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**Initial Proposal
Corley Gulch Timber Sale**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Hamilton Unit Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

**Section 36 T8N R19W
Common Schools Trust**

The primary objective of the proposed project is to harvest trees that have been or are at risk of being attacked by mountain pine beetle and trees infected by disease, particularly dwarf mistletoe. In addition, trees would be individually selected for harvest to improve tree health, increase forest productivity, and improve resistance to future insect/disease attack. The project would also generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.

Road maintenance and improvements would be needed on existing access roads and new road construction may be necessary to access proposed harvest units. Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning, and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

The proposal would harvest approximately 750,000 board feet from approximately 250 acres. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The proposal is located approximately eleven miles east of Victor, Montana. The proposed action could begin as early as Summer 2017 and be completed by Fall 2018.

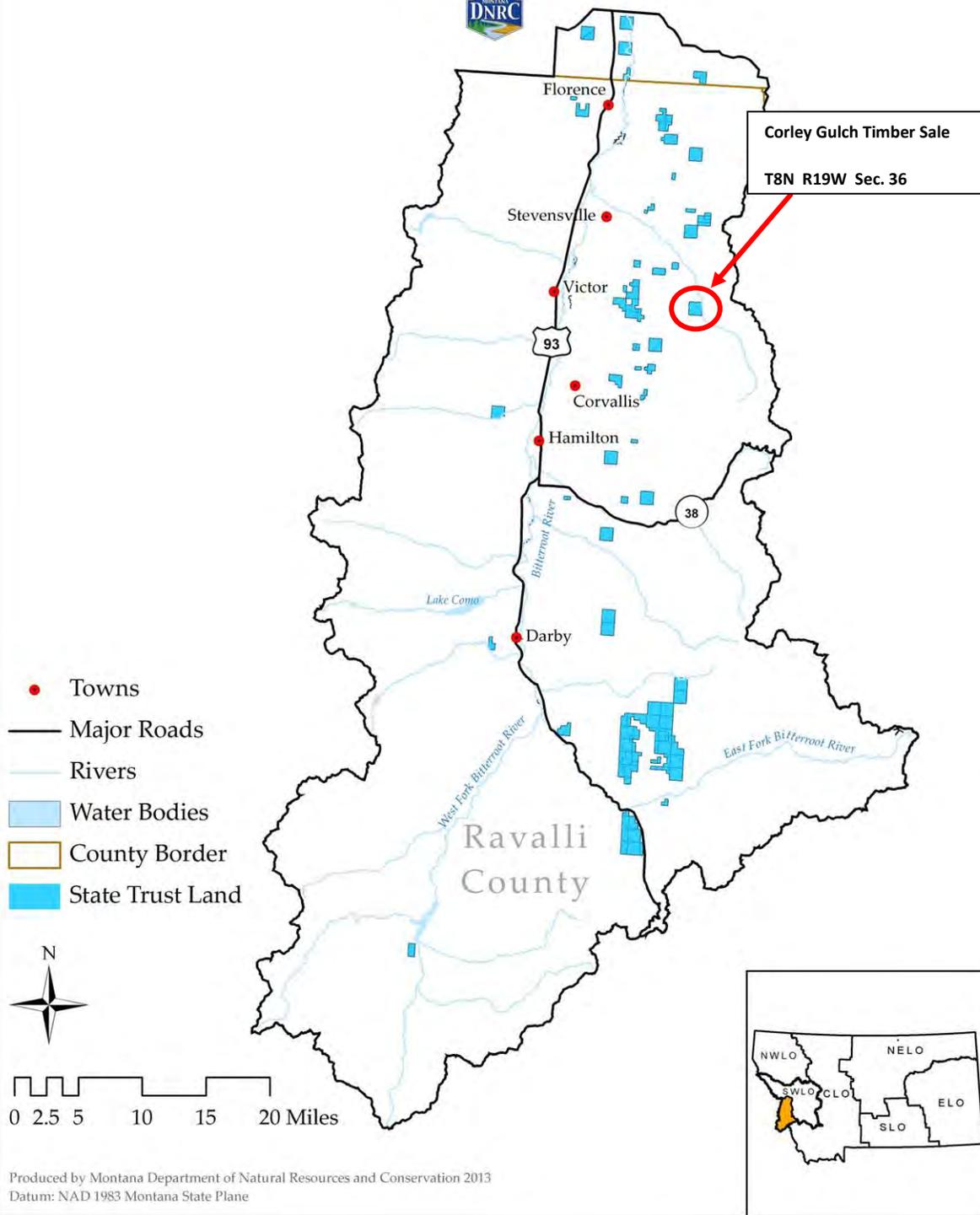
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Responses can be made by letter or email but must be received by March 11, 2016.

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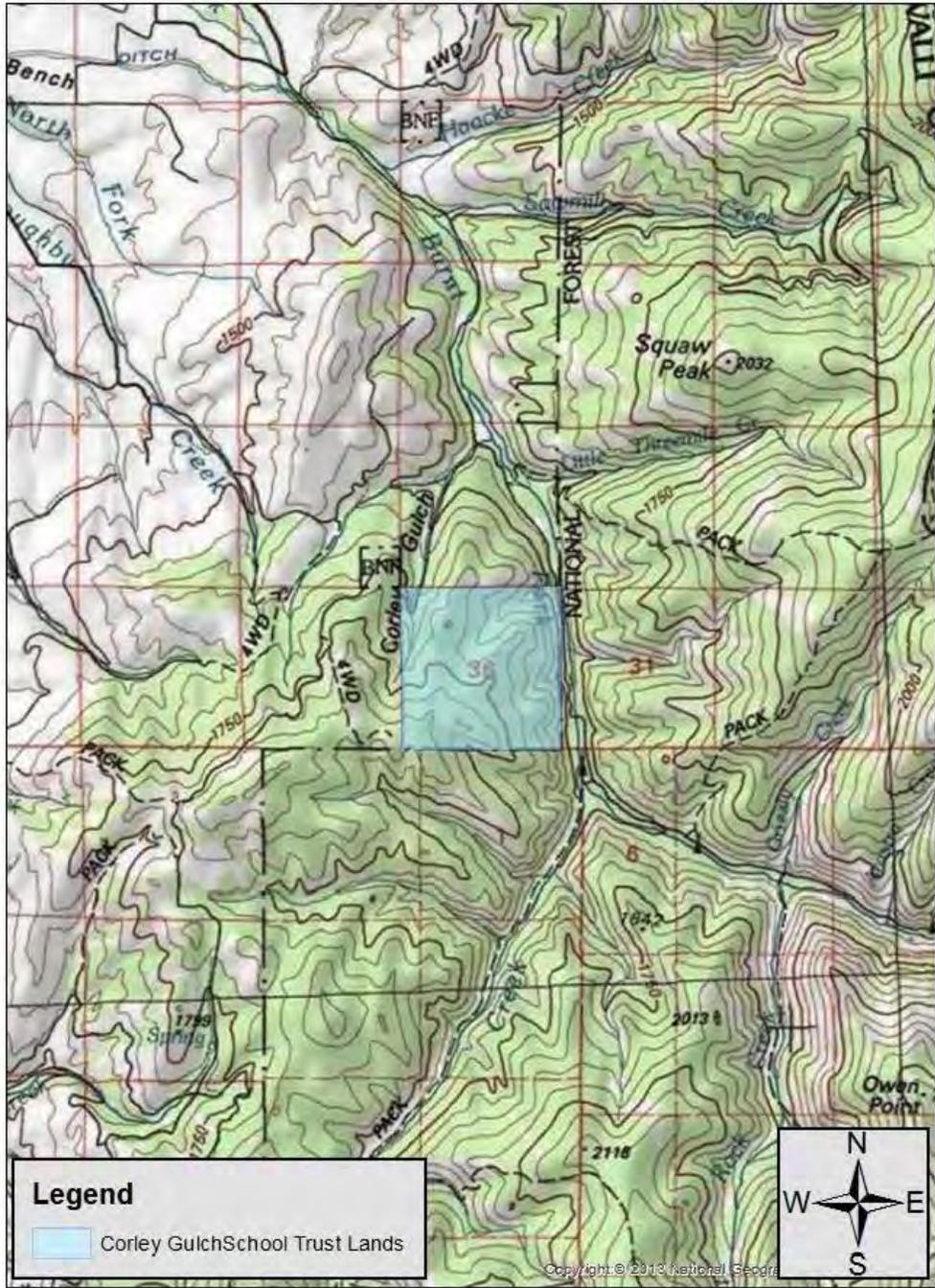
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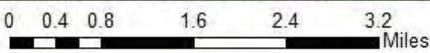
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Proposed Corley Gulch Timber Harvest
SWLO Hamilton Unit
T8N R19W Section 36



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 Corley Gulch School Trust Lands



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