NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer** timber sale is located within sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of T11N – R7E on the Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest. Approximately 15,850 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 **Wednesday, December 16th, 2026, 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 **$633.00** 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, Forestry Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300).

Visit our website 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 Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer Timber Sale**		
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-502-8480	GNA Forester: Scott MacDonald	Central Land Office, Helena
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. The sawlog volume on this timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs in 2021. The non-saw ("Other Material") volume on this timber sale was cruised and compiled using a combination of DNRC procedures and Forest Service computer programs. Conversions were utilized to include as much sale information as possible on DNRC's Timber Sale Information Sheet. Some rounding errors may be noticeable.
4. This timber sale is located within the Montana Tri-Forest Federal Sustained-Yield Unit. The Purchaser must comply with all the requirements of the Tri-Forest Federal Sustained Yield Unit Management Plan. Refer to Attachment G of the Timber Sale contract, and the Management Plan information posted at https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/helena-lewisclark/forest-products/montana-tri-forest-federal-sustained-yield-unit.
5. **Temporary Roads:** All newly constructed Temporary Roads will require recontouring, slash placement and reseeding as part of the post-harvest full obliteration closure process. Temporary Road 6472004 – Segment A will require a 18-36" cleared fire line path remain in the center of the road following obliteration. See Timber Sale Contract Attachment B and Attachment A-4- *Road and Fireline Construction Reference Map* for more details.
6. **Mechanical Fireline Construction:** Approximately 0.8 miles of mechanically constructed fire line will be constructed in Units 02, 07ia and 07ib. See Timber Sale Contract Section VII.F Unit Designations and Attachment A-4- *Road and Fireline Construction Reference Map* for more details.
7. **Other Material:** The Purchaser is required to cut, skid, and haul or dispose of Other Material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 of the Timber Sale Contract in specific units (See Timber Sale Contract Section VII.C.2). Other Material that has been manufactured by the Purchaser shall be decked and hauled separately from sawlogs. All decked Other Material must be hauled or disposed of by the Purchaser in accordance with instructions from the Forest Officer. All hauled loads will have a truck ticket assigned.
8. **Snags:** Unmarked snags greater than or equal to 20 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) **are not** required to be cut or skidded from harvest units and may be left on-site at the discretion of the purchaser. Any snag and recruitment tree greater than or equal to 20 inches DBH cut for safety purposes shall remain in the unit. All snags less than 20 inches DBH meeting standards in Sections VII.C.1 or VII.C.2 of the Timber Sale Contract are to be cut and removed from the harvest unit.
9. **Slash Loading:** 5 to 10 tons per acre of downed woody material larger than 3 inches in diameter shall be left scattered throughout the sale units. The purchaser is required to reduce slash loading above this amount. The Forest Officer will determine the appropriate amount of material and may designate pieces to be left for this purpose that would otherwise be skidded and hauled.
10. **LOG BRANDING:** This contract is subject to the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 USC 620, et seq.). The purchaser must comply with log branding and accounting rules in Attachment E.
11. **Restricted Operation:** During the first two weeks of General Big Game Hunting Rifle Season the purchaser shall not be allowed within the gross sale area for purposes related to the performance of this contract. No log hauling is allowed on weekends during snowmobile season or holidays (See Timber Sale Contract Section VII.N.)
12. **Special Operating Requirements:** There are six special operating requirements (SORs) that apply to the Harvest Units. These SORs are for meadow protection, excavator constructed firelines, pre-designated skid trail and log landing locations, snowmobile trails, winter logging, and sensitive plant population avoidance. To see which units are affected by these SORs see Timber Sale Contract Section VII.F and for more information on the SORs see Timber Sale Contract Section VII.G.

13. **Subject to Agreement:** Units 1, 2, 3a, 3b, and 3c are optional units subject to agreement. These units have more road work associated with them compared to the others. Road work associated with these units is also subject to agreement, but upon electing to treat one of these units will make the road work required. The details of the roadwork can be found in Attachment A-4 – *Road and Fireline Construction Reference Map* and Attachment B. The sawlog and other material stumpage rate to be paid by the purchaser for Units 1, 2, 3a, 3b, and 3c will be the same as bid for mandatory units described in Table 1 of the harvest contract.

14. **An *optional* pre-bid tour** of the sale area will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th** at 8**:00 am.** Please RSVP to GNA Forester Scott MacDonald at (406) 502-8480 or scott.macdonald@mt.gov by **November 15th at 5:00 pm**. A specific meeting location will be provided to all who RSVP. The pre-bid field tour will be cancelled if no RSVP's are received by November 15th at 5 pm.

Timber Sale Information Sheet

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer												
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												$1.49
Pounds per cubic foot		55.5		47.0							40.0	
Estimated CF		329656.1		93042.9							1528.7	424,228 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		57397.6		77458.5							145.5	135,002 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		7698		1944							0	**9,642 tons**
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		1314		1619							0	2,933 tons
Gross MBF		1182		325							6	1,513 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		15.7		10.9							100.0	15.0%
Net MBF		996		290							0	1,286 MBF
Average logs per MBF		31.6		55.3							0.0	36.9 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.7		8.0							13.0	10.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												18 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												2.4 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												81
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between		1,104 and 1,468 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										14.2%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet		9,642 estimated tons / 1,286 Net MBF										7.50 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/15/2029
Operating Period:	OPERATING PERIOD: When conditions meet VII.L.1.a-c and VII.O. (EXCLUDING first 2 weeks of General Big Game Hunting rifle season). Acceptable cooperating conditions generally occur between July 1 and March 1 but can become unacceptable at any time. Units 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, and 11 have frozen or snow-covered ground requirements.

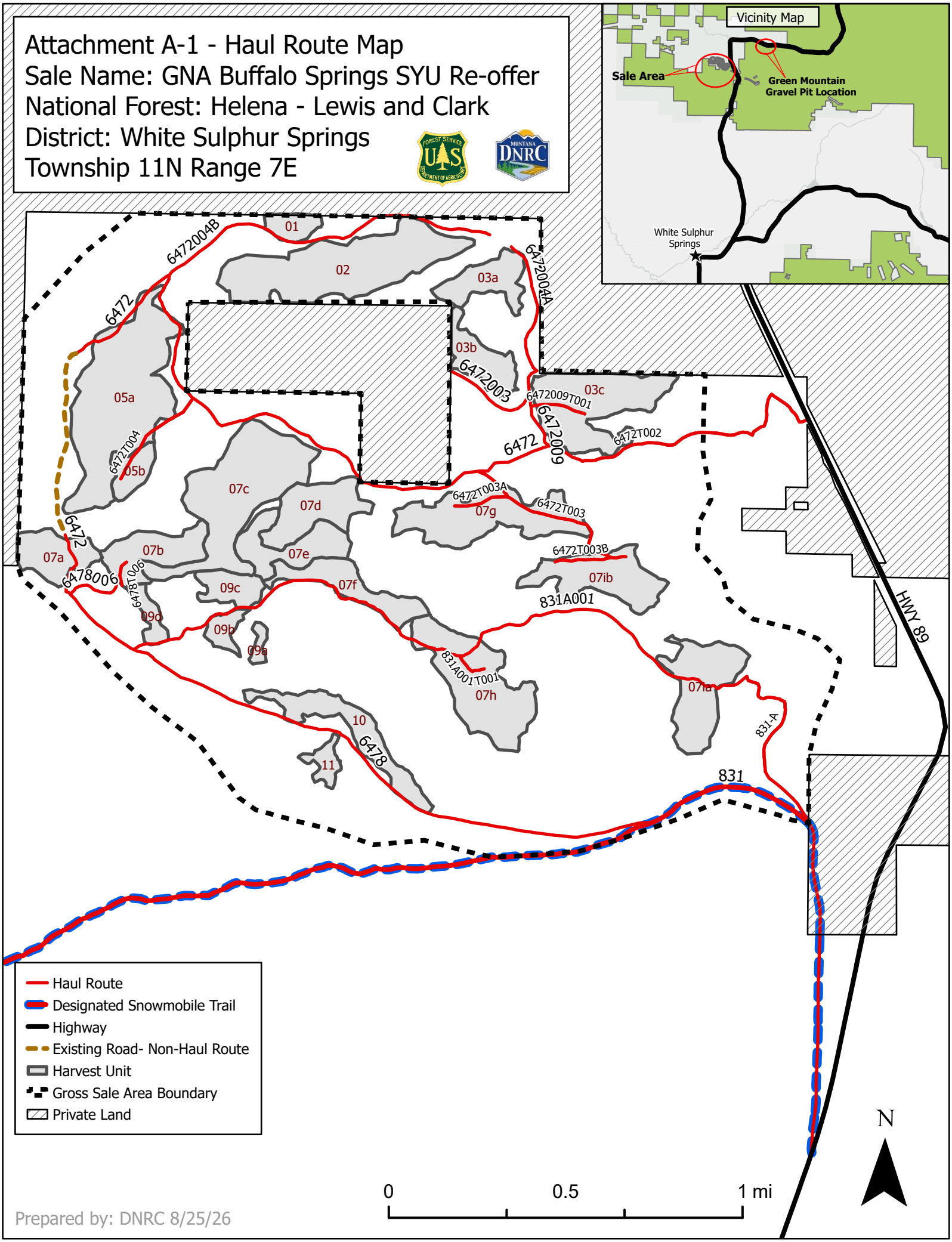
Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	68%
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	110.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	2.5 miles

Purchaser fees and estimated costs	
~~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 fireline work total $	$2,712
Estimated Purchaser-do fireline work per ton	$0.28/ton
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	$0.00/ton

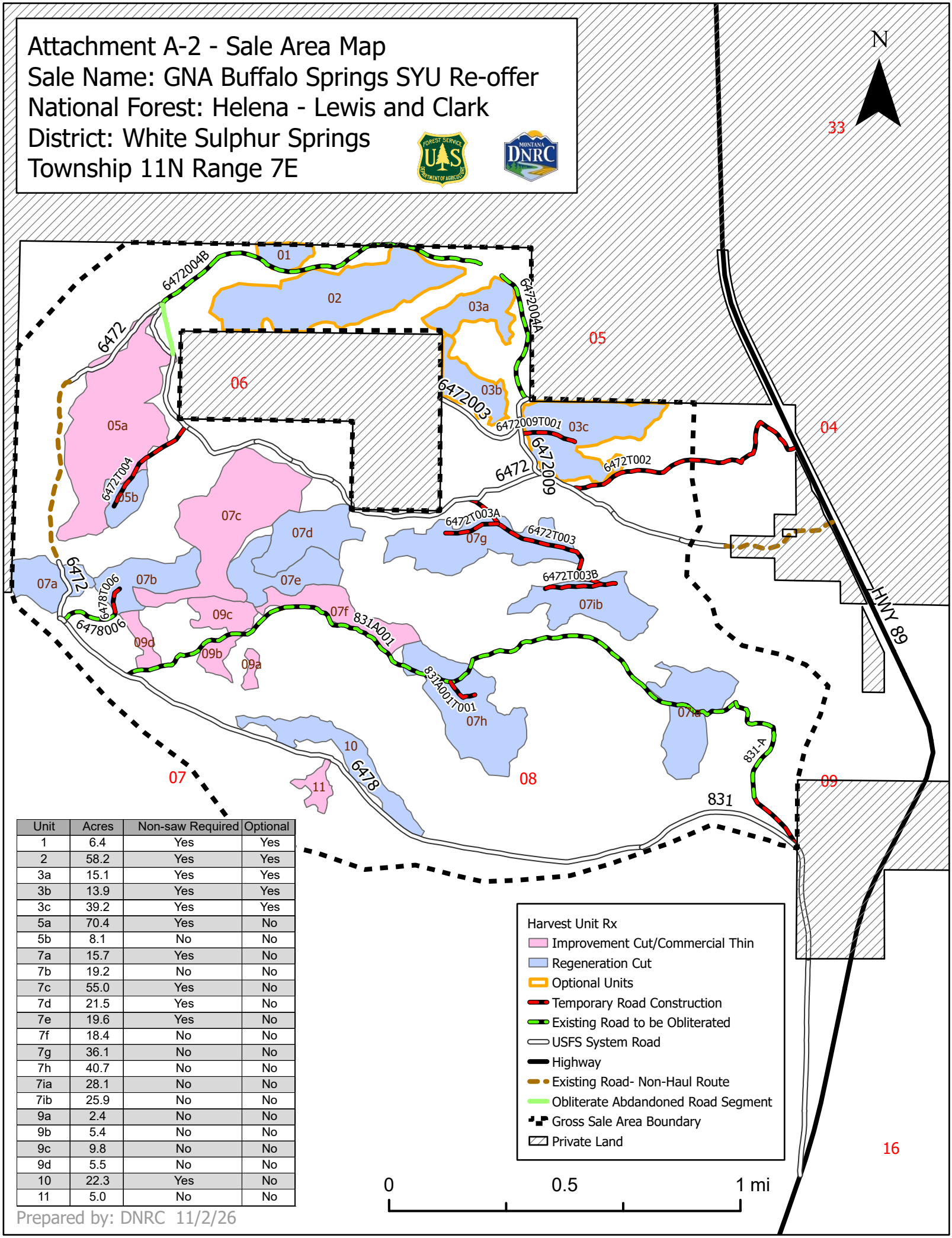
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total - Required	$65,094
Estimated road development cost per ton	$6.69/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	$50.62/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total - Required	$55,921
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	$5.80/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	2.2 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	1.2 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.2 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	5.8 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	10.5 miles

Estimated road development cost total - Optional	$3,962
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total - Optional	$9,954

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 05a	70.36	2807.7	374	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 05b	8.11	123.2	16	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07a	15.68	443.0	59	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07b	19.17	364.0	49	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07c	54.99	786.1	105	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07d	21.53	305.2	41	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07e	19.56	61.9	8	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07f	18.39	233.0	31	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07g	36.14	412.5	55	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07h	40.69	479.5	64	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07ia	28.09	570.1	76	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 07ib	25.94	369.8	49	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 09a	2.42	77.4	10	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 09b	5.37	293.4	39	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 09c	9.82	187.7	25	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 09d	5.53	139.8	19	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 10	22.33	592.3	79	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 11	5.04	226.5	30	September 1, 2029
Total Required	409.16	8473.5	1130	
Optional:				
Cutting Unit 01	6.40	199.6	27	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 02	58.15	398.9	53	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 03a	15.09	163.5	22	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 03b	13.85	86.2	11	September 1, 2029
Cutting Unit 03c	38.19	320.0	43	September 1, 2029
Total Optional	131.68	1168.2	156	
Total All	541 Ac.	9,642 tons	1,286 MBF	

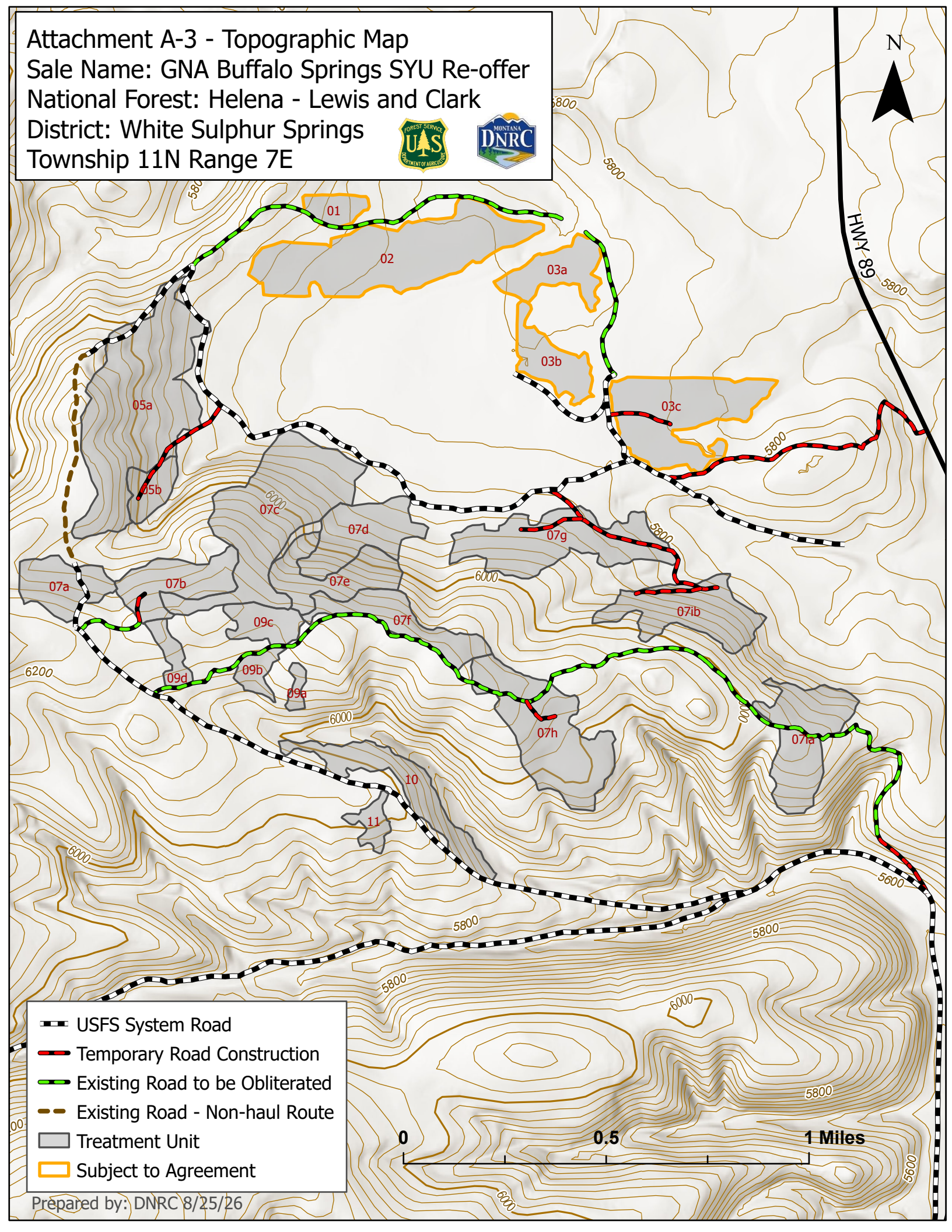

Attachment A-1 - Haul Route Map
Sale Name: GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer
National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: White Sulphur Springs
Township 11N Range 7E
Vicinity Map
Sale Area
Green Mountain Gravel Pit Location
White Sulphur Springs
6472004B
6472004A
6472
6472003
6472009T001
6472009
6472T002
6472T004
6472T003A
6472T003
6472T003B
6478006
6478T006
831A001
831A001T001
831-A
831
6478
HWY 89
01
02
03a
03b
03c
05a
05b
07a
07b
07c
07d
07e
07f
07g
07h
07ia
07ib
09a
09b
09c
09d
10
11
Haul Route
Designated Snowmobile Trail
Highway
Existing Road- Non-Haul Route
Harvest Unit
Gross Sale Area Boundary
Private Land
N
0
0.5
1 mi
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Attachment A-2 - Sale Area Map
Sale Name: GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer
National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: White Sulphur Springs
Township 11N Range 7E



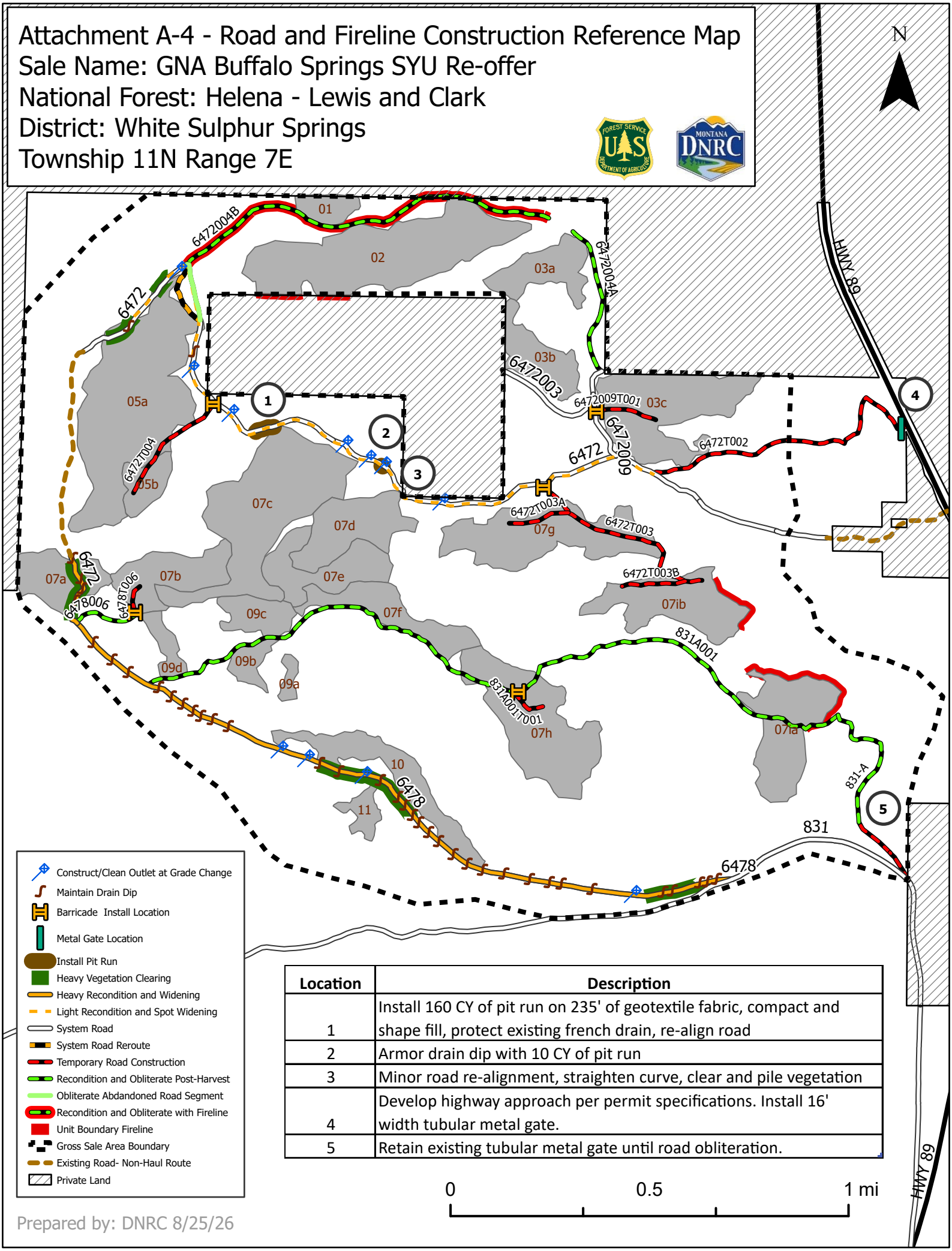
Unit	Acres	Non-saw Required	Optional
1	6.4	Yes	Yes
2	58.2	Yes	Yes
3a	15.1	Yes	Yes
3b	13.9	Yes	Yes
3c	39.2	Yes	Yes
5a	70.4	Yes	No
5b	8.1	No	No
7a	15.7	Yes	No
7b	19.2	No	No
7c	55.0	Yes	No
7d	21.5	Yes	No
7e	19.6	Yes	No
7f	18.4	No	No
7g	36.1	No	No
7h	40.7	No	No
7ia	28.1	No	No
7ib	25.9	No	No
9a	2.4	No	No
9b	5.4	No	No
9c	9.8	No	No
9d	5.5	No	No
10	22.3	Yes	No
11	5.0	No	No

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Attachment A-3 - Topographic Map
Sale Name: GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer
National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: White Sulphur Springs
Township 11N Range 7E
N
HWY 89
01
02
03a
03b
03c
05a
05b
07a
07b
07c
07d
07e
07f
07g
07h
07ib
07ia
09a
09b
09c
09d
10
11
5800
6000
6200
5600
USFS System Road
Temporary Road Construction
Existing Road to be Obliterated
Existing Road - Non-haul Route
Treatment Unit
Subject to Agreement
0
0.5
1 Miles
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Attachment A-4 - Road and Fireline Construction Reference Map

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National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: White Sulphur Springs
Township 11N Range 7E

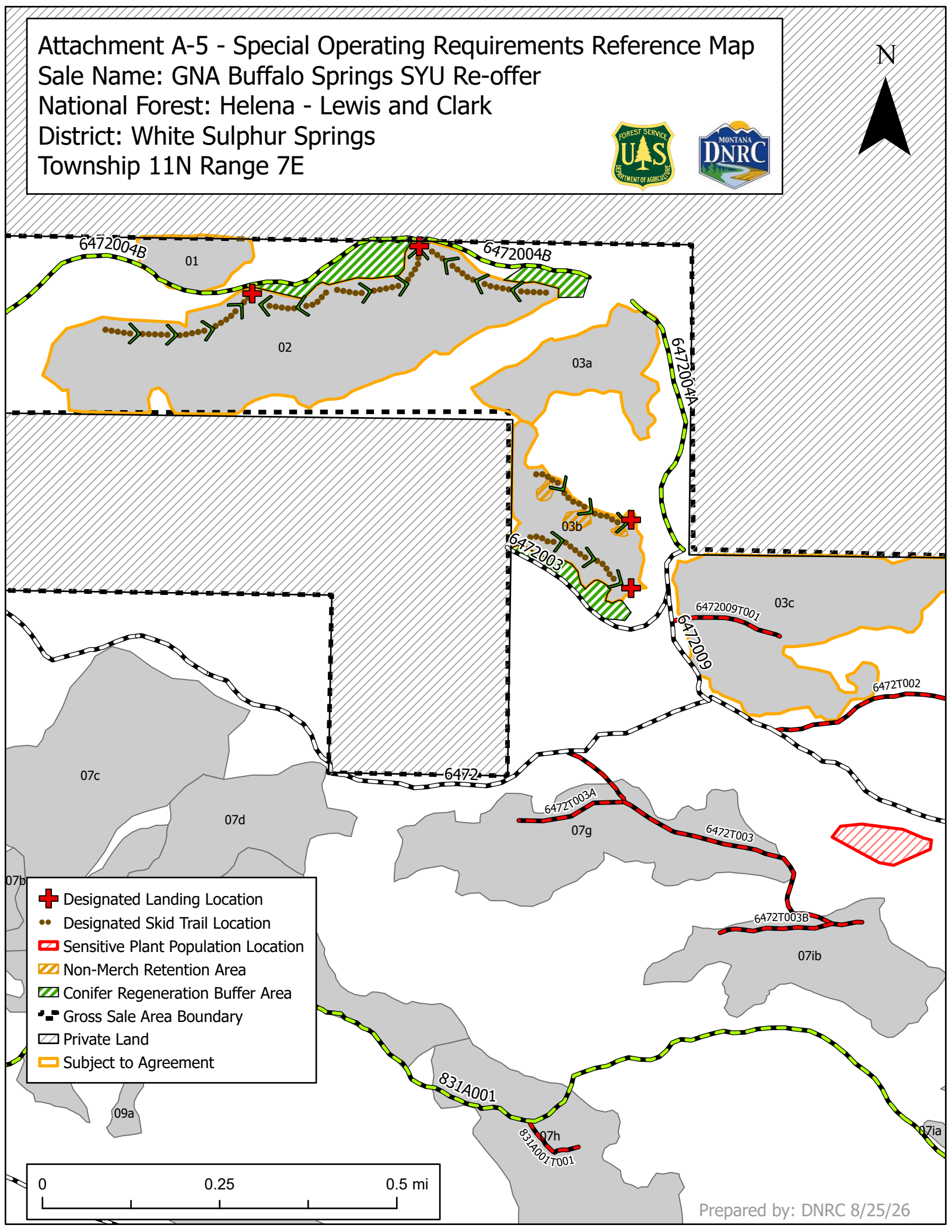


Location	Description
1	Install 160 CY of pit run on 235' of geotextile fabric, compact and shape fill, protect existing french drain, re-align road
2	Armor drain dip with 10 CY of pit run
3	Minor road re-alignment, straighten curve, clear and pile vegetation
4	Develop highway approach per permit specifications. Install 16' width tubular metal gate.
5	Retain existing tubular metal gate until road obliteration.

- Construct/Clean Outlet at Grade Change
- Maintain Drain Dip
- Barricade Install Location
- Metal Gate Location
- Install Pit Run
- Heavy Vegetation Clearing
- Heavy Recondition and Widening
- Light Recondition and Spot Widening
- System Road
- System Road Reroute
- Temporary Road Construction
- Recondition and Obliterate Post-Harvest
- Obliterate Abdandoned Road Segment
- Recondition and Obliterate with Fireline
- Unit Boundary Fireline
- Gross Sale Area Boundary
- Existing Road- Non-Haul Route
- Private Land

0 0.5 1 mi

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Attachment A-5 - Special Operating Requirements Reference Map
Sale Name: GNA Buffalo Springs SYU Re-offer
National Forest: Helena - Lewis and Clark
District: White Sulphur Springs
Township 11N Range 7E
N
6472004B
01
6472004B
02
03a
6472004A
03b
6472003
03c
6472009T001
6472009
6472T002
07c
6472
07d
6472T003A
07g
6472T003
6472T003B
07ib
07b
09a
831A001
07h
831A001T001
07ia
Designated Landing Location
Designated Skid Trail Location
Sensitive Plant Population Location
Non-Merch Retention Area
Conifer Regeneration Buffer Area
Gross Sale Area Boundary
Private Land
Subject to Agreement
0
0.25
0.5 mi
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