MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC)
SWAN RIVER STATE FOREST

FATTY CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

MAY 6, 2015

DNRC, as manager of the Swan River State Forest, is proposing the Fatty Creek Restoration Project. The gross project area involves State trust lands in Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 18 West. This section is approximately 16 air miles south of Swan Lake, MT. This project proposes pre-commercial and commercial thinning on approximately 120 acres within the gross project area. The primary objective of this proposal is to reduce the stocking on these acres in order to promote the growth and vigor of residual trees. Proposed project activities would likely occur between July 2015 and July 2016.

Swan River State Forest is in the initial stages of developing this project proposal and would like to receive public comment regarding concerns or issues. In accordance with the *Montana Environmental Policy Act* (MEPA), public concerns about the proposed project and potential environmental impacts will be considered and analyzed prior to the final decisionmaking process. The project design and corresponding level of analysis will be influenced by public and specialist input.

Please let us know how we can best keep you or your organization actively involved and informed throughout the project development and analysis.

The comment period will remain open until **June 5, 2015.** To obtain more information, please call (406) 754-2301. You may comment by submitting your written statements to:

Letters: Swan River State Forest
ATTN: Jason Parke
34925 MT Highway 83
Swan Lake, Montana, 59911
Phone: 406-754-2301
FAX: 406-754-2884
Email jparke@mt.gov (*Please include "Fatty Creek Restoration" in subject line)*

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, June 5, 2015.

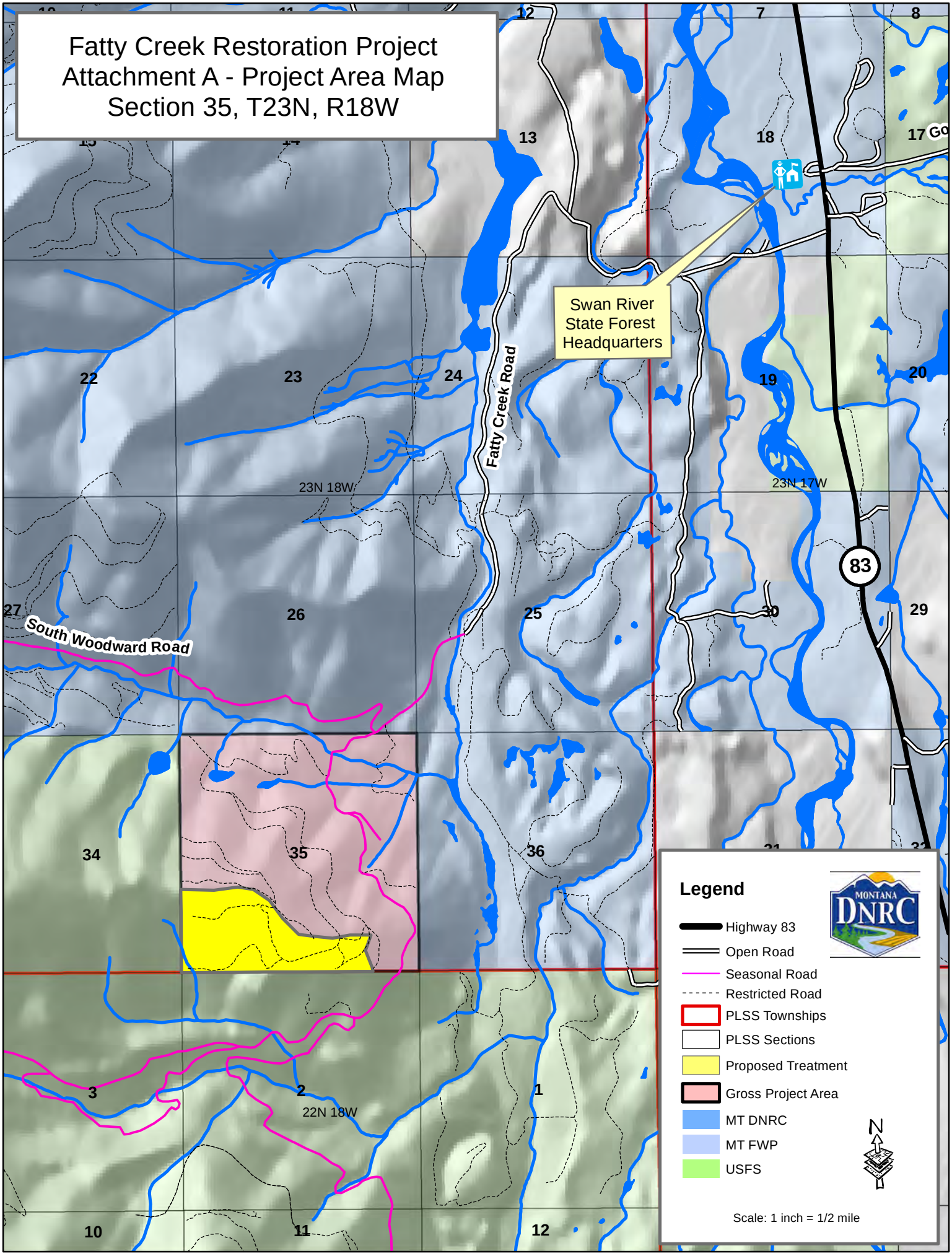
Sincerely,

/S/ Jason Parke

Forest Management Supervisor
Swan River State Forest
34925 MT Highway 83
Swan Lake, Montana 59911

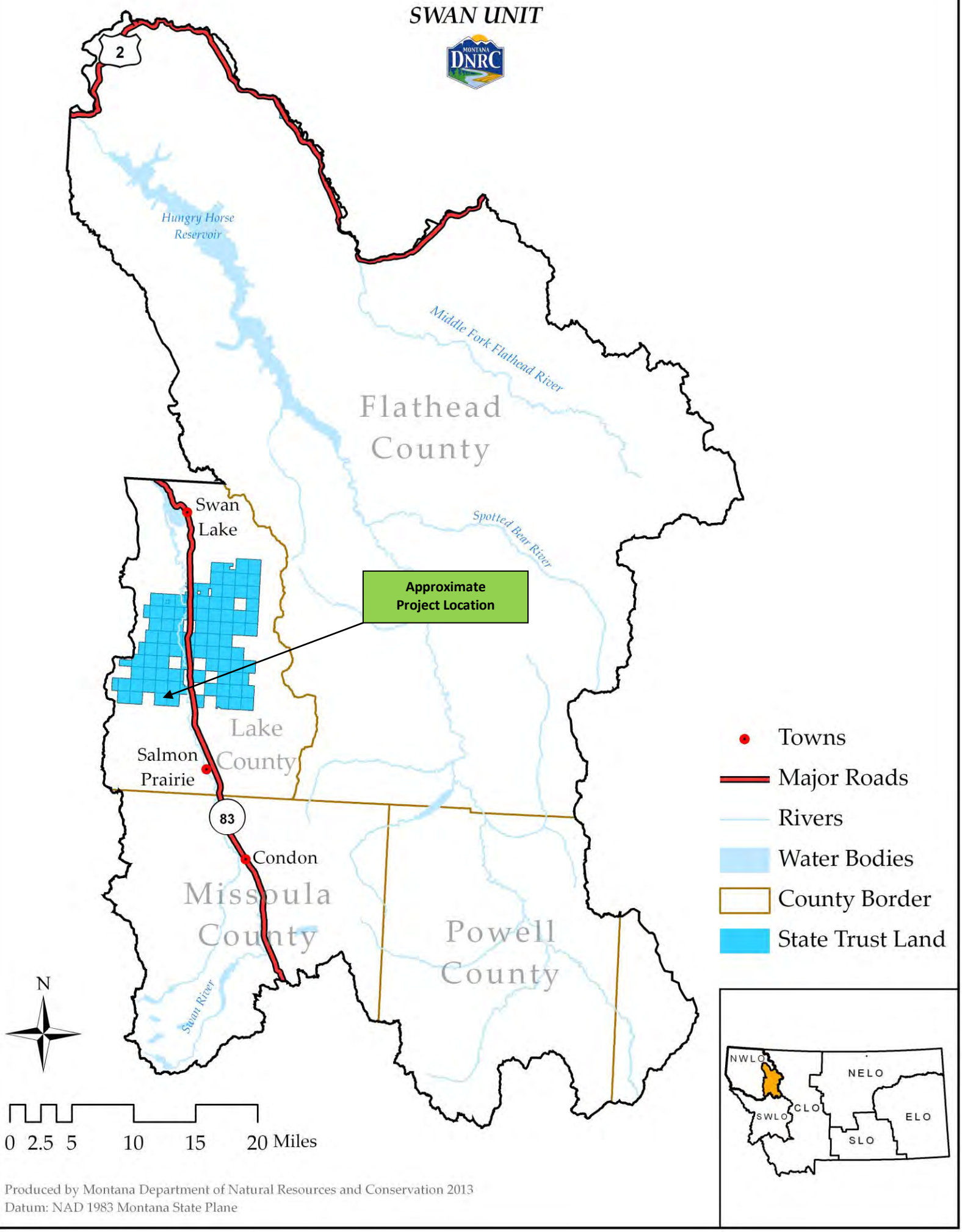
cc: Project file

Fatty Creek Restoration Project
Attachment A - Project Area Map
Section 35, T23N, R18W



FATTY CREEK RESTORATION VICINITY MAP

SWAN UNIT



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