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Proposed timber sales on State Land
All or parts of Section 36, Township 9S Range 54E

To Whom It May Concern:

The Eastern Land Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is in the initial planning and scoping phase of the WYO Line timber sale in Powder River County in Southeastern Montana. Section 36 Township 9S Range 54 E is located 2 miles south of Ridge, MT. The proposed timber sale portion of this action is part of a program that manages forested State Trust Land for revenue to support public schools. The purpose of this letter is to identify issues and concerns as they relate to the proposed project. A brief description of the proposed action is listed below.

- Harvest approximately 500,000 thousand to 750,000 thousand board feet of Ponderosa Pine over approximately 465 acres.
- Preliminary surveys indicate that the silvicultural treatment would be a selective harvest with an effort to reduce stocking levels to a more historic, pre-fire suppression stand density, while maintaining the current multi-age stand structure.
- Approximately 1 to 3 miles of new road construction is anticipated. Approximately 1-3 miles of temporary spur roads would be necessary to accomplish the management objectives. These roads would be obliterated at the completion of use through ripping the road surface and seeding back to native grass species.
- 2-3 miles of existing road on State land would be incorporated as well.
- This proposed action would reduce fire hazards, fuel loading, increase forest health, and improve forage for wildlife and cattle.

Please review the proposed action and provide comments on any issues or concerns by April 25, 2019. If more information is needed or an on-the-ground review desired, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please submit written comments or direct any questions to:

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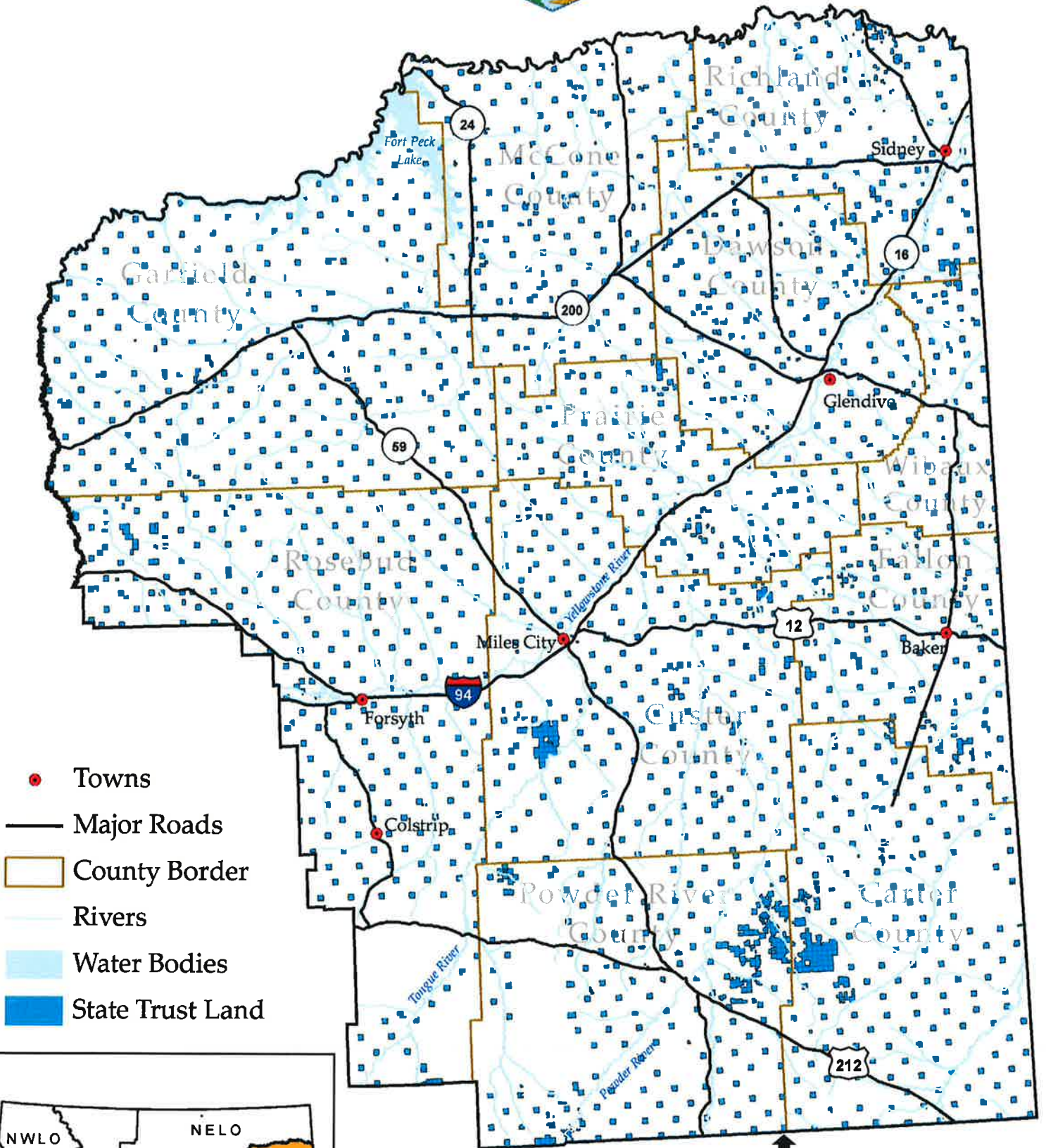
Thank you for your time and effort.

Respectfully yours,

Andy Miller
Forester, ELO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Miller".

WYO Line Timber Sale VICINITY MAP EASTERN LAND OFFICE



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

