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### **Initial Proposal Jellison Bearpaw Timber Sale April 5, 2021**

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

**Sections 1 and 2, T32N, R23W;**

**Sections 19, 30, 31 and 32, T33N, R22W;**

**Sections 13, 14, 23, 24 and 25, T33N, R23W**

The proposed Jellison Bearpaw Timber Sale is located approximately 4-9 miles east, northeast of Olney, Montana, and 17-21 miles northwest of Whitefish, Montana; all in Flathead County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the following Trusts: Common Schools (K-12), MSU 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant, and Morrill Grant.
- Move stands towards their desired future condition.
- Specific to sections 1 and 2 of T32N, R23W and Section 25 of T33N, R23W the primary objective is to use habitat improvement and restoration actions to pursue a desired future condition which could function as an old-growth forest ecosystem.
- Contribute to the DNRC's Sustained Yield.
- Identify and repair potential sediment sources that may be impacting streams.

The proposal would harvest 1.5 to 3 million board feet (MMbf) within a 2,372-acre project area. Harvest prescriptions would vary by unit, and could include, but are not limited to; commercial thinning, group selection, old growth maintenance 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 60 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 0 to 1 miles of temporary road construction may also be necessary. No permanent roads would be built as part of this project.

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, 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 **May 6, 2021** to:

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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Stillwater Unit



**Project Name:** Jellison  
Bearpaw Timber Sale  
Proposal

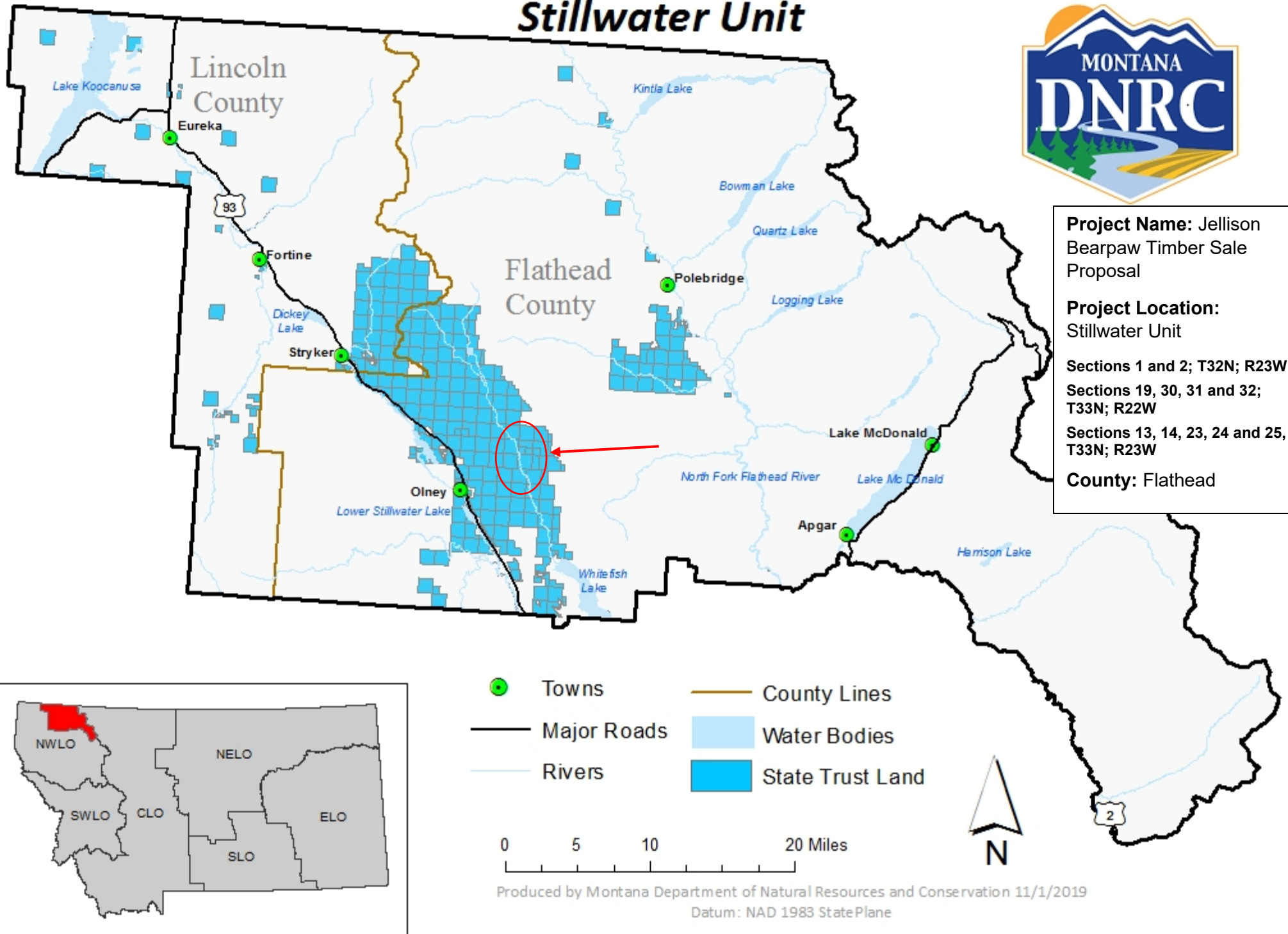
**Project Location:**  
Stillwater Unit

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**County:** Flathead

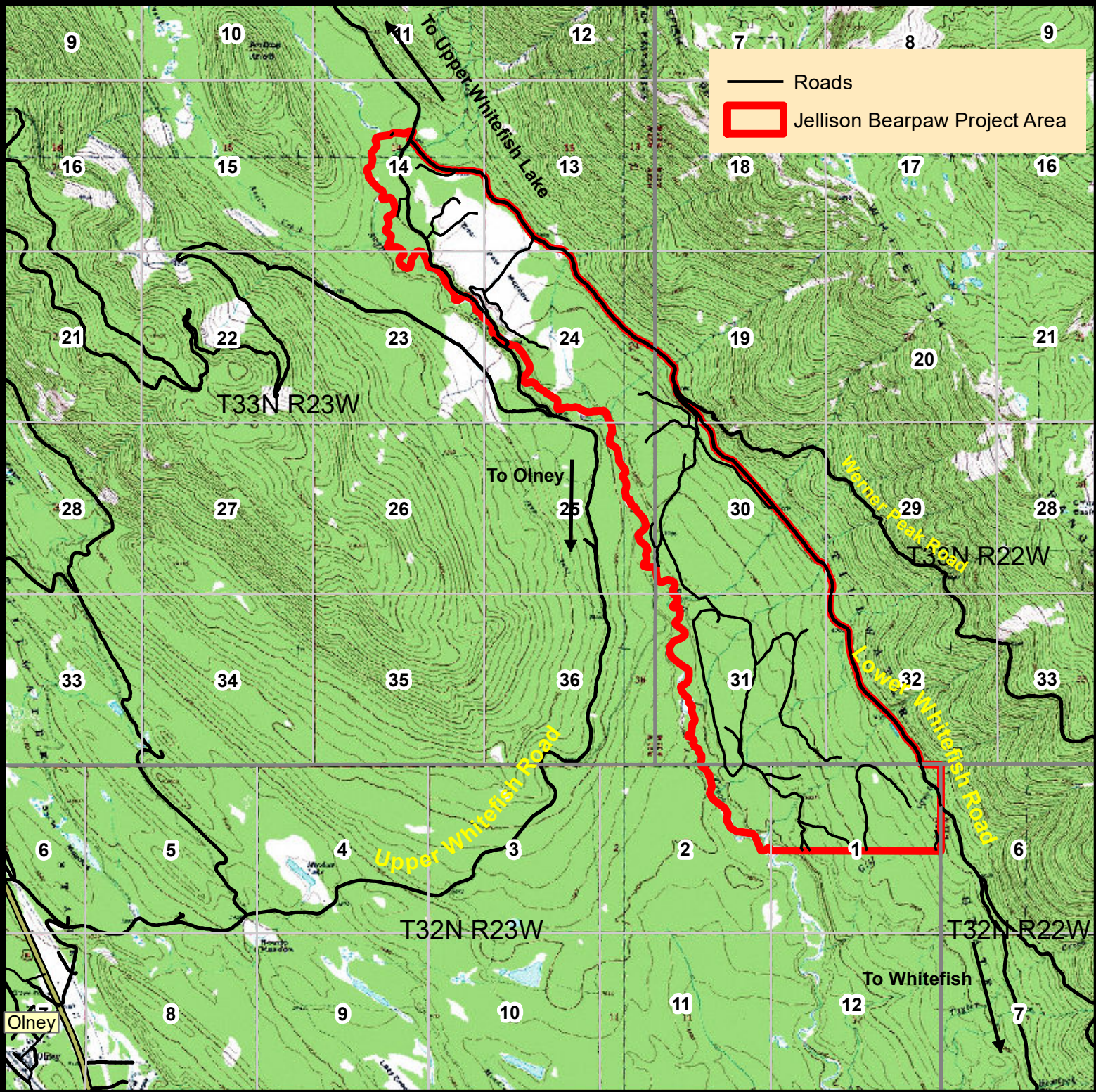






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