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Scoping Notice
Spencer Mountain Blowdown Salvage Permit
May 24, 2021

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Kalispell Unit is proposing to salvage blown down and wind damaged timber on the following state-owned parcels:

Section 33, Township 31N, Range 19W, Sections 4, 5, & 9, Township 30N, Range 22W

The Spencer Mountain Blowdown Salvage is located approximately 3 air miles west of Whitefish, Montana.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Montana State University, State Normal School, School of Mines, and School for the Deaf and Blind Trusts by salvaging blown-down and wind-damaged trees.
- Reduce fuel loadings along property boundaries from blown-down trees.
- Mitigate uncharacteristically severe Douglas-fir bark beetle infestations that would be stimulated by blown-down trees.

The proposed project would salvage approximately 350 thousand board feet from approximately 500 acres. This salvage harvest would satisfy the DNRC's statutory mandate to salvage blown-down and wind-damaged timber as per MCA 77-5-207.

To minimize the loss and degradation of downed trees, the DNRC is in the process of analyzing this project and intends to begin salvage operations as soon as possible. Specialists including wildlife biologists, hydrologists, and soil scientists will be consulted.

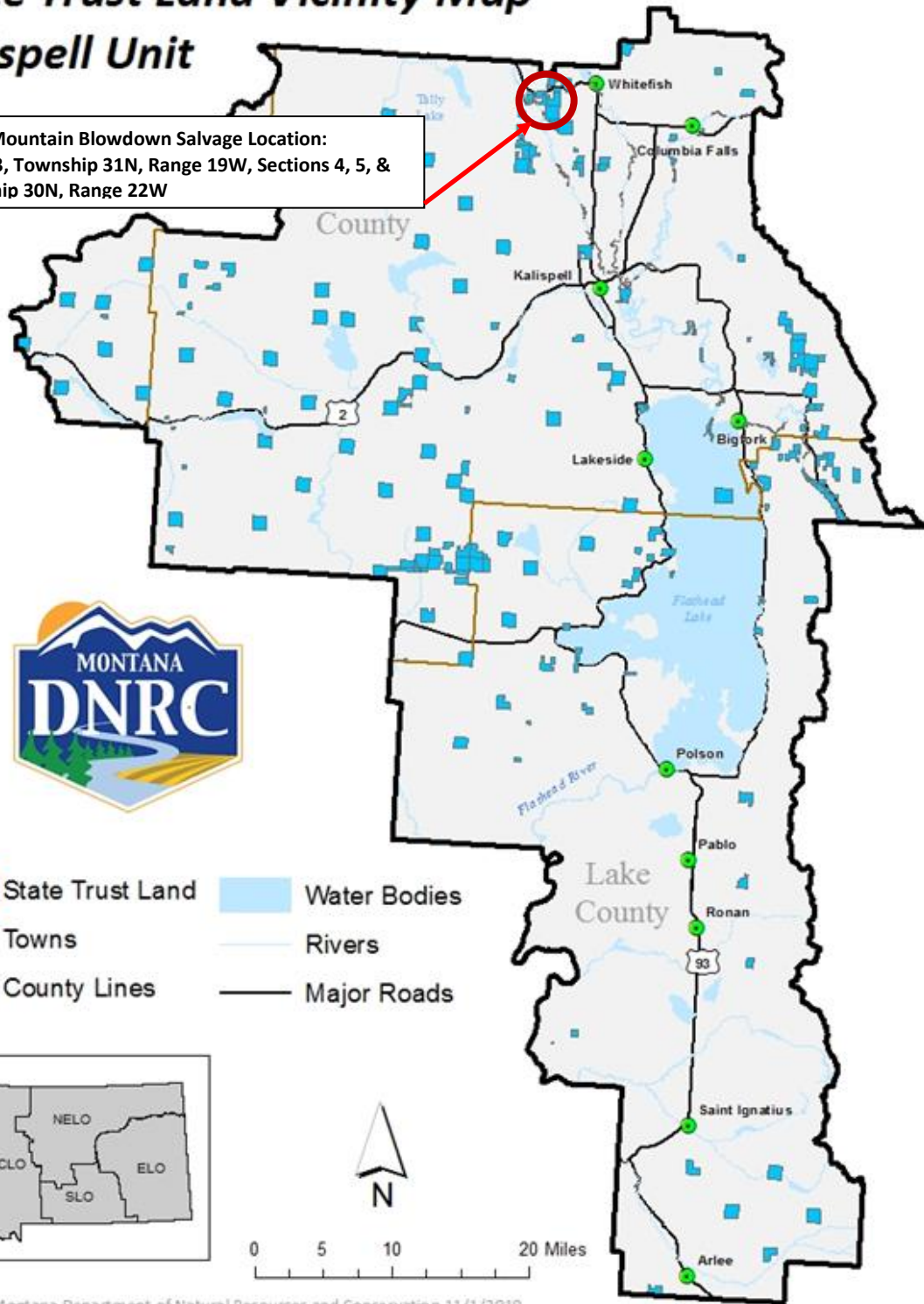
The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **June 14, 2020** to:

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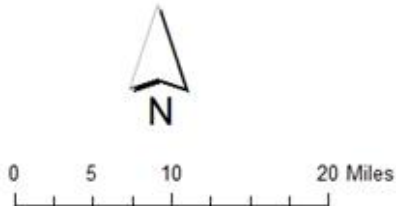
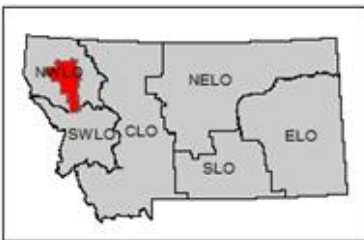
State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Kalispell Unit

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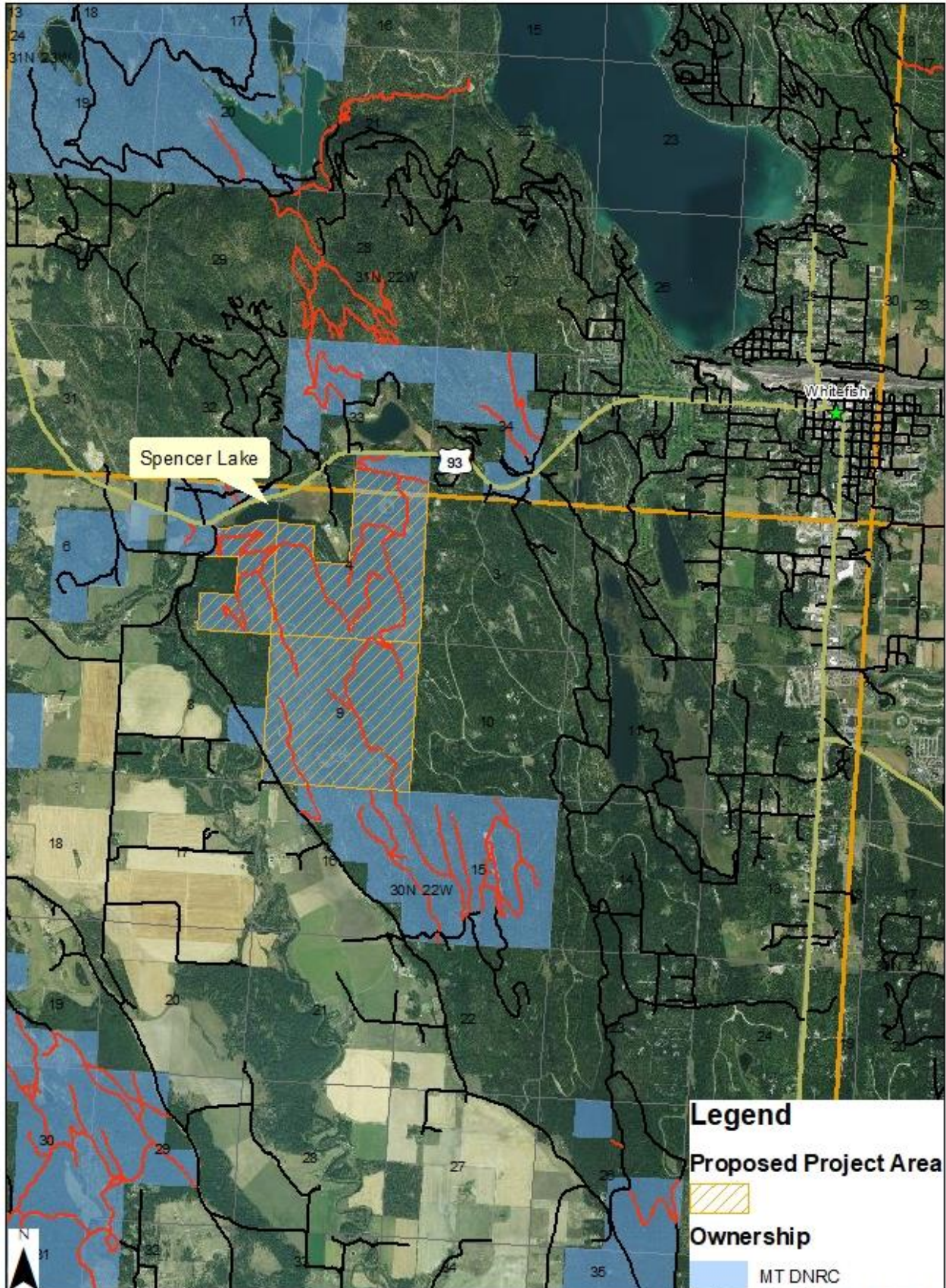


- State Trust Land
- Water Bodies
- Towns
- Rivers
- County Lines
- Major Roads



Spencer Mountain Blowdown Salvage Project Area

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Legend

Proposed Project Area


Ownership
 MT DNRC

