

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Cherry Creek timber sale is located within sections 20, 26, 27, and 28 of T21N – R17W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 11,655 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 March 12th 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 **\$7,844.00** 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 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

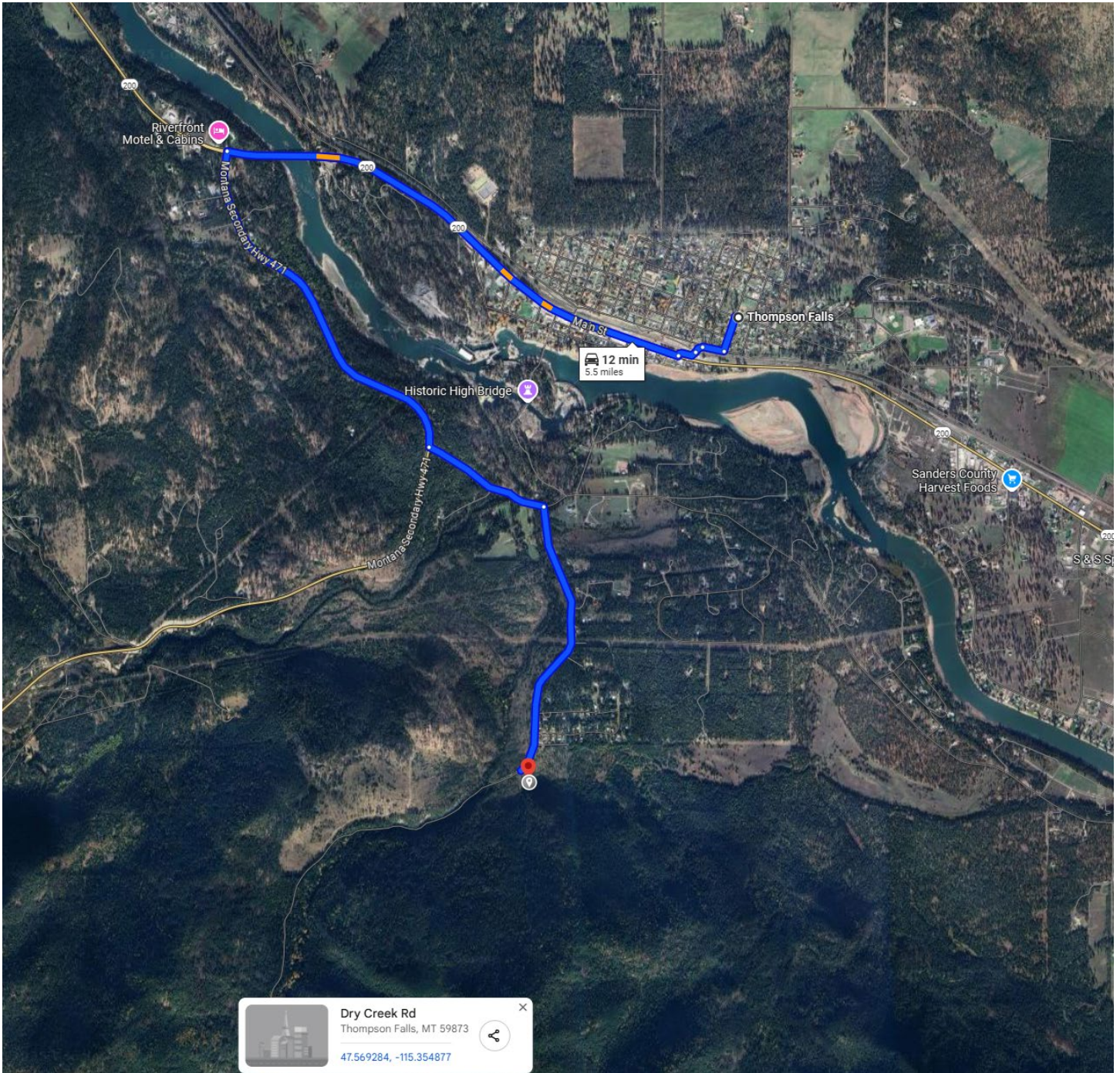
Timber Sale Name: GNA Cherry Creek			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-721-1467	Brian Williams	DNRC Southwest Land Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forestry Division	DNRC Missoula Office

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:

- This hazardous fuel reduction project 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 this is one of the first Good Neighbor Timber Sales in Montana, 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.
- 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.
- **Access:** Access to all units is permitted through private property. The MT DNRC has obtained all necessary permits for access to project area. Prior to award all site visits must be coordinated by the DNRC
- **Removal of Other Material:** Treatment of other material, >4" DBH and not meeting sawlog specifications, is required in all mechanically harvested units. See contract for more information.
- **Optional unit:** Unit 4a 6-acre cable unit.
- **Designation by Prescription:** Operator will be responsible for selecting leave trees based on the prescription. See contract for more details.
- **Contract Duration:** The Cherry Creek Fuels Reduction project aims to decrease the risk of wildfire to communities; decrease the potential for high intensity wildfire; and increase forest resistance to wildfire, insects, and disease. Residents of the adjacent Cherry Creek subdivision and collaborative groups are in support of the project and have asked the Forest Service to implement the project to address safety concerns. To promptly address these concerns, this contract has a 1.5-year life span, terminating 10/15/26.
- A pre-bid tour of the sale area will be held on 02-26-25 at 0900. We will meet just past the end of the pavement on Dry Creek road, 5.5 miles from Thompson Falls MT. To get there, take Prospect Creek Road (HWY 471) 1.5 miles to Cherry Creek Road, continue 0.5 miles to Dry Creek road, and follow Dry Creek for 1 mile. Once you reach the gravel, we will be meeting in the parking area on the east side of the road. **lat 47.569284 long - 115.354877**. Please RSVP to Aaron Kim at aaron.kim@mt.gov or Brian Williams brian.williams@mt.gov by COB 2-17-2025. **Prior to award all site visits must be coordinated by the DNRC**



Dry Creek Rd
Thompson Falls, MT 59873
47.569284, -115.354877

GNA Cherry Creek												
Timber Sale Cruise Data (Scribner 5.6" top DIB, Filter: All All Cut)												
	PP	DF	WL	LP	ES	GF	RC	AF	WP	WH	Dead	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Bid per ton												\$13.47
Pounds per cubic foot		61.7	58.3	56.0		60.0	44.0				40.0	
Estimated CF		330856.7	12445.7	9244.4		70484.2	1883.0				116248.2	541,162 CF
Estimated CF of non-sawlog material		4913.1	280.7	434.4		2130.8	2.7				662.8	8,424 CF
Estimated tons of sawlogs		9158	322	233		1867	39				36	11,647 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material		135	7	11		57	0				0	210 tons
Gross MBF		1614	59	38		326	11				632	2,679 MBF
% Cull and Breakage		10.3	11.4	9.9		12.0	7.0				98.5	31.3%
Net MBF		1448	52	34		287	10				9	1,841 MBF
Average logs per MBF		20.1	22.9	30.7		23.0	5.9				16.6	20.7 logs/MBF
Average DBH		12.5	11.3	9.6		10.5	31.0				16.2	12.5 in.
Average tons to cut per acre												52 tons/ac
Average MBF to cut per acre												8.2 MBF/ac
Total Average TPA Cut												93
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between			1,587									and 2,096 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises
												13.8%
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet												
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet												6.33 tons/MBF

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	10/15/2026
Operating Period:	Dry or Frozen

Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	25%
% of volume logged with tractors	96%
% of volume logged by skyline	04%
% of volume logged by other system (specify)	00%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	1000 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	400 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	0 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	15.0 miles
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	3.0 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	\$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	\$0
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$0.00/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$0.00/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$49,000
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 Temp road construction	0.7 miles
Miles of road reconstruction	0.0 miles
Miles of road with site improvements	0.0 miles
Miles of Temp road reclamation	0.7 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	4.3 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
C01	55.48	2976	470	September 1, 2026
C06	142.15	7572	1196	September 1, 2026
C04	26.48	1107	175	September 1, 2026
	224 Ac.	11,647 tons	1,841 MBF	



<h1>GNA Cherry Creek Vicinity Map</h1>	
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<p>Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Montana FIPS 2500</p>	

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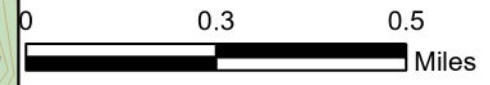
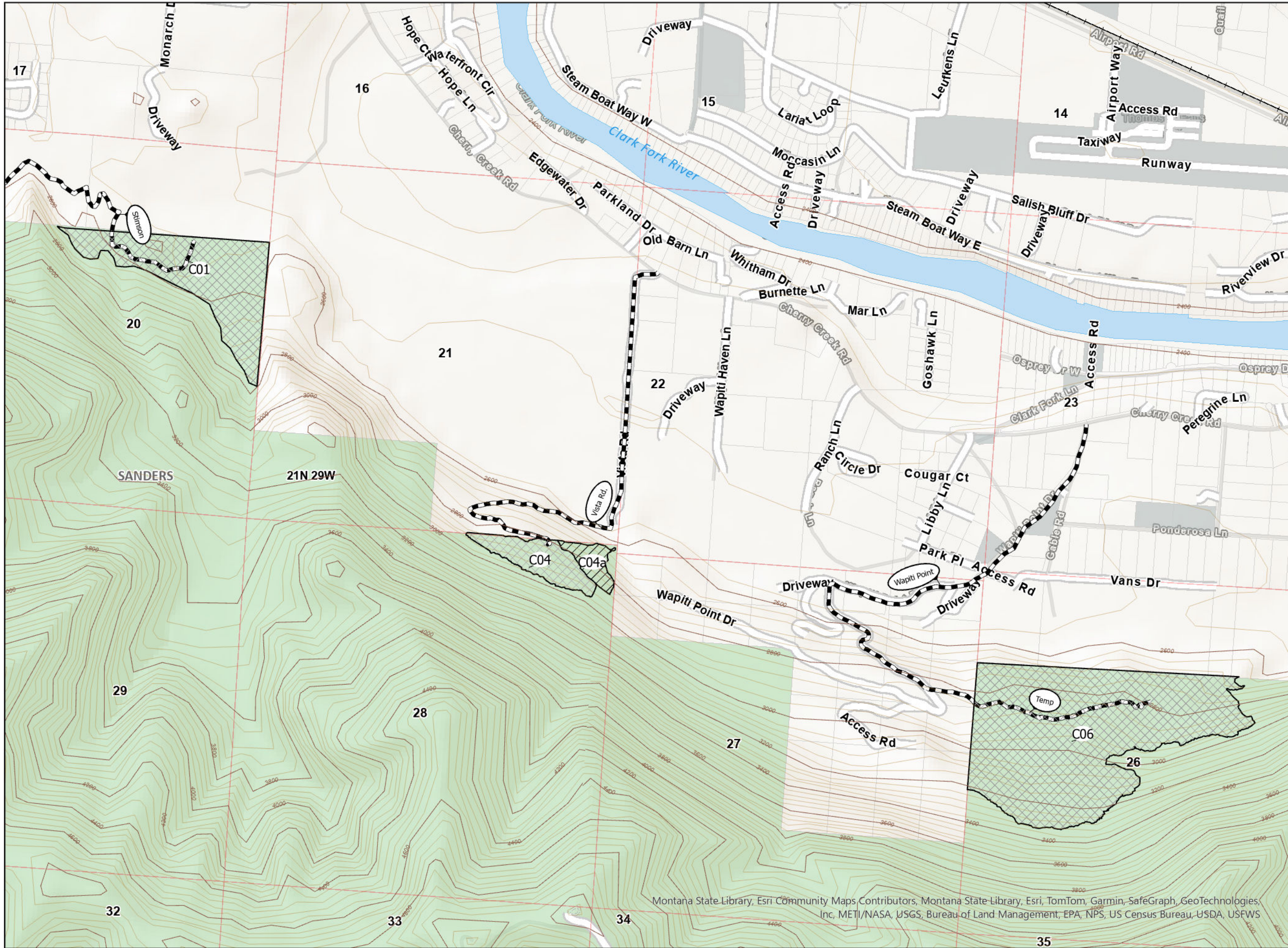
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Cutting Units 224 Acres



- C01 55 acres
- C04 16 acres
- C04a 6 acres Cable
- C06 147 acres
- Haul Route



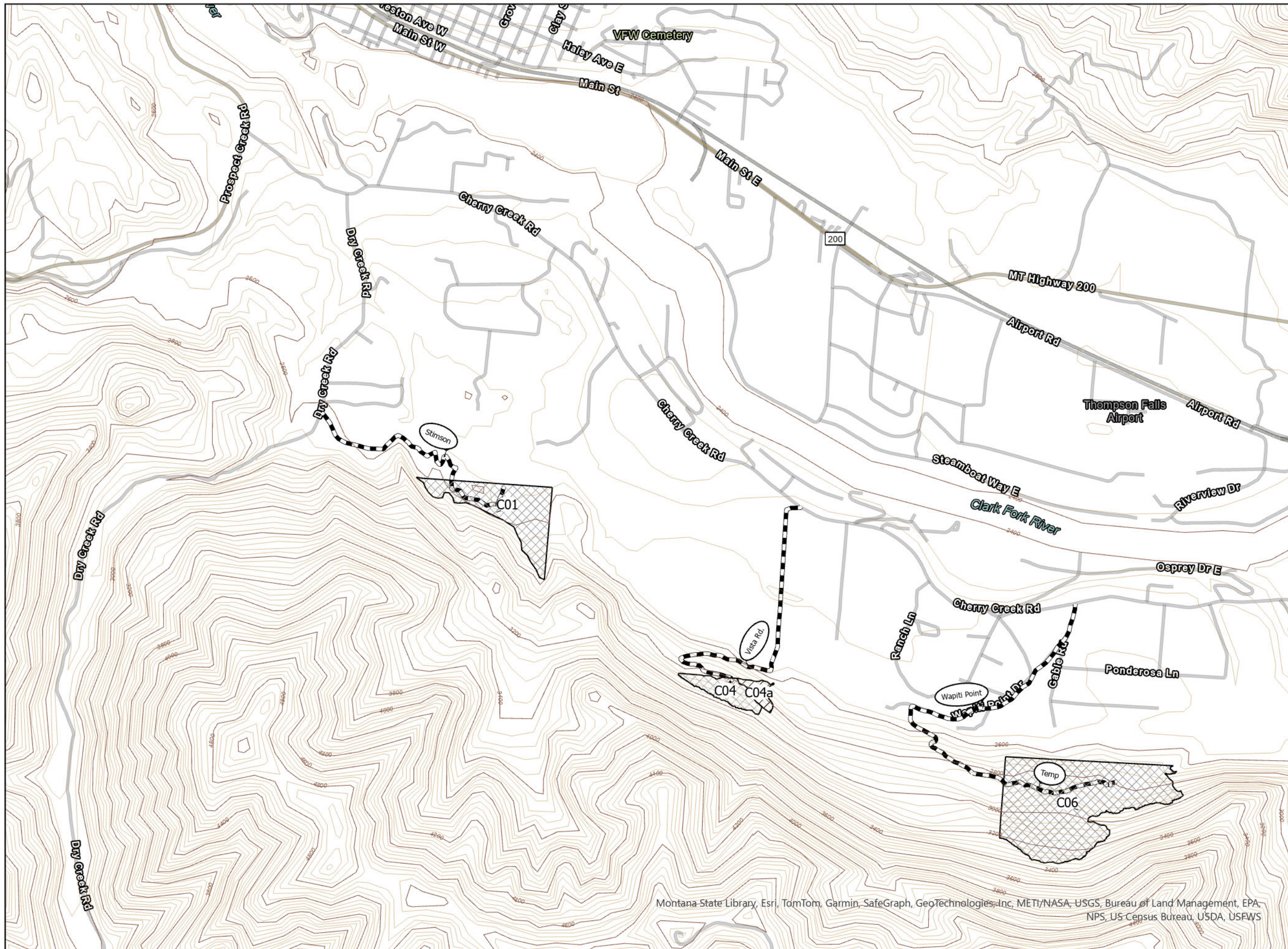
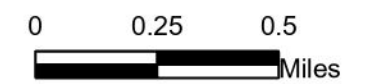
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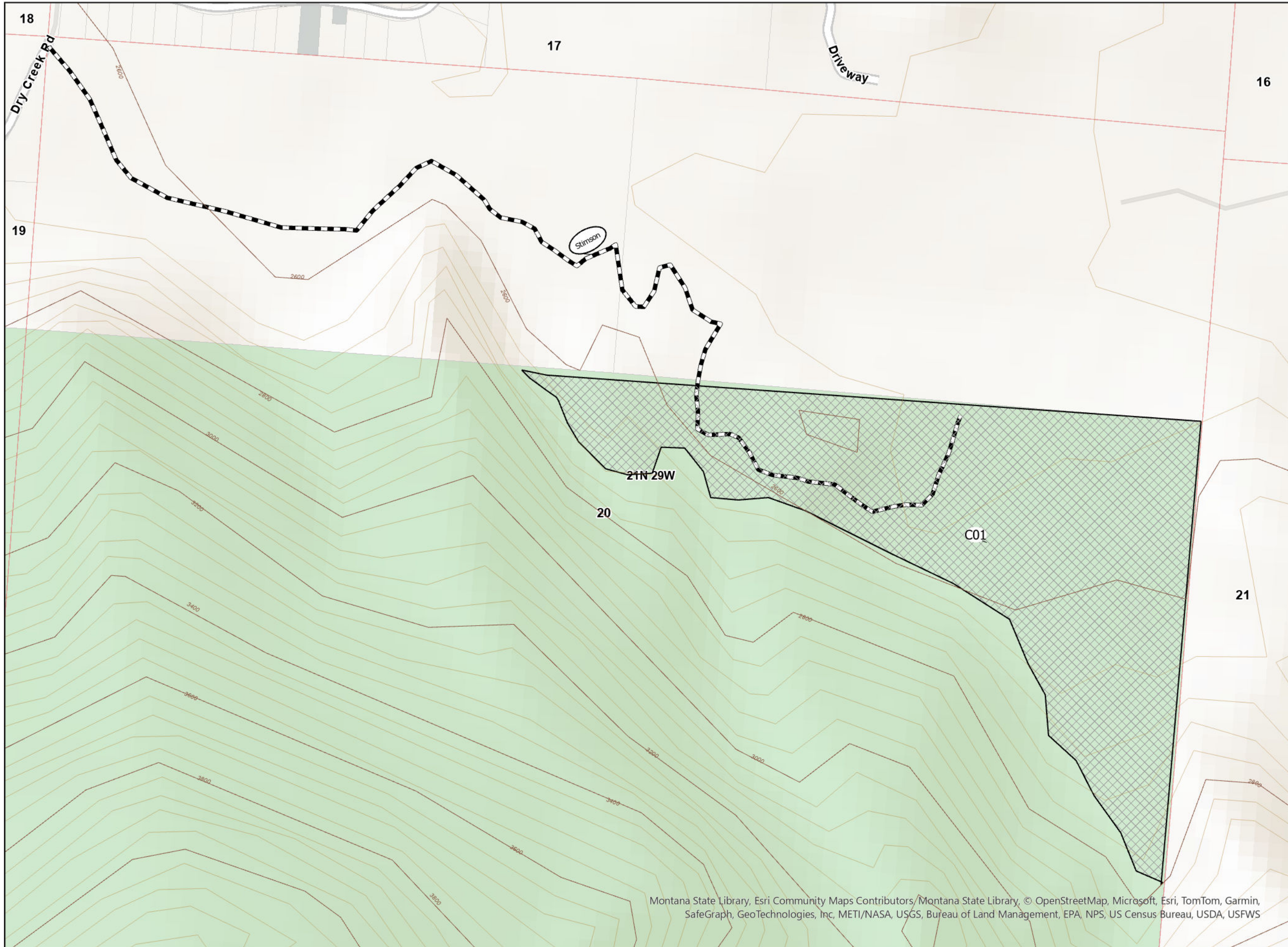
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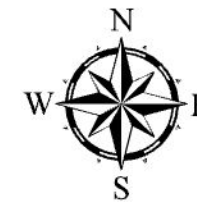
Road	Miles
Stimson	1.2
Temp	0.7
Wapiti Point	1.4
Vista Rd.	1.7








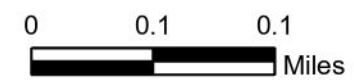


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Unit C01








-  C01 55 acres
-  C04 16 acres
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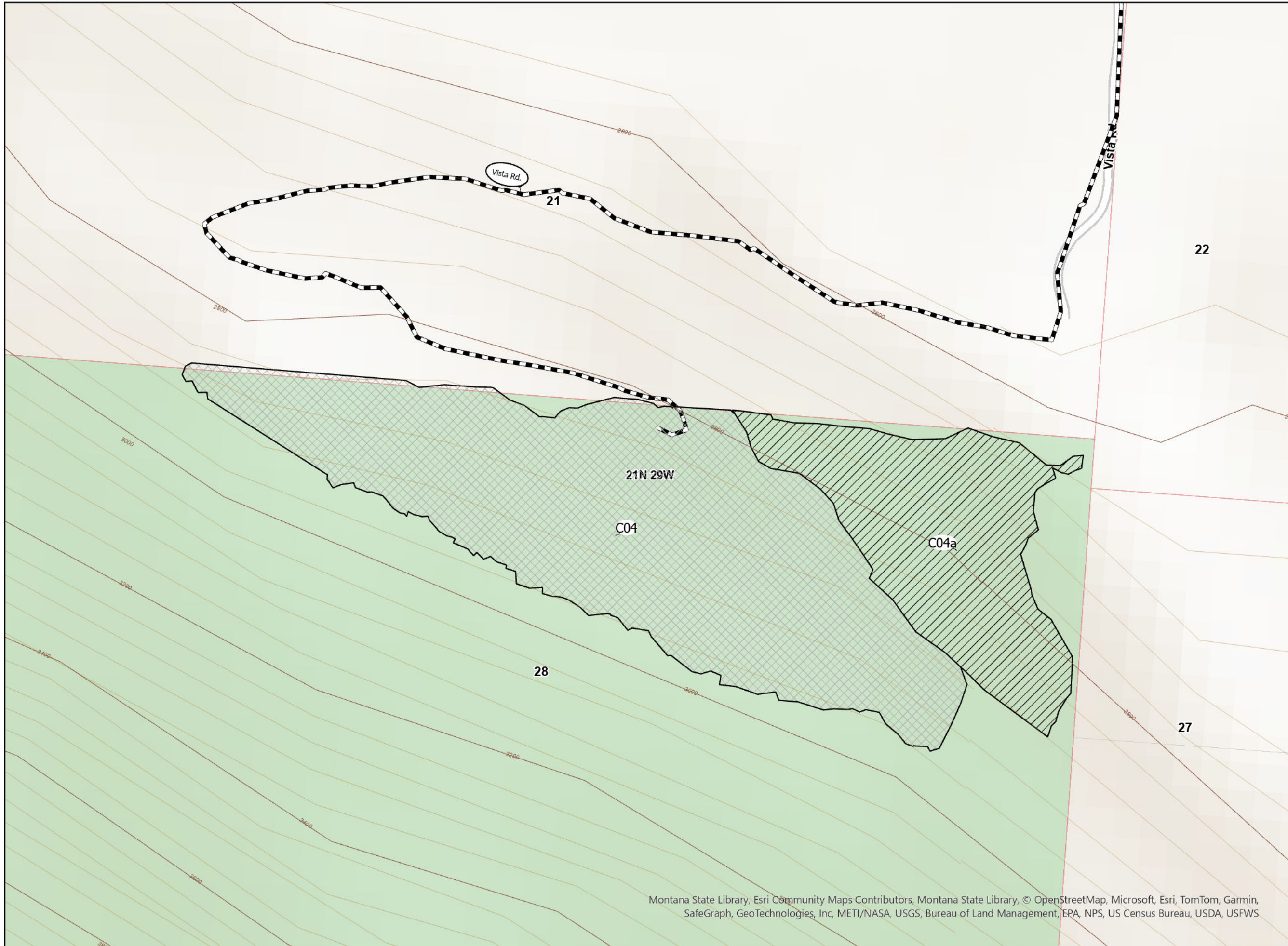


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Units C04 and C04a








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-  C04 16 acres
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Unit C06



-  C01 55 acres
-  C04 16 acres
-  C04a 6 acres Cable
-  C06 147 acres
-  Haul Route

