

Log Hauling / Road Plowing – Plowed roads for logging activities:

The Stillwater Unit has 1 timber sale:

- RBM will be logging in harvest units off the Lower Whitefish Road. Haul route will utilize the Upper Whitefish Road out to Olney. Expect 1 log truck per day until they complete the units or snow pushes them out.
UPDATE – RBM is currently harvesting timber in Unit 10 located off the Lower Whitefish Road as shown on the attached McStryker Timber Sale Map. Plans are then to move into Unit 9 near the Lower Whitefish/Upper Whitefish Road intersection. There is a slight possibility that they might harvest Unit 12 if the road continues to be plowed for the Taylor Hellroaring Timber Sale.

Taylor Hellroaring GNA Timber Sale USFS:

- The Taylor Hellroaring Timber Sale is located on Forest Service lands accessed from the Taylor Creek Road. This timber sale is expected to be active throughout winter or until plowing becomes cost prohibitive. Haul route is the Taylor Creek Road, north on the Lower Whitefish Road and out the Upper Whitefish Road to Olney. See attached Haul Route Map. East Lakeshore is too narrow, windy and icy to allow for safe travel. It is advised to use alternate routes such as the 4-mile to Stryker Ridge and Antice Loop Road to alleviate snowmobile use on shared plowed roads.

UPDATE – There are two active sides of this timber sale currently being harvested by two separate loggers. See attached Unit Harvest Maps. Both sides are harvesting in Skyline units shown in yellow. The logger harvesting in Unit Map 1 plans to continue harvest activities until snow levels make it too difficult. The logger harvesting in Unit Map 2 plans to finish up harvest activities around Christmas and then move out. Expect 10 log trucks a day (Monday – Friday) until Christmas. Expect 5 log trucks per day after the Holidays.

The contractors have been notified of the winter mitigations concerning plowing. These mitigations include softening berms where a plowed road intersects the groomed trail; posting “Approaching Plowed Road” signs at these locations; leaving 1-2 inches of snow on plowed roads; log hauling restricted to weekdays only and haul restrictions between Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. FSA will need to communicate with the Forest Officer of the Taylor Hellroaring TS when grooming is expected to commence for the season. FSA will also need to post a Notice on their website and Facebook page concerning the plowing and log truck traffic on the Upper and Lower Whitefish Roads.

The Taylor Creek Road is currently closed to all public travel and will remain closed to public travel while hauling is active.