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# Project Prospectus

# Downieville Phase II Project

## Yuba River Ranger District – Tahoe National Forest, California

### Introduction

This prospectus is to provide potential bidders with **preliminary** and general project information related to conifer removal and biomass treatments planned for the Downieville Phase II Project located around the community of Downieville, CA, north of State Highway 49, in the Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest.

**Please note:** a significant portion of this project is planned for **helicopter** yarding operations. Alternative methods may be considered in select units, if feasible.

This prospectus also identifies a day and time of a project field tour. Staff from the National Forest Foundation and US Forest Service will be available to answer questions about the project. **Interested parties are encouraged to attend this tour** and further investigate the project before the official Request for Proposals advertisement in winter 2027 (this bidding period is estimated, and the opening date for an official bidding period is not yet determined). The field tour will provide a guided introduction to the area, and help potential bidders better understand ground conditions before the official bidding period opens.

### Field Tour

Meeting day/time: November 18, 2026, at 10:00am.

Meeting location: Downieville USFS Fire Station (10 Smokey Ln, Downieville, CA 95936)

Google Map Location: 10 Smokey Ln - Google Maps

### Project Location

The project is located on the Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest, in Sierra County, CA. The general location of the Downieville Phase II Project is around the town of Downieville, CA, located north of State Highway 49. Please refer to the associated project maps for additional details. Project maps are subject to change prior to the Request for Proposals release.

### Project Details

The Downieville Phase II Project consists of approximately 434 acres of commercial vegetation treatments. Total project acres are comprised of approximately 331 acres of helicopter-based units and 103 acres of tractor-based units. Tree tops will be flown out of helicopter units to landings. Biomass from timber operations will be chipped and hauled from landings. The project will also contain some amount of fuels reduction treatment,

and details will be provided in the official Request for Proposals. Net cruise volume is 3.89 MMBF for all wood products (please refer to the associated cruise summary for details).

Helicopter Units

| **Unit Number** | **Total Acres** |
|---|---|
| 450 | 3.00 |
| 460 | 17.00 |
| 470 | 46.00 |
| 480 | 14.00 |
| 510 | 20.00 |
| 520 | 10.00 |
| 521 | 8.00 |
| 530 | 84.00 |
| 540 | 29.00 |
| 550 | 24.00 |
| 560 | 4.00 |
| 570 | 49.00 |
| 571 | 23.00 |

Tractor Units

| **Unit Number** | **Total Acres** |
|---|---|
| 490 | 36.00 |
| 500 | 67.00 |

Please review the associated project maps for additional details, such as:

- Identified landings
- Identified helicopter service landing
- Helicopter yarding distances and elevation gain
- **Please note:** use of landing and portion of road on the eastern side of the project is contingent upon SPI approval.

**Bidding Process and Award Timeline**

The opening date of an official bidding period is not yet determined. The National Forest Foundation estimates the bid for this project will open in winter 2027.

**Project Operation Period**

This project can begin as soon as conditions allow during the spring of 2027. Units 570 and 571 overlap with a northern goshawk LOP, Limited Operating Period, and activities cannot occur from February 15 through September 15 (please refer to project maps for LOP details). The project is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2027.

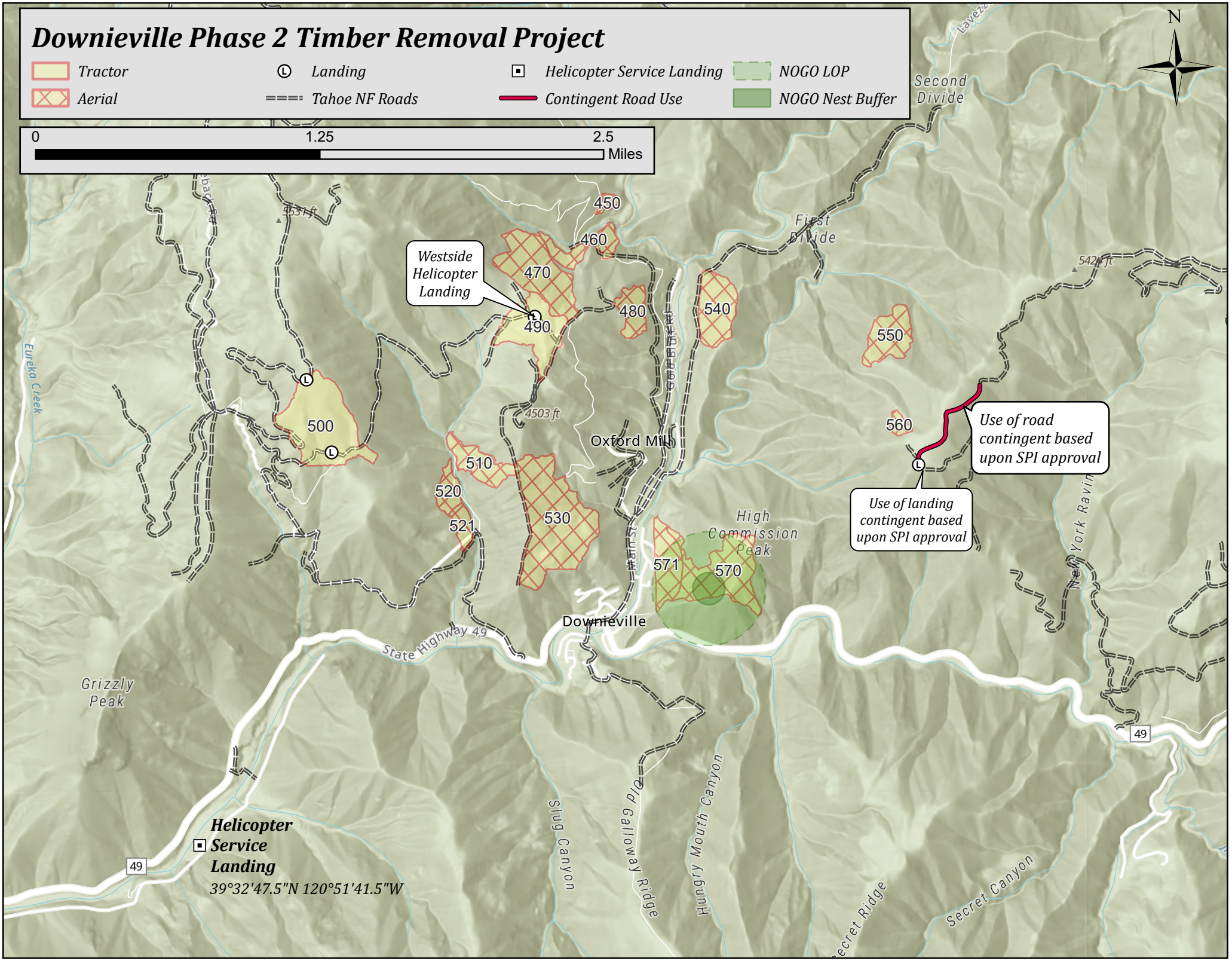
**Important Note**

This prospectus is not a legally binding document but is offered to provide preliminary project information. All data and information in this prospectus are preliminary estimates

and subject to change. Interested parties are urged to examine and inspect all units within this project to ensure their own estimates.

**Contact for Questions**

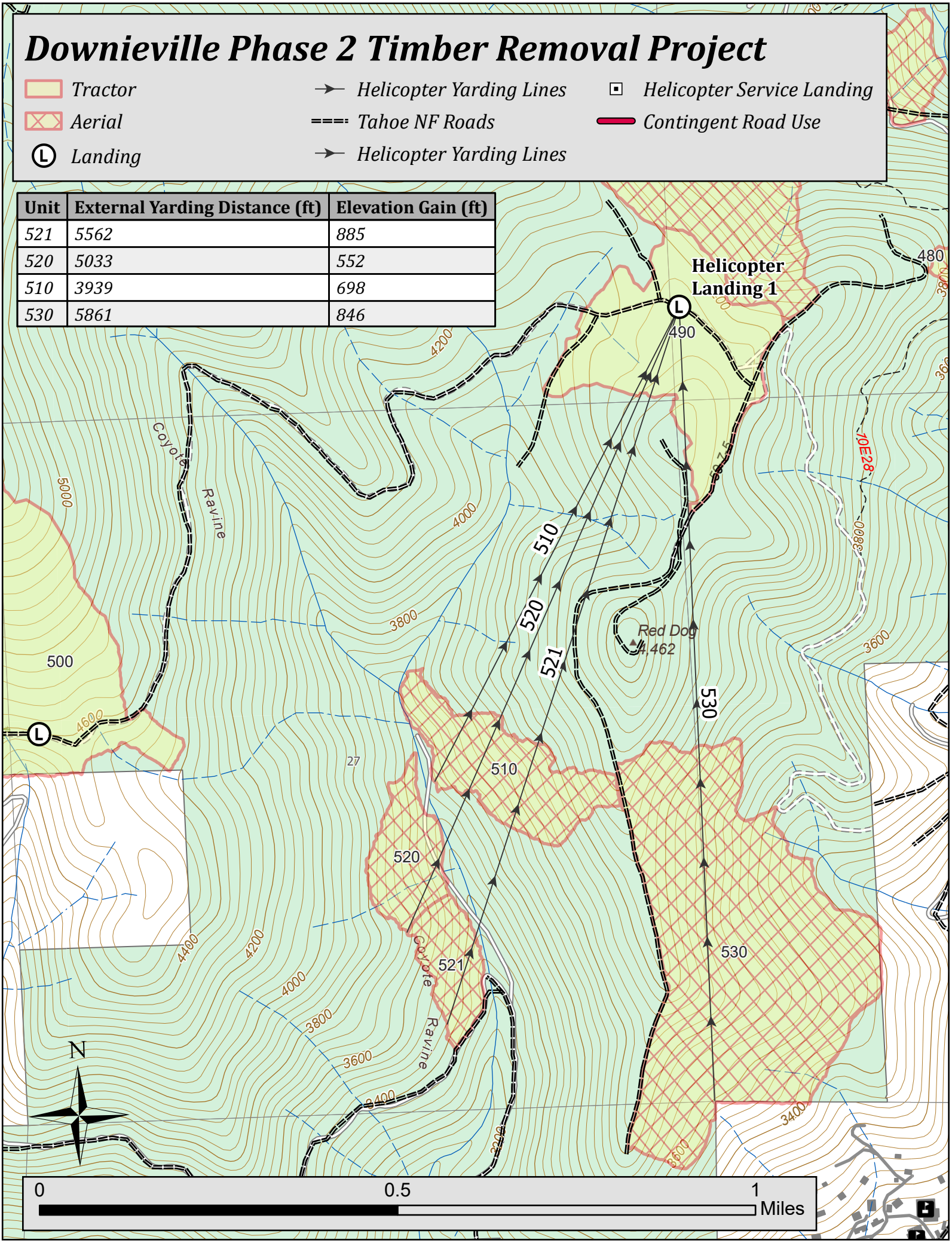
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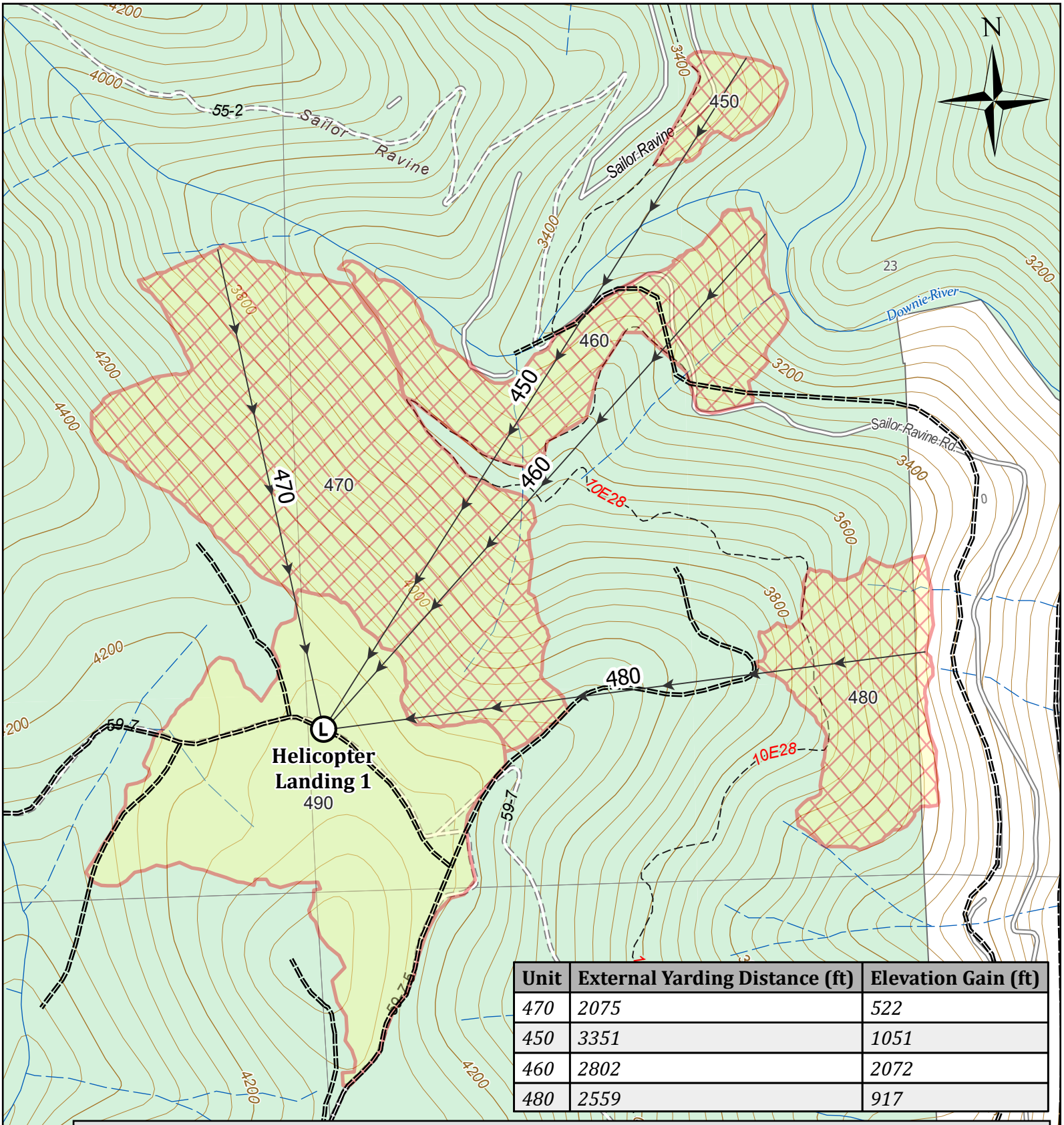

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Tractor
Aerial
Landing
Tahoe NF Roads
Helicopter Service Landing
Contingent Road Use
NOGO LOP
NOGO Nest Buffer
0
1.25
2.5
Miles
N
Second Divide
First Divide
Westside Helicopter Landing
450
460
470
480
490
500
510
520
521
530
540
550
560
571
570
Use of road contingent based upon SPI approval
Use of landing contingent based upon SPI approval
Oxford Mill
Downieville
High Commission Peak
Grizzly Peak
State Highway 49
Eureka Creek
Slug Canyon
Old Galloway Ridge
Hungry Mouth Canyon
Secret Canyon
New York Ravine
Helicopter Service Landing
39°32'47.5"N 120°51'41.5"W

# Downieville Phase 2 Timber Removal Project

- Tractor
- Aerial
- Landing
- Helicopter Yarding Lines
- Tahoe NF Roads
- Helicopter Yarding Lines
- Helicopter Service Landing
- Contingent Road Use

| Unit | External Yarding Distance (ft) | Elevation Gain (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| 521 | 5562 | 885 |
| 520 | 5033 | 552 |
| 510 | 3939 | 698 |
| 530 | 5861 | 846 |

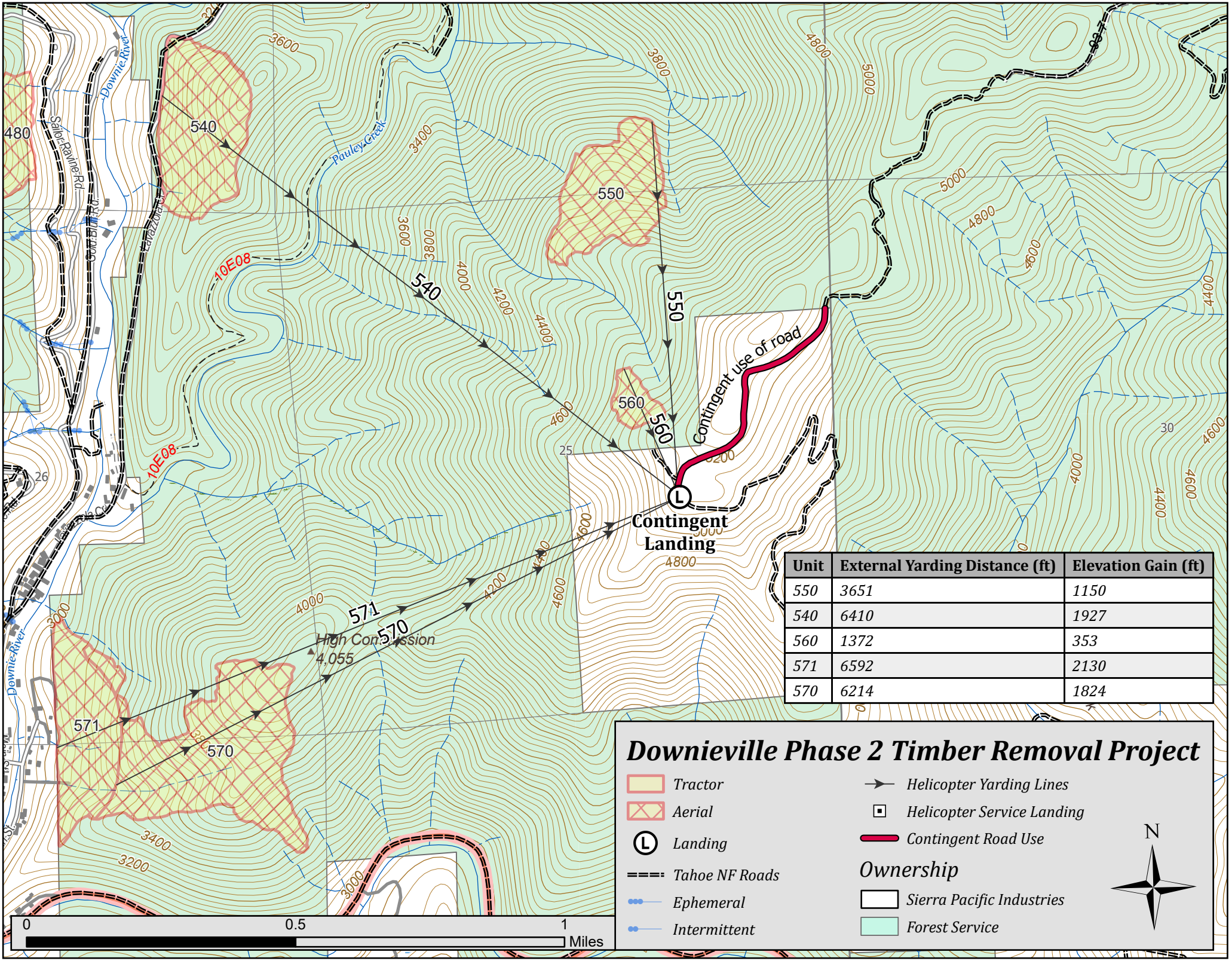





| Unit | External Yarding Distance (ft) | Elevation Gain (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| *470* | *2075* | *522* |
| *450* | *3351* | *1051* |
| *460* | *2802* | *2072* |
| *480* | *2559* | *917* |

# *Downieville Phase 2 Timber Removal Project*

*Tractor*
*Aerial*
*Landing*
*Tahoe NF Roads*
*Helicopter Yarding Lines*
*Helicopter Service Landing*
*Contingent Road Use*




| Unit | External Yarding Distance (ft) | Elevation Gain (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| 550 | 3651 | 1150 |
| 540 | 6410 | 1927 |
| 560 | 1372 | 353 |
| 571 | 6592 | 2130 |
| 570 | 6214 | 1824 |

-- BOARD FOOT --
FOR CUT TREES ONLY -- PRIMARY PRODUCT ONLY
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SALENAME: Downieville VERSION: 04.15.2023
RUN DATE & TIME: 8/19/2026 4:58:15 PM VOLUME LIBRARY VERSION: 04.03.2023

| SPECIES | PROD CT | GROSS BF | TOTAL DEF% | NET BF | ESTIM TREES | GROSS BF/ ACRE | NET BF/ ACRE | TREES/ ACRE | QUAD MEAN DBH | MEAN HT1 | NET BF/ TREE | 16'LOGS/ GROSS MBF | NET LOG SCALE VALUE/ MBF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| IC | 01 | 270479 | 6.3 | 253394 | 1414 | 623 | 583 | 3.3 | 18.7 | 75.5 | 179 | 15.9 | |
| PP | 01 | 879064 | 6.9 | 818048 | 3363 | 2023 | 1883 | 7.7 | 17.2 | 83.3 | 243 | 14.2 | |
| PP | 18 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | 18.9 | 83.7 | 0 | 0.0 | |
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