DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
Trust Land Management Divison

STEVE BULLOCK, GOVERNOR
1625 ELEVENTH AVENUE

STATE OF MONTANA

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: (406) 444-2074
FAX: (406) 444-2684

P.O. BOX 201601
HELENA, MONTANA 59620

July 23, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for a proposed timber sale.

The proposed sale would be known as the McCully Ridge Timber Sale. This proposed sale is located approximately 18 air miles northeast of Thompson Falls, MT on the divide between the Big Prairie Creek and Fishtrap Creek drainages, Section 4, Township 23 North, Range 27 West. This sale is in the earliest stages of planning and would most likely involve seed tree and shelterwood harvests with ground and cable-based logging systems. This sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale would likely sell in the summer of 2021 and is projected to generate approximately 2.5 - 3.5 million board feet of timber for the Common Schools Trust.

This sale is being considered to generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust Fund, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in these areas. These proposed harvests would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

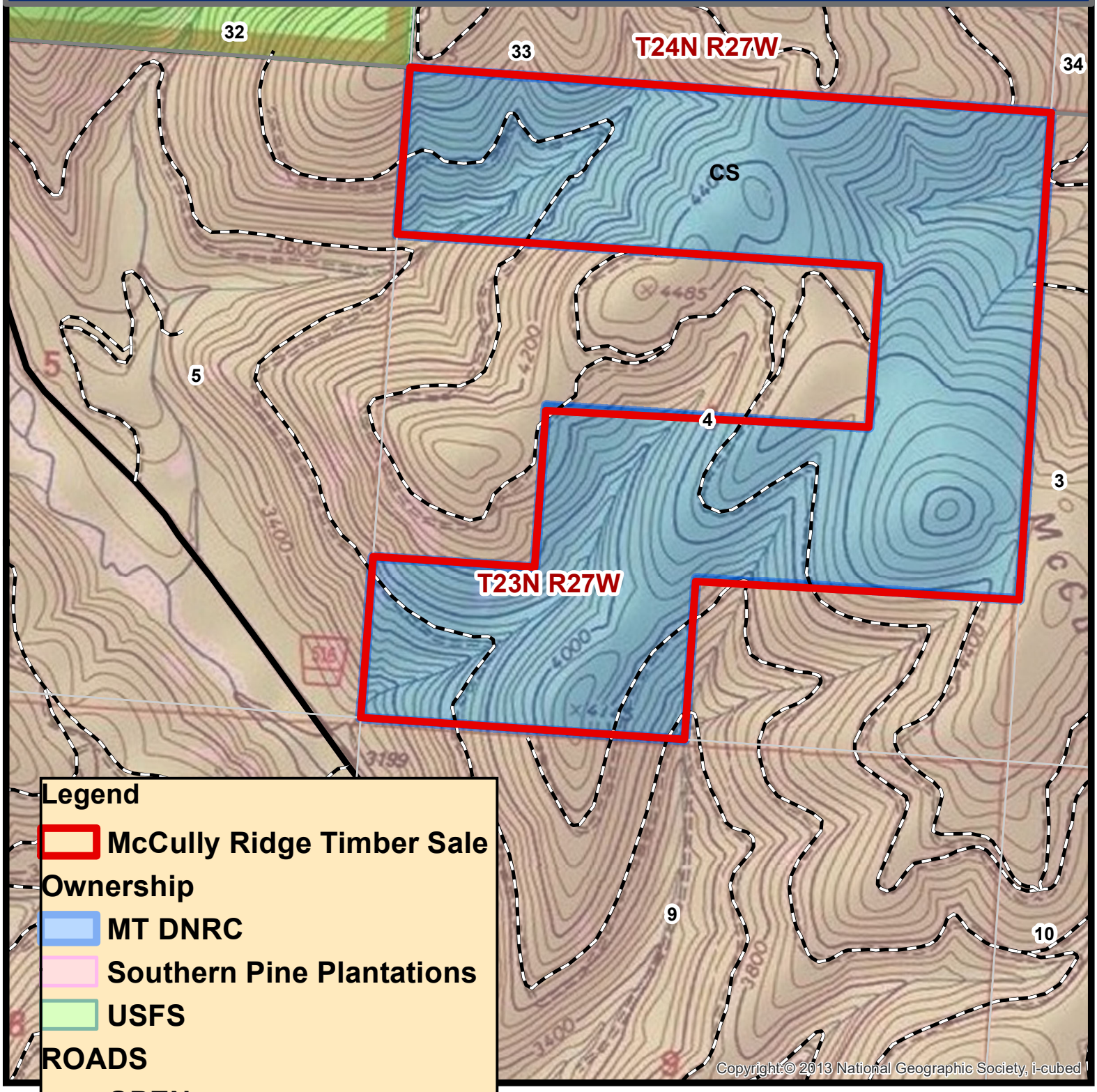
As an adjacent landowner or interested party, we request your input regarding these projects. Your concerns and comments are needed to assist the DNRC in planning, analyzing, and implementing these projects. We would appreciate your response by October 31, 2020 so that we may incorporate it into our planning process. Please send comments to: DNRC Plains Unit, ATTN: Dale Peters, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859 or by email to dpeters@mt.gov or by phone at 406-826-4722.

Sincerely,

Dale Peters

Dale Peters
Forest Management Supervisor
Plains Unit
Montana DNRC

McCully Ridge Timber Sale – Proposed
T23N R27W Section 4
FY 2022 – Common School Trust



Legend

- McCully Ridge Timber Sale

Ownership

- MT DNRC
- Southern Pine Plantations
- USFS

ROADS

- OPEN
- RESTRICTED

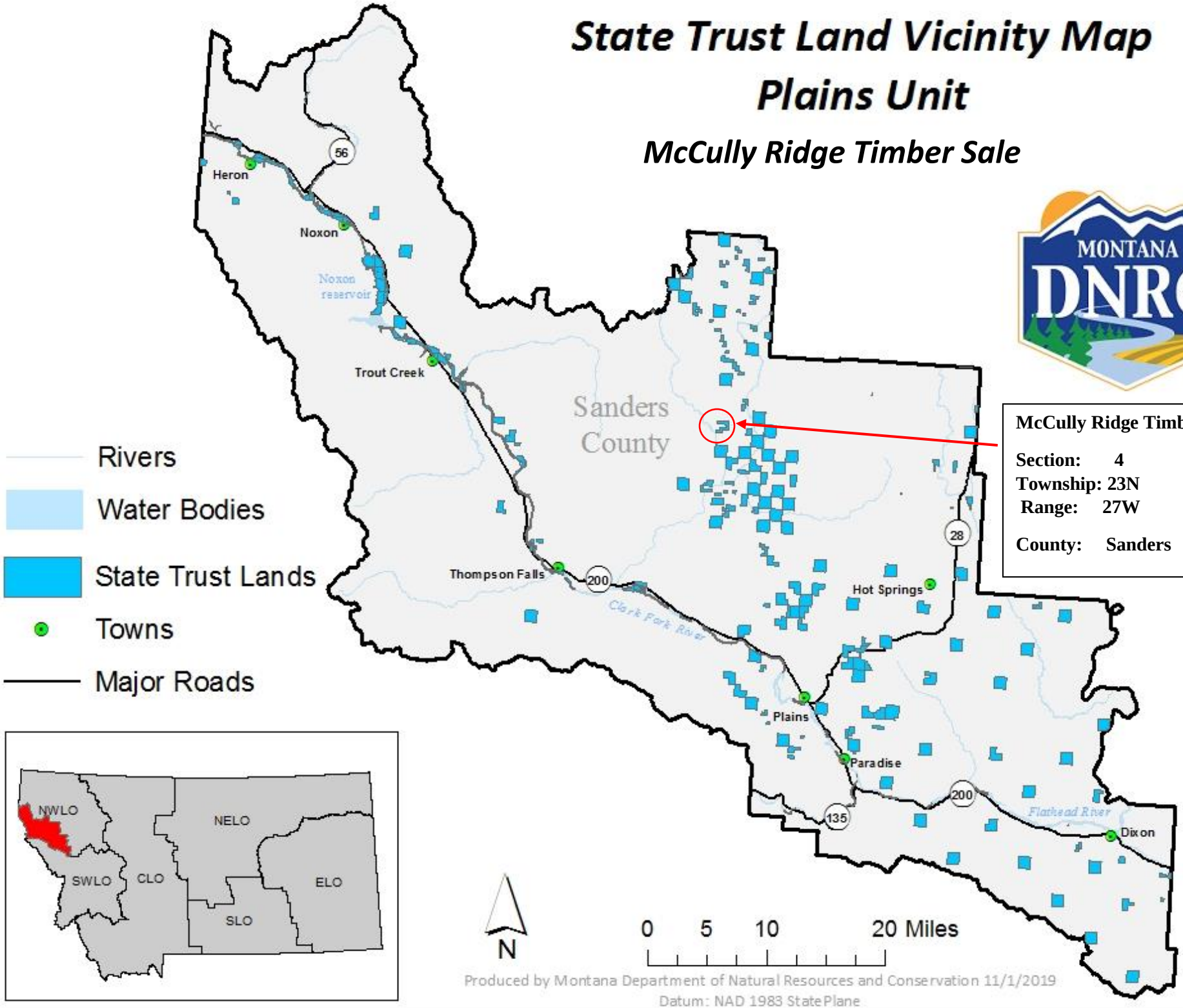
Montana DNRC
Northwestern Land Office
Plains Unit **dmp 7/20**

N

0 0.35 0.7 1.05 1.4

Miles

State Trust Land Vicinity Map
Plains Unit
McCully Ridge Timber Sale



McCully Ridge Timber Sale

Section: 4
Township: 23N
Range: 27W

County: Sanders