

LEGAL NOTICE

TIMBER FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ORAL AUCTION as hereinafter designated will be received by the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, Washington 99212, at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2011 for all timber marked or designated for cutting. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids, including appraised prices per species, should be obtained from above District Manager. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this advertisement and to reject any or all bids. The United States reserves the right to waive any informality in bids received whenever such waiver is in the interest of the United States. This sale notice, first published on November 30, 2011 constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests and appeals, under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. Protests of any sale listed below must be filed within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. IN STEVENS COUNTY: WASHINGTON: PUBLIC LANDS: ORAL AUCTION: All timber designated for cutting on certain Federal lands in Section 22, 31 N., 39 E., Will. Mer., estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 820 MBF. No written bid for less than \$75,296.40 will be considered. Minimum deposit with written bid \$7,600.00.

/S/ Stephen A. Smith
Stephen A. Smith
Acting Field Manager, Border Field Office

11/23/2011
Date

**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
for Lane Mountain Forest Health Project
#OR135-11-DNA-006**

Note: The signed “Conclusion” at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM’s internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

A. **Spokane BLM District, Border Field Office**
BPS No. 55542

Proposed Action Title/Type: Forest Health Project

Location of Proposed Action: T. 31 N., R. 39 E., Section 22

Description of the Proposed Action:

Lane Mountain is a Forest Ecosystem Health and Restoration Fund (FEHRF) project for commercial thinning on BLM lands adjacent to the Lane Mountain silica mine north pit located in; T. 31 N., R. 39 E., E1/2, E1/2NW1/4 Sec 22 (BPS #55542). This is within the area analyzed in the Huckleberry Mountain Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA). The goal of this project is consistent with the goals set forth in the EA. The intent is to create healthy tree stands which are able to withstand fire on 189 acres: 111 acres west of the north pit, 80 acres of which have never been harvested; and 78 acres to the south of the pit which was selectively harvested in 1999 (see map).

An understory of advanced regeneration has been established along with dense brush stands in the openings. The result is a highly flammable mix of brush and fuel ladders into the canopy where a crown fire would prove catastrophic to homes and resources. These stands will need to be commercially/pre-commercially thinned with removal of small pre-commercial trees and branches through burning or creation of biomass in the form of chips. Any resultant fires would be slow moving and easy to control. Landing slash piles will be burned by either contract or BLM personnel upon sale completion.

The largest and best trees would remain. Stocking levels would allow for spacing between tree crowns of at least 10 feet. Depending on the size of individual tree crowns, approximately 27 large trees per acre should remain after harvest. No trees 23 inches dbh and over will be harvested. Minimum commercial tree size to be removed is 8 inches dbh. Post harvest stands will have well-spaced trees of all commercial sizes along with advanced regeneration. Biomass would be removed to a processing site or chipped on site and hauled to a utilization center if economical.

Overstocking, annual summer droughts, and prolonged drought periods have weakened trees. These stressed trees are further weakened and die from secondary causes (i.e. insects and disease, see list below). Thinning will enable remaining trees to better withstand insect attack, increase water availability, and allow trees to attain significant growth. Thinning of both canopy levels will reduce overall fuel levels and ladder fuels thus minimizing the threat of a canopy fire and allow the reintroduction of fire as a management tool. Guidelines for Coarse Woody Debris

(CWD) will be followed. They are 5-10 logs, 12-17" x 20' per acre evenly distributed throughout the stand. If there is no CWD on the ground 2, 18" min dbh trees per acre should be left for CWD recruitment. An estimated 1,000 MBF of sawlog volume will be harvested.

Short temporary spur roads will be constructed to access portions of the sale area. Roads will be blocked or recontoured upon sale completion; the method will be dependent on erosion potential. If cut and fill banks are retained, they will be seeded to prevent erosion and overland flow.

Species to be harvested include: grand fir, Douglas-fir, western larch, western redcedar, lodgepole pine and western hemlock. Emphasis will be placed on the thinning and removal of grand fir the species most susceptible to insect/disease attack and mortality.

Prior to the last sale on Lane Mountain, an extensive insect and disease survey was conducted to determine the scale of the problem and need for action (1996). At that time, early seral degredation was rapid. It is still occurring. Surveyed locations of insects and diseases which continue to cause problems are available.

The following is a list of destructive insects and diseases active on Lane Mountain and the Deer Creek drainage:

<i>Armillaria ostoyae</i>	Armillaria root rot
<i>Choristoneura occidentalis</i>	Spruce budworm
<i>Elytroderma deformans</i>	Elytroderma
<i>Arceuthobium campylopodum</i>	Dwarf mistletoe
<i>Ophiostoma wageneri</i>	Black stain root disease
<i>Arceuthobium laricis</i>	Larch mistletoe
<i>Meria laricis</i>	Larch needlecast
<i>Dendroctonus brevicomis</i>	Western pine beetle
<i>Arceuthobium douglasii</i>	Douglas-fir mistletoe
<i>Dendroctonus pseudotsugae</i>	Douglas-fir beetle
<i>Fomes annosus</i>	Annosus root rot
<i>Phellinus weirii</i>	Laminated root rot

Applicant (if any):

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency:

- Spokane District Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Final EIS (August 1985) and its Record of Decision (ROD)/Rangeland Program Summary (May 1987)
- Spokane RMP Plan Amendment/Final EIS (June 1992) and its ROD (December 1992)

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision: Spokane Resource Management Plan Record of Decision (May 1987, page 22) lists the 10,770 acres which comprise the Huckleberry Management unit as available for timber harvest.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- Huckleberry Mountains Programmatic Environmental Assessment – OR135-04-007

Other documentation relevant to the Proposed Action:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species - 1997 Databases
- Washington Natural Heritage - 1998 Database
- Washington Office of Archaeological and Historical Preservation - 2005 Database
- Spokane District 2005 Archaeological Survey Database and files

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Yes**
- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?**

The proposed action is within the range of alternatives identified and analyzed in the Huckleberry Mountains Programmatic Environmental Assessment referenced in Section B.

- 3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?**

Existing analysis is still considered adequate. The new information is not significant regarding the proposed action.

- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA documents continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?**

Methodology and analysis in existing NEPA documents is appropriate for this proposal.

- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA documents? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current**

proposed action?

Yes

- 6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents?**

Yes

- 7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA documents adequate for the current proposed action?**

Yes

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet are identified on the cover sheet of this DNA.

F. Mitigation Measures: None needed

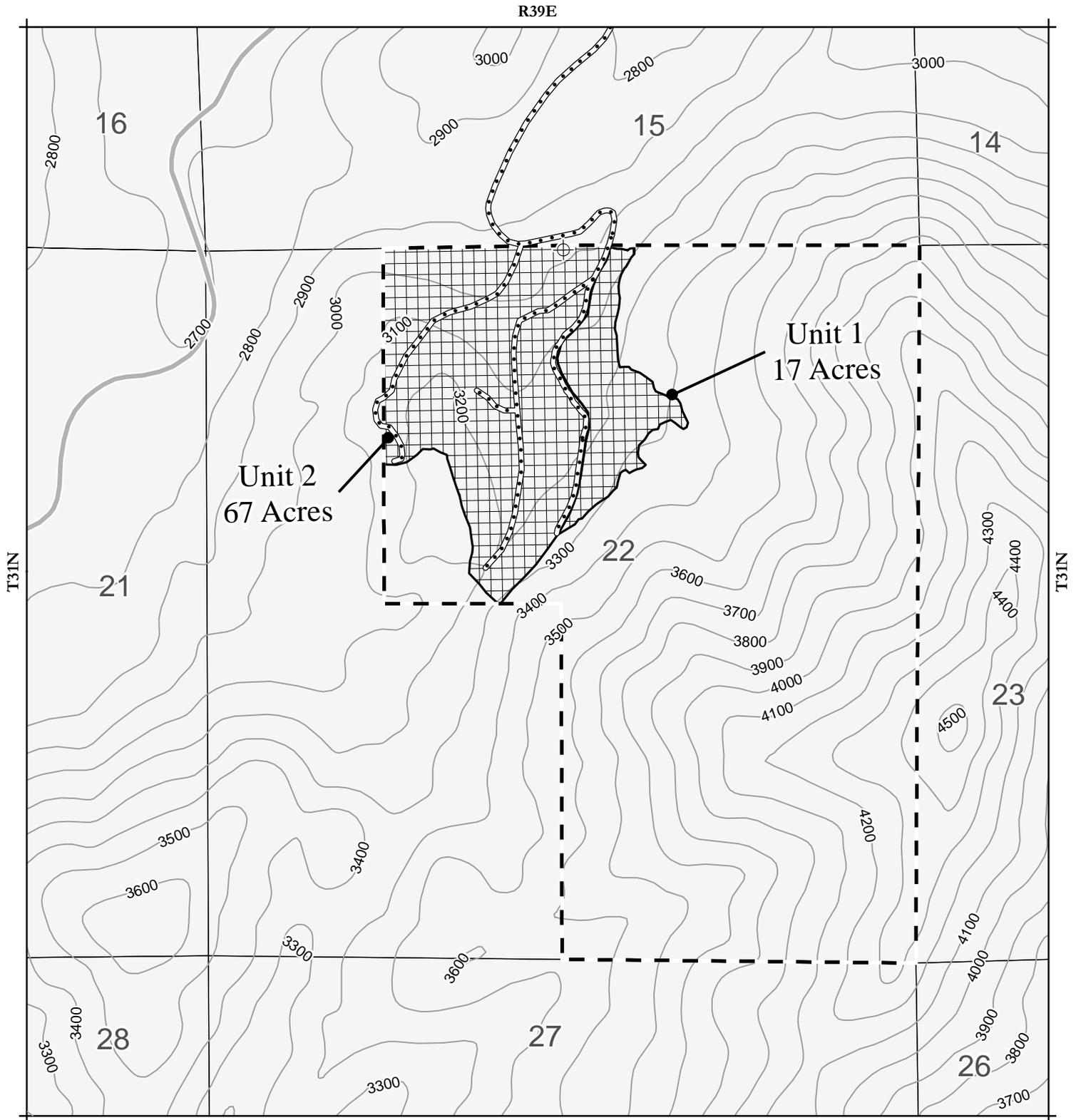
CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

/s/ Steve Smith (acting for)
Scott Pavey, Acting Border Field Manager

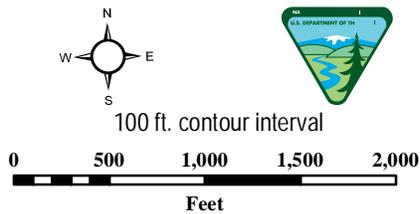
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Lane Mountain Timber Sale - Exhibit A



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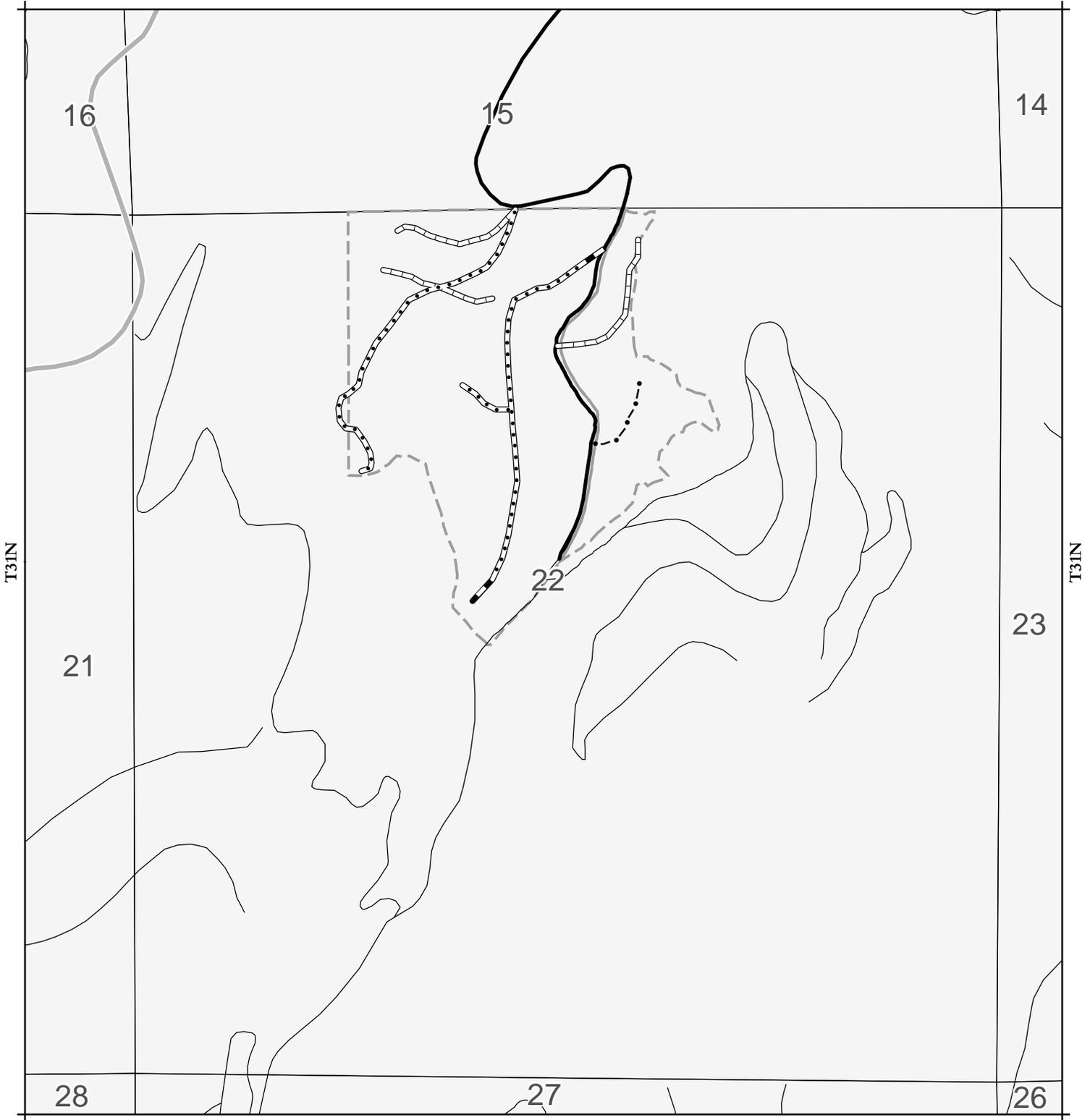
-  Quarter Corner
-  Haul Route
-  County Rd
-  Ground Based Yarding
-  Project Area



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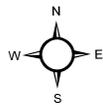
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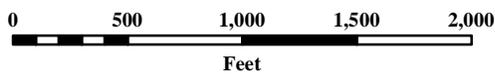


- Other Road
- Haul Route - Existing
- - - Haul Route - Construct
- - - Haul Route - Renovate
- Skid Trail - Construct
- - - Skid Trail - Renovate
- County Rd
- - - Unit Boundary

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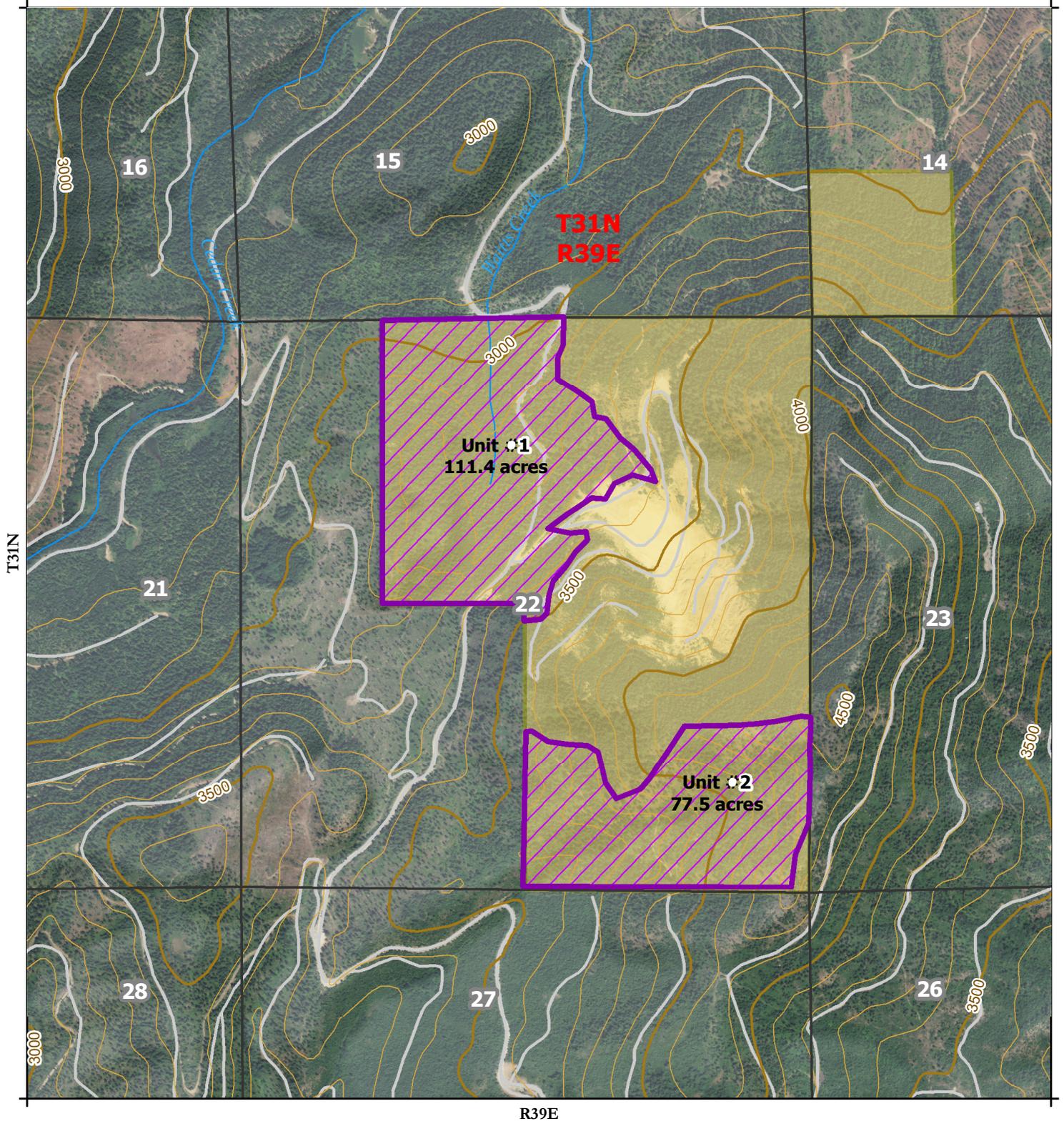


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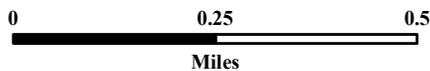


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Lane Mountain Timber Sale



-  Timber Sale Boundary
-  Township
-  Section
-  Road
-  Stream
-  BLM Ownership



-  100' Contour
-  500' Contour



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