

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND CONSERVATION (DNRC)
SWAN RIVER STATE FOREST
GOAT ROT FLATS RESTORATION PROJECT**

April 22, 2015

DNRC, as manager of the Swan River State Forest, is proposing the Goat Rot Flats Restoration Project. The gross project area involves State trust lands in Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 17 West. This section is approximately 12 air miles south of Swan Lake, MT and is located approximately 2 miles east of Montana Highway 83 on Goat Creek Road. This project proposes salvage logging and pre-commercial thinning on approximately 320 acres within the gross project area. The primary objectives of this proposal are to salvage disease infected trees and reduce the stocking on these acres in order to promote the growth and vigor of residual trees. Proposed project activities would likely occur between July 2015 and July 2016.

Swan River State Forest is in the initial stages of developing this project proposal and would like to receive public comment regarding concerns or issues. In accordance with the *Montana Environmental Policy Act* (MEPA), public concerns about the proposed project and potential environmental impacts will be considered and analyzed prior to the final decisionmaking process. The project design and corresponding level of analysis will be influenced by public and specialist input.

Please let us know how we can best keep you or your organization actively involved and informed throughout the project development and analysis.

The comment period will remain open until **May 22, 2014**. To obtain more information, please call (406) 754-2301. You may comment by submitting your written statements to:

Letters: Swan River State Forest
ATTN: Jason Parke
34925 MT Highway 83
Swan Lake, Montana, 59911

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Email jparke@mt.gov (*Please include "Goat Rot Flats Restoration" in subject line*)

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, May 22, 2015.

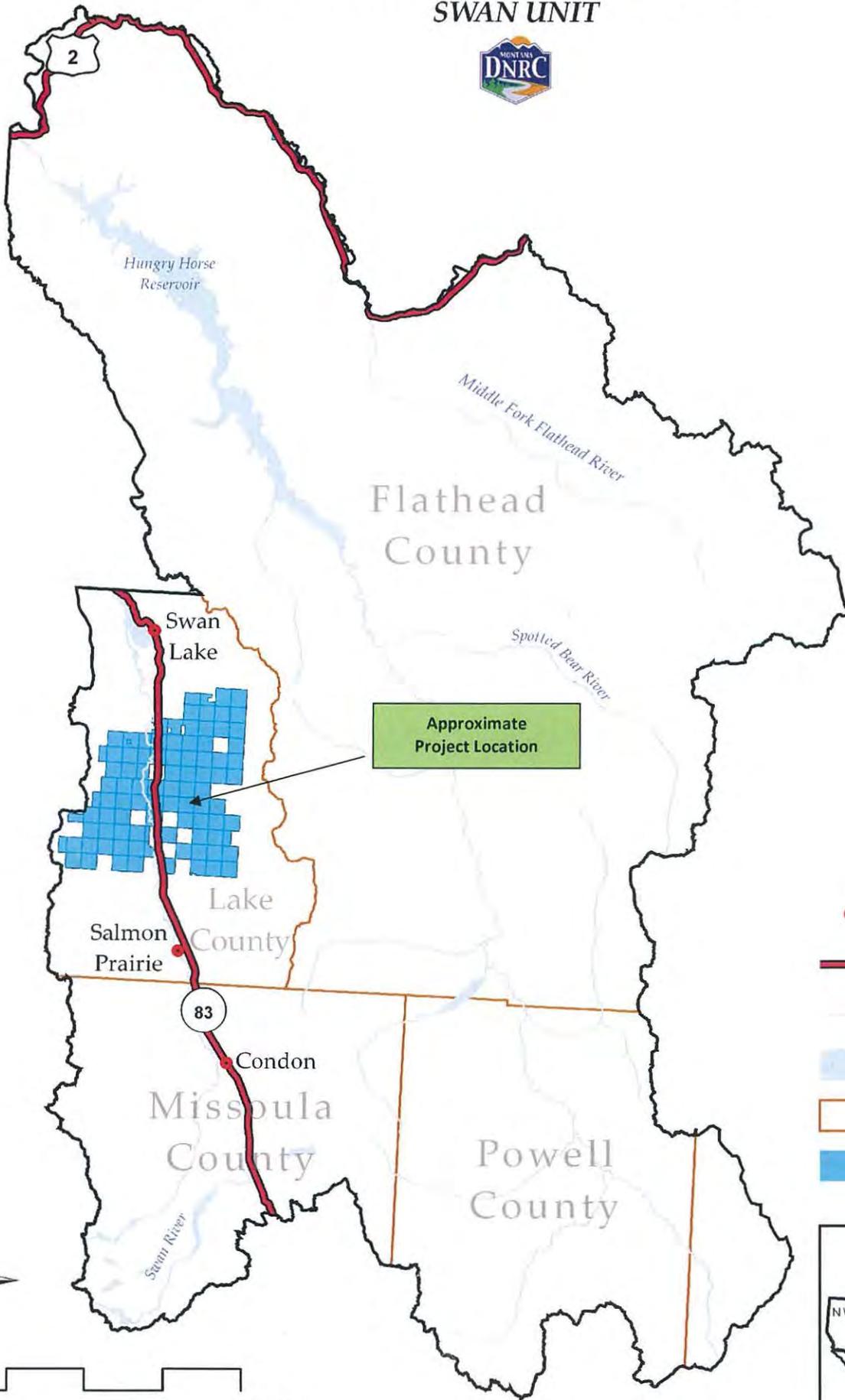
Sincerely,

/S/ Jason Parke

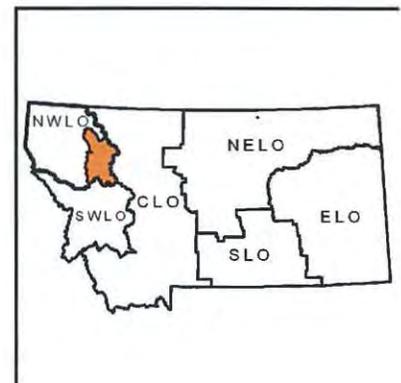
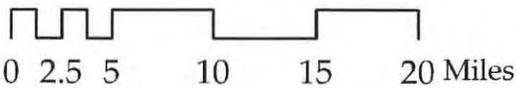
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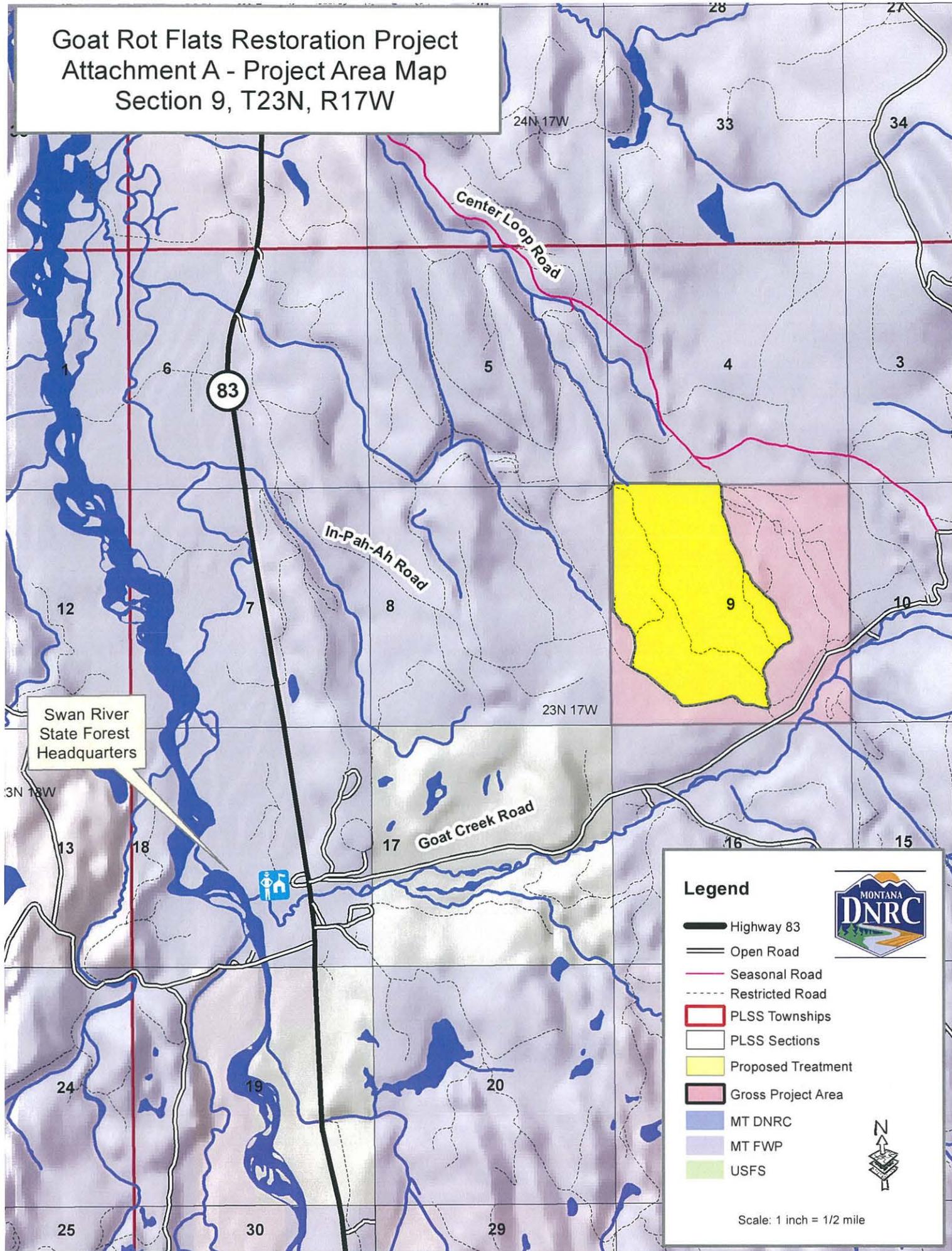
GOAT ROT FLATS VICINITY MAP SWAN UNIT



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



Goat Rot Flats Restoration Project
 Attachment A - Project Area Map
 Section 9, T23N, R17W



Swan River State Forest
 Headquarters

Legend

- Highway 83
- Open Road
- Seasonal Road
- Restricted Road
- PLSS Townships
- PLSS Sections
- Proposed Treatment
- Gross Project Area
- MT DNRC
- MT FWP
- USFS

Scale: 1 inch = 1/2 mile