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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for two proposed timber sales.

The first proposed sale will be known as the Upper Indian Creek Timber Sale. The proposed sale is located approximately 36 air miles north of Plains, MT in the Indian Creek drainage in the Common Schools Trust Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 27 West. This sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve a seed tree and shelterwood harvest with ground and cable based logging systems. The sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale is being considered since an outbreak of Douglas-fir Beetle has been detected. This sale would likely sell in the spring 2016 and is projected to generate approximately 1 million board feet of timber.

The second, known as Skookum Point Timber Sale, is located approximately 36 air miles north of Plains, MT, in the Common Schools Trust Section 36, Township 26 North, Range 27 West. This sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve a seed tree and shelterwood harvest with ground and cable based logging systems. The sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale is being considered since an outbreak of Douglas-fir Beetle has been detected. This sale would likely sell in the summer 2016 and is projected to generate approximately 4 million board feet of timber.

These sales are being considered to generate revenue for their associated Trust Funds, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in these areas.

As an adjacent landowner or interested party, we request your input regarding these projects. Your concerns and comments are needed to assist the DNRC in planning, analyzing, and implementing these projects. We would appreciate your response by Thursday, September 10, 2015 so that we may incorporate it into our planning process. Please send comments to: DNRC Plains Unit, ATTN: Dale Peters, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859 or by email to dpeters@mt.gov or by phone at 406-826-4722.

Sincerely,

Dale Peters

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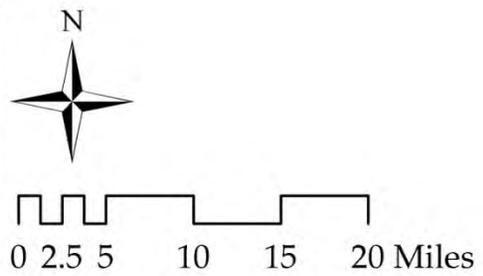
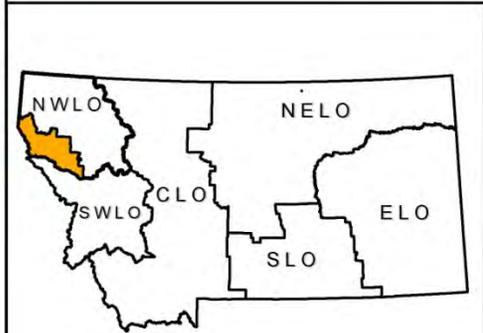
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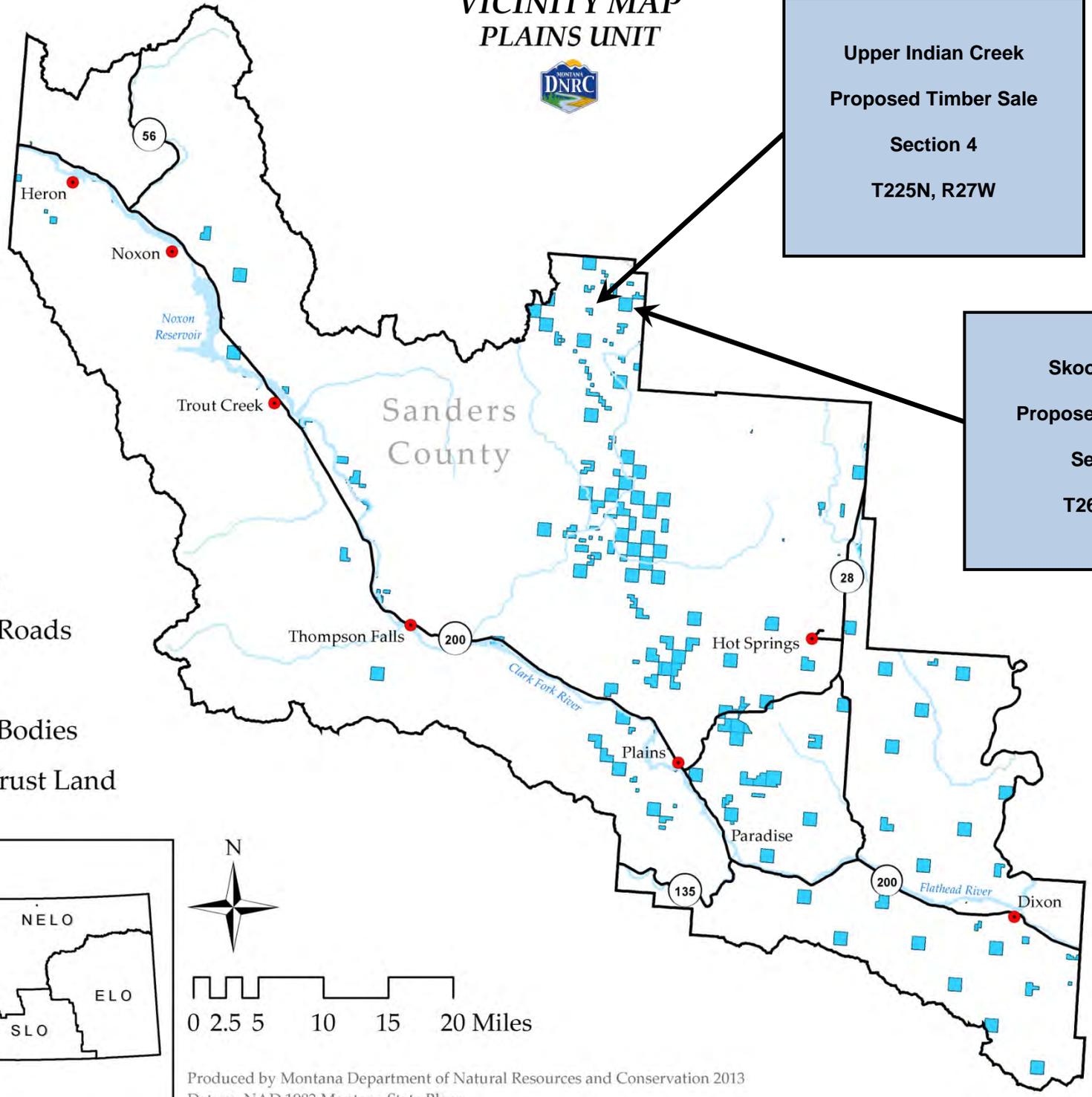
**Upper Indian Creek
Proposed Timber Sale
Section 4
T225N, R27W**

**Skookum Point
Proposed Timber Sale
Section 36
T26N, R27W**

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



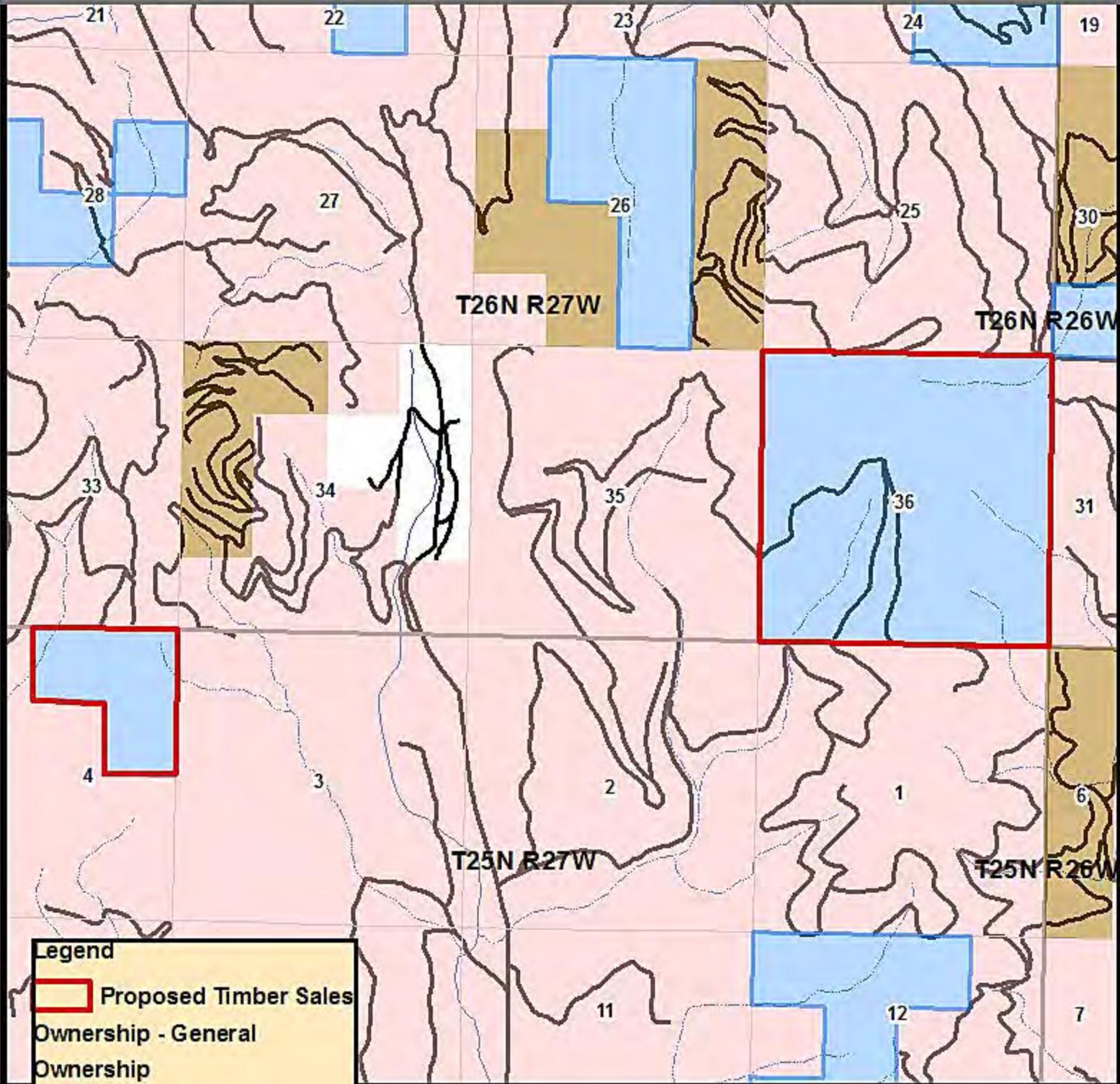
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Proposed Timber Sales

Upper Indian Creek; T25N, R27W, Sec 4

Skookum Point; T26N, R27W, Sec 36



Legend

- Proposed Timber Sales
- Ownership - General
- Ownership
- MT DNRC
- Plum Creek
- Stimson Lumber Co

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