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SCOPING NOTICE

Proposal to Sell DNRC Trust lands within the Beartooth, Blackleaf and Sun River Wildlife Management Areas (WMA's)

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The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Land Banking Program allows the agency to sell land and put the proceeds in a Land Banking Fund. The combined funds from multiple sales can then be used to purchase other lands which produce a higher level of income than the lands sold. This results in a greater income to the trust beneficiaries (U of M, MSU, Common Schools, among others).

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is evaluating a proposal to sell the trust lands managed by DNRC within three Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks WMA's located in Lewis and Clark, Cascade, and Teton Counties. The lands will be offered for public auction in each respective county. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) has expressed interest in acquiring these lands. FWP requested and received permission from the Fish and Wildlife Commission to proceed with due diligence and negotiations. Please review the attached maps and tables of the lands being consider for sale.

In summary, there is 639.48 acres in Teton County, 8,208.78 acres in Lewis and Clark County, and 640 acres in Cascade County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Remove trust land ownership from within WMA boundaries
- Increase Trust revenues
- Consolidate DNRC lands
- Allow FWP to own and manage all properties within WMA boundaries

FWP management of the properties are anticipated to continue consistent with their current management actives. DNRC would be positioned to purchase properties with the sale proceeds, which generate higher revenues and provide public access and recreational opportunities.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project. The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **June 15, 2015** to:

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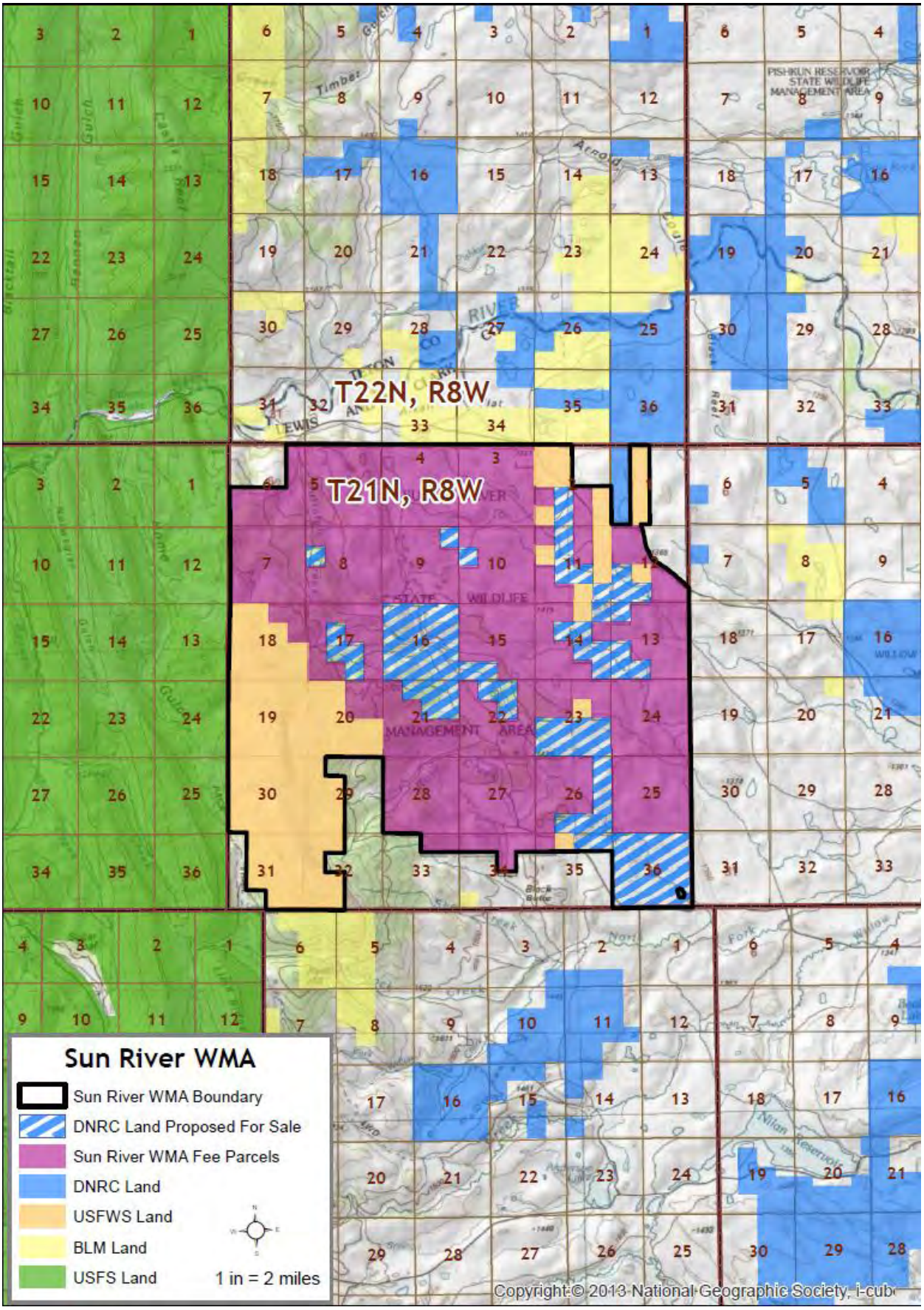
Tables of Lands in Wildlife Management Areas

Sun River WMA Parcels						
TWN	RNG	Sec	Description	County	Grant ID	# Acres
21N	8W	8	SW4NW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	40
21N	8W	9	NE4NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	40
21N	8W	11	E2NW4, NE4SW4, NW4SE4, SE4SE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	200
21N	8W	12	S2SW4, NW4SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	120
21N	8W	14	NE4NE4, SW4NE4, SE4NW4, N2SE4, SE4SE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	240
21N	8W	2	E2SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	79.73
21N	8W	23	S2	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	320
21N	8W	35	N2NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	80
21N	8W	36	5.00 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LOT 7 (SE4SE4)	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	5
21N	8W	36	LOTS 1 TO 7 INC.,NW4SE4,N2SW4,W2NE4,NW4, LESS 5 AC SPECIAL LEASE IN LOT 7 (SE4SE4)	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	645.62
21N	8W	10	SW4NW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	40
21N	8W	13	NW4NW4_NW4SW4_S2SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	160
21N	8W	15	S2SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	80
21N	8W	16	ALL	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	640
21N	8W	17	SE4NW4_W2SE4_NE4SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	160
21N	8W	21	NE4NW4_NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	200
21N	8W	22	NE4NW4_W2NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	120
21N	8W	26	E2E2_SW4SE4_SE4SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	240

Blackleaf WMA Parcels						
26N	8W	16	LOTS 1_2_4_5_ NW4_W2NE4_NW4SE4_N2SW4	Teton	Common Schools	519.48
26N	8W	10	NW4SW4	Teton	Public Building	40
26N	8W	17	SE4NW4, NW4NW4	Teton	Public Building	80

Beartooth WMA Parcels						
14N	1W	16	ALL	Cascade	Common Schools	640
14N	2W	10	SW4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	160
14N	2W	14	ALL	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	640
14N	2W	16	N2,W2SW4,S2SE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	480
14N	2W	20	E2NW4,N2NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	160
14N	2W	22	ALL	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	640
14N	2W	24	SW4NE4,W2,SE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	520
14N	2W	28	NE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	160
14N	2W	30	LOT 2, SE4NE4,SE4SW4,SE4	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	278.43
14N	2W	36	ALL	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	640
14N	3W	36	NW4,S2	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	480
15N	2W	36	ALL	Lewis & Clark	Common Schools	640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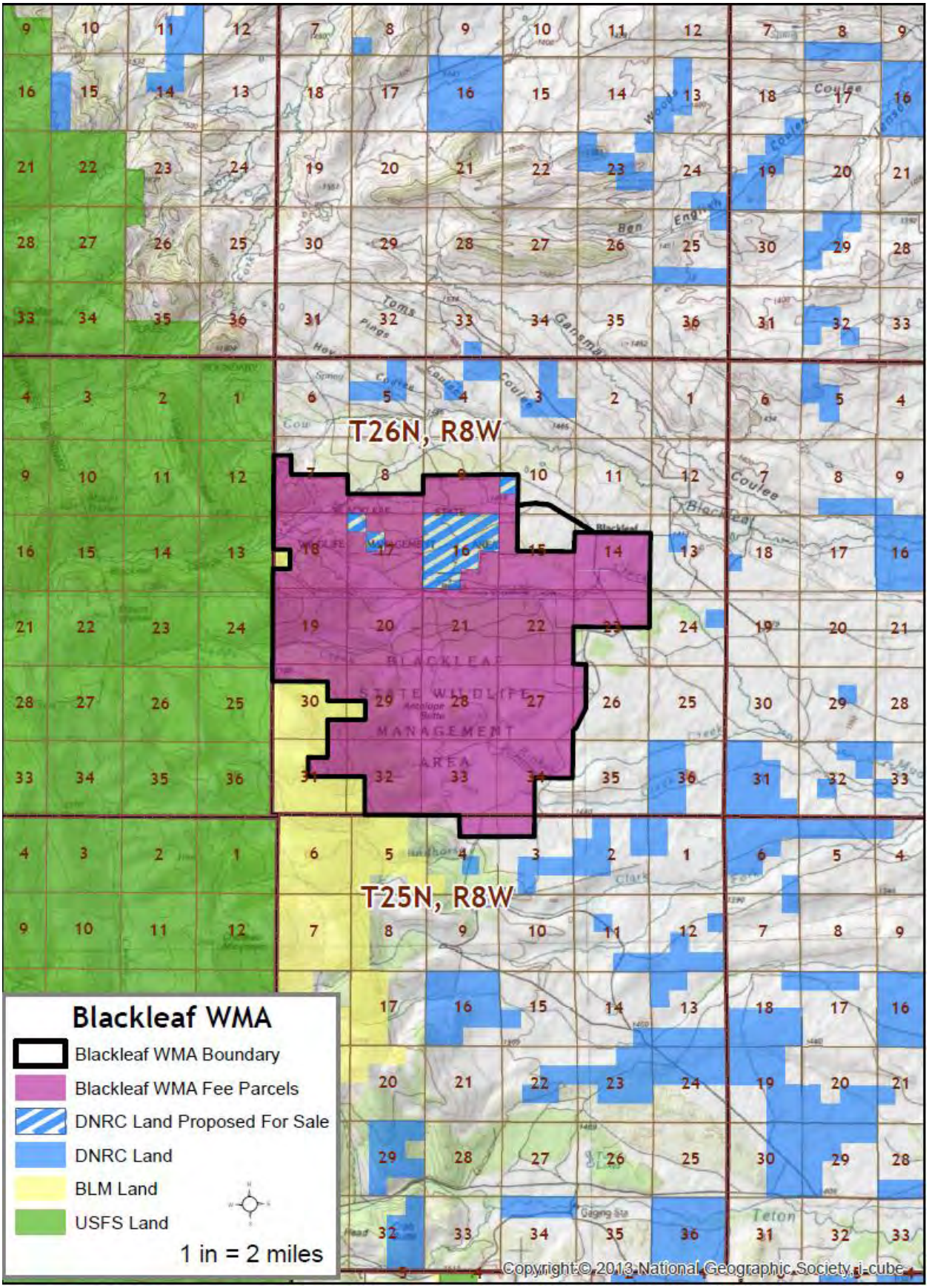
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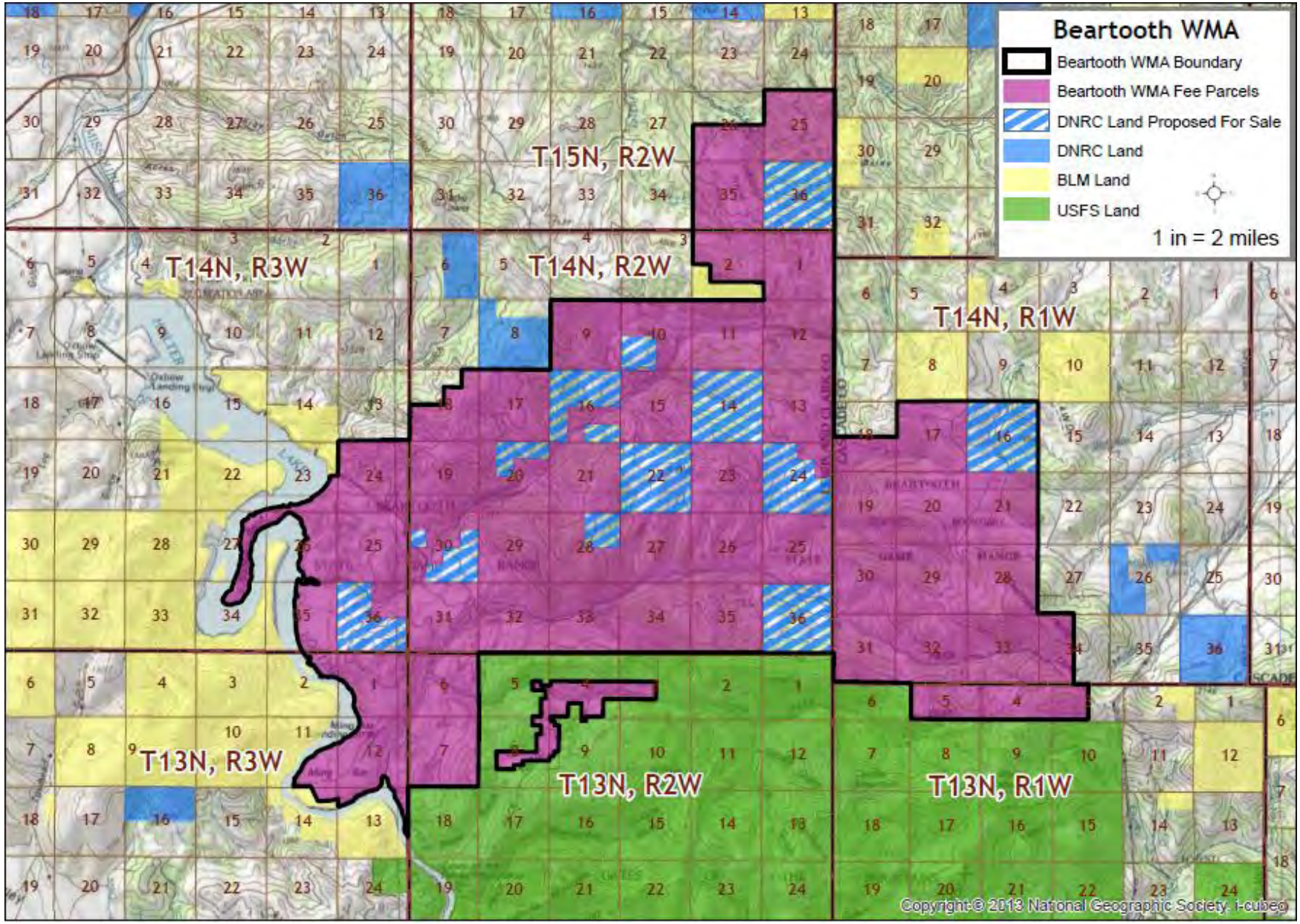
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