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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for two proposed timber sales.

The first proposed sale will be known as the Tornilla Creek/Skookum Creek Timber Sale. This proposed sale is located approximately 37 air miles north of Plains, MT in the Tornilla Creek drainage, in the Common Schools Trust Sections 24 & 26, Township 26 North, Range 27 West, and Section 30, Township 26 North, Range 26 West. This sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve a seed tree and shelterwood harvest with ground and cable based logging systems. The sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale is being considered since an outbreak of Douglas-fir Beetle has been detected. This sale would likely sell in the summer of 2017 and is projected to generate approximately 2.4 million board feet of timber.

The second, known as the Bend Timber Sale, is located approximately 32 air miles north of Plains, MT, along the Thompson River, in the Common Schools Trust Sections 24 & 36, Township 25 North, Range 27 West, and Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 26 West. This sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve a seed tree and shelterwood harvest with ground and cable based logging systems. The sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale is being considered since an outbreak of Douglas-fir Beetle has been detected. This sale would likely sell in the summer of 2017 and is projected to generate approximately 2.5 million board feet of timber.

These sales are being considered to generate revenue for their associated Trust Funds, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in these areas.

As an adjacent landowner or interested party, we request your input regarding these projects. Your concerns and comments are needed to assist the DNRC in planning, analyzing, and implementing these projects. We would appreciate your response by August 31, 2016 so that we may incorporate it into our planning process. Please send comments to: DNRC Plains Unit, ATTN: Dale Peters, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859 or by email to dpeters@mt.gov or by phone at 406-826-4722.

Sincerely,

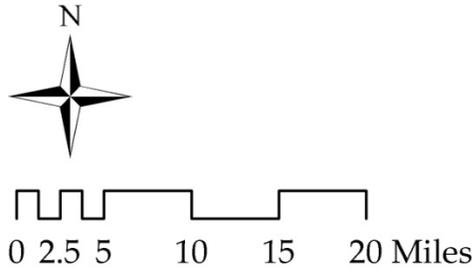
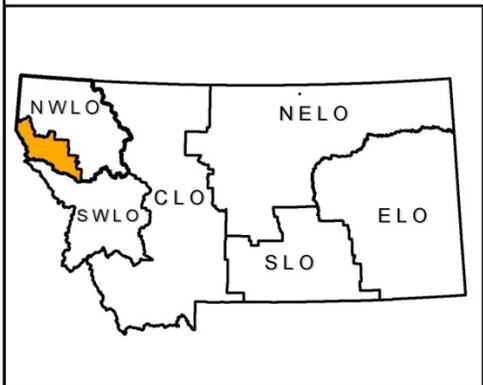
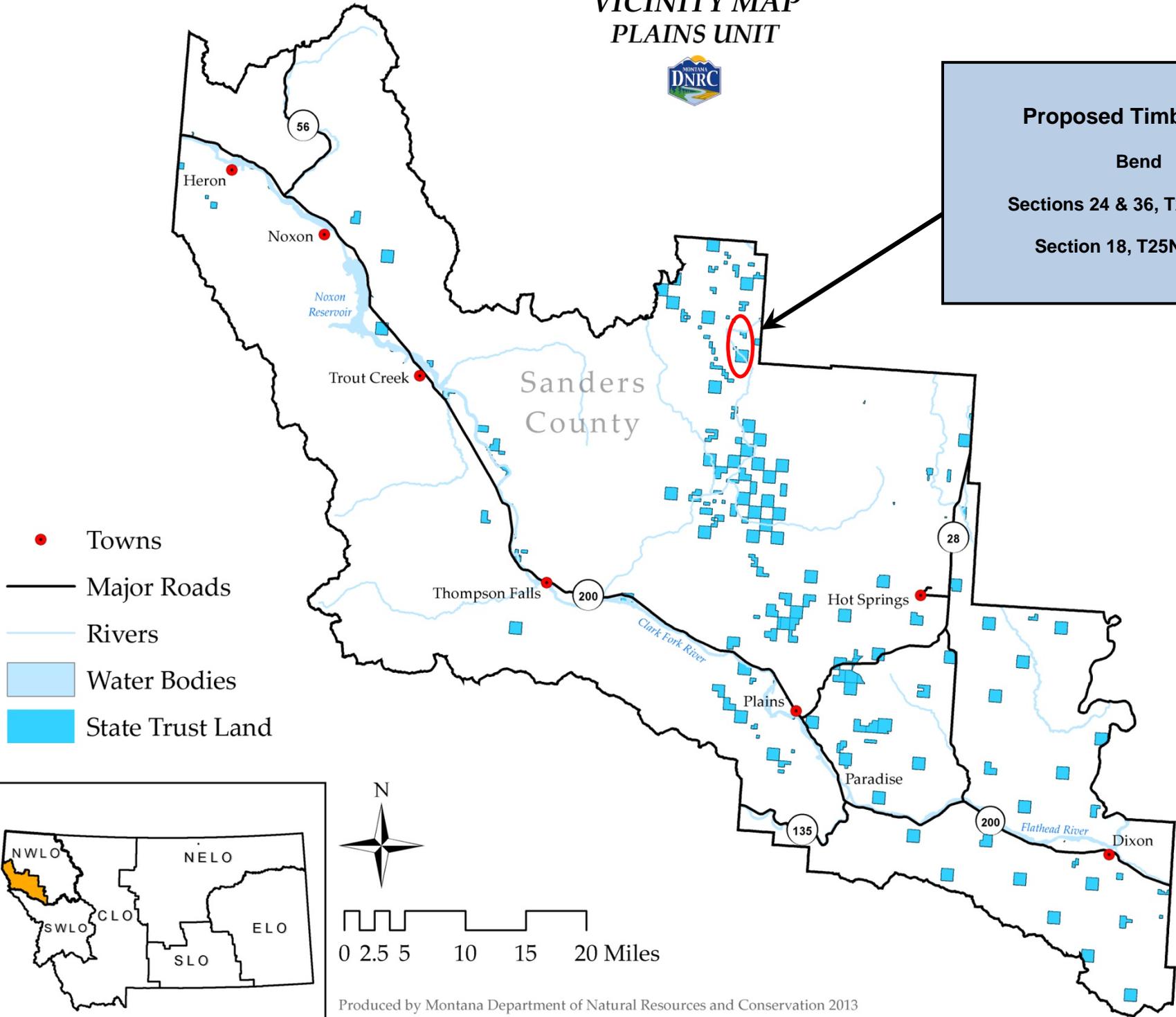
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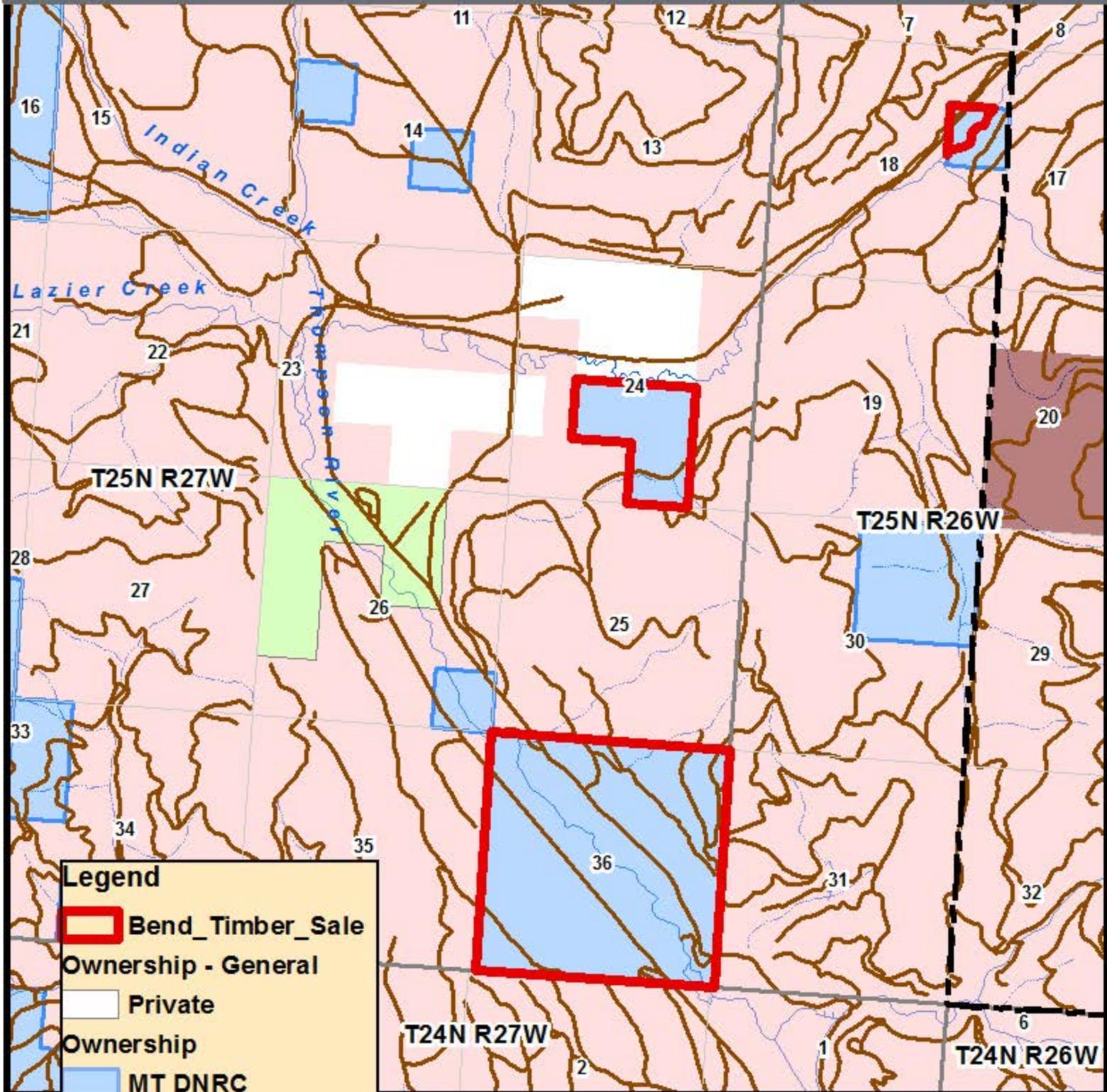


Proposed Timber Sale
Bend
Sections 24 & 36, T25N, R27W
Section 18, T25N, R26W



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Proposed Timber Sale: Bend T25N, R27W, Sections 24 & 36 T25N, R26W, Section 18



Legend

- Bend_Timber_Sale
- Ownership - General**
- Private
- Ownership**
- MT DNRC
- Plum Creek
- Stimson Lumber Co
- USFS

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