

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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### Initial Proposal **Stryker Bull Timber Sale** August 12, 2020

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Stillwater Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcels:

**Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 T34N R24W, Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 T33N R24W, & Section 36 T34N R25W**

The proposed Stryker Bull Timber Sale is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Olney, Montana in the northwest portion of the Stillwater State Forest, in both Lincoln & Flathead County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust (K-12).
- Reduce fuel loading and wildfire risks within the Wildland Urban Interface.
- Remove trees which could cause outages along Lincoln Electric Cooperative's powerlines.
- Move stands towards their desired future condition.
- Contribute to the DNRC's Sustained Yield.

The proposal would harvest 2-3 million board feet (MMBF) from 600 – 800 acres within a 4,200-acre project area. Harvest prescriptions would vary by unit, and could include, but are not limited to; commercial thinning, group selection, and regeneration harvest such as seed-tree, clear-cut with reserves, and shelterwood treatments. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield, as mandated by state statute. DNRC is required by state law (MCA 77-5-221 through 223) to sell approximately 56.9 MMbf of timber annually and continue to produce revenue over time.

Road maintenance, improvements, and reconstruction may be needed on existing roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. Approximately 2 to 3 miles of temporary road construction may also be necessary. No permanent roads will be built as part of this project.

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

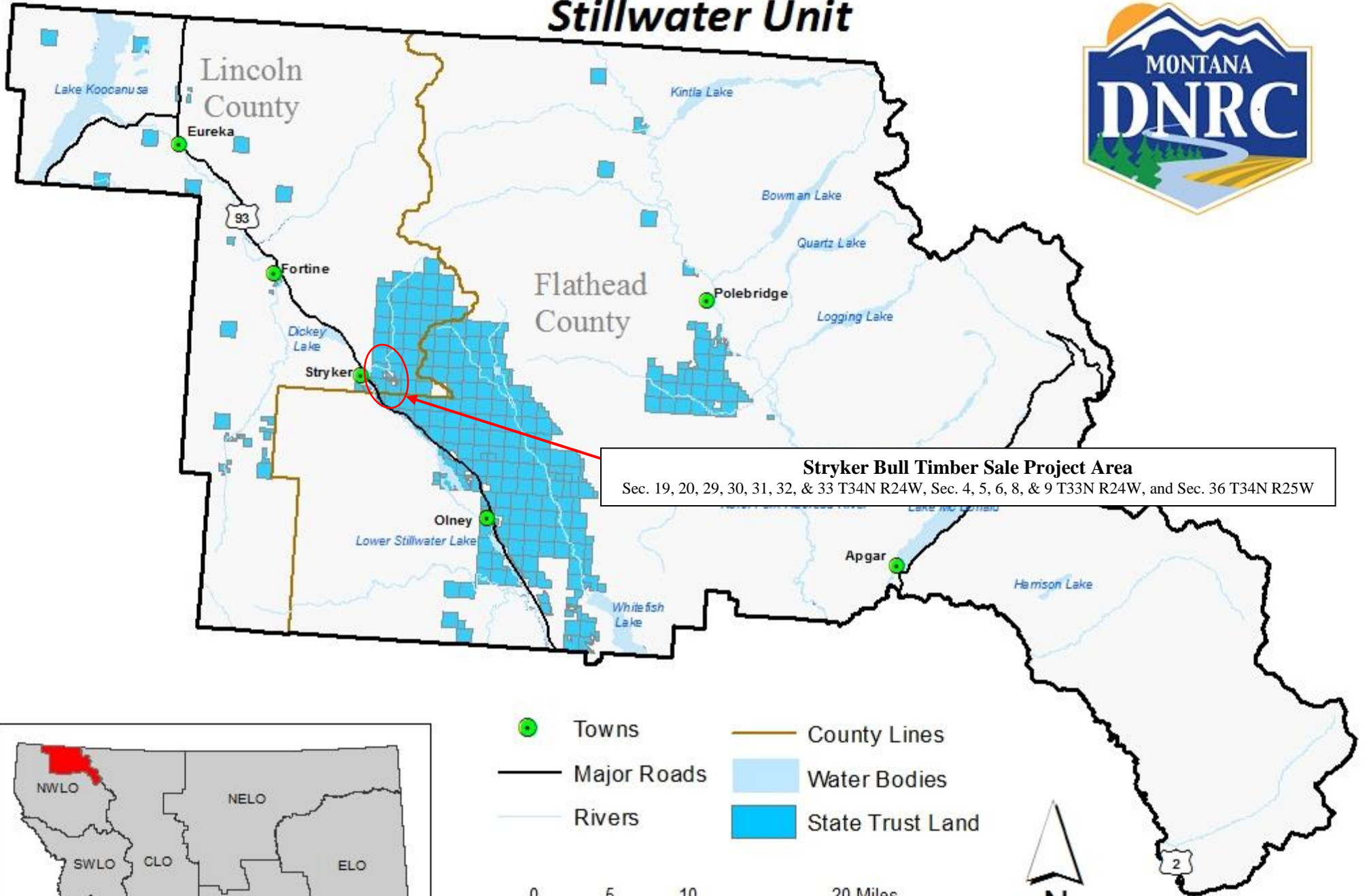
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **September 11, 2020** to:

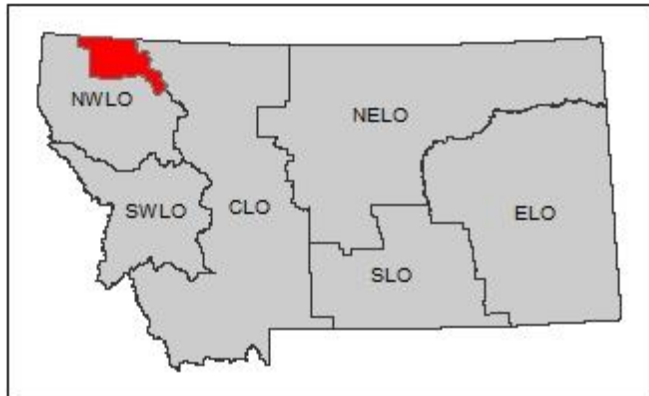
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# STRYKER BULL TIMBER SALE VICINITY MAP

## Stillwater Unit



**Stryker Bull Timber Sale Project Area**  
 Sec. 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33 T34N R24W, Sec. 4, 5, 6, 8, & 9 T33N R24W, and Sec. 36 T34N R25W



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







# Stryker Bull Project Area Map

Stillwater State Forest  
T34N R24W S 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33,  
T33N R24W S 4, 5, 6, 8, & 9,  
and T34N R25W S 36

August 4, 2020  
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