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Initial Proposal Rehder Road Timber Sales

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Southern Land Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels.

Section 36 of T. 7N R. 26E and Section 3 T. 6N R. 26E of the Common Schools Trust

The primary objective of the proposed project is to thin/ harvest ponderosa pine trees in order to increase growth rates and produce more wood for future commercial harvesting. Road maintenance and improvement would be needed on existing access road and some new road construction may be necessary to access proposed harvest units. Noxious weed management, road maintenance and construction and property line surveys may also occur under the proposed action.

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 Rehder Road off Highway 87, 12 miles south of Roundup, Montana. This area is known to contain numerous wildlife species in the project area. Protective measures to fulfill the endangered species act, and protect other environmental considerations, would be used.

Due to the scattered nature of state lands in the project vicinity the proposed harvest may take place under a single timber sale or under various timber permits and sales. The proposal would harvest approximately 1.2 million board feet from approximately 1,280 acres. The proposed action would likely be implemented in the late summer of 2015 and be completed by 2018.

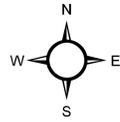
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted. Neighboring landowners will also 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 5:00pm September 30, 2015 to:

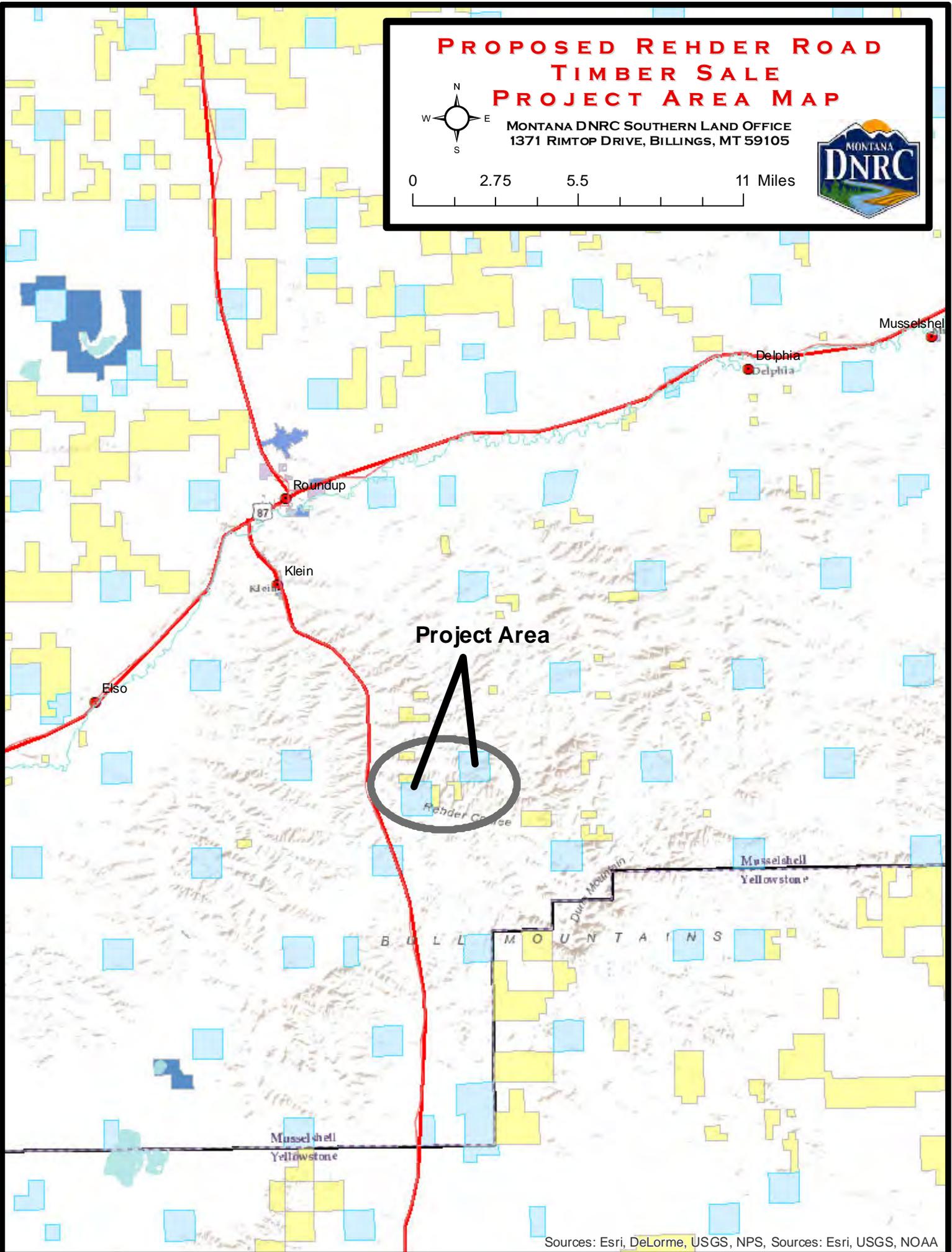
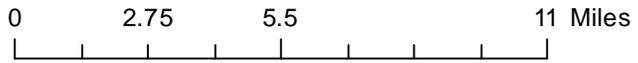
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PROPOSED REHDER ROAD TIMBER SALE PROJECT AREA MAP

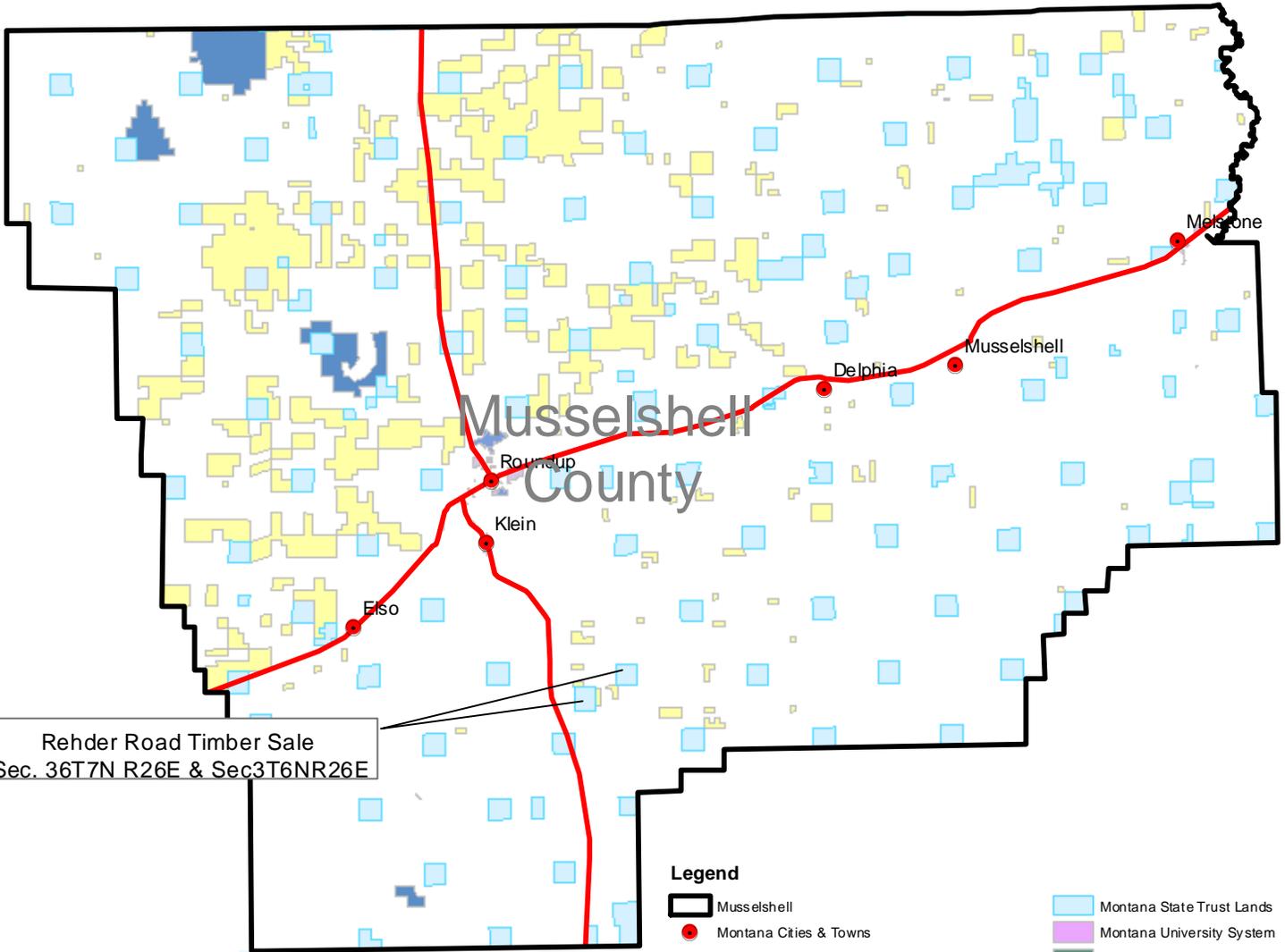


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REHDER ROAD TIMBER SALE

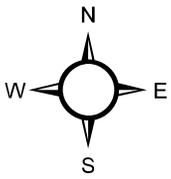
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Sec. 36T7N R26E & Sec3T6NR26E

Legend

- Musselshell
 - Montana Cities & Towns
 - Highways
- Public Lands**
- OWNER**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Trust Land
 - City Government
 - County Government
 - Local Government
 - Montana Dept of Corrections
 - Montana Dept of Natural Resources Water Projects
 - Montana Dept of Transportation
 - Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
 - Montana State Trust Lands
 - Montana University System
 - National Park Service
 - State of Montana
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
 - US Bureau of Land Management
 - US Bureau of Reclamation
 - US Dept of Agriculture
 - US Dept of Defense
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - US Forest Service
 - US Government
 - Unknown



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