

# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FOR DNRC FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Project Name: Stillwater FY20 Christmas Tree and Bough Permit

Proposed Implementation Date: 20191010

Proponent: Matt Lufholm

Type and Purpose of Action: Christmas tree and bough harvest

Location: S11 T33N R24W, S12 T33N R24W, S13 T33N R26W, S17 T32N R23W, S17 T33N R23W, S18 T33N R23W, S19 T33N R23W, S2 T33N R24W, S20 T33N R23W, S21 T33N R23W, S24 T33N R24W, S24 T33N R26W, S28 T33N R23W, S29 T33N R23W, S32 T33N R23W, S33 T33N R23W, S34 T33N R23W, S5 T32N R23W, S6 T32N R23W, S7 T33N R23W, S8 T32N R23W, S13 T32N R23W, S14 T32N R23W, S15 T32N R23W, S16 T32N R23W, S22 T32N R23W, S23 T32N R23W, S24 T32N R23W, S25 T33N R23W, S26 T33N R23W, S27 T33N R23W, S3 T32N R23W, S34 T33N R23W, S35 T33N R23W, S36 T33N R23W, S4 T32N R23W, S9 T32N R23W

County: Lincoln, Flathead Counties

**Category (refer to ARM 36.11.447 (3)(a) through (w) for additional detail):**

- a)  Temporary Uses of Land with Negligible Effects
- b)  Plans and Policies
- c)  Leases and Licenses
- d)  Acquisition of Land or Interest in Land
- e)  Road Maintenance and Repair
- f)  Bridges and Culverts
- g)  Crossing Class 3 Streams
- h)  Temporary Road Use Permits
- i)  Road Closure
- j)  Material Stockpiles
- k)  Backfilling
- l)  Gathering Forest Products for Personal Use
- m)  Regeneration
- n)  Nursery Operations
- o)  Water Wells
- p)  Herbicides and Pesticides
- q)  Other Hazardous Materials
- r)  Fences
- s)  Waterlines
- t)  Removal of Small Trees
- u)  Removal of Hazardous Trees
- v)  Cone Collection
- w)  Timber Harvest (<100 MBF green or 500 MBF salvage)

By process of the adoption of the Forest Management Rules on February 27, 2003, pursuant to ARM 36.2.523(5)(a), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, has adopted the above categorical exclusions for activities conducted on state forested trust lands. "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

Will the proposed action affect one or more of the following resources, species or situations in the project area? If the resource, species, or situation is present, but project design avoids potential adverse effects on the resource, the answer is "No". One "Yes" answer indicates that Categorical Exclusion is not appropriate for the project, and an EA or EIS must be conducted.

- | YES                      | NO                                  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a) Sites with high erosion risk.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b) Federally listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat for threatened and endangered species as designated by the USFWS.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | c) Municipal watersheds.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | d) The SMZ of fish bearing streams or lakes, except for modification or replacement of bridges, culverts and other crossing structures.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | e) State natural area.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | f) Native American religious and cultural sites.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | g) Archaeological sites.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | h) Historic properties and areas.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | i) Several related projects that individually may be subject to categorical exclusion but that may occur at the same time or in the same geographic area. Such related actions may be subject to environmental review even if they are not individually subject to review. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | j) Violations of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations.  |

The project listed above meets the definition of the indicated categorical exclusion, including specified conditions and extraordinary circumstances, as provided in the Forest Management Rules (ARM 36.11.447).

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Decision by: Dave Ring \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT MANAGER  
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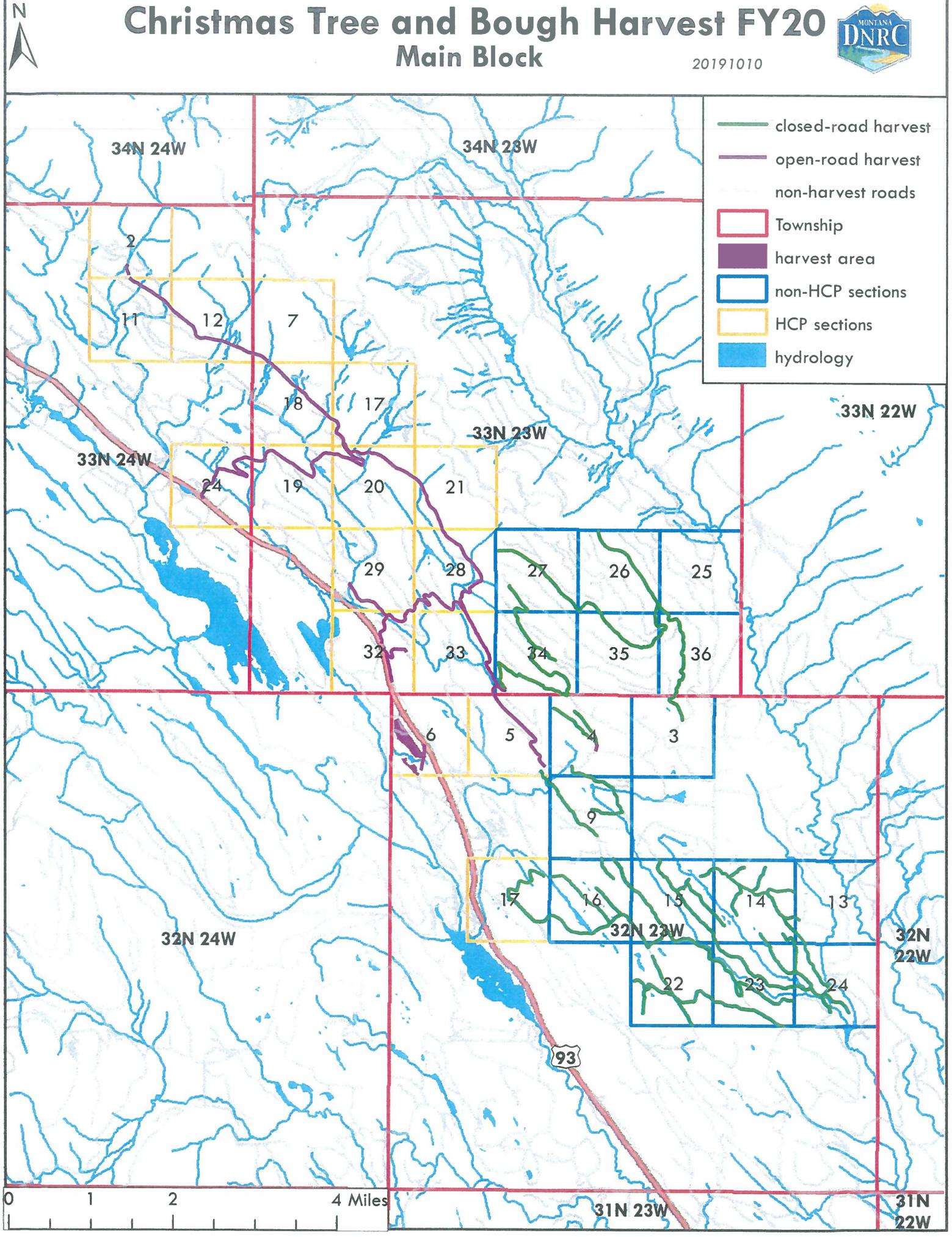
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UNIT MANAGER

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# Christmas Tree and Bough Harvest FY20 Main Block

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## Jim Creek



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- closed-road harvest
- open-road harvest
- non-harvest roads
- Township
- non-HCP sections
- HCP sections
- MT DNRC

