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**Initial Proposal  
Goldielogs Timber Sale  
December 2, 2020**

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

**Section 36 T14N R17W**

**The proposed Goldielogs timber sale is located approximately 15 aerial miles east of Missoula in the Gold Creek area of Potomac, Montana.**

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Improve stand health and vigor by reducing basal area, promoting natural regeneration, increasing uneven-aged stand dynamics, promoting species diversity, and favoring both beetle infested as well as root rot infected Douglas-fir for removal
- Reduce fuel loading and the likelihood of a stand replacing fire

The proposal would harvest up to an estimated 2.5 million board feet from within the approximately 570-acre gross sale area using a combination of both individual tree selection (ITS) and a shelterwood 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 0.5 miles of permanent new road construction and 1.5 miles of road reconstruction 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.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **January 4, 2021** to:

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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Missoula Unit

### GOLDIELOGS VICINITY MAP

