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**Initial Proposal  
Parrot Creek East and West Timber Sale  
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Southern Land Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

**T7N R27E Sec 16 (East Parrot Creek Rd); T8N R26E Sec36 (West Parrot Creek Rd)**

- The East Parrot Creek parcel is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Roundup.
- The West Parrot Creek parcel is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Roundup.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.
- Reduce fuel loading and thereby reduce the risk and effects of wildfire on the parcels and surrounding private lands.
- Improve long-term health and quality of the forest and reverse the pine encroachment on the grasslands of both parcels.

The proposed timber sale would harvest and treat up to 2.5 million board feet from approximately 840 acres potentially using several harvest prescriptions including shelterwood, seed-tree, and clearcut with reserves. The prescriptions will also take into consideration pre-commercial thinning and treatment of the forest where the forest is currently overstocked. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road reconstruction will be required for 0.5 miles of permanent road, and up to 5 miles of previous and new temporary logging spur and access roads will be utilized for the timber sale.

Other significant objectives include:

- Improve and restore range conditions, reversing the conifer encroachment.
- Improve and restore habitat for wildlife.

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 archaeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by November 7, 2016 to:

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# Parrot Creek East and West Vicinity Map

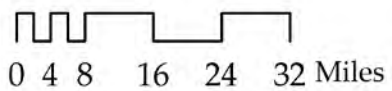
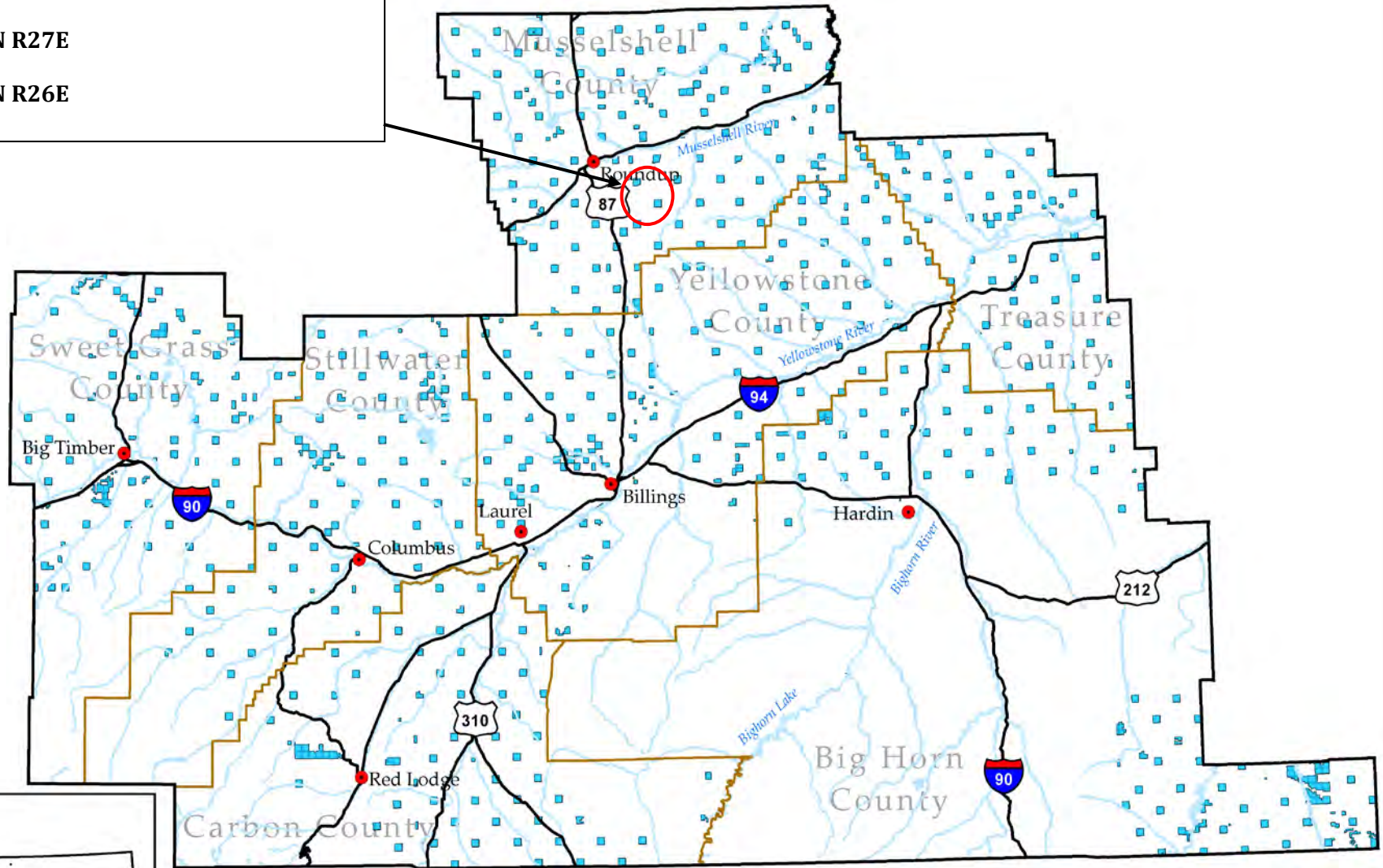
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Section 16 T7N R27E

Section 36 T8N R26E



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