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**Initial Proposal  
Hart Creek Timber Sale**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Hamilton Unit Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

**Section 3 T2N R19W  
Common Schools Trust**

The proposed Hart Creek timber sale is located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of Darby, Montana. The proposed action could begin as early as April 2021.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are to improve forest health and reduce wildfire intensity. The project would also generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.

The proposal would harvest approximately 700,000 board feet from approximately 250 acres. The prescribed treatment would favor healthy/vigorous seral species with a target basal area of 40 – 60. Target stands will contain larger Ponderosa Pine in the dominate/co-dominate layers with a minor component of healthy/vigorous Douglas Fir in the co-dominate and intermediate layers. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvements would be needed on approximately 3 miles of existing access roads. No new road construction will be required.

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 from all interested parties. Responses can be made by letter or email but must be received by January 15, 2020.

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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Hamilton Unit

### HART CREEK VICINITY MAP









Project Name: Hart Creek

Project Location:

Section: 3 Township: 2N Range: 19W

County: Ravalli

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

