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Initial Proposal
Upper McKillop #2 Timber Sale

March 26, 2018

Dear Interested Parties:

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Libby Unit is proposing a timber harvest on approximately 268 acres on one parcel of State Trust Land located in T27N, R28W Sec. 16. A brief description of the proposed action is listed below:

- 1) Sell approximately 0.5-1.5 million board feet of timber to generate revenue for the Common School (CS) trust and to meet annual timber harvest levels mandated by state law.
- 2) Use silvicultural treatments to promote the development of stands more resistant to insects, disease, and wildfire.
- 3) Remove seed trees from a unit harvested in 2005 that is fully regenerated.

Preliminary estimates indicate that approximately 0.1 miles of new road construction, approximately 1.2 miles of road maintenance, and approximately 1.0 miles of temporary road use permits would be required to access timber. Ground based logging systems would be utilized on approximately 223 acres, cable based logging systems would be utilized on the remainder of acres. Proposed silvicultural treatments could include seed tree removal and shelterwood harvest units. Follow-up treatments could include machine piling and scarification, burning, herbicide application, pre-commercial thinning, and hand planting tree seedlings. Road construction and harvest activities could begin during 2019.

This notice is to inform you of the proposed action and to solicit your comments regarding this timber harvest plan. The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted. Please submit your written comments by April 30, 2018 to Jeremy Rank, DNRC Libby Unit, 177 State Lands Office Road, Libby, MT 59923, or email to jrank@mt.gov.

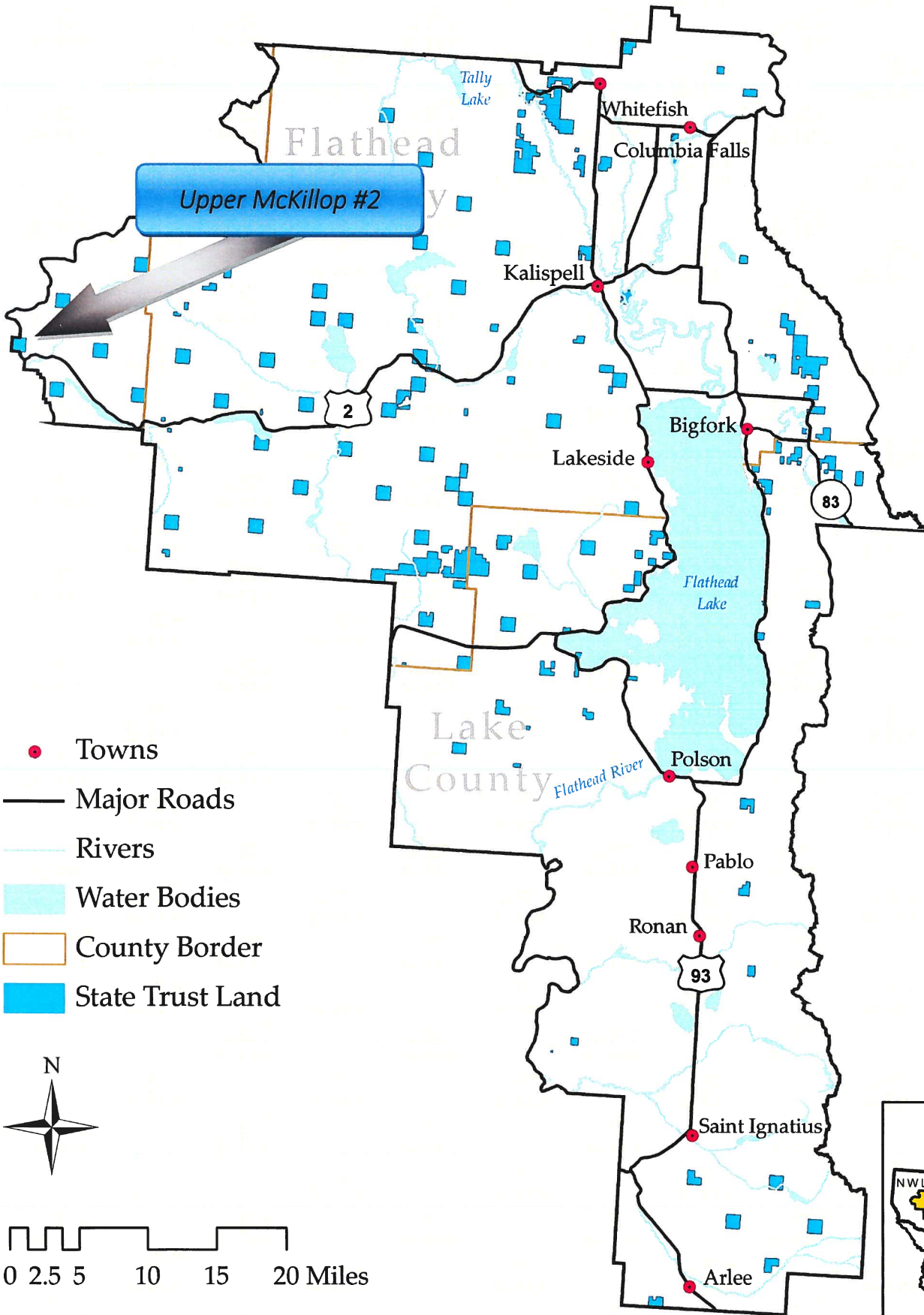
Thank you for your interest in state forest land management.

Sincerely,

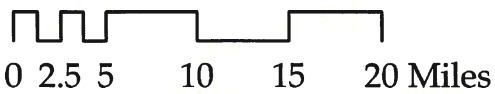
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Jeremy Rank,
Management Forester,
Libby Unit

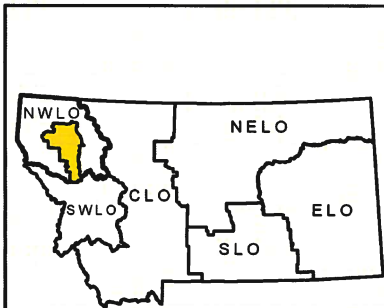
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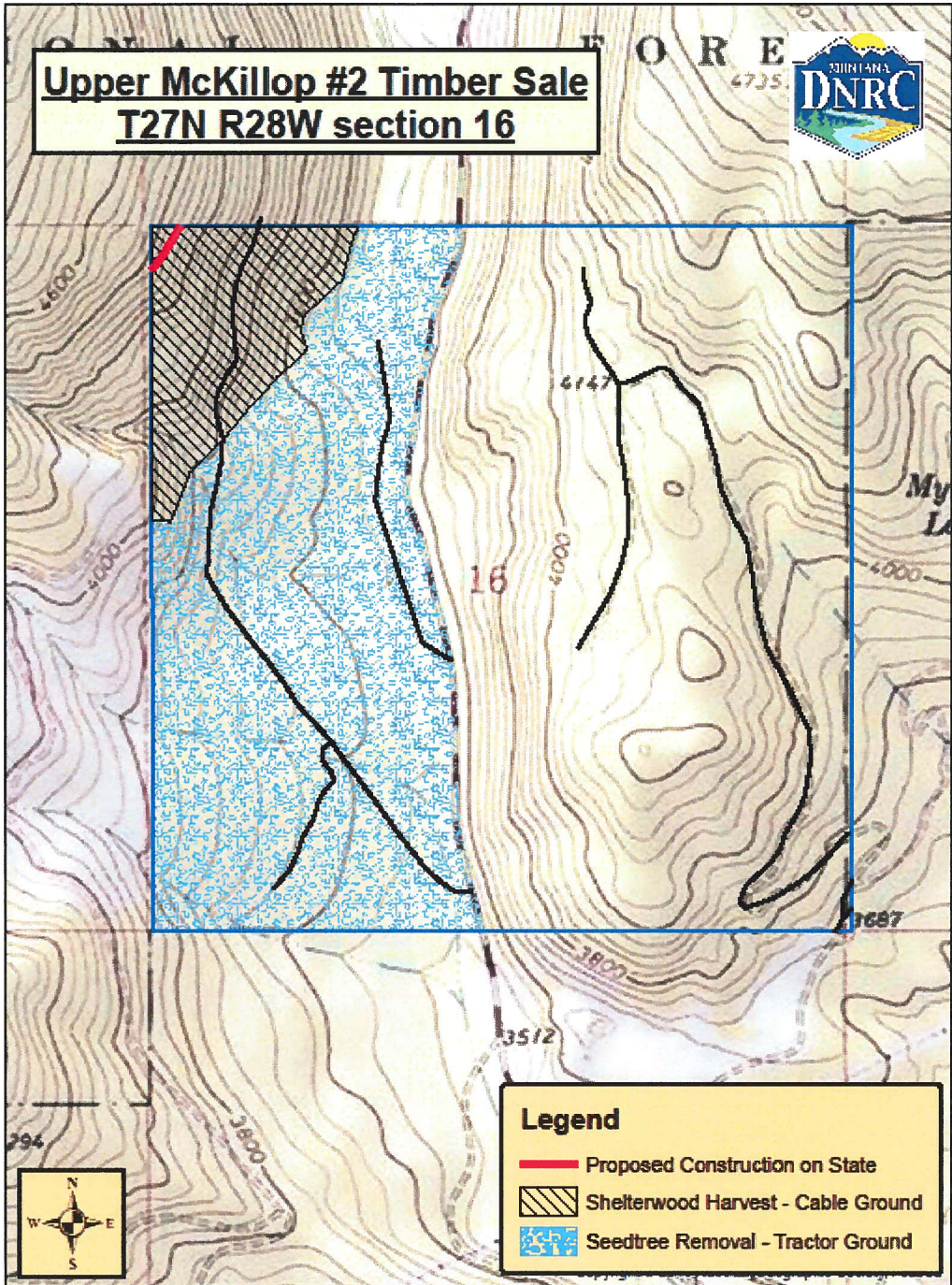
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- County Border
- State Trust Land



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T27N R28W section 16



Legend

- Proposed Construction on State
- Shelterwood Harvest - Cable Ground
- Seedtree Removal - Tractor Ground



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