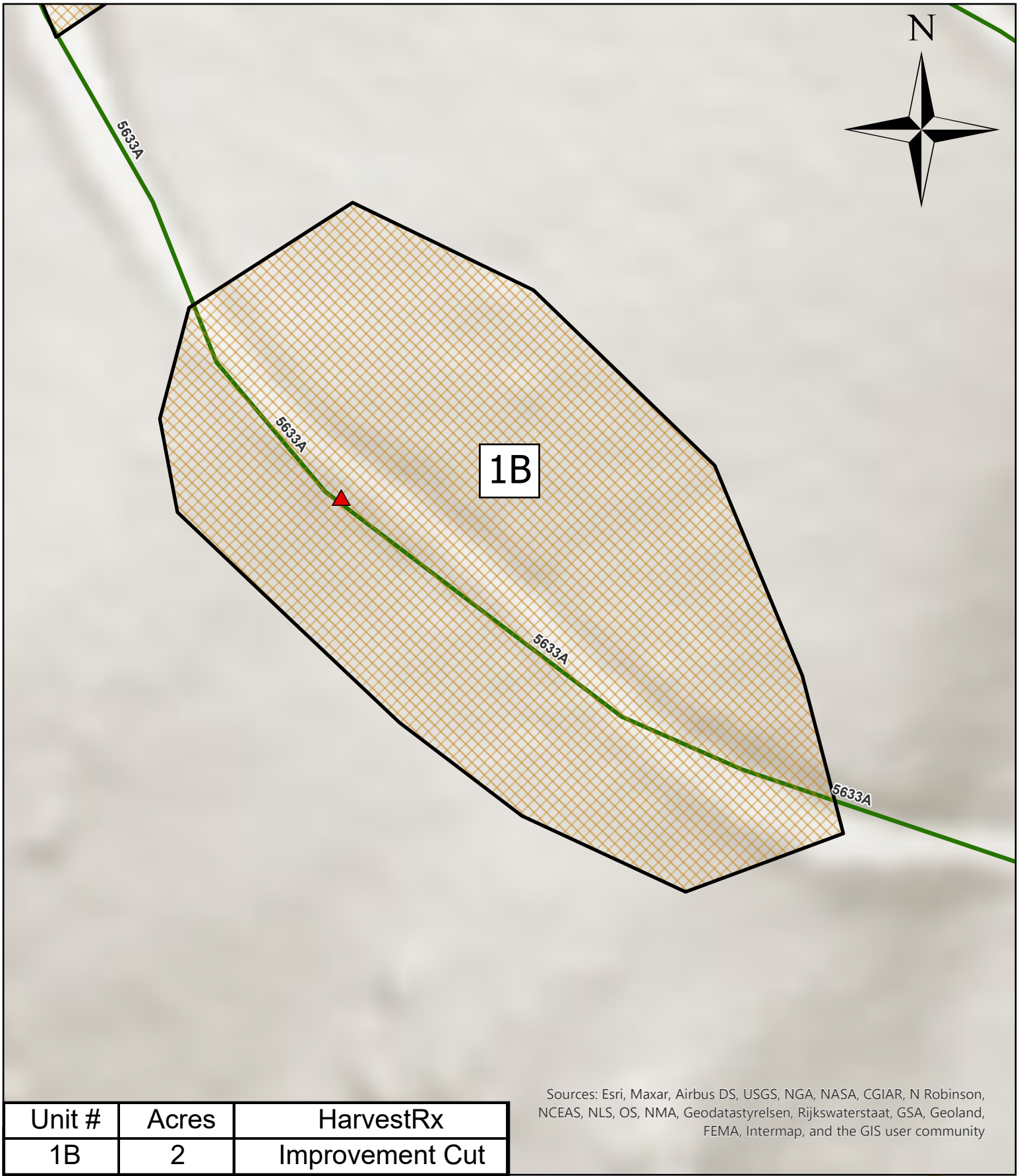
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 1A
Attachment A2

0 125 250 500 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
1B	2	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Maxar, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

Harvesting Methods

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

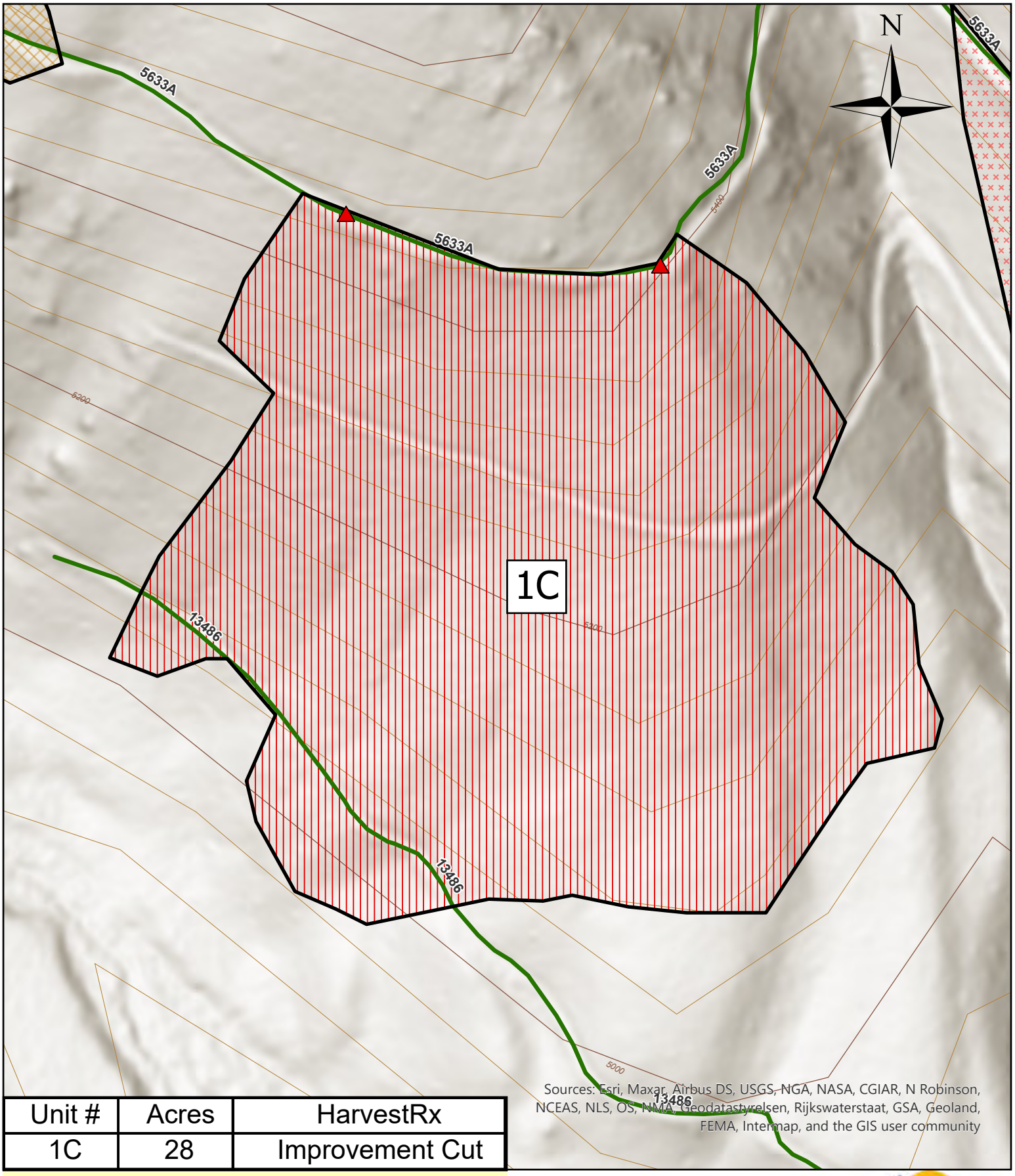
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 1B
Attachment A3

0 125 250 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
1C	28	Improvement Cut

Harvesting Methods

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

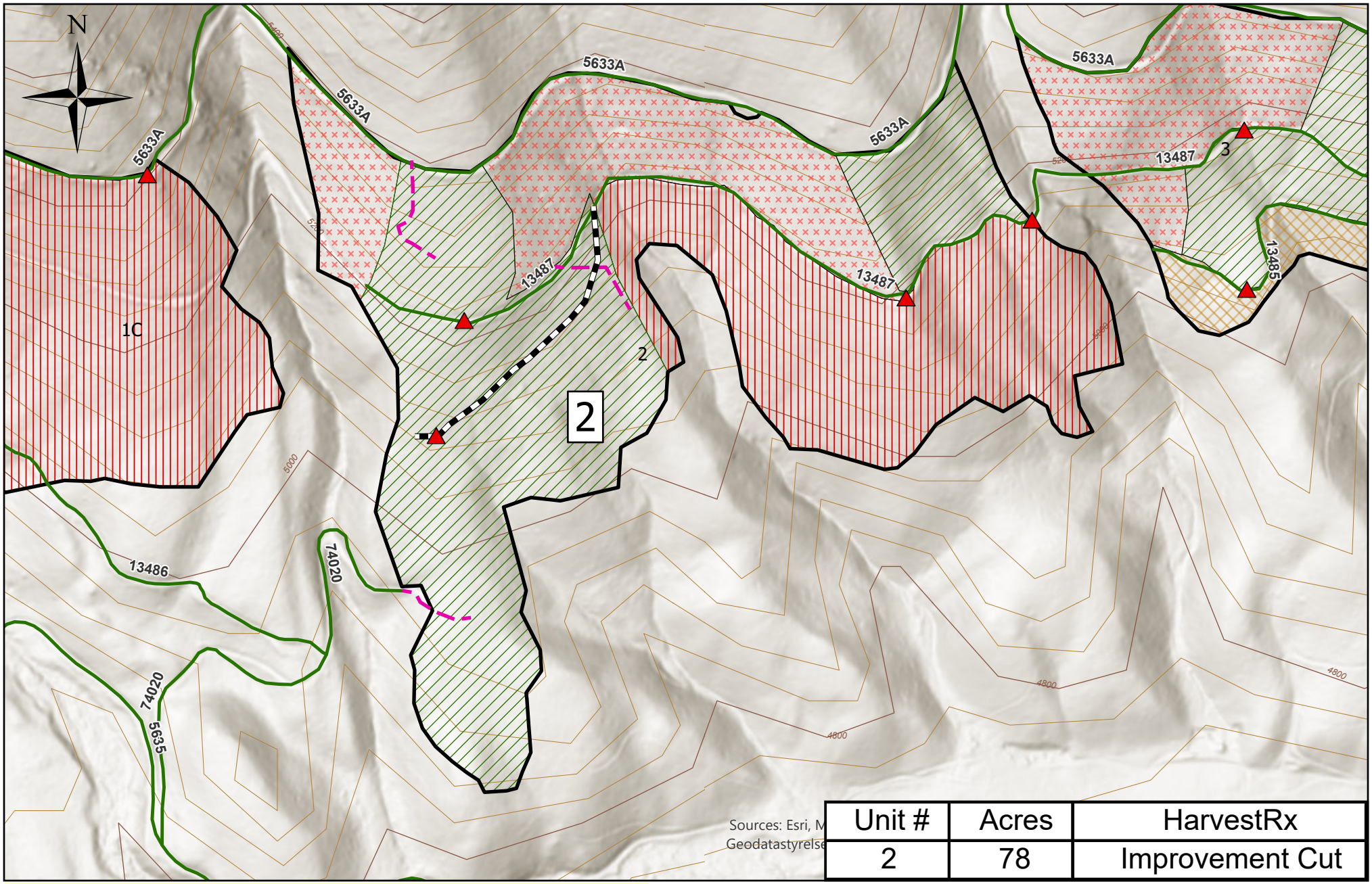
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 1C
Attachment A4

0 375 750 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
2	78	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, M
Geodatastyrelse

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

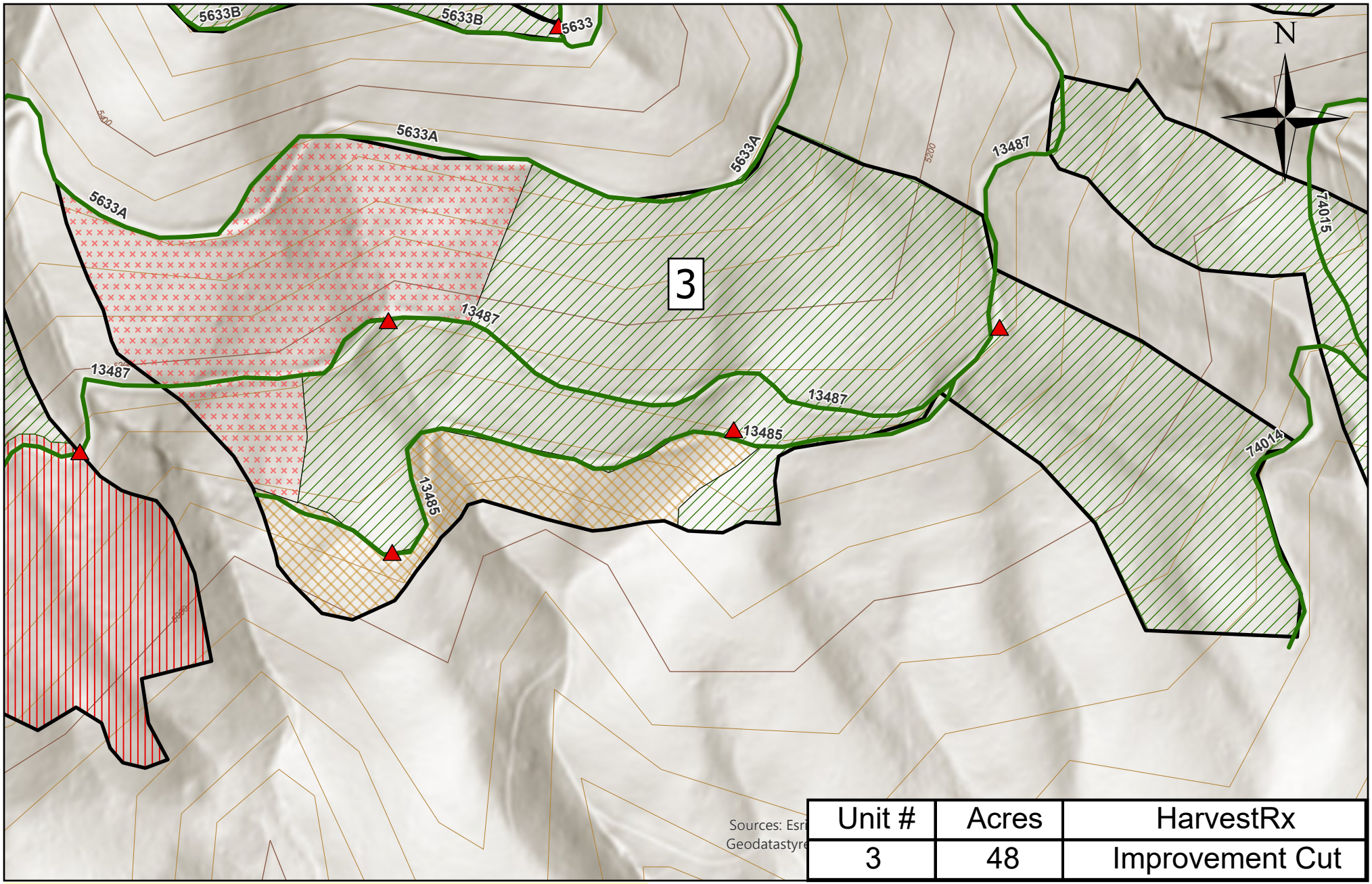
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 2
Attachment A5

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
3	48	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Geodatastyre

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

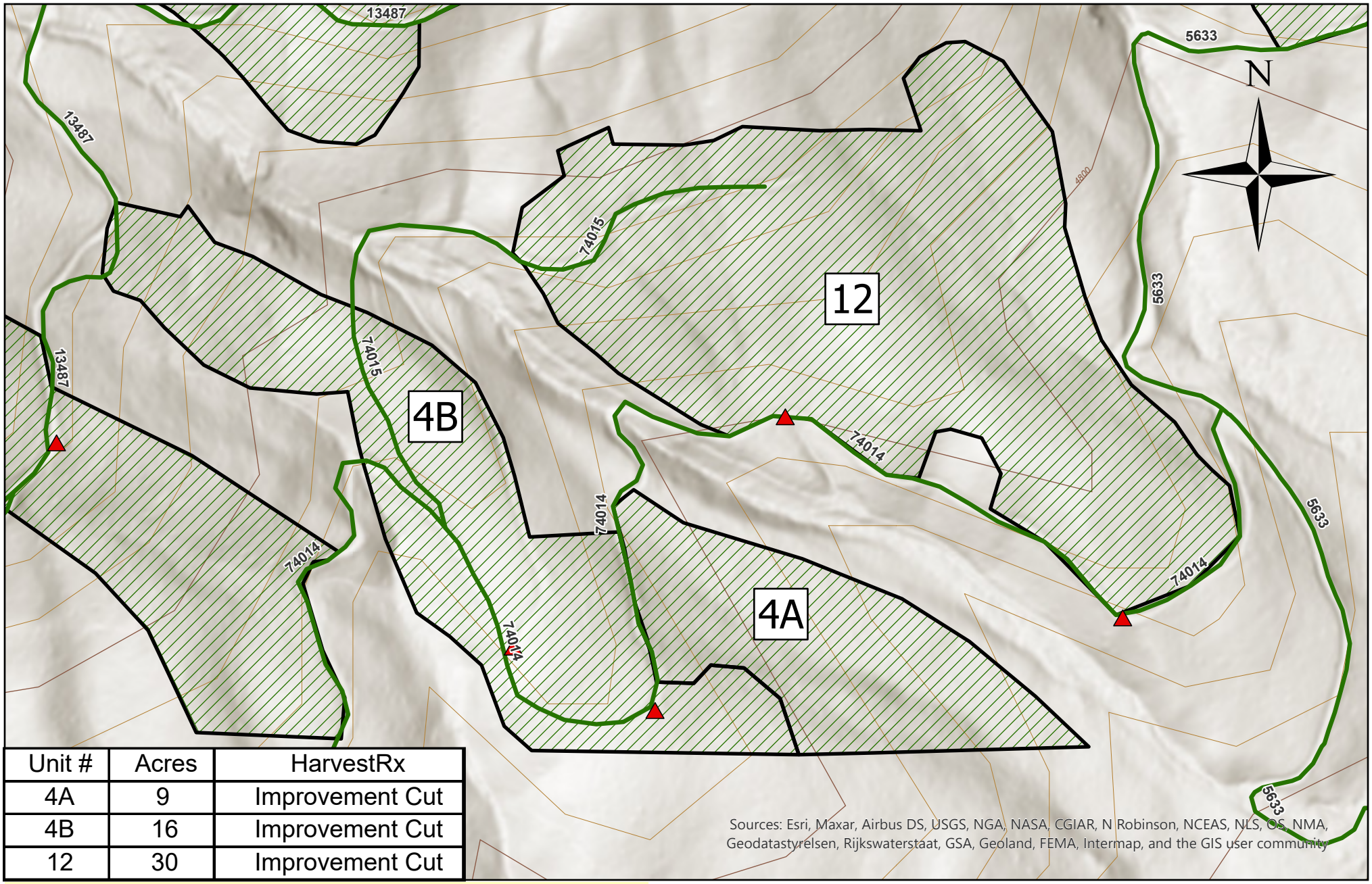
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

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Unit 3
Attachment A6

0 375 750 1,500 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
4A	9	Improvement Cut
4B	16	Improvement Cut
12	30	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Maxar, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

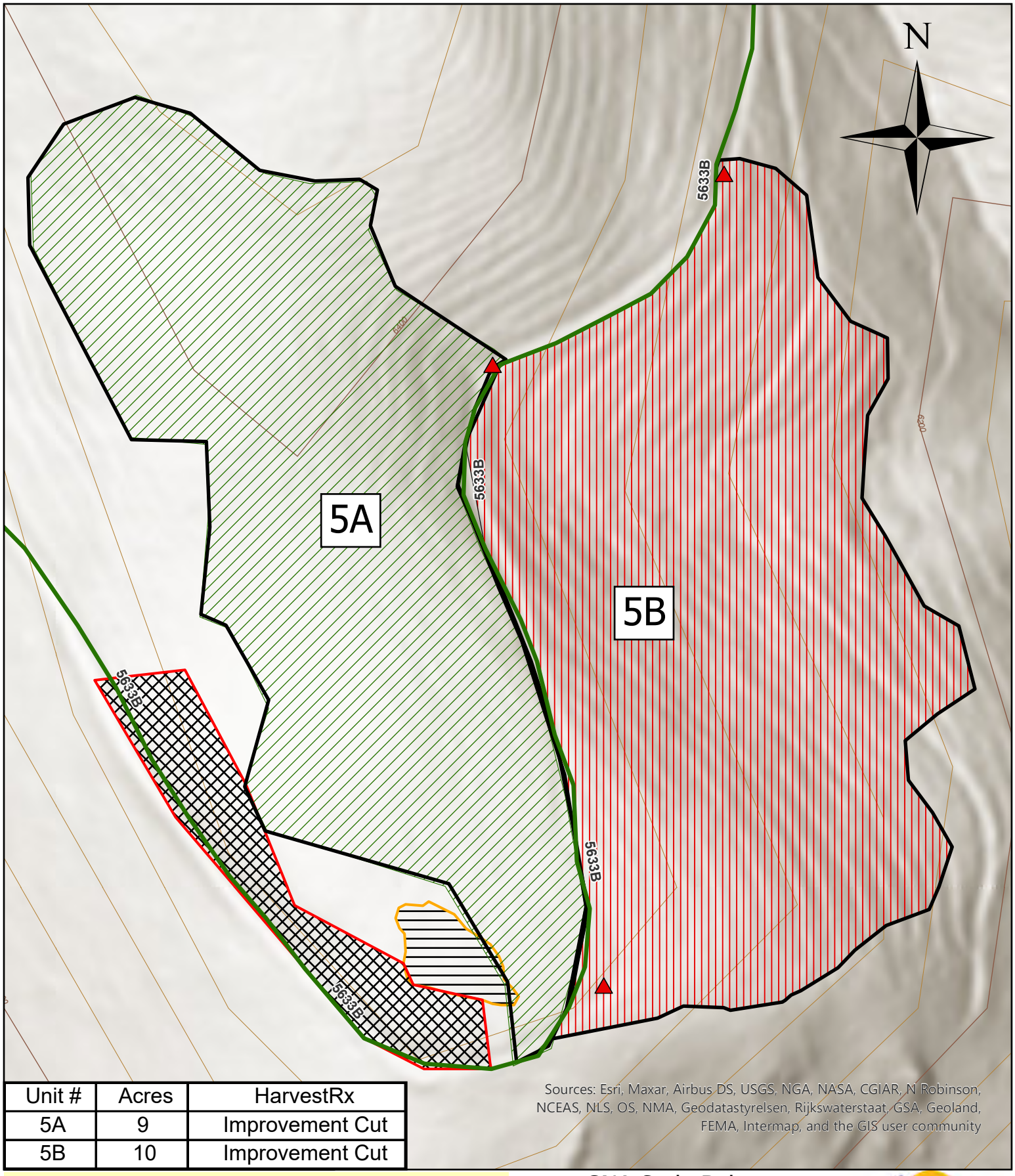
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 4A, 4B, 12
Attachment A7

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
5A	9	Improvement Cut
5B	10	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Maxar, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

Harvesting Methods

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- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

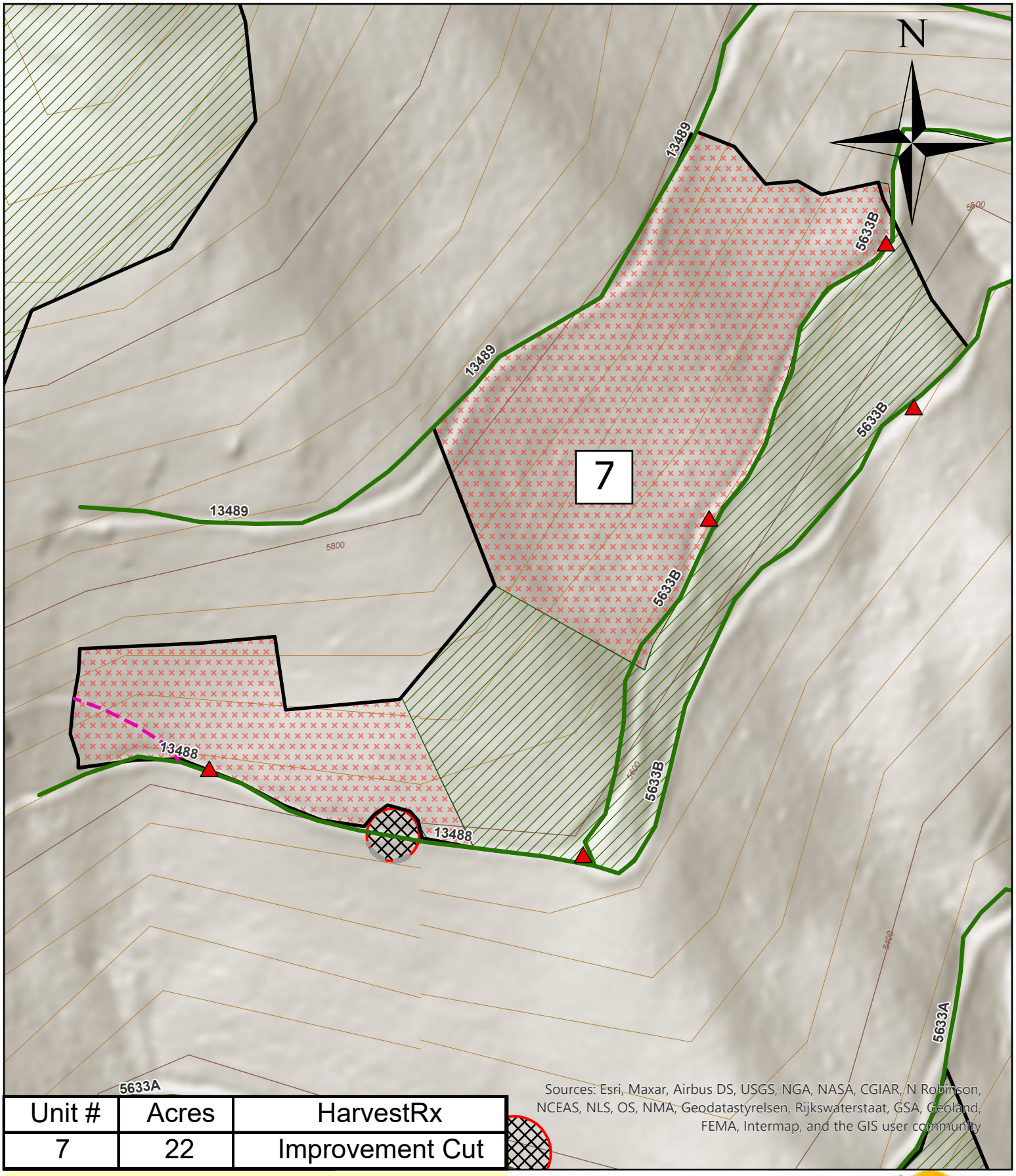
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 5A & 5B
Attachment A8

0 125 250 500 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
7	22	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Maxar, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

Harvesting Methods

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- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

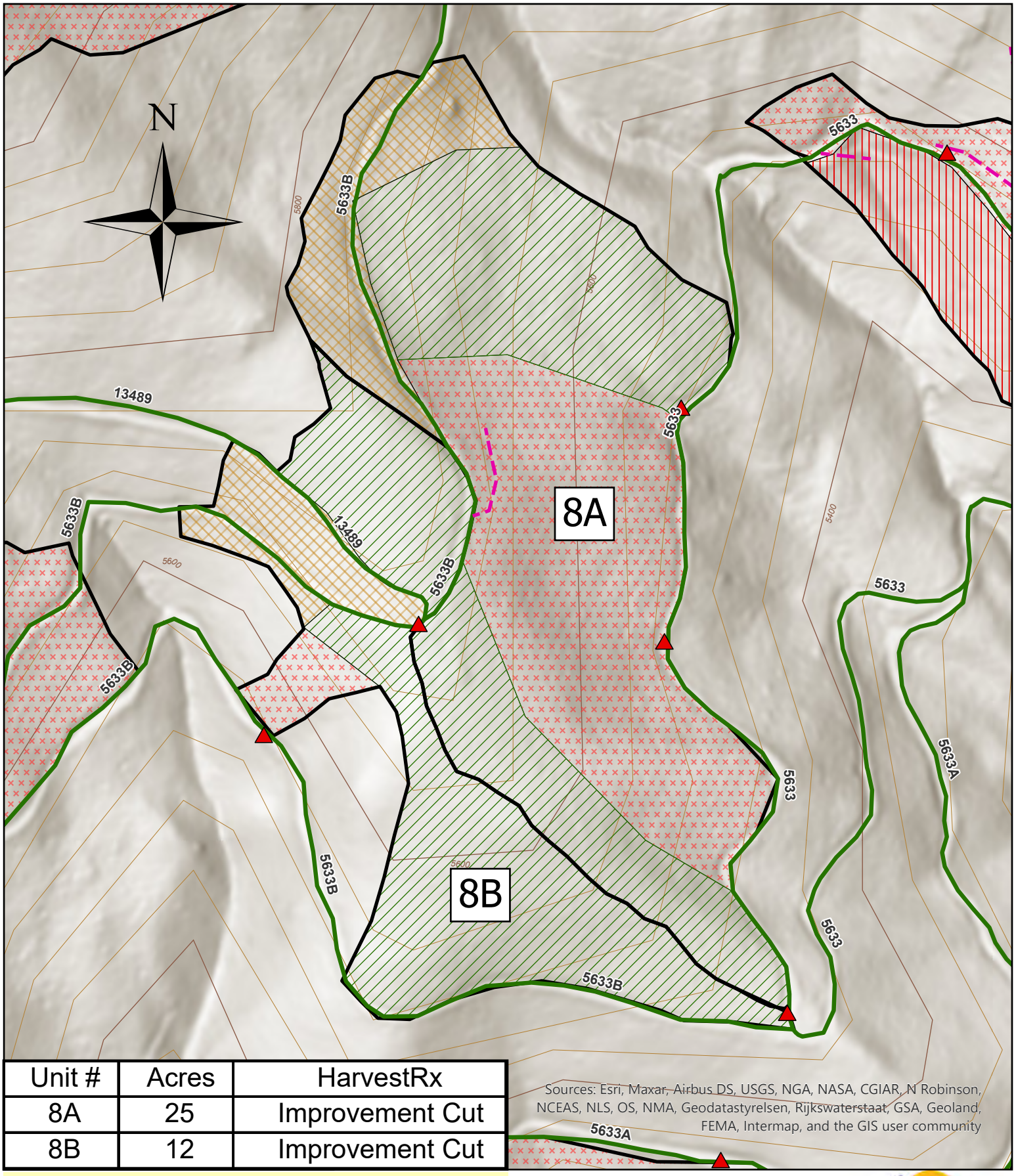
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

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Unit 7
Attachment A9

0 125 250 500 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
8A	25	Improvement Cut
8B	12	Improvement Cut

Sources: Esri, Maxar, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community

Harvesting Methods

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

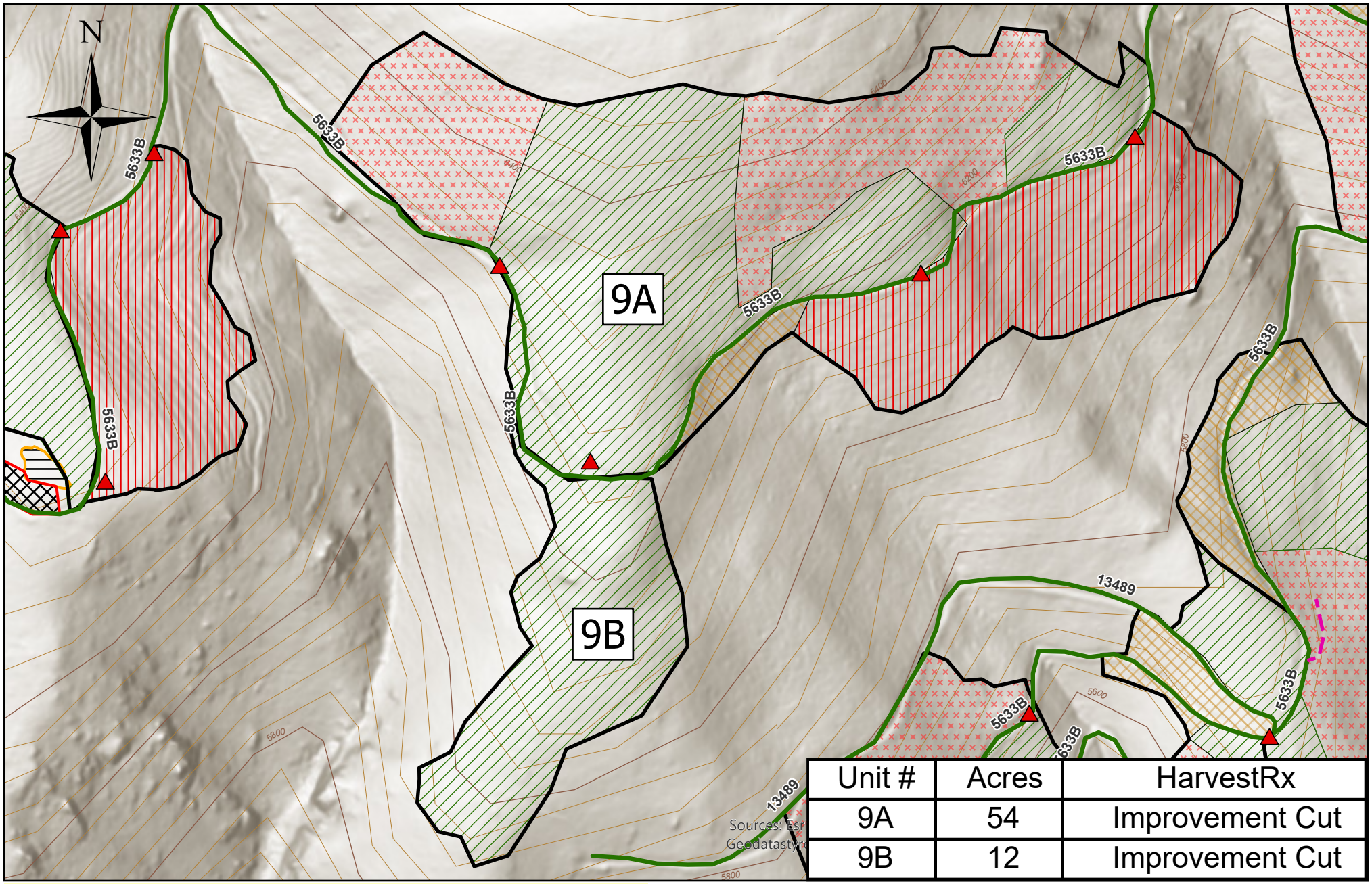
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trail
- Temp Road

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Unit 8A & 8B
Attachment A10

0 375 750 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
9A	54	Improvement Cut
9B	12	Improvement Cut

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

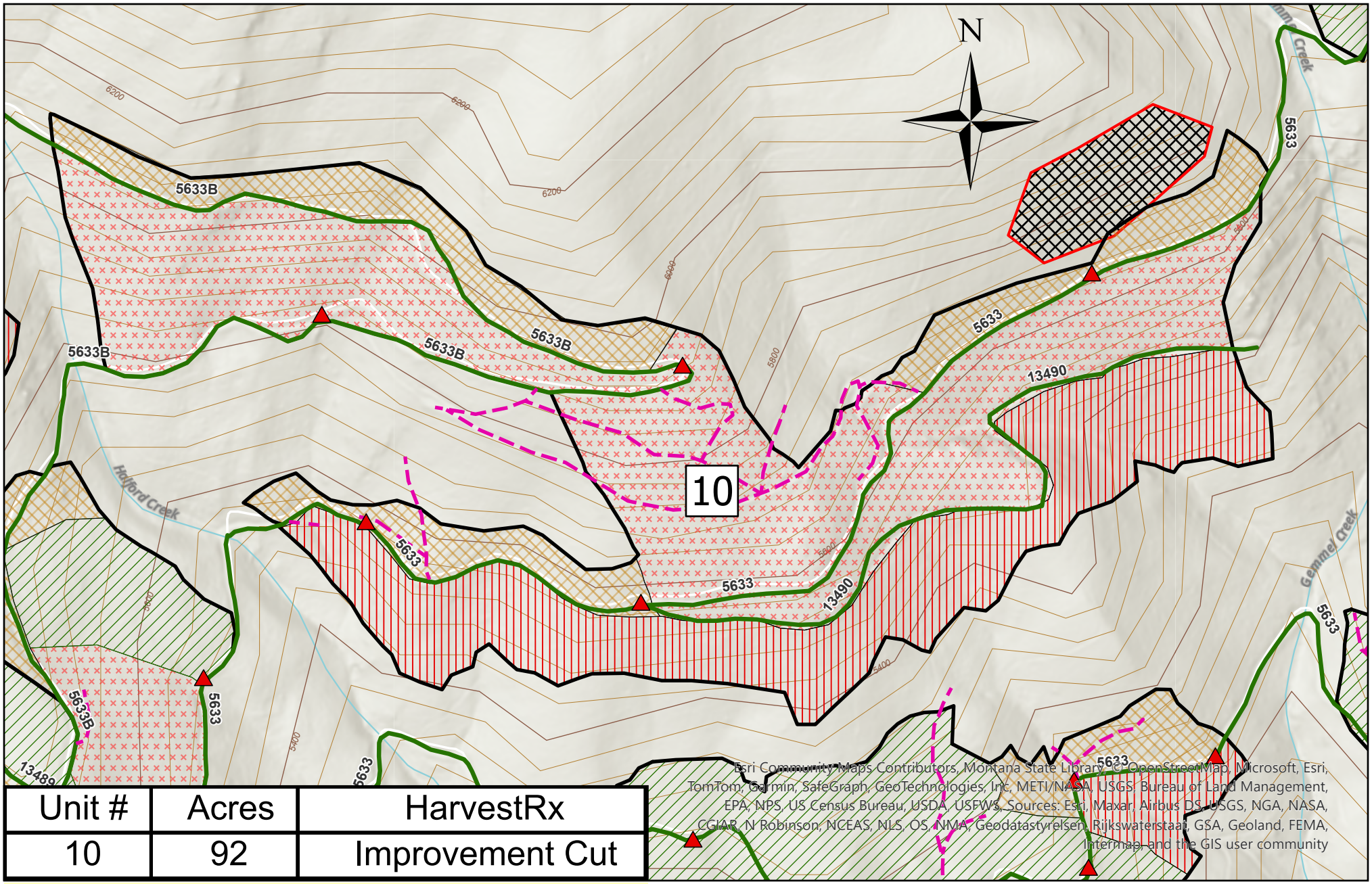
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

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Unit 9A & 9B
Attachment A11

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
10	92	Improvement Cut

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

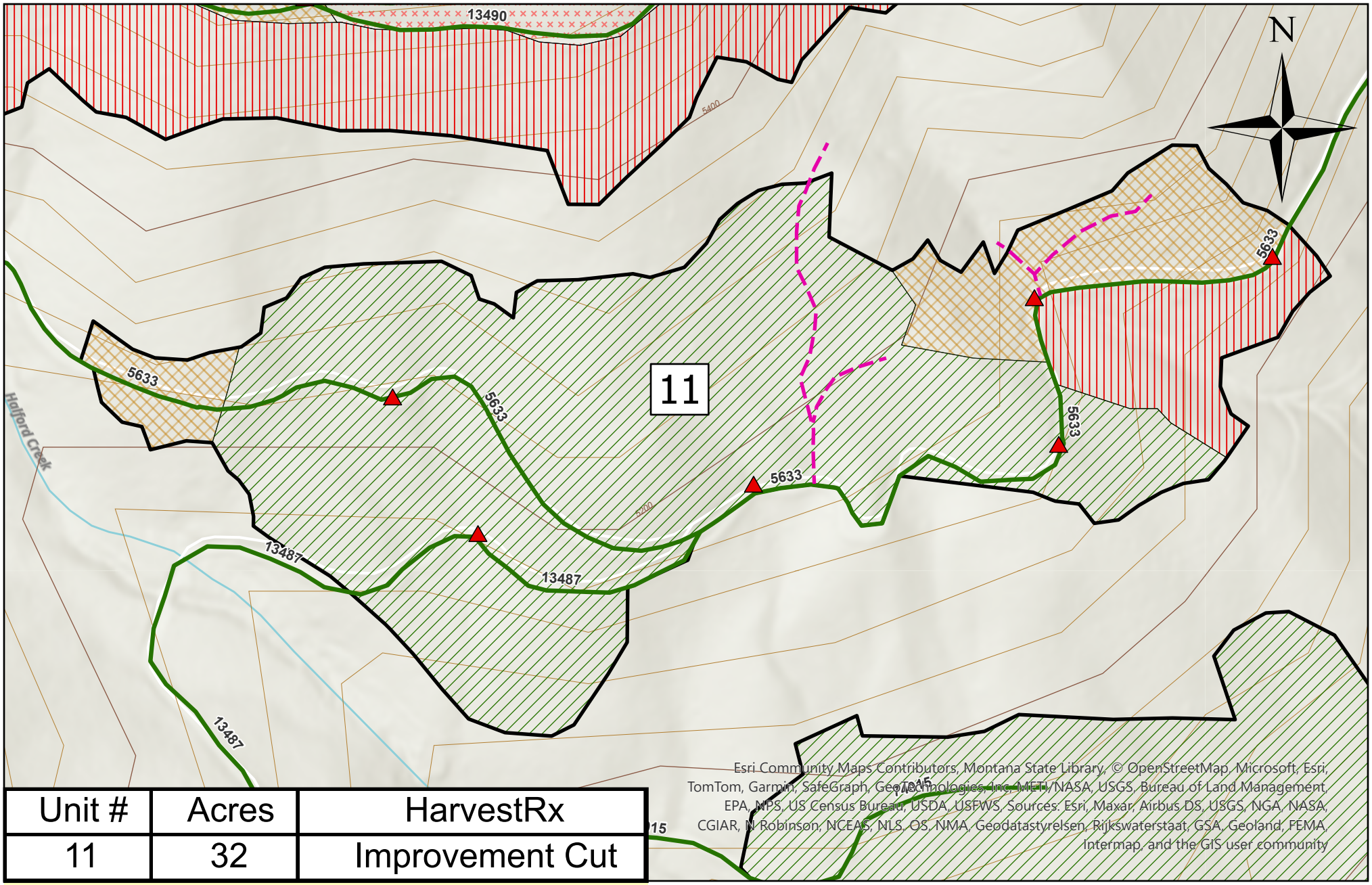
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 10
Attachment A11

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
11	32	Improvement Cut

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

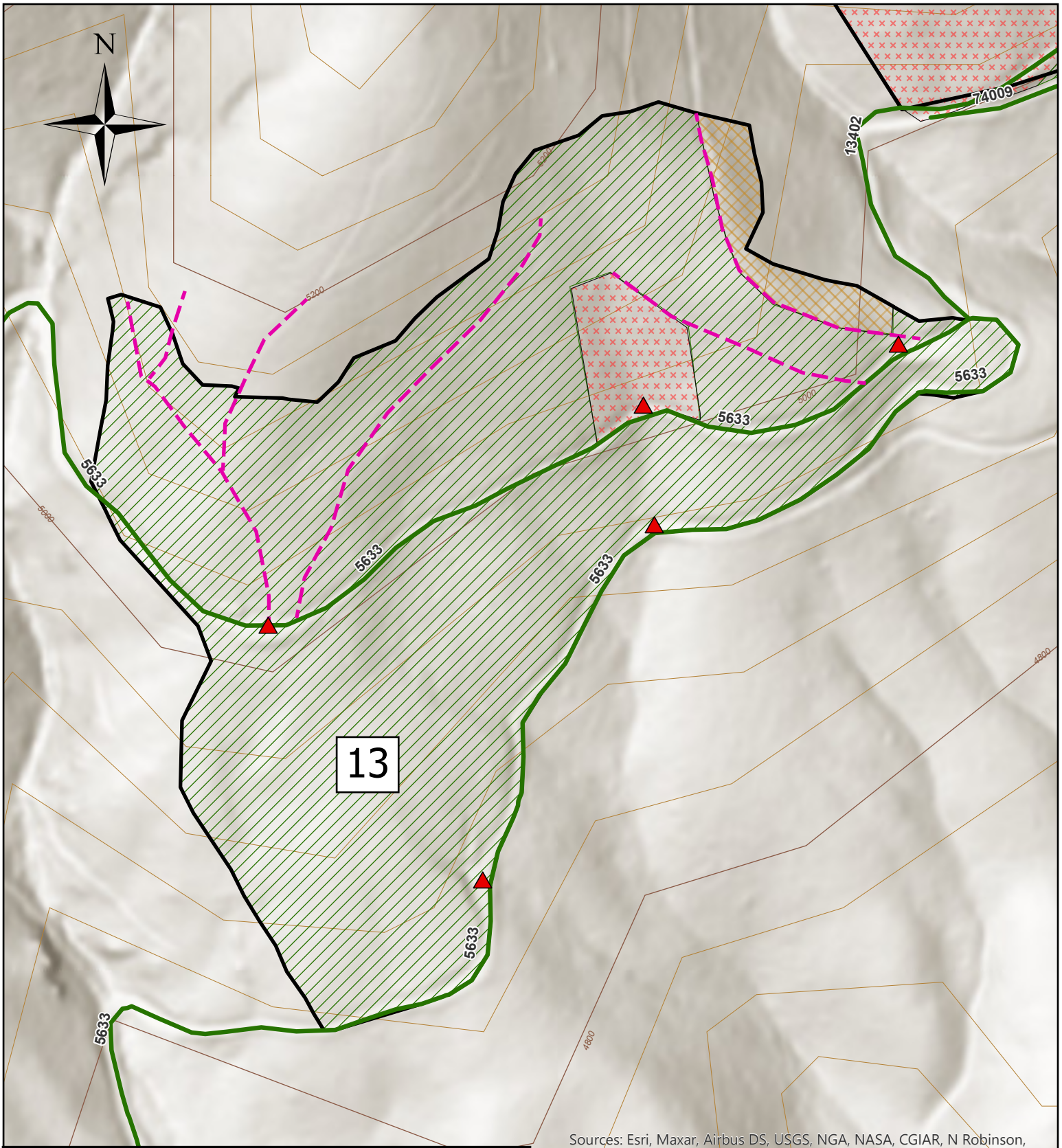
Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 11
Attachment A12

0 375 750 1,500 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
13	26	Improvement Cut

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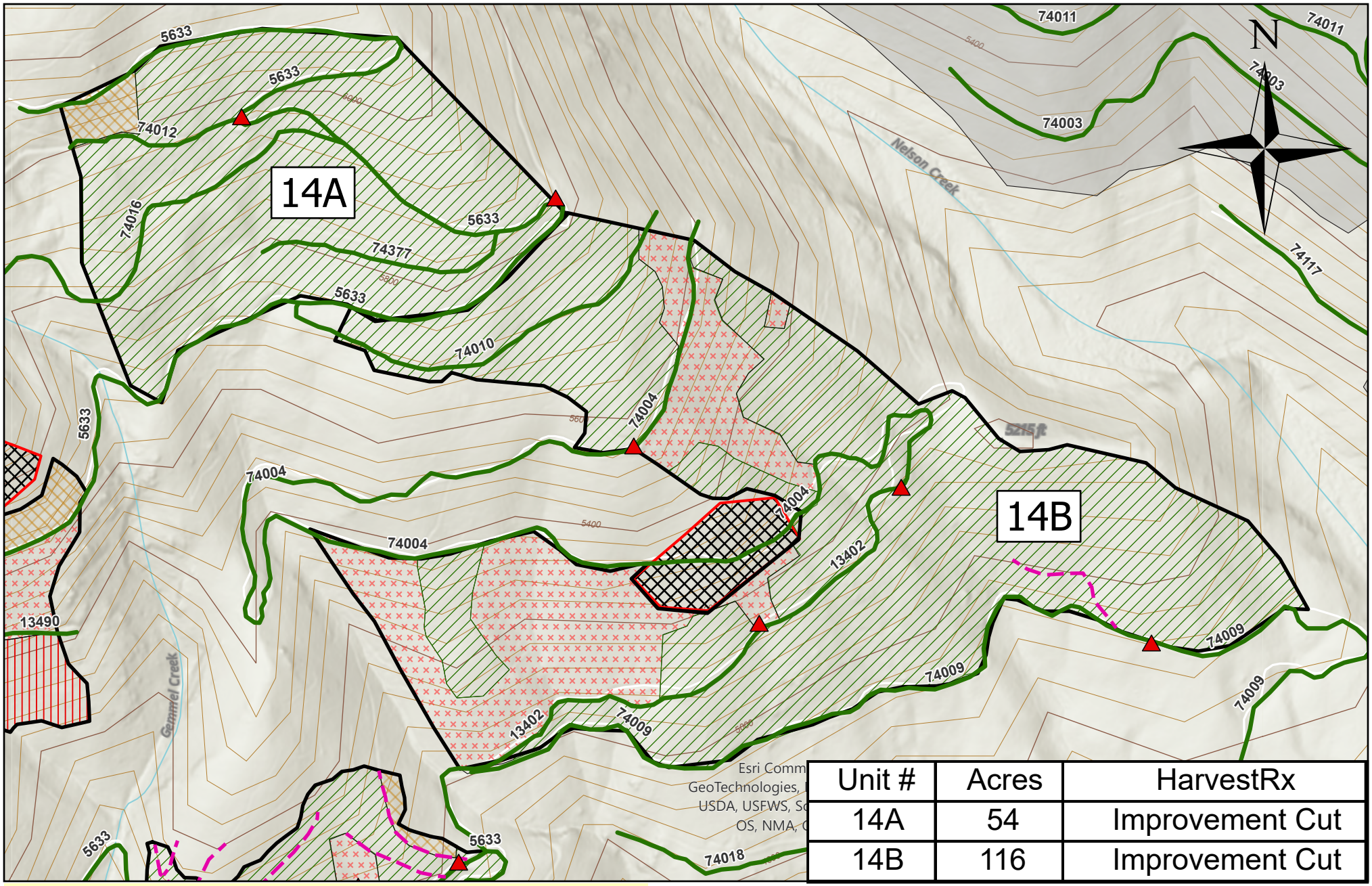
Roads

- Forest Roads
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- Temp Road

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Unit 13
Attachment A13

0 187.5 375 750 Feet

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Unit #	Acres	HarvestRx
14A	54	Improvement Cut
14B	116	Improvement Cut

Harvest Method

- High/Low Bank
- Tractor
- Shovel/Line/Tether
- Line/Tethered

- Landings
- Exclusion Area

Roads

- Forest Roads
- Skid Trails
- Temp Road

GNA Soda Baker
Unit 14A & 14B
Attachment A14

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