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**Scoping Notice**  
**Green Creek Timber Harvest**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) Helena Unit is proposing the Green Creek Limited Access Timber Sale. The proposed timber sale is located on Trust Land administered by DNRC Helena Unit in Lewis and Clark County, approximately 23 miles South of Augusta, MT. Please see the attached maps. The harvest is proposed on the following state owned parcel.

Township 16 North Range 6 West  
Section 16: Common Schools Trust  
Approximately 350 acres

The purpose of the proposed project is to manage the forest to improve health, productivity, biodiversity, and to generate revenue for the trust beneficiaries. This includes capturing the value of live as well as dead and dying trees prior to the resource becoming no longer merchantable for lumber. A transportation road system will be constructed to satisfy long-term management needs including administrative access, address water quality concerns and ensure Best Management Practice compliance. Under the proposed action, road maintenance and improvement would be needed on existing access roads which includes noxious weed management, prescribed burning, and may include property line surveys and tree planting. DNRC would need to enter from adjacent private land.

The proposed harvest is in accordance with State Statutes 77-5-201 and 77-5-207. The DNRC's intent is to salvage timber before substantial value loss occurs while we have access. Additionally, the proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The proposal is in the general vicinity of Green Creek. DNRC strives to balance its fiduciary responsibility to the Common School Trust with its stewardship responsibilities that are intended to promote biodiversity and subsequently protect the future income-generating capacity of the forest. All forested lands involved in the proposed action would thus be managed in accordance with DNRC's State Forest Land Management Plan (SFLMP) and Forest Management Rules.

The proposal would harvest approximately 700MBF from approximately 350 acres. The proposed action would likely be implemented between late of 2017 and 2021.

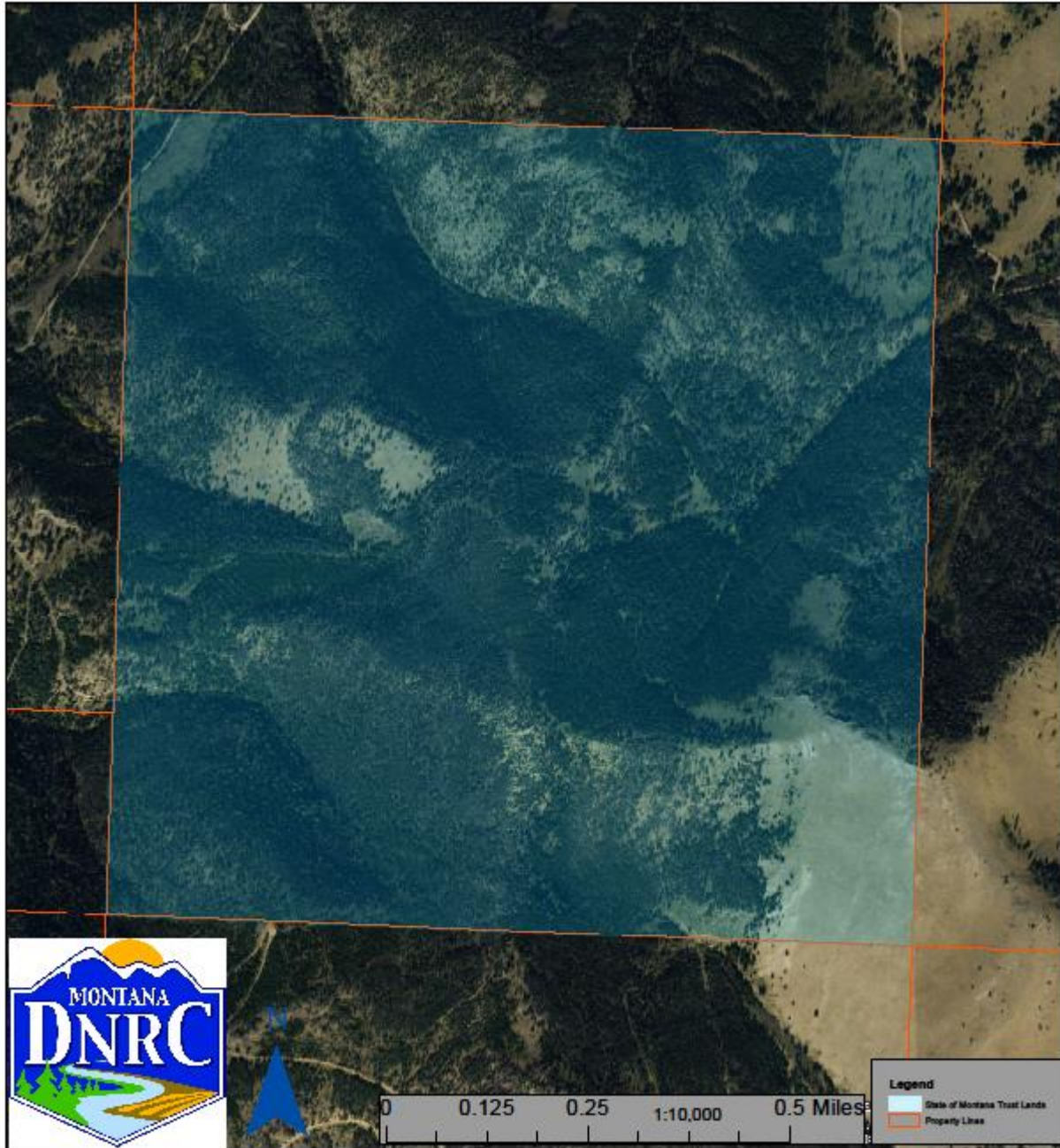
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted. Neighboring landowners will also be asked for their input.

The Montana DNRC invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by June 5th, 2017 to:

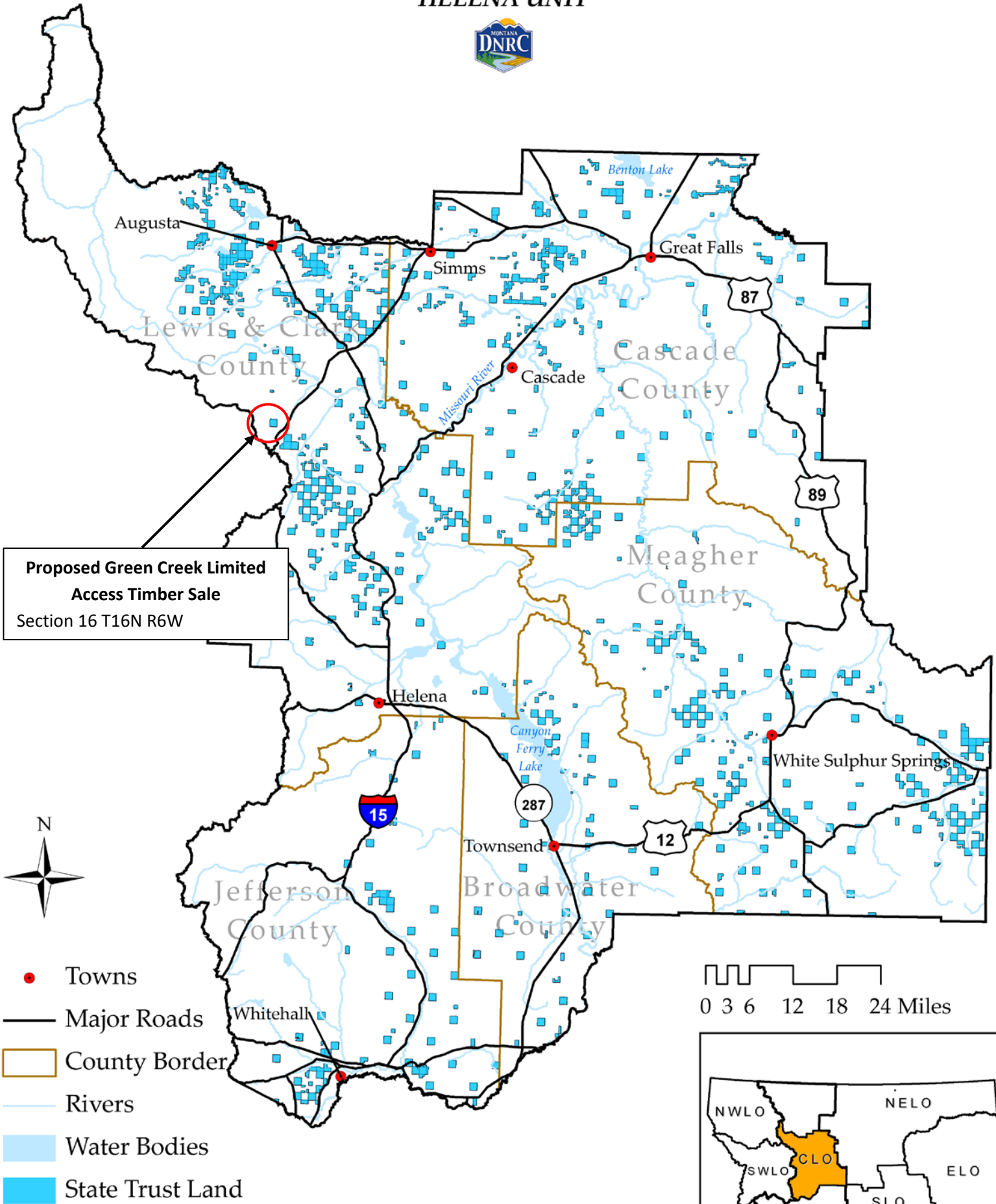
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MT DNRC  
Proposed Green Creek Limited Access Timber Sale  
T16N R6W Section 16: Common School Trust



# GREEN CREEK LIMITED ACCESS VICINITY MAP HELENA UNIT



**Proposed Green Creek Limited  
Access Timber Sale**  
Section 16 T16N R6W



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

0 3 6 12 18 24 Miles

