NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Deep Canyon** timber sale is located within sections 20, 27, 28, 29, and 33 of T29N – R17W and 4 & 5 of T28N – R17W on the Flathead National Forest. Approximately 15,792 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 **Friday, December 11th, 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 **$4,530.48** 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 Deep Canyon			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	847-502-4527	Forester: Dan Pendergraph	Kalispell 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. The Purchaser is required to cut, skid and dispose Other Material that does not meet Sawlog Manufacturing and Recovery Standards in Table 2 in the Timber Sale Contract. The Purchaser may elect to remove Other Material as approved by the Forest Officer. Such products shall be billed at the rate for Other Material shown in Table 1 in the Timber Sale Contract.

   If the purchaser elects not to remove other material the purchaser will be required to deck the material as directed by the Forest Officer; this may require removal to areas on permanent National Forest System Roads.
4. Special operating requirements: The following requirements are to be performed by the Purchaser in specific sale units as shown in the contract: Section VII.F, UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

   1. SLASHING REQUIRED: The Purchaser is required to slash down all non-merchantable material taller than 4 feet except large cull trees and snags after harvest operations are complete and approved in each unit. This includes leaners and pushovers. Stems shall be completely severed from the stump. Stumps shall not exceed 8" in height on the uphill side. Slashed material must be felled directionally so that it remains totally within the harvest unit.

   2. PURCHASER SLASH PILING: In areas where hazard reduction by slash piling is approved by the Forest Officer, the following requirements and specifications apply:

      a. Piling will be completed with an excavator, Class EX2 (76-100 H.P.) or smaller, equipped with bucket and thumb, clamshell, double rake head or other slash piling implement head approved by the Forest Officer.

      b. Prior to operation, the Purchaser's Supervisor and Forest Officer will visit each harvest unit and agree on piling needs and acreage to be treated.

      c. Operations will be conducted under dry or frozen soil conditions only. The Forest Officer may temporarily suspend operations under unfavorable operating conditions.

      d. 10 - 15 tons/acre of woody debris 3 inches or larger in diameter will be left on site.

      e. All piles will be clean, 6 feet or greater in height, and compacted with piling equipment to a sufficient degree to allow complete burning.

      f. No piles will be constructed within 20 feet of residual trees, or underneath any portion of the crown of a residual tree. If spacing of residual trees makes this impractical, piles will be constructed in the largest openings available.

      g. The operator will avoid damaging residual trees and will avoid displacement of soil during piling operation.

5. Other contractors and machinery may be working within the sale area during operations. Coordination may be needed to reduce conflicts between operations.

Timber Sale Information Sheet

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GNA Deep Canyon												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All | Live | Cut)												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												$5.74
Pounds per cubic foot		55.5	52.5	50.4	51.3	54.0		49.5			40.0	
Estimated CF		43091.7	229932.8	222290.2	81817.4	24441.9		54922.5			0.0	656,497 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		12866.2	105284.9	73255.8	23065.4	6302.5		26758.2			0.0	247,533 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		1095	5700	5205	1955	593		1244			0	**15,792 tons**
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		321	2613	1715	546	158		626			0	5,980 tons
Gross MBF		167	927	930	341	105		212			0	2,680 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		8.3	5.6	7.2	6.6	10.3		9.0			0.0	6.9%
Net MBF		153	875	863	318	94		193			0	2,496 MBF
Average logs per MBF		33.4	37.6	29.1	27.8	26.3		37.5			0.0	32.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		10.0	9.1	9.9	10.2	10.5		9.0			0.0	9.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											24 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											3.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut	→											97
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	2,289 and 2,702 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											8.3%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	15,792 estimated tons / 2,496 Net MBF											6.33 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	10/31/2029	
Operating Period:	July 1 - November 30 when soil conditions allow (Section VII.L.1&2)	

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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)	600 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	13.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	24.0 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 FI total $~~	~~$0~~
~~Estimated Purchaser-do FI per ton~~	~~$0.00/ton~~
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work total	$3,437.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	$0.22/ton

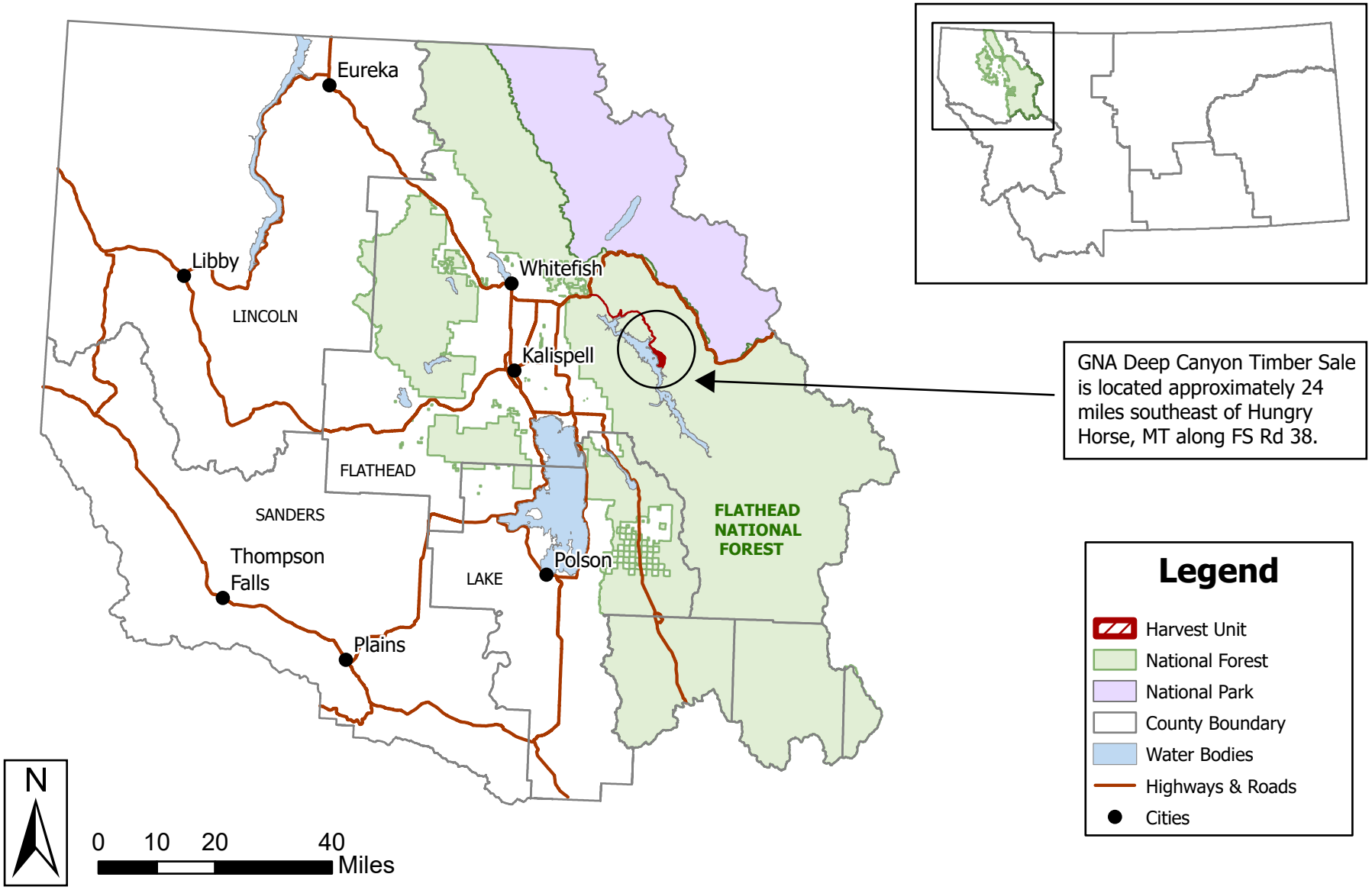
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	$67,578
Estimated road development cost per ton	$4.28/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	$27.08/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	$66,429
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	$4.21/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	0.1 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	22.0 miles

Unit harvest volume

Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
Cutting Unit 15	23	458	72	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 16	84	1157	183	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 17	97	2256	357	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 18	7	259	41	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 19	5	88	14	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 20A	28	664	105	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 20B	15	509	80	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 21	93	2684	424	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 22	36	663	105	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 28	42	1391	220	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 29	16	470	74	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 30	51	1237	195	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 31A	11	334	53	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 31B	20	374	59	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 31C	28	929	147	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 32	32	410	65	11/30/2028
Cutting Unit 33	70	1908	302	11/30/2028

GNA Deep Canyon Timber Sale - Vicinity Map

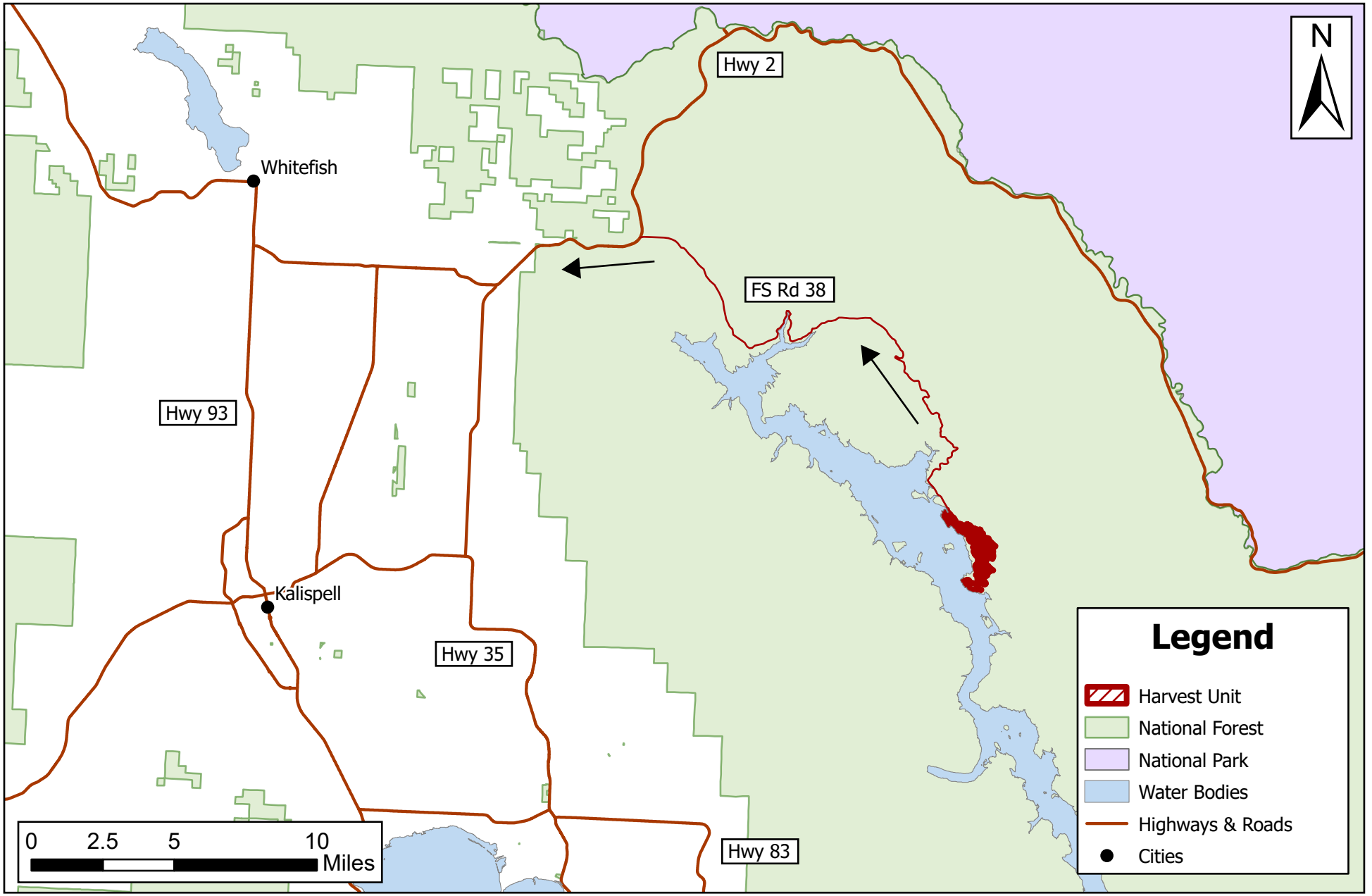
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GNA Deep Canyon Timber Sale - Haul Route

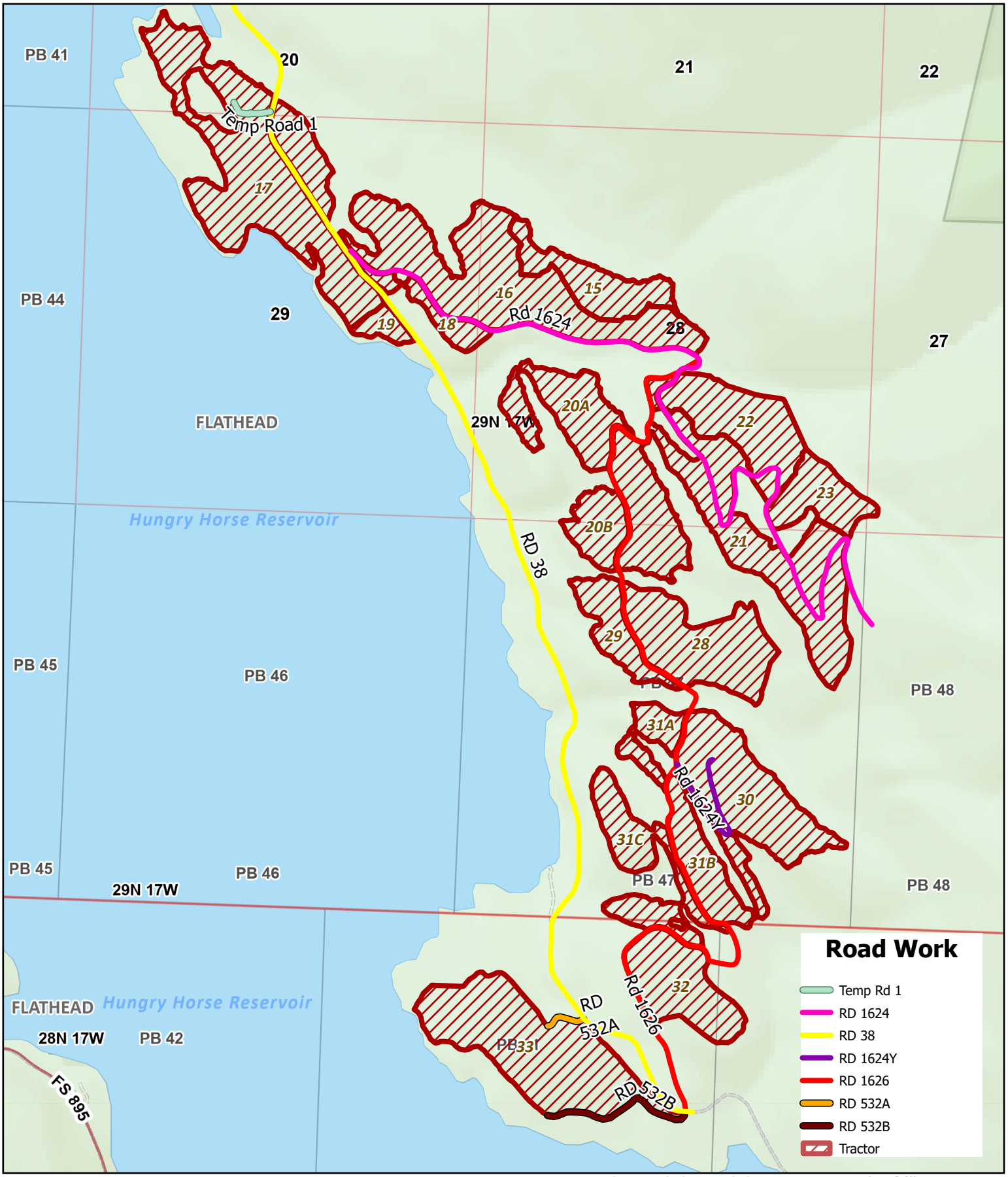
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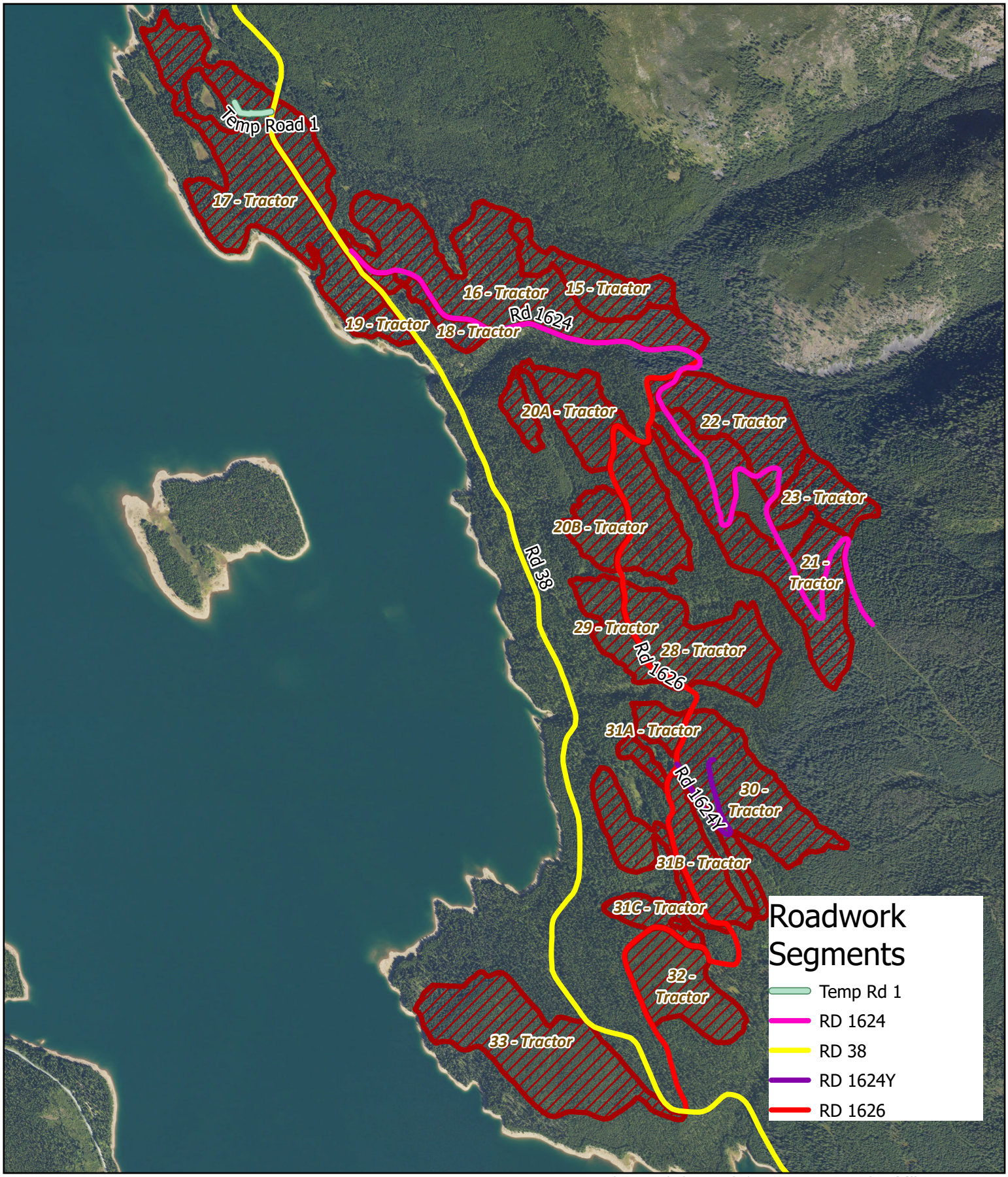


Dan Pendergraph
11/3/2026

0 0.17 0.35 0.7 Miles

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Dan Pendergraph
8/27/2026

0 0.17 0.35 0.7 Miles