

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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### Initial Proposal

### Hay Coulee, Rehder Road, Bull Mountain, East Parrot Creek Timber Sales 3/25/2021

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

**S36, T07 N, R25 E – Hay Coulee**  
**S03, T06 N, R26 E – Rehder Road**  
**S36, T07 N, R26 E – Bull Mountain**  
**S16, T07 N, R27 E – East Parrot Creek**

These sections are located approximately 8 – 10 miles South and Southeast of Roundup, Montana in the Bull Mountains of Musselshell County.

The primary objectives of the proposed projects are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Improve the stand health and vigor by removing dead and dying trees.
- Reduce the forest fuel loading and the probability of a stand replacement fire by significantly thinning the trees.
- Salvage fire killed timber from the Bobcat Fire that occurred in the fall of 2020.
- Improve range grazing conditions and leases.
- The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's Timber Management sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Proposed Timber Sales:

- Hay Coulee Timber Sale – 600 acres green timber - 2,000,000 board feet from Select-Cut prescription.
- Rehder Road Timber Sale – 160 acres green timber - 800,000 board feet from Select-Cut prescription and 400 acres burned salvage timber - 2,000,000 board feet from Select-Cut and Clear-Cut prescriptions.
- Bull Mountain Timber Sale – 500 acres burned salvage timber - 2,500,000 board feet from Select-Cut and Clear-Cut prescriptions.
- East Parrot Creek Timber Sale – 160 acres green timber - 800,000 board feet from Select-Cut - 200 acres burned salvage timber 500,000 - board feet from Select-Cut and Clear-Cut prescriptions.

Road maintenance, minor improvements, and reconstruction accessing the sales to improve functionality and facilitate timber harvest activities:

- Hay Coulee - 3 miles on existing roads.
- Rehder Road - 2 miles on existing roads.
- Bull Mountain - 4 miles on existing roads.
- Parrot Creek – 2 miles on existing roads.

Noxious weed management would occur under the proposed action.

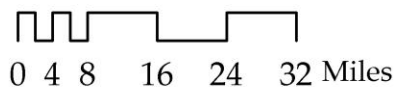
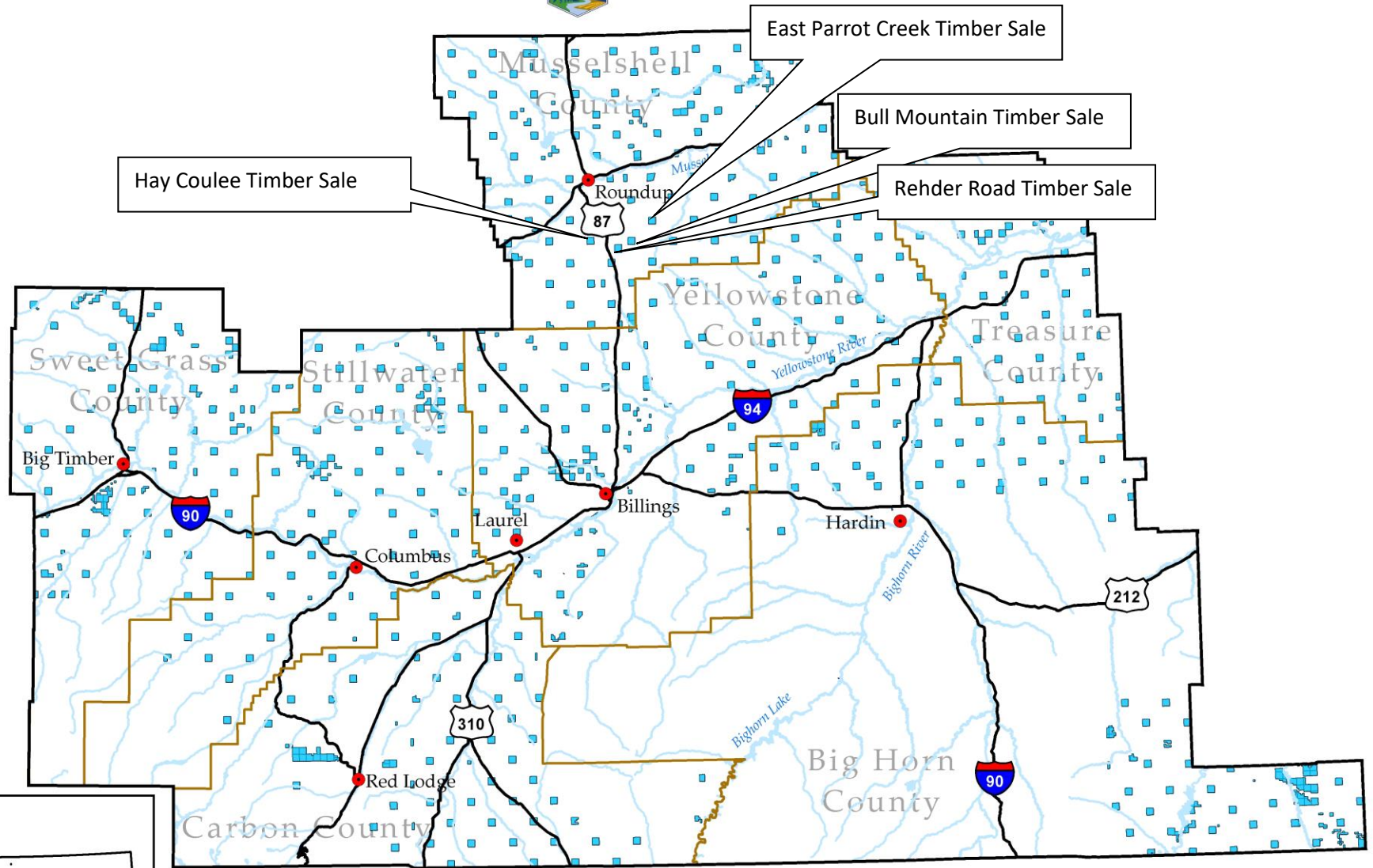
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment. All volumes, acreages, and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be actively consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by April 26 to:

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# Hay Coulee, Rehder Road, Bull Mountain and Parrot Creek Timber Sales VICINITY MAP

## SOUTHERN LAND OFFICE



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Datum: NAD 1983 Montana State Plane

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



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