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**Initial Proposal
Sliver Me Timber Timber Sale
03/24/2016**

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

Section 26 T12N R16W

This section is located approximately 22 miles east of Missoula, Montana in the Cramer Creek drainage in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Salvage dead and dying timber
- Reduce stand density by removing trees with poor form and vigor
- Promote healthy vigorous trees across all size classes
- Return the stand to the desired future condition by promoting seral species
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust

The proposal would harvest approximately 1.5 million board feet from approximately 300 acres using sanitation and salvage harvest prescriptions. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvements would be needed on existing access roads and some new road construction (approximately 2.5 miles) would be necessary to access timber on DNRC property.

Noxious weed management and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

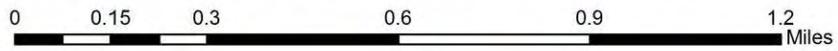
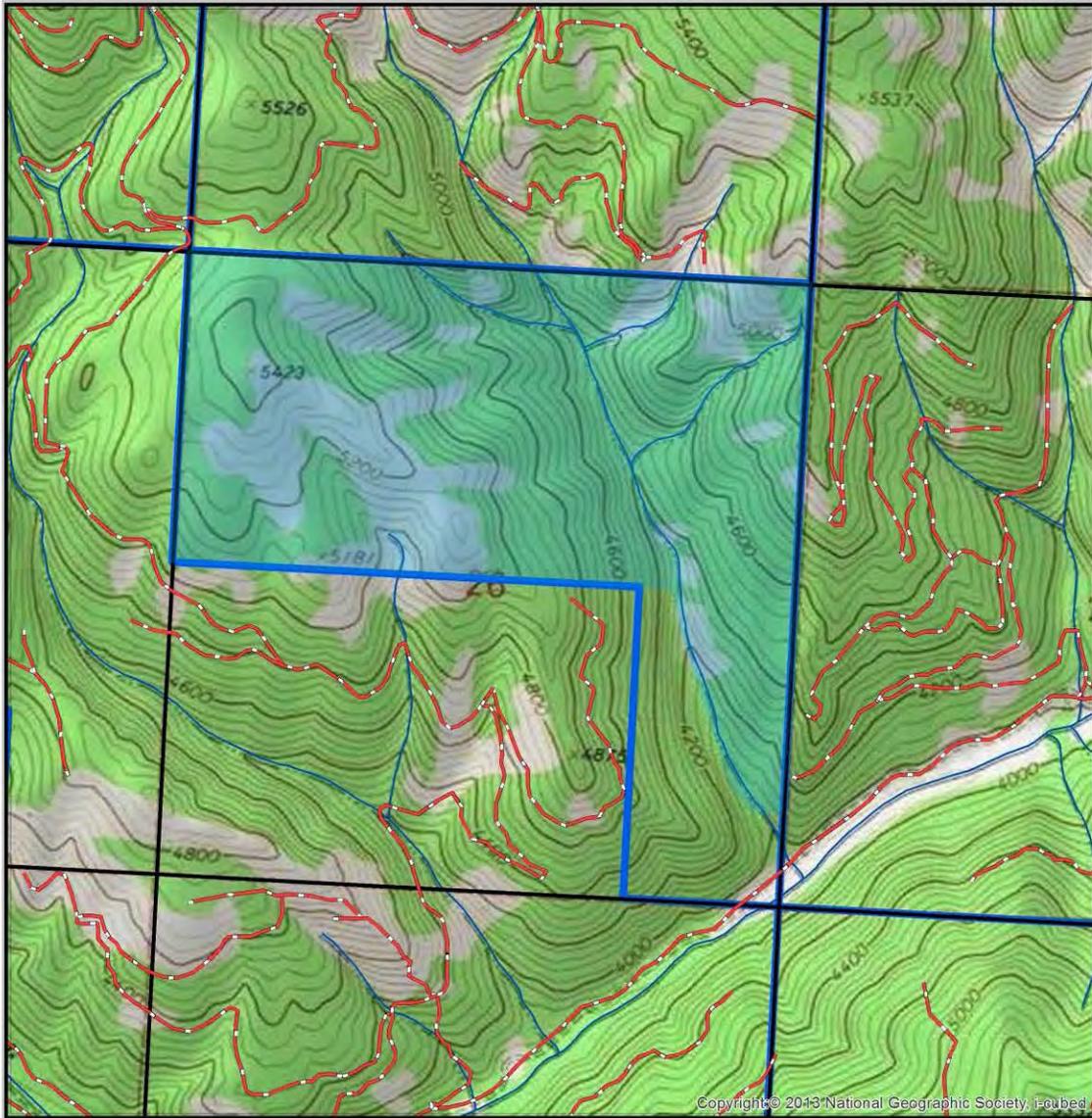
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by April 22, 2016 to:

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**Sliver Me Timber Project Area
Section 26 T12N R16W
Missoula Unit**



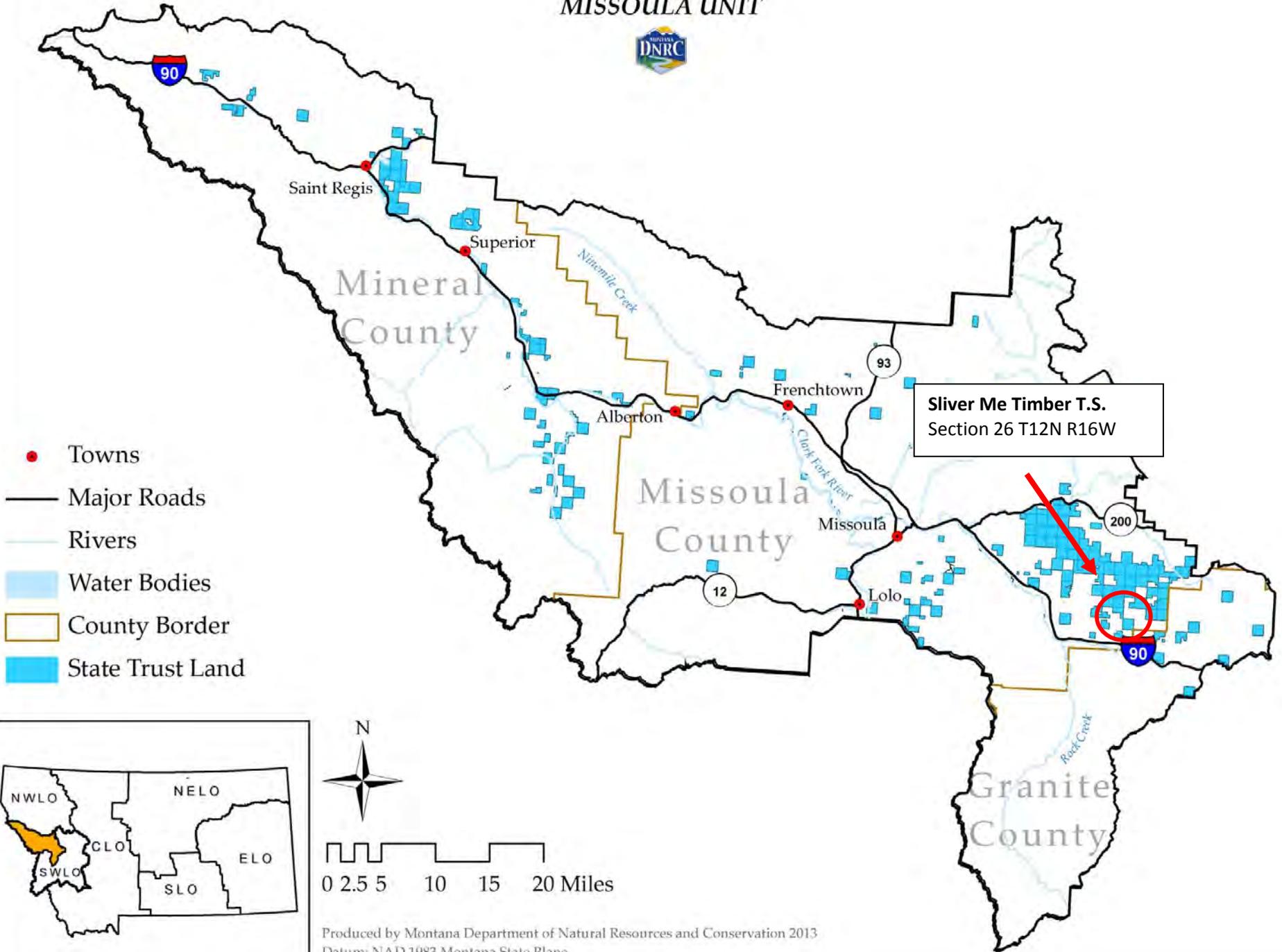
-  Project Area
-  Streams
-  Roads



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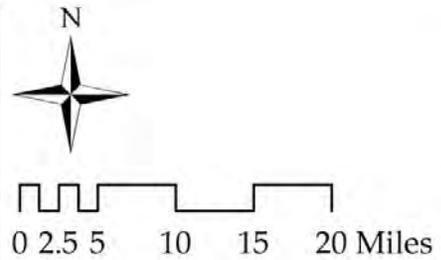
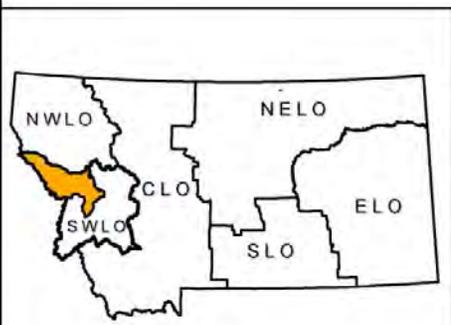
Sliver Me Timber, Timber Sale Vicinity Map

MISSOULA UNIT



Sliver Me Timber T.S.
Section 26 T12N R16W

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



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