

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The GNA Sorrel Springs timber sale is located within section 20 of T15N – R21W on the Lolo National Forest. Approximately 7,790 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 **November 30th, 2022, 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 **\$5,000.00** 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://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 Sorrel Springs			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-360-2055	Nate Arno	
	406-542-5877		Unit: Southwestern Land Office
Email	Nathan.arno@mt.gov		
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:

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. In-Woods Processing and Log Forwarding Required: The purchaser will be required to use a log forwarder or other approved method to fully suspend and carry harvested products out of the unit to the landing area on the adjacent state property. See decking area map in Attachment A of the contract. Slash residue will be placed on trails to reduce soil disturbance.
4. Machine Piling is Required: The purchaser is required to pile all pre-existing and harvest related fuels after slashing requirements have been met. See contract for more information.
5. Removal of Other Material Required: The purchaser is required to cut and remove all designated material including dead and down that does not meet sawlog specifications. Hauling of other material is required. See contract for more information.
6. Borate Application Required: The purchaser is required to apply borate on all ponderosa pine stumps greater than 12" See contract for more information.
7. Dust Abatement Required: Approx. 0.8 miles of the Roman Creek Road will require one application of Magnesium Chloride if hauling is planned through the summer months. Dust control on the State Road through water application may be required during summer hauling period as determined by the forest officer.
8. Final Weed Spray Required: One application of herbicide is required post-harvest along the entire haul route beginning at MP 0.8 on the Roman Creek Road and ending at the end of the State Road. 3.63 Miles Total.
9. **A pre-bid tour is scheduled for Tuesday November 15th, 2022.** We will meet at Frenchtown Pond State Park at 8:00am. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Nate Arno at (406) 360-2055. **There is no legal access to the sale area. You must attend the pre-bid tour or make other arrangements by contacting Nate Arno.**

Timber Sale Information Sheet
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

GNA Sorrel Springs													
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													\$5.50
Pounds per cubic foot	62.0	61.7									40.0		
Estimated tons of sawlogs	5556	2234									0		7,790 tons
Estimated tons of non-sawlog material	65	31									1714		1,810 tons
Gross MBF	848	351									0		1,200 MBF
% Cull and Breakage	1.8	7.9									0.0		3.6%
Net MBF	833	324									0		1,157 MBF
Average logs per MBF	20.2	20.4									0.0		20.3 logs/MBF
Average DBH	12.9	12.9									0.0		12.9 in.
Average tons to cut per acre	→											53 tons/ac	
Average MBF to cut per acre	→											7.9 MBF/ac	
Total Average TPA Cut	→											71	
Calculated Sampling Error: Total cruised volume will fall between	962 and 1,352 Net MBF in 9 out of 10 cruises											16.8%	
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet													
Conversion Factor - Estimated tons hauled per thousand Scribner board feet	7,790 estimated tons / 1,157 Net MBF											6.73 tons/MBF	

Contract Information	
Contract Termination Date:	11/15/2025
Operating Period:	Dry or winter conditions. See contract for specifics.

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Logging Information	
% of volume logged by clearcut or seed tree cut	00%
% of volume logged with tractors	00%
% of volume logged by skyline	00%
% of volume logged by other system (CTL-Forwarder)	100%
Yarding distance tractor (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance skyline (average)	0 ft.
Yarding distance other system (specify)	2500 ft.
Estimated haul distance (paved)	68 (PML)
Estimated haul distance (unpaved)	4.4 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	\$29,600.00
Estimated Purchaser-do slash disposal work per ton	\$3.80/ton

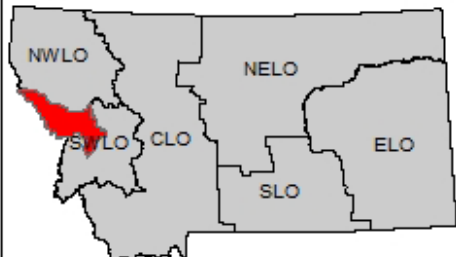
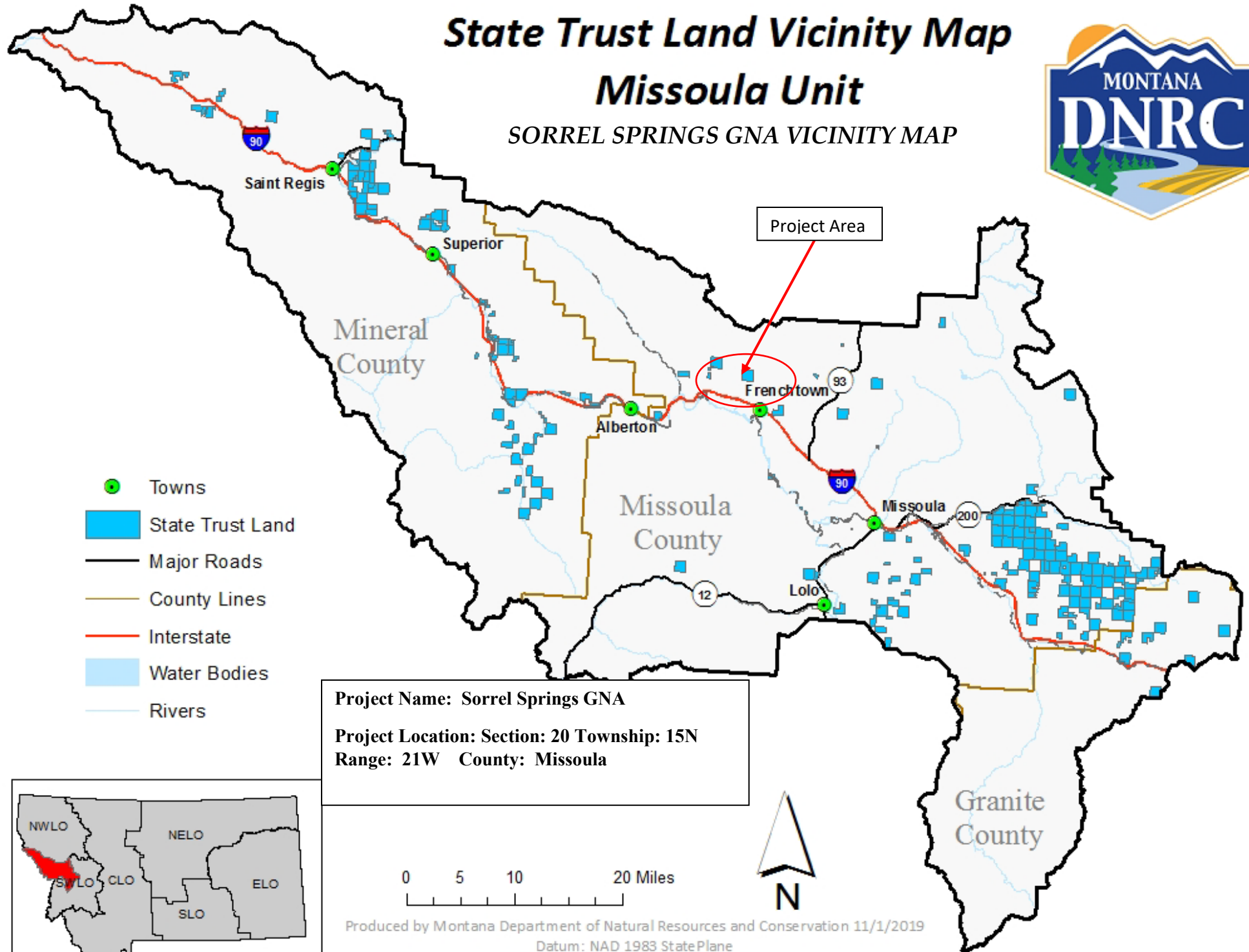
Road development and maintenance fees and estimates	
Estimated road development cost total	\$10,244
Estimated road development cost per ton	\$1.32/ton
Estimated road development cost perMBF	\$8.85/MBF
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost total	\$4,070
Estimated Purchaser-do road maintenance cost per ton	\$0.52/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	4.4 miles
Miles of road reclamation or abandonment	0.0 miles
Miles of road maintenance and blading	4.4 miles

Unit harvest volume				
Unit #	Acres	Est Tons	Est MBF	Harvest Deadline
1	148.00	7790	1157	Nov. 30, 2024

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

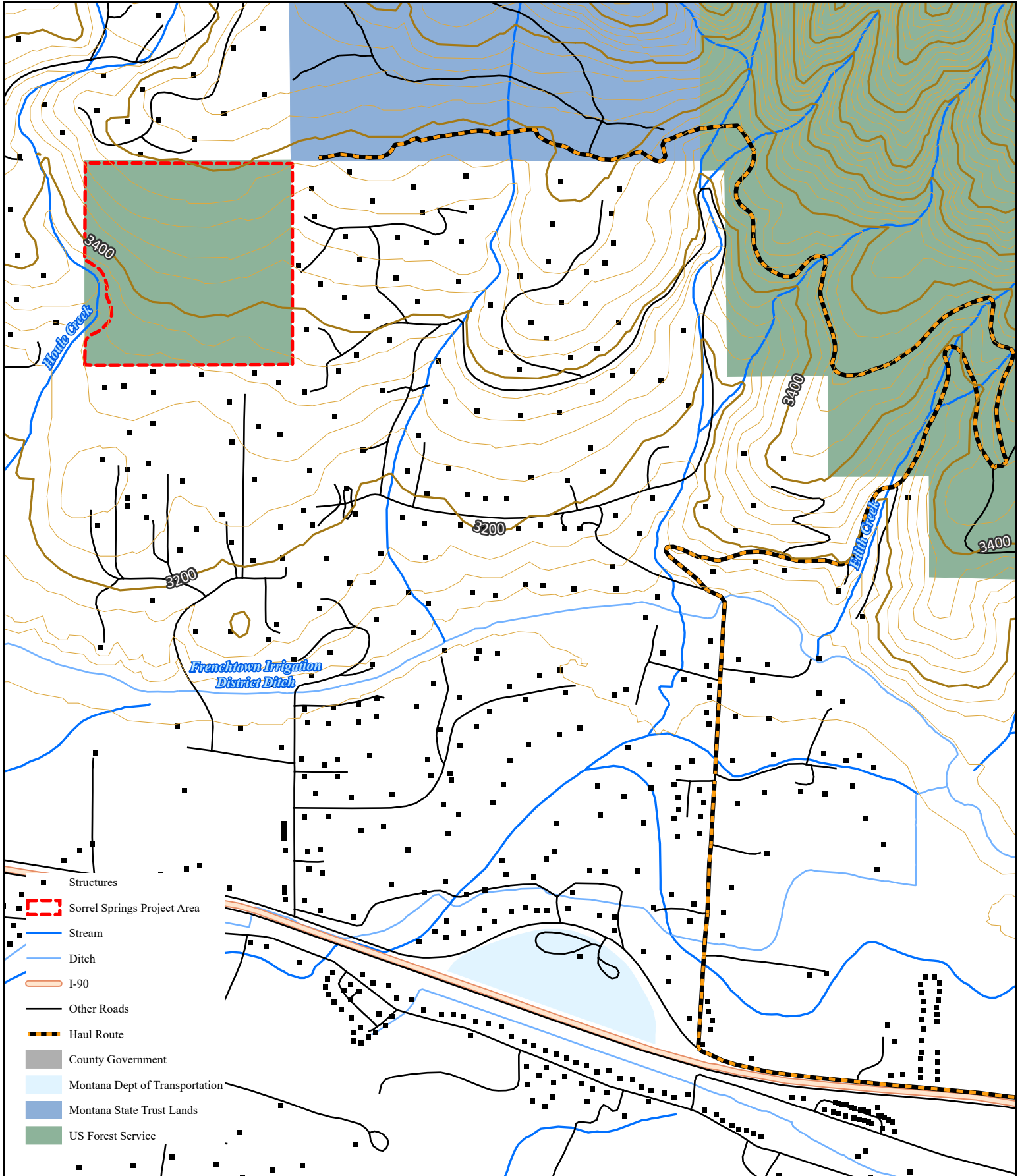
Missoula Unit

SORREL SPRINGS GNA VICINITY MAP

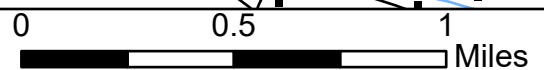




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Andy Moffett
7/8/2021





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Forwarder Trail

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State of Montana

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Belker

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USFS



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