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Initial Proposal
Game Changer Timber Sale
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

Section 6 T12N R16W
Section 36 13N R17W

These sections are located approximately 6 aerial miles SW of Potomac, MT in the Arkansas Creek and Game Creek drainages in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Return the stand to the desired future condition by promoting seral species
- Maintain forest productivity
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust and Acquired Lands – Public Schools Trust

The proposal would harvest up to 3.2 million board feet from approximately 900 acres using an individual tree selection harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvement may be needed on existing access roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. Up to 2.5 miles of new road construction and 1 mile of temporary road construction may also be necessary.

Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted. **This proposal will be analyzed under the environmental assessment for the nearby Dirty Donovan timber sale** (Sections 2, 4, 10, 12, 13, and 24 T12N R17W).

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by June 18, 2015 to:

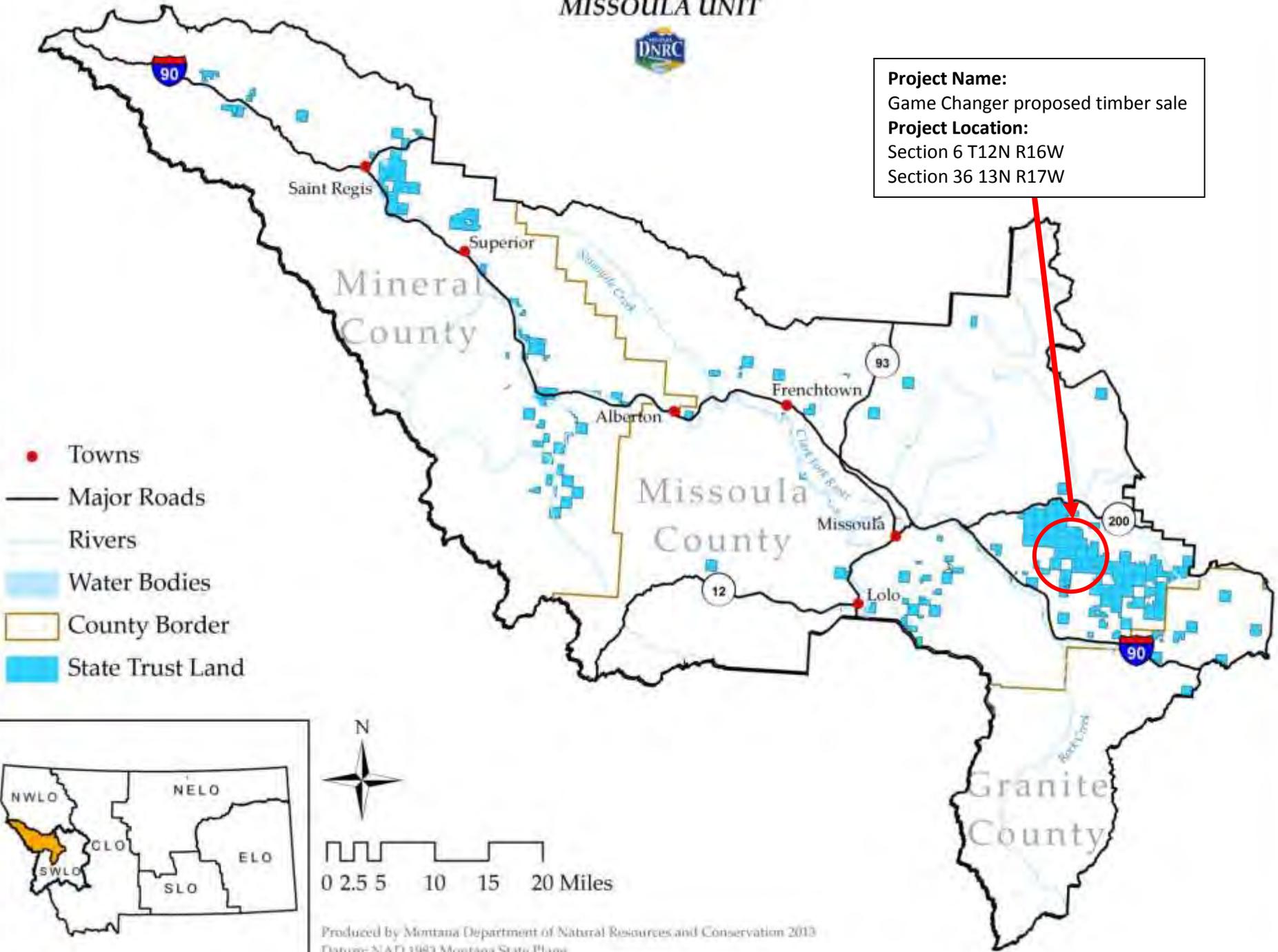
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GAME CHANGER VICINITY MAP

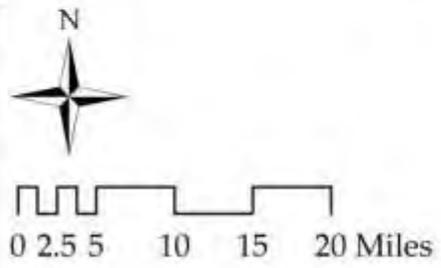
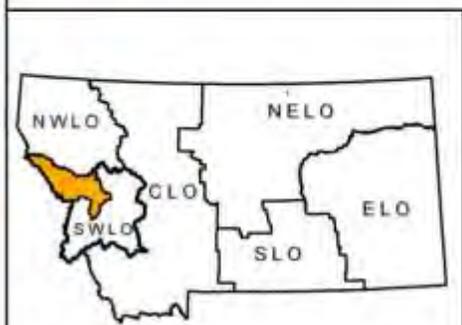
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Project Name:
Game Changer proposed timber sale
Project Location:
Section 6 T12N R16W
Section 36 13N R17W



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



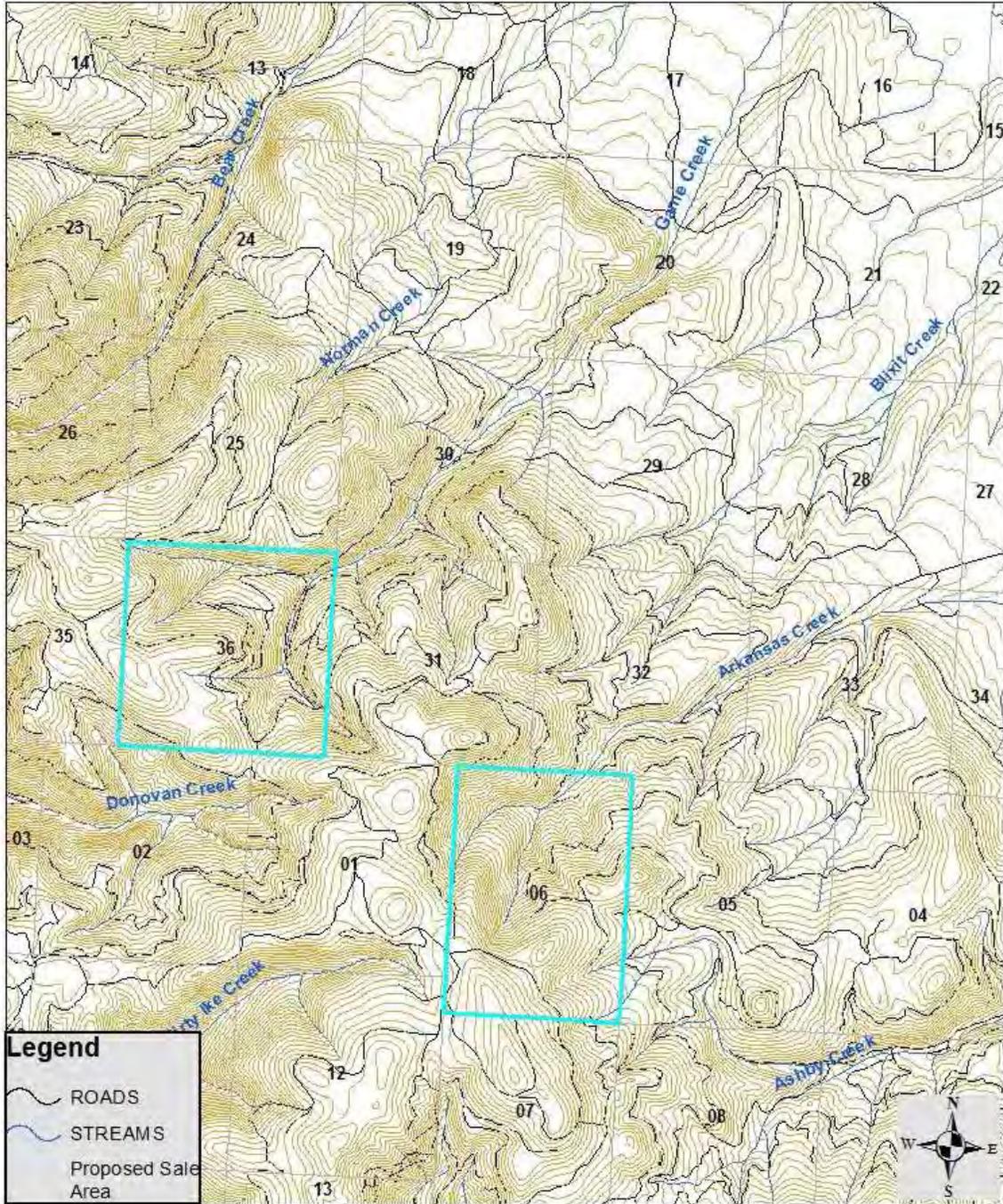
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Section 6 T12N R16W

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- ROADS
- STREAMS
- Proposed Sale Area