

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Diamond City timber sale is located within sections 22, and 23 of T10N – R2E on the Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest. Approximately 7,466 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 August 30th 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 **\$2,986.00** 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) or the DNRC Central Land Office (406-458-3500).

Visit our website at for upcoming sales and bid results.

<https://gna-mtdnrc.hub.arcgis.com/pages/currently-advertised-timber-sales>

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

Timber Sale Name: GNA Diamond City			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-502-8480	Scott MacDonald	GNA Forester, DNRC Central Land Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	GNA Bureau	DNRC Forestry Division Headquarters, Missoula, MT

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. 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. The Timber sale was cruised and compiled using DNRC procedures and computer programs.
6. **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.
7. **OPERATING PERIOD:** Operating period is limited to periods when soil moisture is dry, the ground is frozen or snow covered to minimize compaction, displacement, or erosion (see Section VII.M.1 a-c and VII.M.2) and when conditions meet VII.M.1 and VII.M.2. **Logging activities including hauling will not occur during the first 2 weeks of big game rifle hunting season (approximately October 15th – October 29th). Logging activities except for hauling will not occur during the winter (December 1-May 15).**
8. **Unit 6 is an Optional Unit** subject to agreement. Unit 6 will require mandatory use of a skyline logging systems to adverse skid cut material. The unit is south of the temp road T003 detailed in Attachment A. Harvesting and yarding methods will be subject to agreement in this optional unit as described in timber harvest contract clause VII.G.1 and G.2. The sawlog and other material stumpage rate to be paid by the Purchaser for Unit 6 will be the same as bid for mandatory units described in Table 1 of the harvest contract.
9. A SPA 124 Permit has been applied for and is waiting for completion for the ford stream crossing on Confederate Gulch.
10. Electronic GPS compatible maps are available by contacting Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov or (406) 502-8480.
11. **An optional pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on 8/15/2024 at 0800. Road access to the sale is otherwise restricted by a gate closure.** We will meet at the Confederate Creek ford towards Jimmys Gulch. From Townsend, MT, travel approximately 15.5 miles North on Hwy 284 to Confederate Gulch Rd. Travel approximately 4.5 miles on Confederate Gulch Rd towards Diamond City. The ford will be on the left. Please RSVP to Scott MacDonald at scott.macdonald@mt.gov by COB 8/13/2024.

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Diamond City												
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												\$8.00
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7		56.0							40.0	
Estimated CF		326058.1		3204.7							39448.8	368,712 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		6945.7		185.5							1569.8	8,701 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		8780		62							464	9,306 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		190		4							21	214 tons
Gross MBF		1110		12							122	1,244 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		12.8		31.6							41.4	15.8%
Net MBF		968		8							72	1,048 MBF
Average logs per MBF		32.0		56.7							58.3	34.0 logs/MBF
Average DBH		11.5		9.1							10.2	11.3 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												40 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												4.5 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												126
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	909 and 1,187 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises										13.3%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	9,306 estimated tons / 1,048 Net MBF											8.88 tons/MBF

Contract Information		
Contract Termination Date:	10/15/2028	
Operating Period:	May 16 - October 14 and October 30- November 30 (No logging activities October 15- October 29 and no logging activities except for hauling December 1 - May15)	

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)	450 ft.

Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$58,342
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$6.27/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$55.67/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$0

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Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	107.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	7.5 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 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

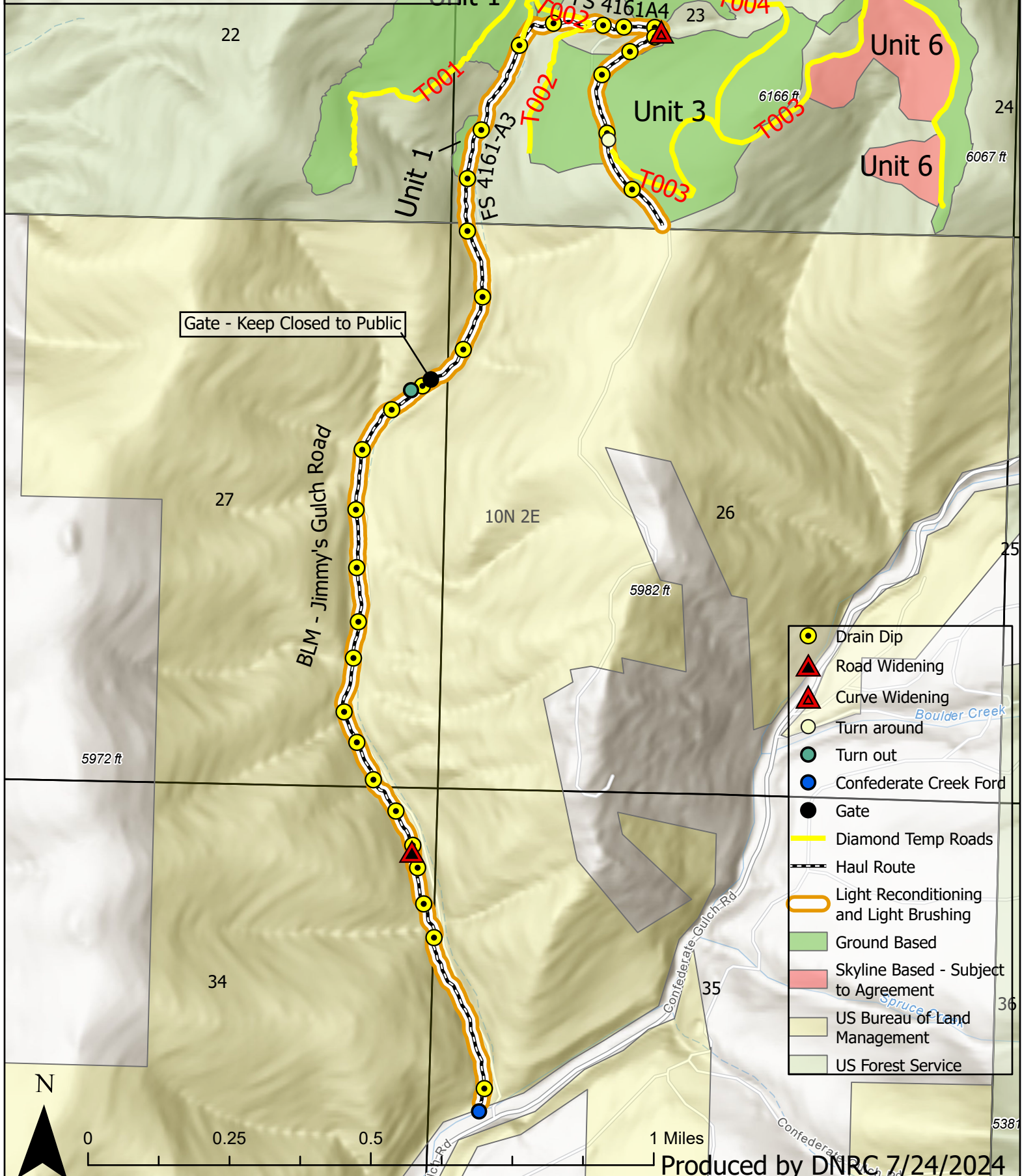
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Private road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
USFS road maintenance charges per ton	\$0.00/ton
Miles of road construction	0.0 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	0.0 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	69.65	1976	223	
2	36.97	1327	149	
3	71.41	2858	322	
6	28.92	1840	207	
7	25.81	1304	147	
	233 Ac.	9,306 tons	1,048 MBF	

Attachment A-4 Road Construction
Reference Map

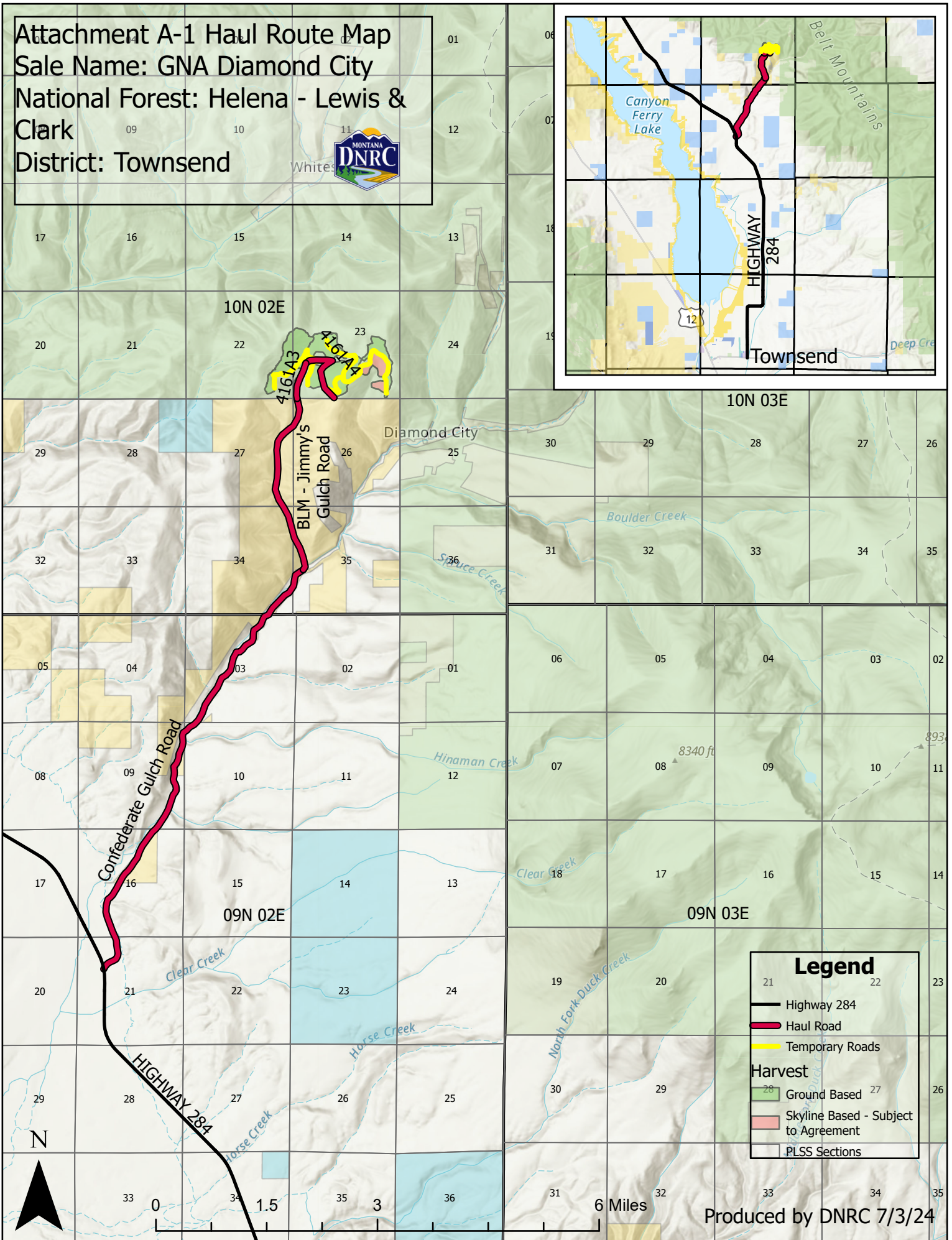
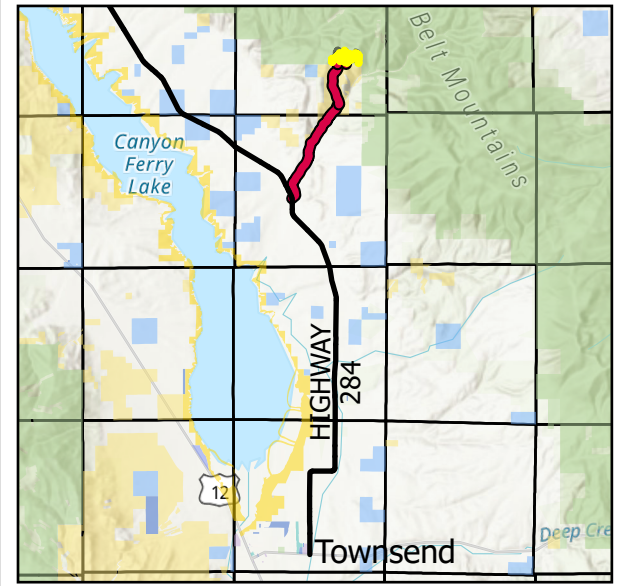


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- Drain Dip
- Road Widening
- Curve Widening
- Turn around
- Turn out
- Confederate Creek Ford
- Gate
- Diamond Temp Roads
- Haul Route
- Light Reconditioning and Light Brushing
- Ground Based
- Skyline Based - Subject to Agreement
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service

Attachment A-1 Haul Route Map
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Legend

- Highway 284
- Haul Road
- Temporary Roads

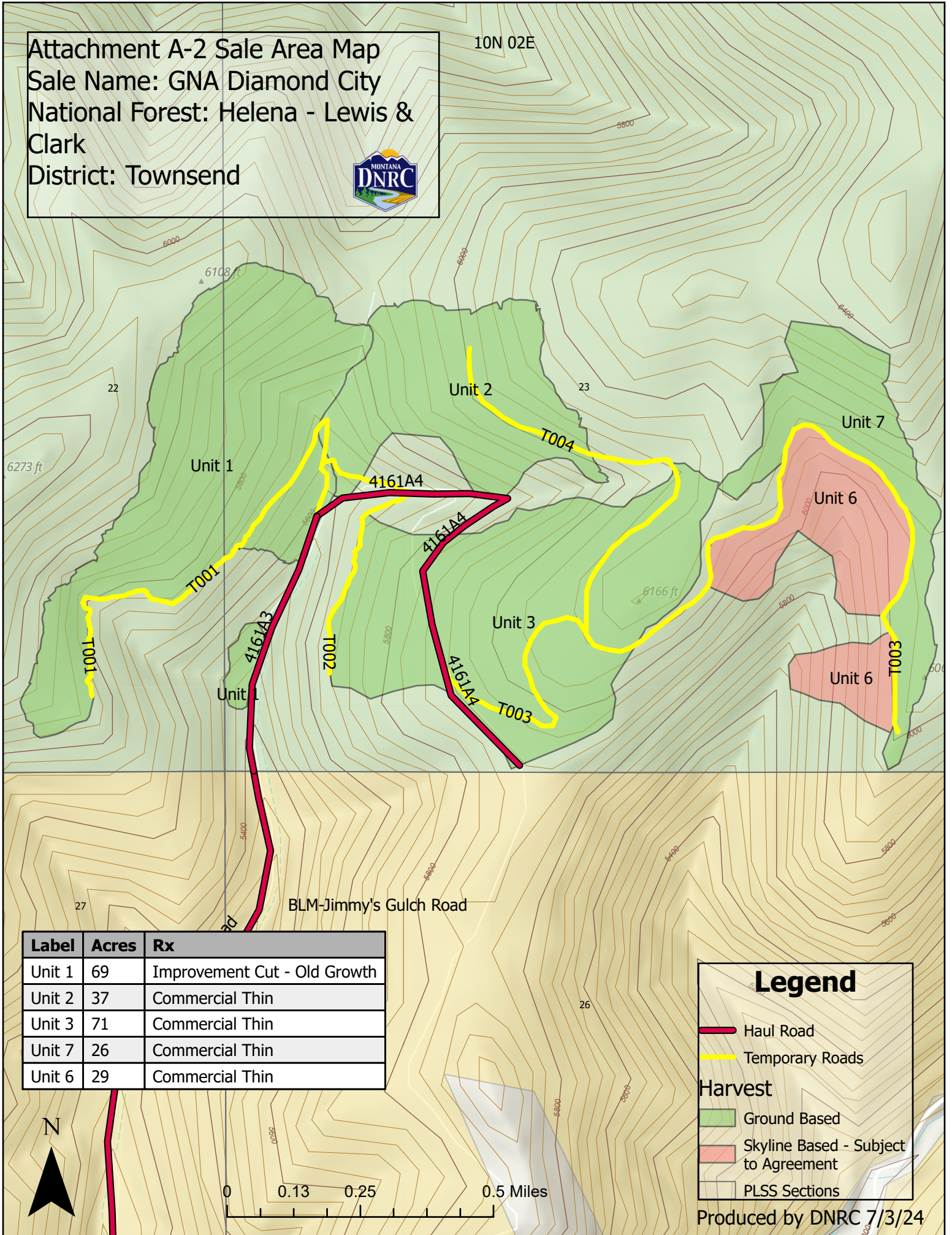
Harvest

- Ground Based
- Skyline Based - Subject to Agreement
- PLSS Sections

Attachment A-2 Sale Area Map
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Label	Acres	Rx
Unit 1	69	Improvement Cut - Old Growth
Unit 2	37	Commercial Thin
Unit 3	71	Commercial Thin
Unit 7	26	Commercial Thin
Unit 6	29	Commercial Thin

Legend

- Haul Road
- Temporary Roads

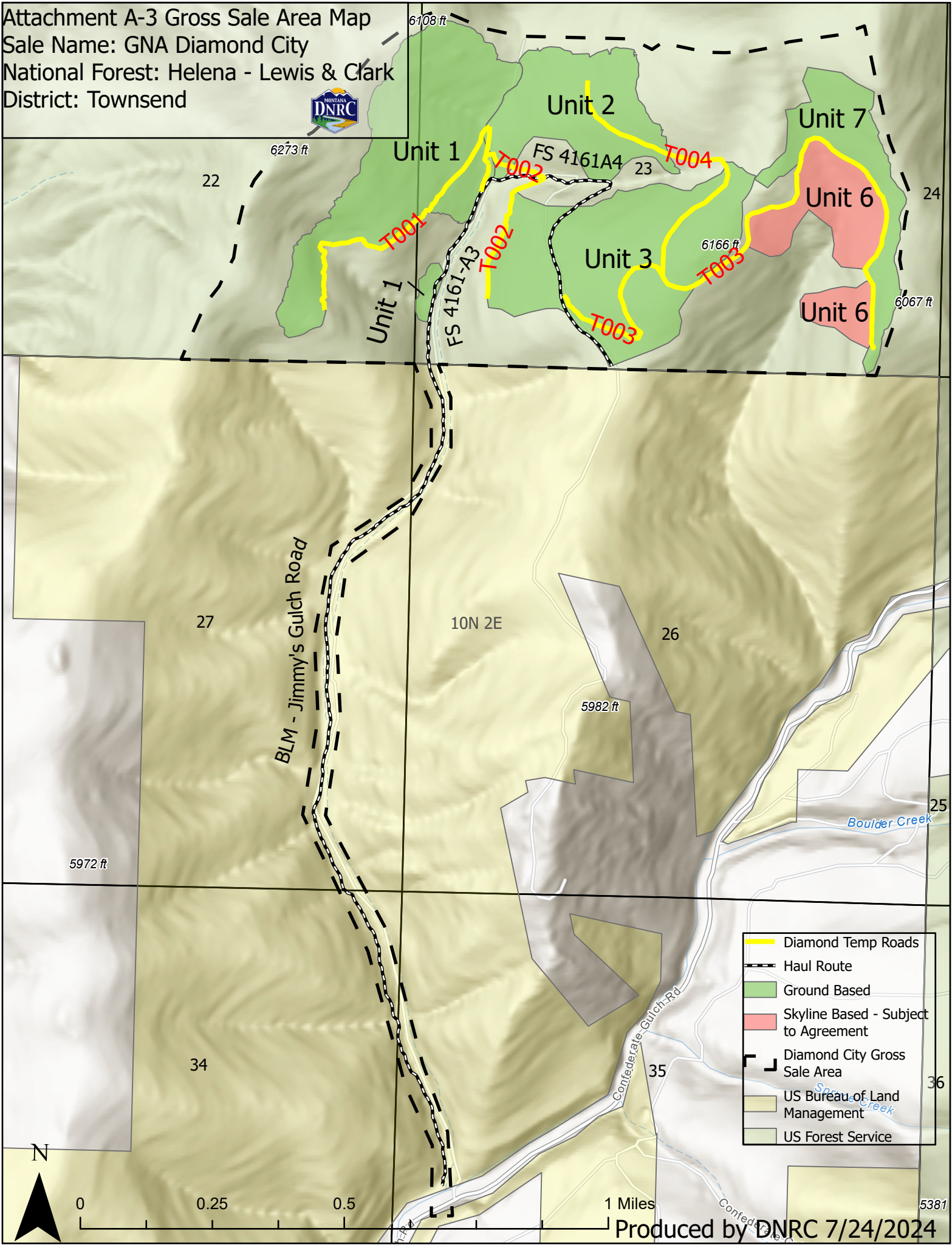
Harvest

- Ground Based
- Skyline Based - Subject to Agreement
- PLSS Sections



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Attachment A-3 Gross Sale Area Map
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- Diamond Temp Roads
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- Diamond City Gross Sale Area
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