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## Initial Proposal

### Moose Crater Forest Projects

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Lincoln Field Office is proposing forest projects on the following state owned parcels.

Section 36 T14N R10W, Common Schools  
Section 36 T14N R8W, Common Schools

The primary objective of this proposal is to produce funds for the above mentioned trusts and assorted forest projects described below. These projects are planned to be developed in compliance with the State Forest Management Plan, Montana Administrative Rules regarding Forest management, and the DNRC Habitat Conservation Plan. The State would also use this as an opportunity to remove dead and dying timber that have been, and are currently being attacked by the spruce budworm and mountain pine beetle.

The proposed project may include harvest of approximately 6 million board feet of timber and could construct up to 7.5 miles of new road. DNRC also plans to repair and maintain up to 14 miles of road that do not meet Best Management Practices or DNRC guidelines. Noxious weed management, property line surveys, pre-commercial thinning, and tree planting are likely to be involved.

The area of this proposal is located in two separate sections; the first section is approximately six miles southwest of Lincoln, MT, in the Moose Creek drainage. The second section is approximately six miles southeast of Lincoln, MT, in the Humbug Creek drainage. This area is known to contain numerous wildlife species and Moose Creek and Humbug Creek are fish bearing streams that run throughout the project areas. Protective measures to fulfill the endangered species act, and protect other environmental considerations would be used.

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 D.N.R.C. invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by June 12, 2015 to:

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# MOOSE CRATER VICINITY MAP CLEARWATER UNIT

