NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The **GNA Hoodoo Blowdown Permit** timber sale is located within sections 26, 27, 28, 29, & 33 of T29N – R31W on the Kootenai National Forest. Approximately 1,443 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 9th, 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 **$147.05** 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 Hoodoo Blowdown			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-291-3691	Forester: Jeremy Akin	Libby 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. Unlike DNRC Trust Lands Timber Sales, no Forest Improvement Fees will be charged.
4. Unlike Forest Service Timber Sales, all deposits such as KV, BD, and Road Deposits are included in the stumpage value and accounted for between the DNRC and Forest Service.
5. 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.
6. The purpose of this timber sale is to salvage blown down and root sprung leaning trees from a severe wind event within the Hoodoo GNA sale area. All blown over trees are required to be cut and removed from the harvest unit. Root sprung leaning trees have been cut tree marked with a blue horizontal stripe in required units. Snapped out trees are required to be harvested. Purchaser selection will be utilized in optional units 37 and 33. Please refer to the GNA Hoodoo Blowdown Timber Sale Contract for specific details on unit harvest requirements.
7. Due to current markets for ponderosa pine and different manufactured log delivery locations, the GNA Hoodoo Blowdown Timber Sale will require two separate bid prices per ton ($/ton) for **Sawlogs** (*all species except ponderosa pine)* **and Ponderosa Pine Sawlogs**.
8. Unit boundaries are not re-marked for this salvage sale. Original sale boundary marking will be utilized. All harvesting will occur in original GNA Hoodoo Timber Sale units.
9. Unit 5 has an Equipment Restriction Zone. See Attachment A.
10. The purchaser must utilize whole tree yarding and dispose of slash in the landings identified on Attachment A.
11. The purchaser must utilize previously used skid trails.
12. Pre-haul road maintenance is required in the form of spot blading and opening roads to minimum clear limit standards.
13. Access is limited due to blowdown on gated roads 6203 & 6705/6705A. A combo lock with combination **2-7-1-1** will be set on road 6203 as most of the road can be driven up to 6203D, though not fully cleared.
14. For all questions or request of georeferenced pdf maps, please contact Jeremy Akin at (406) 291-3691 or Jeremy.Akin@mt.gov

Timber Sale Information Sheet

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GNA Hoodoo Blowdown												
Timber Sale Cruise Data												
SPECIES	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton - non PP												$2.49
Minimum Bid per ton - PP												$0.79
Pounds per cubic foot	52.7	54.3	51.3	47.6	50.2				52.8			
Estimated CF												
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material												
Estimated tons of sawlogs	347	294	650	38	32				82			**1,443 tons**
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material												
Gross MBF												
% Cull and Breakage	40.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0				20.0			
Net MBF	75	58	128	8	7				12			288 MBF
Average logs per MBF	40.8	33.0	44.0	32.0	33.7				52.4			40.8 logs/MBF
Average DBH	11.6	11.7	9.3	9.4	10.0				8.7			10.2 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												8 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												0.8 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												32
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	214 and 362 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											26.0%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	1,443 estimated tons / 288 Net MBF											5.00 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	9/30/2027	
Operating Period:	Operations may occur June 16th - March 31st and as soil conditions allow (Section VII. L. 1 & 2) or as directed by Forest Officer.	

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	~~00%~~
% of volume logged with tractors	100%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	$9,216
Estimated road development cost per ton	$6.39/ton

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% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	800 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	53.2 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	2.1 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	$0.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	$0.00/ton

Estimated road development cost perMBF	$32.02/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	$5,783
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	$4.01/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	$0.00/ton
Miles of temp road construction/obliteration	0.2 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	5.5 miles

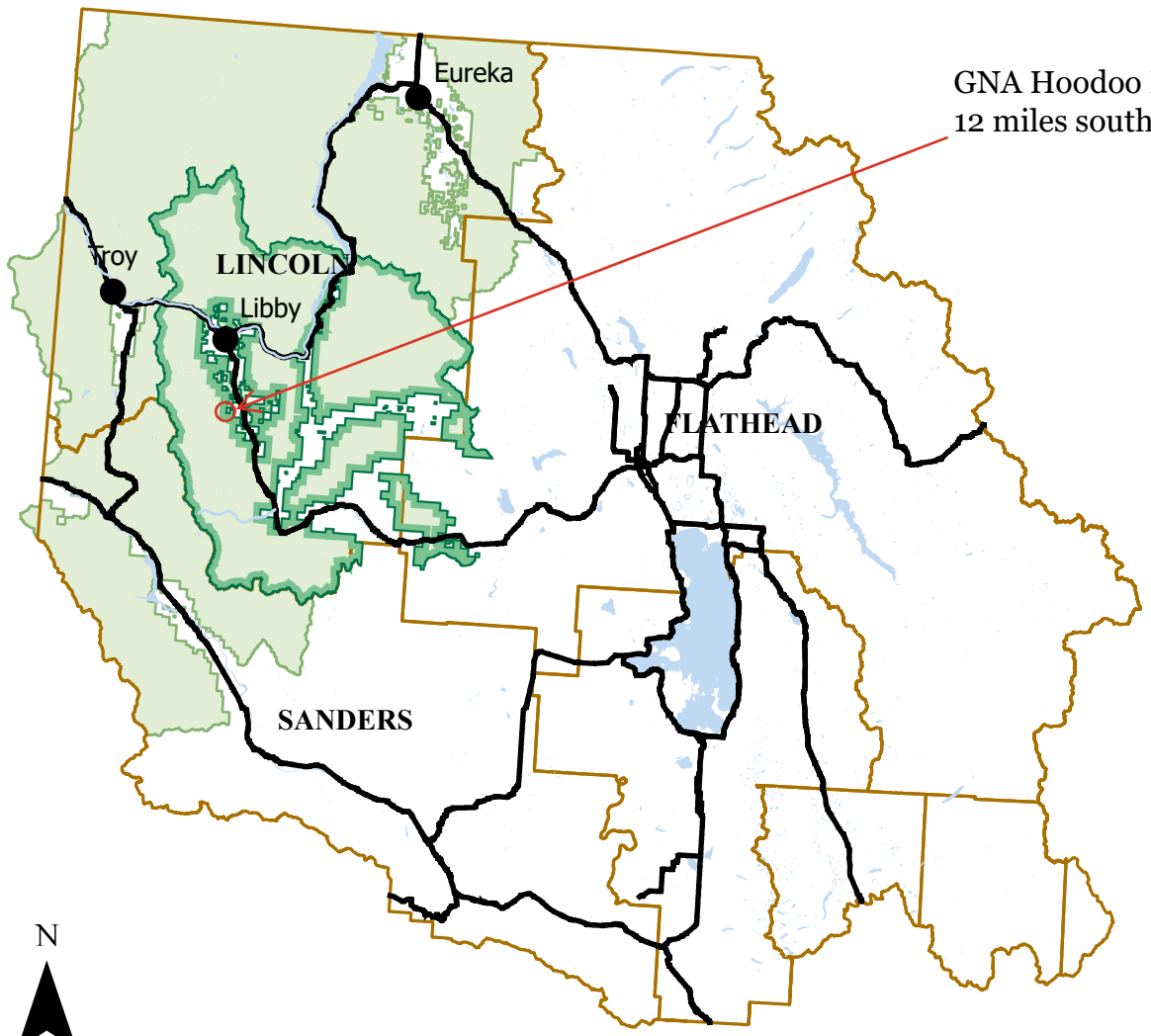
Unit Harvest Volume

Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
5	28	175	35	August 31, 2027
21	24	165	33	
34w	23	130	26	
34e	22	155	31	
36	36	430	86	
46a	13	45	9	
46b	17	155	31	
57	5	15	3	
47w	18	125	25	
47e	7	48	9	
	193 Ac.	1,443 tons	288 MBF	

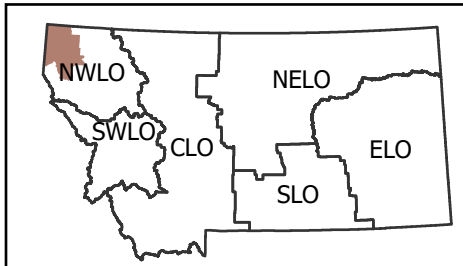
Optional Unit Harvest Volume

Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
33	29	26	4	August 31, 2027
37	22	27	4	
	51 Ac.	53 tons	8 MBF	

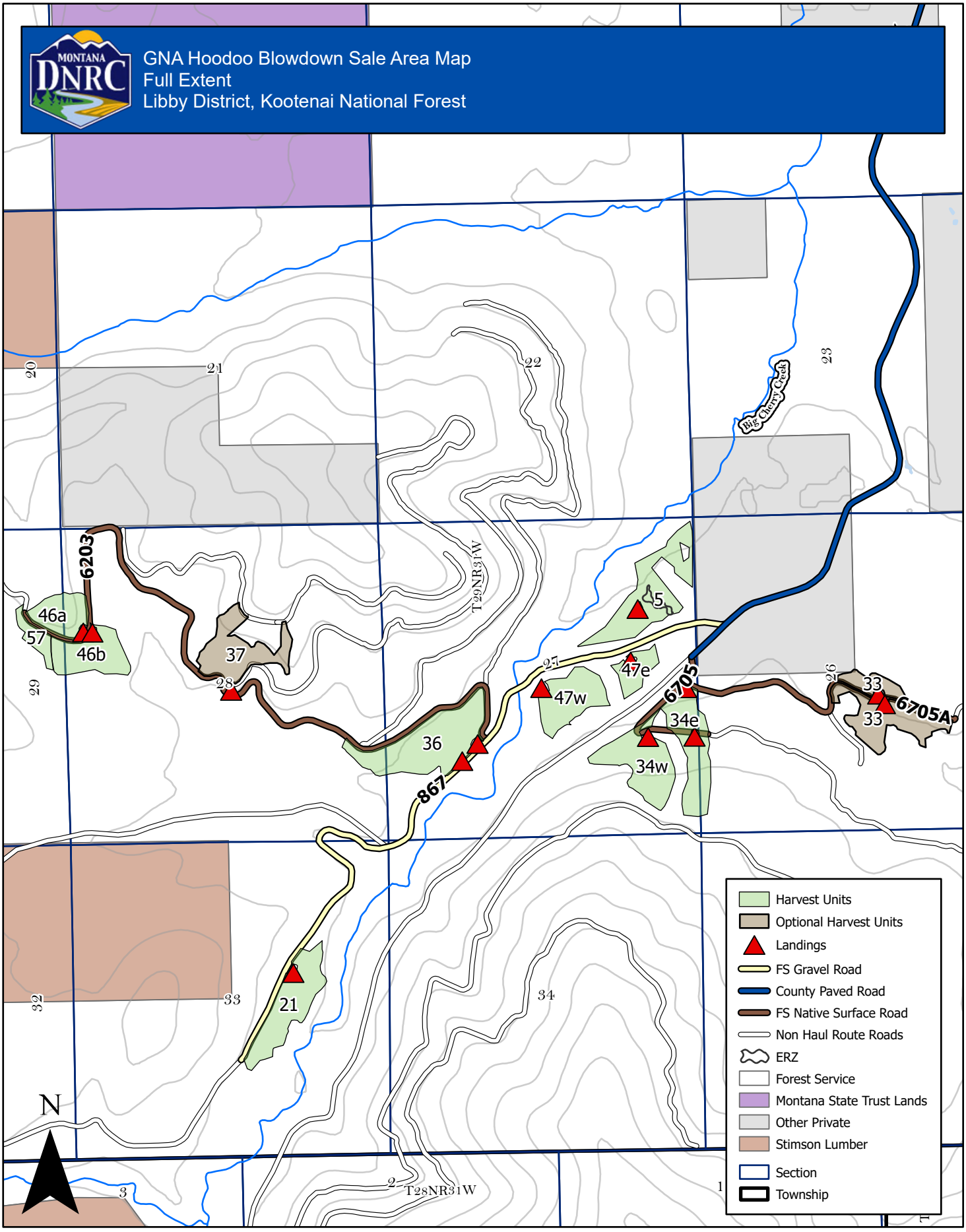
Good Neighbor Authority Vicinity Map
Libby District

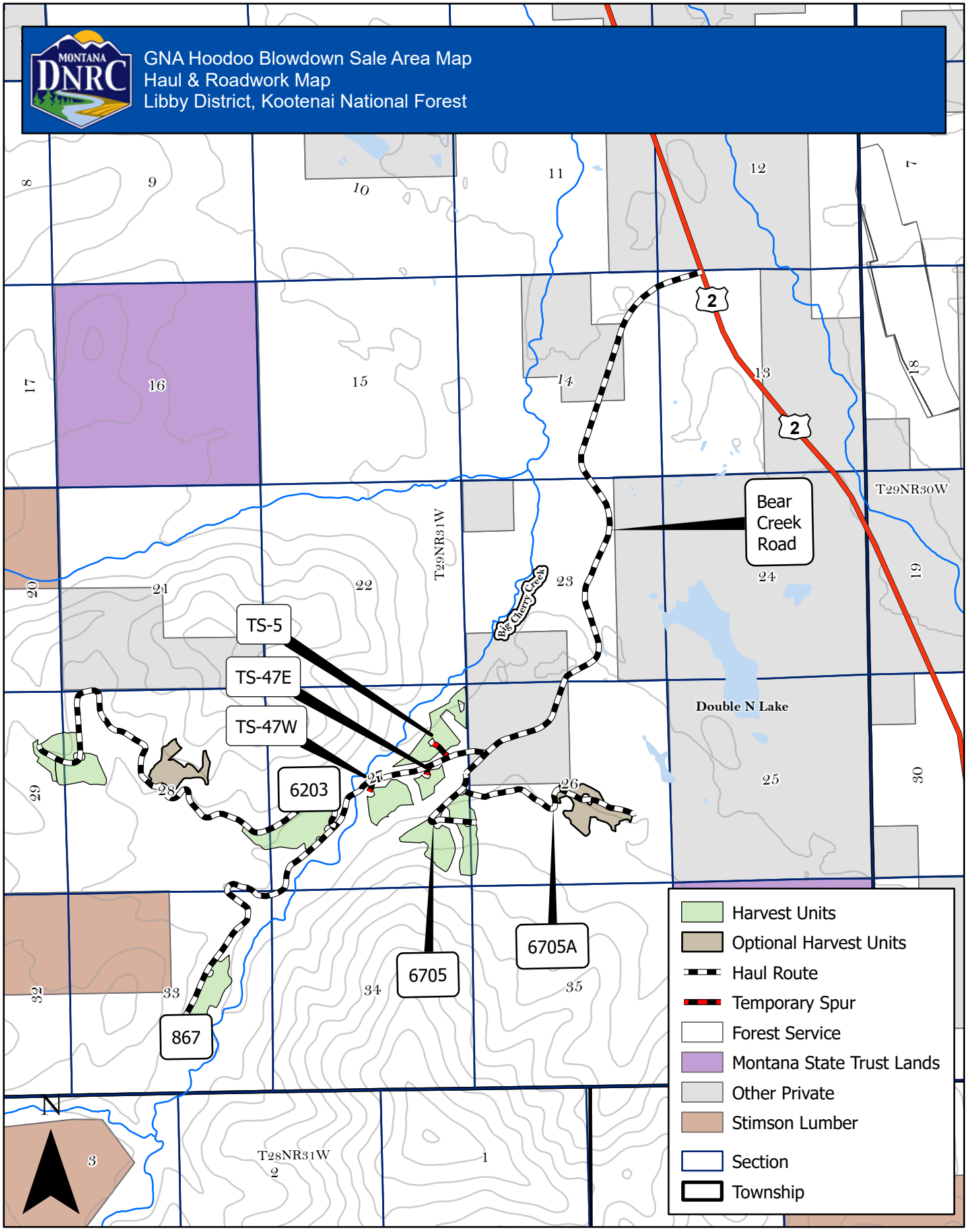


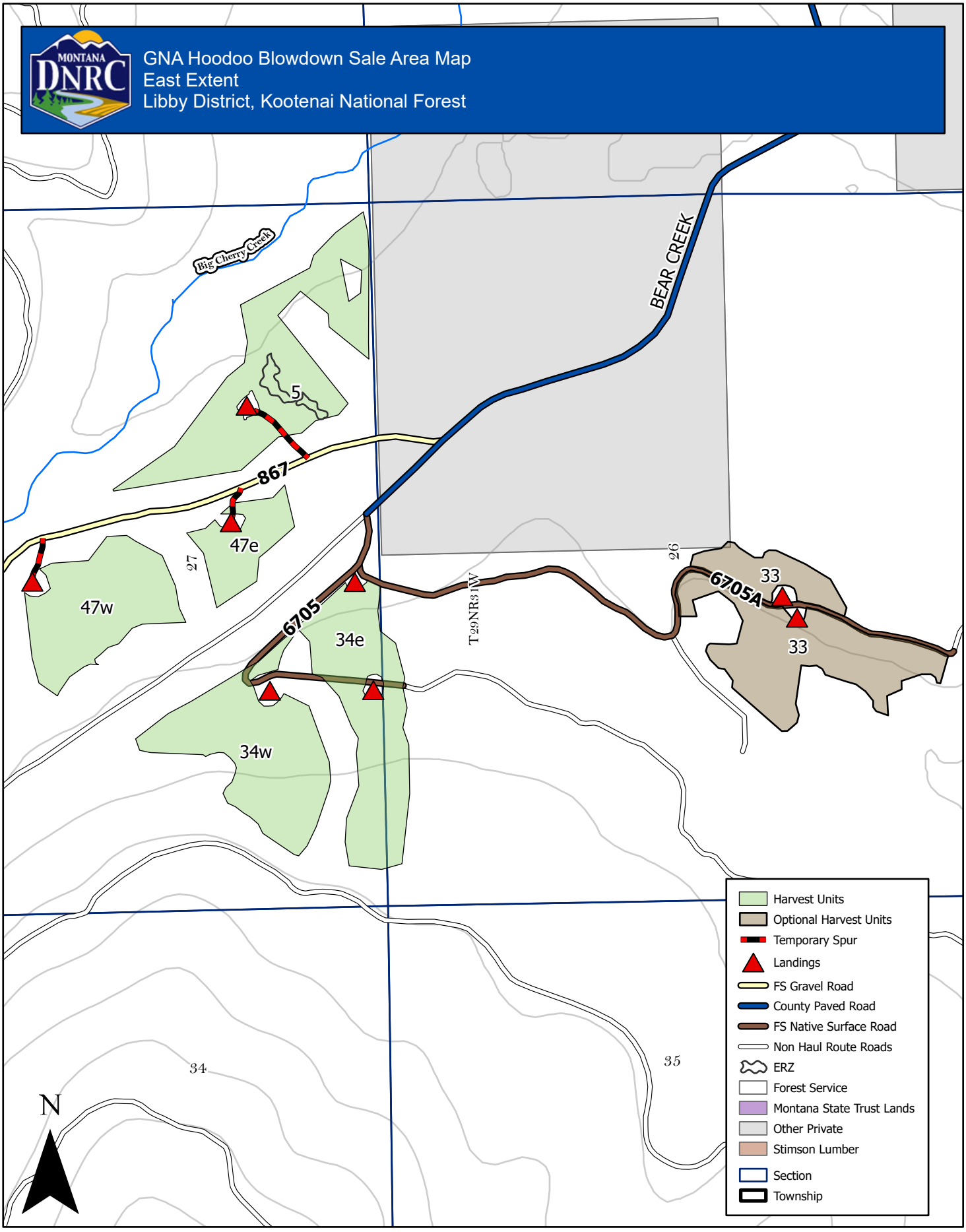
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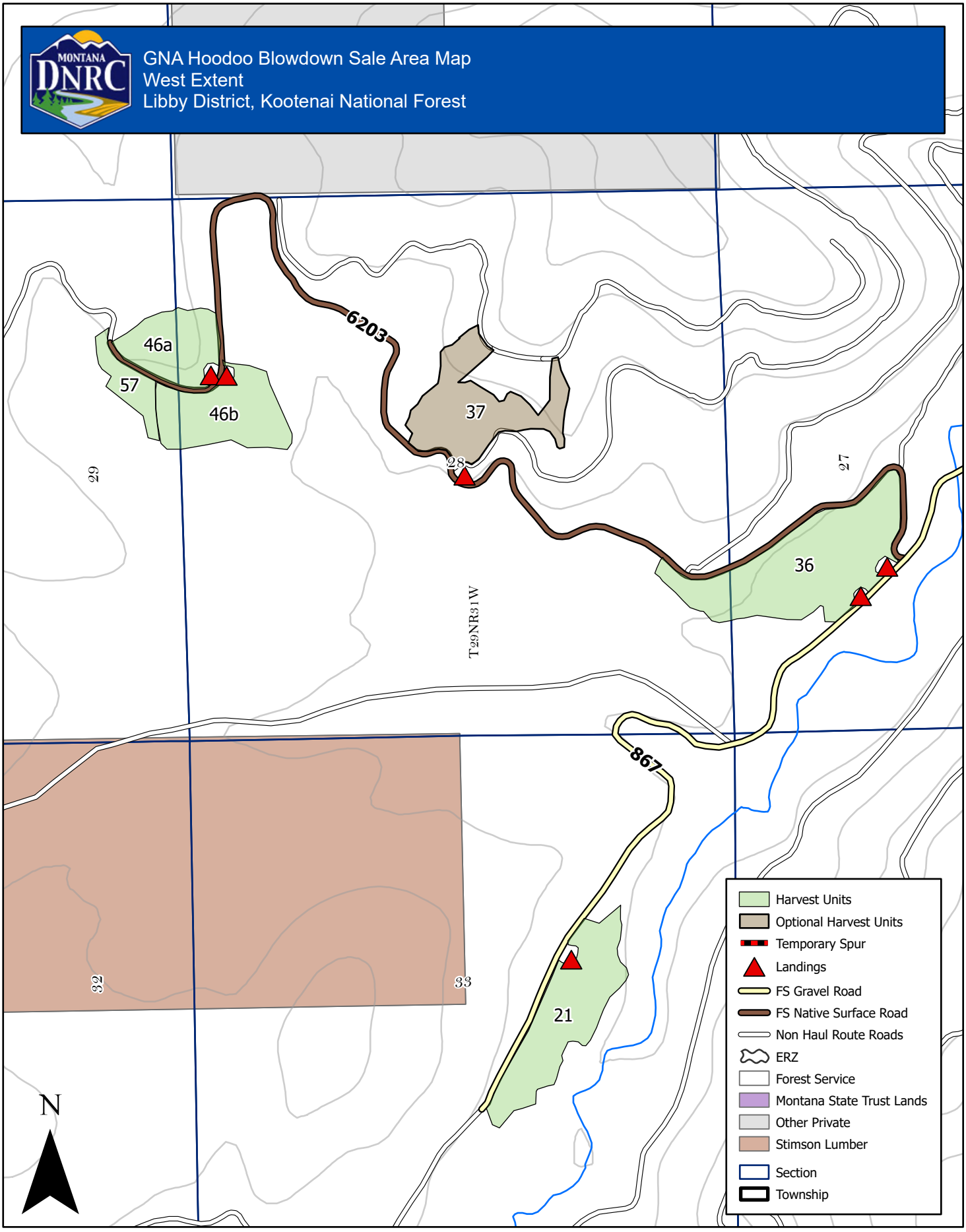


Spatial Reference: NAD 1983 StatePlane Montana


GNA Hoodoo Blowdown Sale Area Map
Full Extent
Libby District, Kootenai National Forest
MONTANA DNRC
Big Cherry Creek
T29NR31W
T28NR31W
6203
6705
6705A
867
46a
46b
57
37
36
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47e
47w
34e
34w
33
21
Harvest Units
Optional Harvest Units
Landings
FS Gravel Road
County Paved Road
FS Native Surface Road
Non Haul Route Roads
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Forest Service
Montana State Trust Lands
Other Private
Stimson Lumber
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Miles
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GNA Hoodoo Blowdown Sale Area Map
Haul & Roadwork Map
Libby District, Kootenai National Forest
Bear Creek Road
TS-5
TS-47E
TS-47W
6203
6705
6705A
867
Double N Lake
Big Cherry Creek
T29NR31W
T29NR30W
T28NR31W
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