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Initial Proposal
Fourmile Pre-Commercial Thinning and Slashing
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit is proposing pre-commercial thinning and post-harvest slashing activities on up to 400 acres on the following state owned parcels:

Sections 4, 9 and 10 T17N R27W

These sections are located approximately 2 mile east of St. Regis, Montana in the Fourmile Creek drainages of Mineral County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- To thin slash leftover from previous harvesting activities.
- Maintain forest productivity.
- Pre-commercially thin stands to reduce competition and improve vigor.
- Plant seedlings where natural regeneration has not occurred.

The proposed project would slash approximately 130 acres and pre-commercially thin up to 270 acres. These activities would occur from 2016 through 2019.

Noxious weed management may also occur under the proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all acreages 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 March 11, 2016 to:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

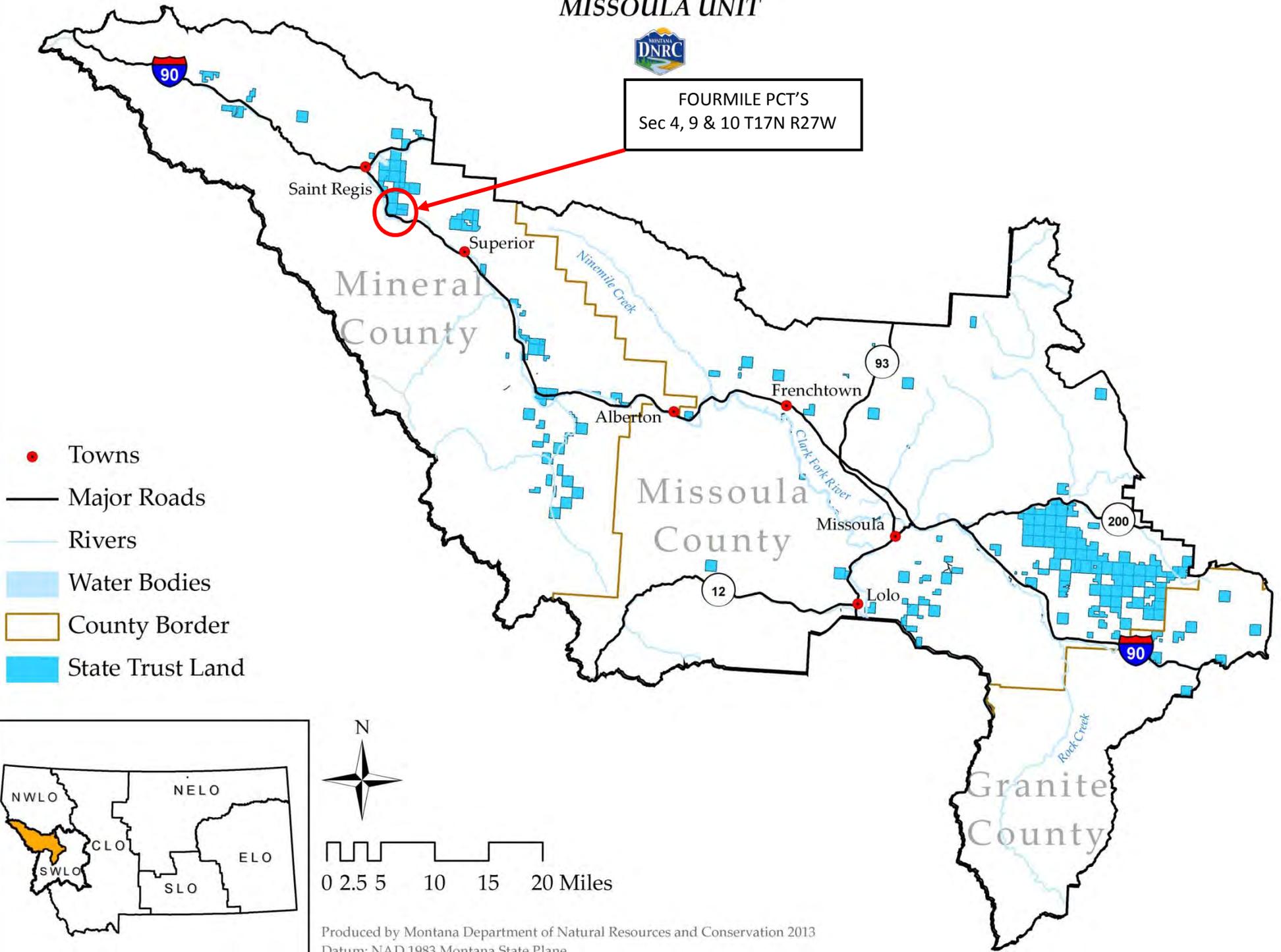
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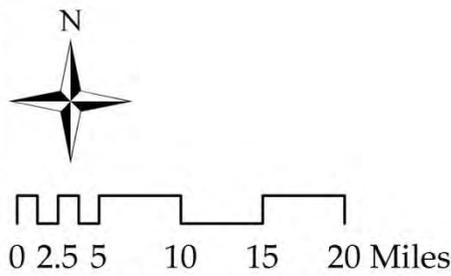
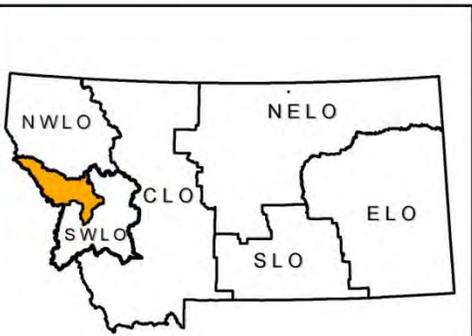
FOURMILE PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING VICINITY MAP MISSOULA UNIT



FOURMILE PCT'S
Sec 4, 9 & 10 T17N R27W



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



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