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**Initial Proposal
Castle Rock Salvage Timber Sale
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), **Eastern Land Office** is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcel:

Section 16 Township 1S Range 47E

The proposed Castle Rock Timber Salvage sale on the above mentioned section that is located 3.5 miles North West of Stacy in Southeastern MT.

The proposed salvage sale is part of a program that manages forested State Trust Land for revenue to support public schools. The purpose of this letter is to identify issues and concerns as they relate to the proposed project. This proposed action would reduce fire hazards, fuel loading, increase forest health, and improve forage for wildlife and cattle.

Preliminary surveys indicate that the silvicultural treatment would be to remove all fire killed Ponderosa Pine trees, and poorly formed live green trees. All live well formed green trees showing good signs of vigor will be left to try and regenerate a multi-age stand structure. The salvage would harvest approximately 800,000 thousand to 1 million board feet of Ponderosa Pine over approximately 400 acres. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 2-3 miles of temporary spur roads would be necessary to accomplish the management objectives. These roads would be obliterated at the completion of use through ripping the road surface and seeding back to native grass species. Approximately 4-6 miles of existing road on both Private, and State land would be incorporated as well.

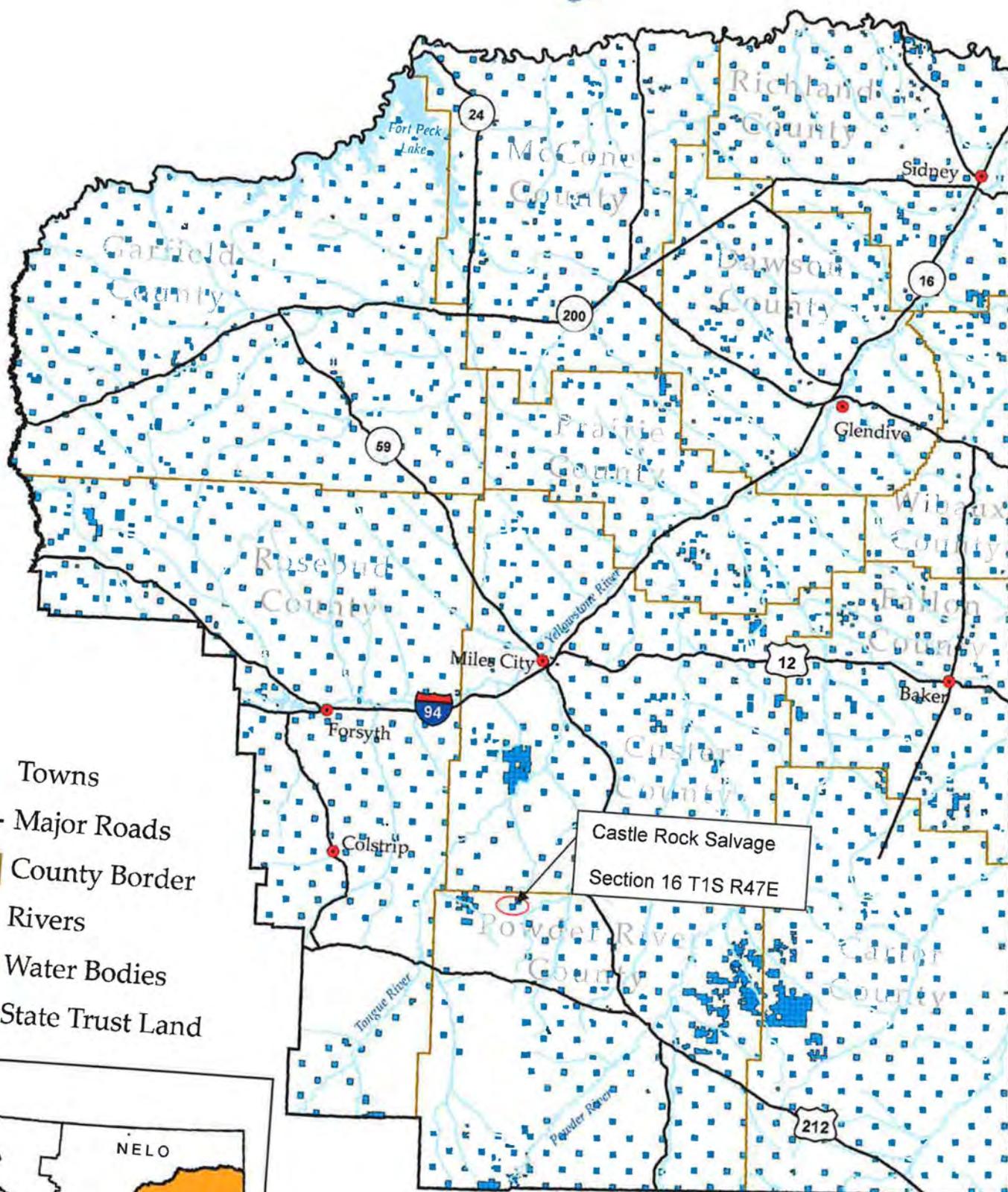
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **February 15th 2016** to:

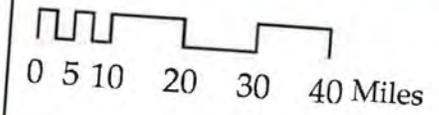
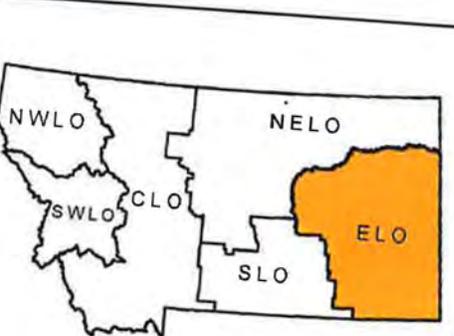
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Castle Rock Salvage VICINITY MAP

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- Major Roads
- ▭ County Border
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Land



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