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Initial Proposal
Bear Square Timber Sale
September 15, 2016

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

Sections 13 & 24 T13N R17W
Section 19 T13N R16W

This section is located approximately 14 miles east of Missoula, Montana in the Bear 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
- Preserve and/or improve the condition of existing Old Growth stands
- Return the stand to the desired future condition by promoting/retaining seral species
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust and Acquired Lands-Public Schools Trust

The proposal would harvest approximately .50 to .75 million board feet from approximately 200 acres using Old Growth maintenance and single tree selection 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 1 mile) would be necessary to access timber on DNRC property.

Pre-commercial thinning, 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 October 28, 2016 to:

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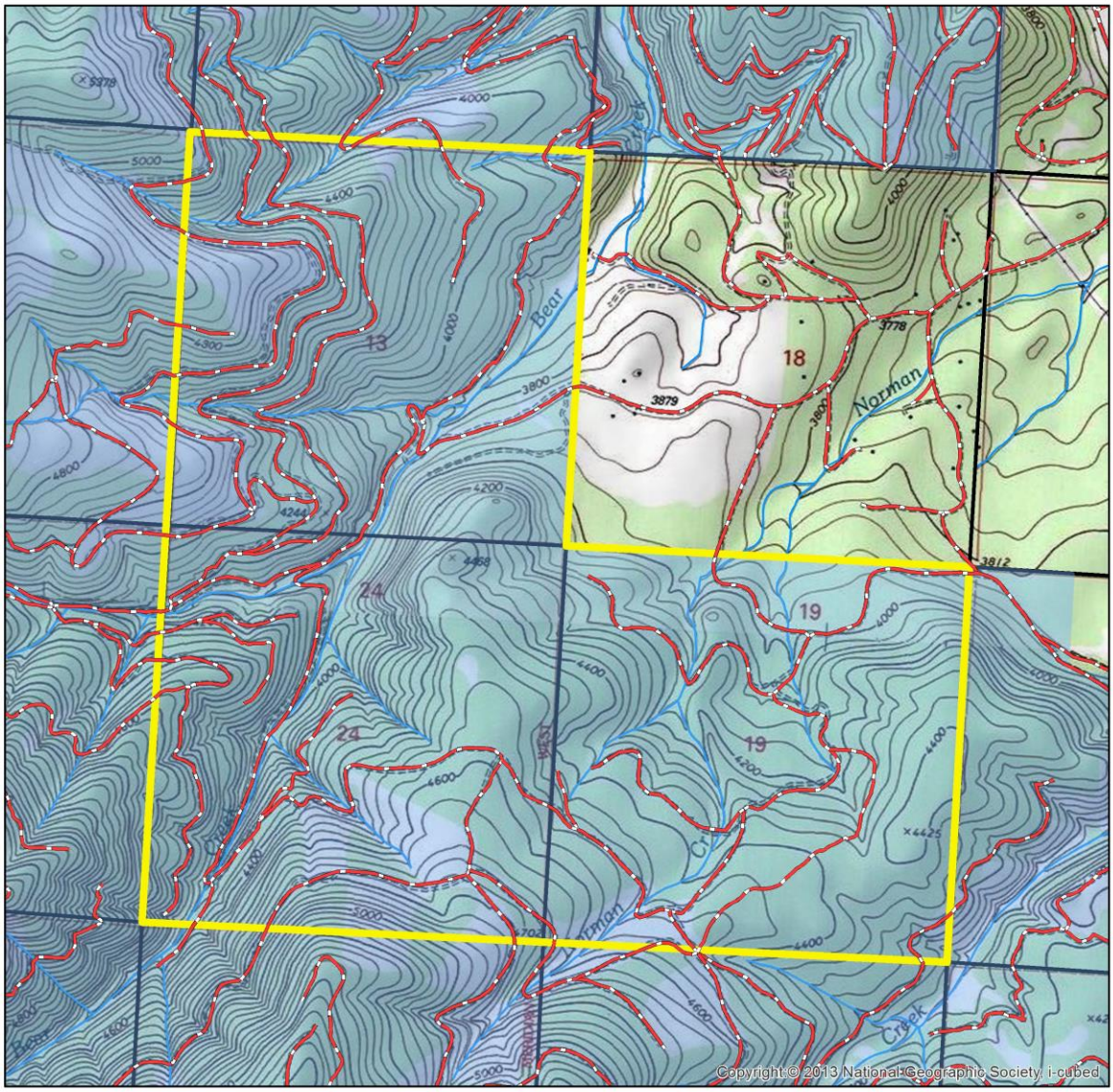
**Bear Square Project Area**
**Sections 13 & 24 T13N R17W**
**Section 19 T13N R16W**
**Missoula Unit**

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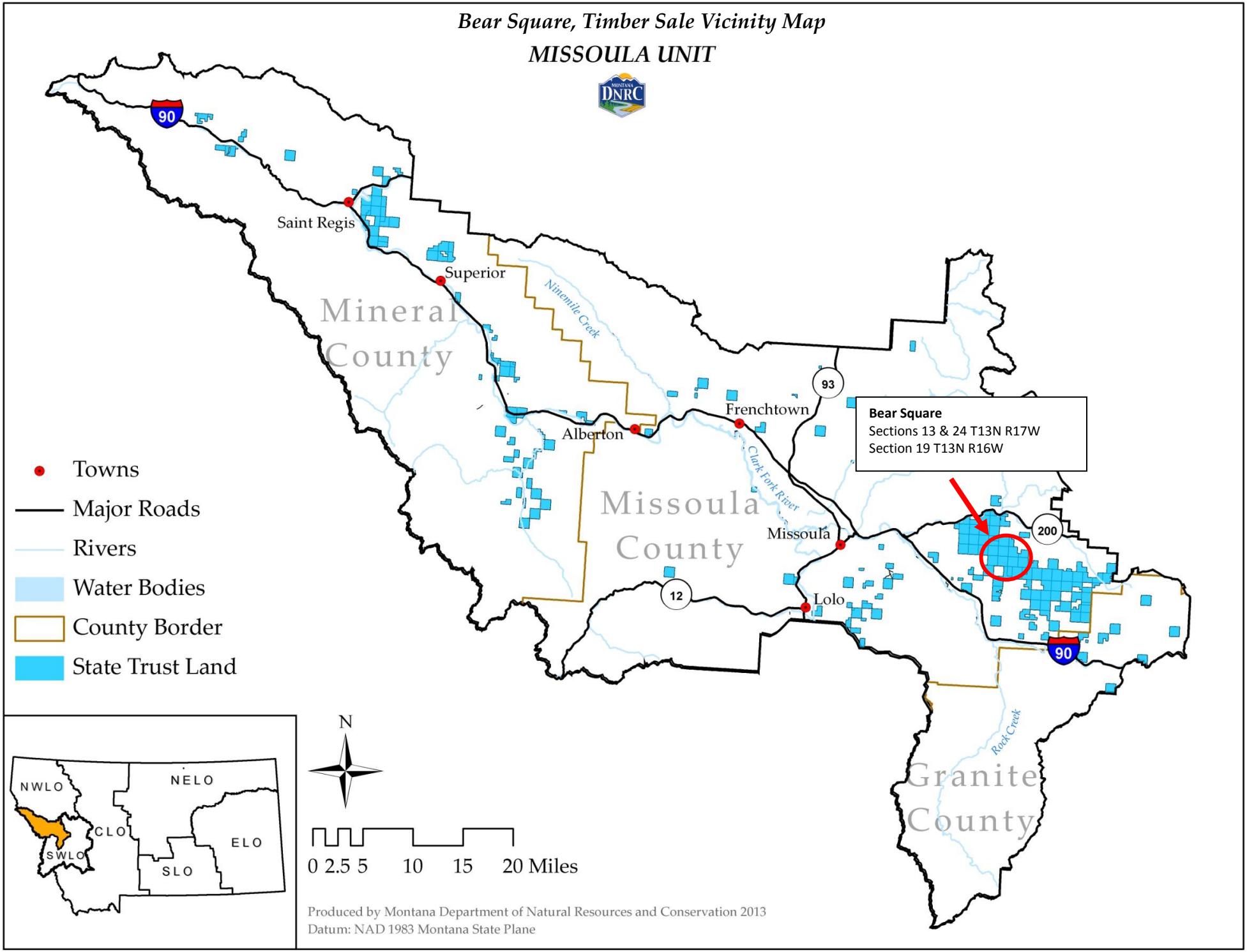
Bear Square, Timber Sale Vicinity Map
MISSOULA UNIT
DNRC
90
Saint Regis
Superior
Mineral County
Ninemile Creek
93
Frenchtown
Alberton
Clark Fork River
Missoula County
Missoula
200
12
Lolo
90
Rock Creek
Granite County
Bear Square
Sections 13 & 24 T13N R17W
Section 19 T13N R16W
Towns
Major Roads
Rivers
Water Bodies
County Border
State Trust Land
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NELO
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