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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for three proposed fire salvage timber sales, as a result of the recent Copper King Fire.

The first proposed sale will be known as the Lower Calico Fire Salvage. This proposed sale is located approximately 17 air miles northwest of Plains, MT in the Calico Creek drainage, in the Public Buildings Trust Sections 4 & 10, Township 22 North, Range 27 West. This sale would likely sell this early winter, and is projected to generate approximately 1.8 million board feet of timber.

The second proposed sale will be known as the Upper Calico Fire Salvage. This proposed sale is located approximately 16 air miles northwest of Plains, MT in the Calico Creek drainage, in the Common Schools Trust Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 27 West. This sale would likely sell this early winter, and is projected to generate approximately 2.0 million board feet of timber.

The third proposed sale will be known as the Mudd Creek Fire Salvage. This proposed sale is located approximately 14 air miles northwest of Plains, MT in the Mudd Creek drainage, in the Public Buildings Trust Section 18, Township 22 North, Range 26 West. This sale would likely sell this early winter, and is projected to generate approximately 1.5 million board feet of timber.

These sales are in the earliest stages of planning, but would most likely involve seed tree harvests, with ground and cable based logging systems. They may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads.

These sales are being considered to salvage fire killed & damaged timber, generate revenue for their associated Trust Funds, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, 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 October 20, 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](mailto:dpeters@mt.gov) or by phone at 406-826-4722.

Sincerely,

*Dale Peters*

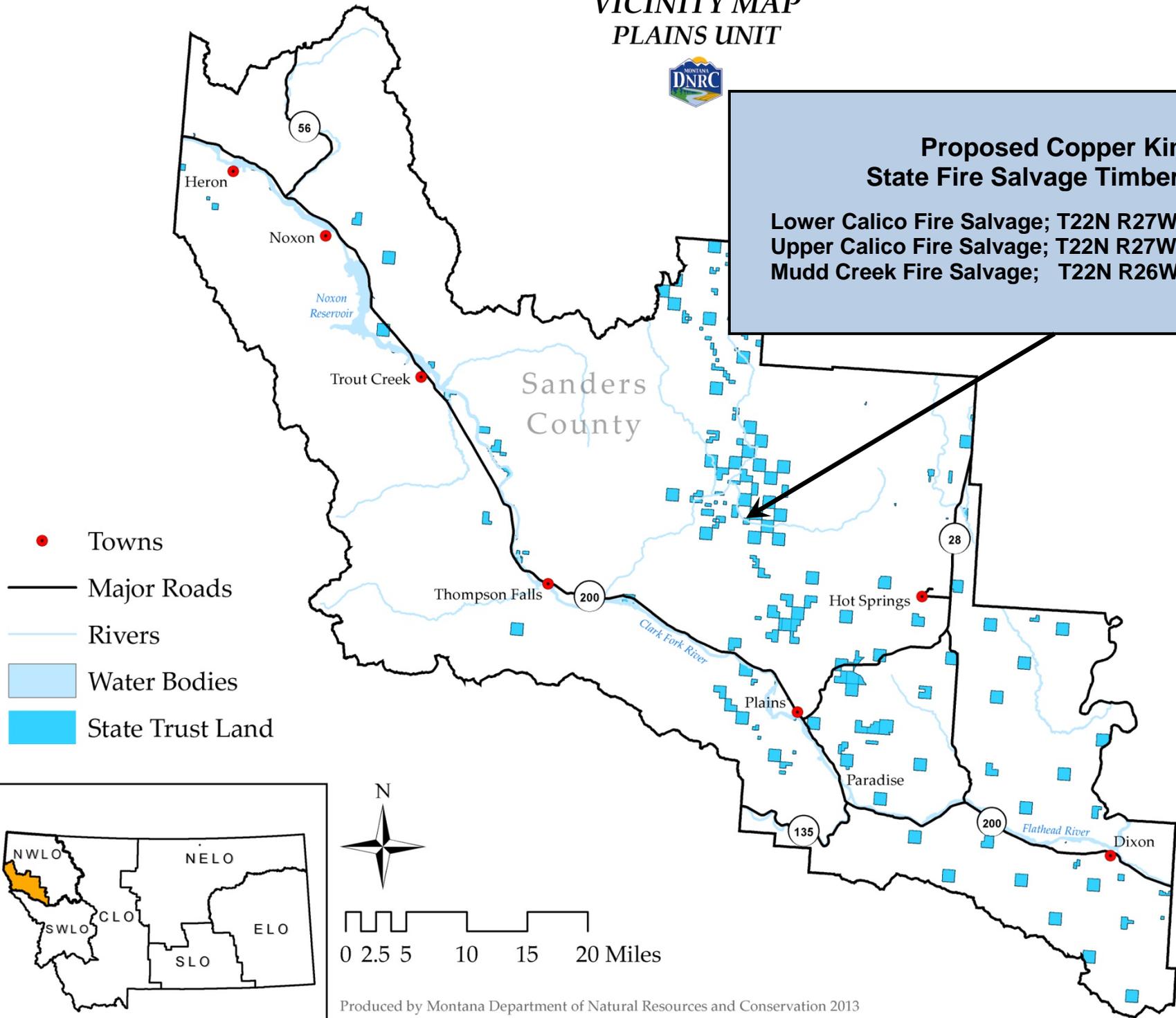
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# VICINITY MAP PLAINS UNIT

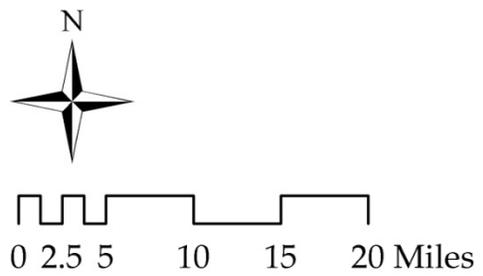
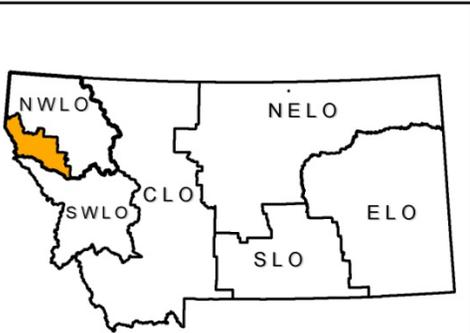


**Proposed Copper King  
State Fire Salvage Timber Sales**

**Lower Calico Fire Salvage; T22N R27W Sections 4 & 10**  
**Upper Calico Fire Salvage; T22N R27W Section 16**  
**Mudd Creek Fire Salvage; T22N R26W Section 18**

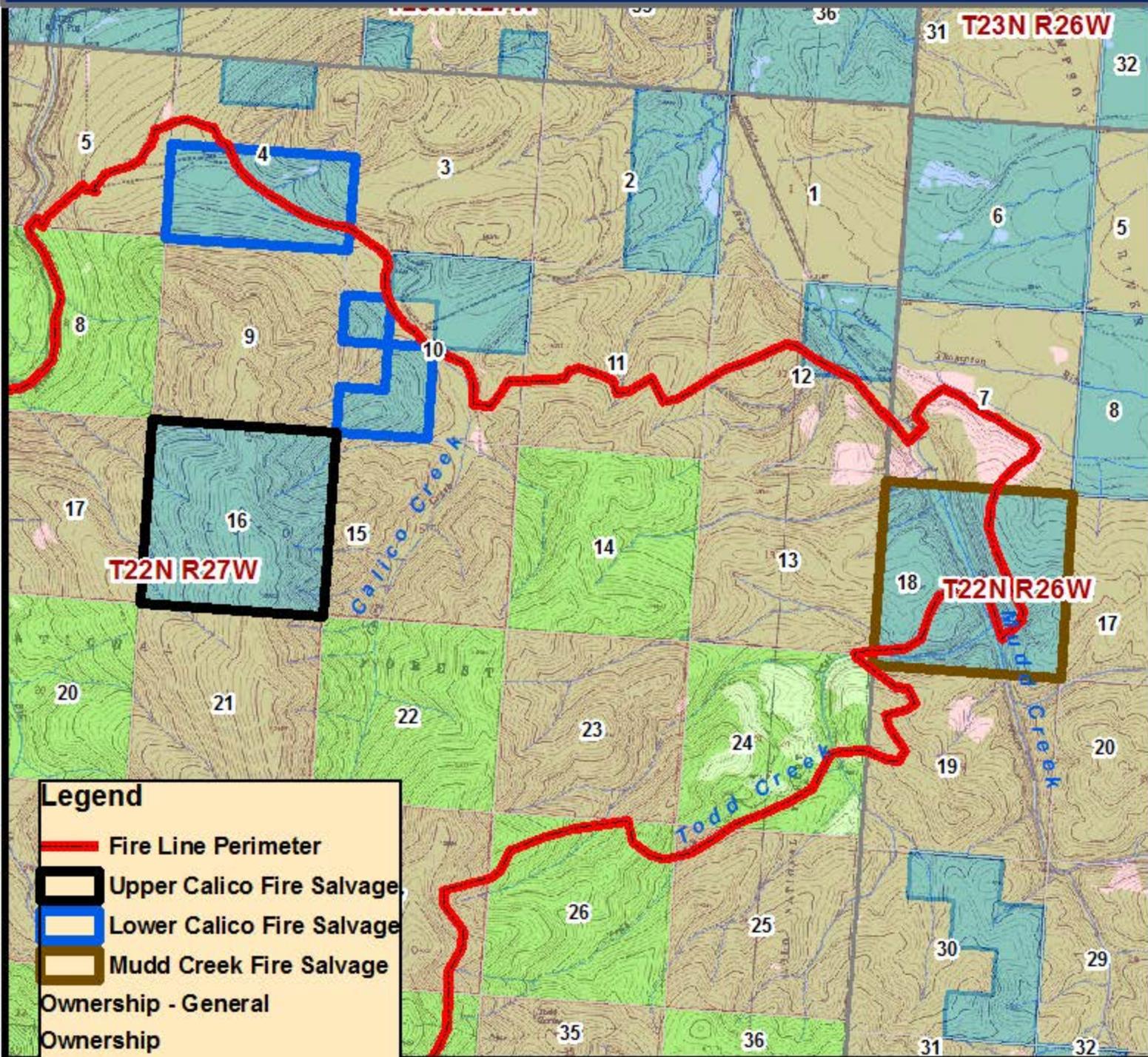


- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Land



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**Mudd Creek Fire Salvage; T22N R26W Section 18**



**Legend**

-  Fire Line Perimeter
-  Upper Calico Fire Salvage
-  Lower Calico Fire Salvage
-  Mudd Creek Fire Salvage
- Ownership - General
- Ownership
-  MT DNRC
-  Weyerhaeuser
-  USFS

**Montana DNRC**  
**Trust Land Management Division**  
**Northwestern Land Office**  
**Plains Unit**      **dmp 9/16**



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