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**Initial Proposal
Beavertail Beetles Timber Sale
2-19-2015**

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

Section 2 T11N R16W

This section is located approximately 20 miles east of Bonner, Montana in the Beavertail Hill area in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Salvage Bark Beetle infected ponderosa pine
- Reduce stand density by removing ponderosa pine high in defect and/or susceptible to beetle infestation.
- Increase stand growth and vigor
- Generate revenue for the Common School Trust

The proposal would harvest up to 1 million board feet from approximately 320 acres using an individual tree selection harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222 MCA. It would also adhere to MCA 77-5-207 by providing for the timely removal of dead or dying timber or timber that is threatened by insects, disease, fire, or windthrow.

Road maintenance may occur on up to 2.5 miles of road to improve long term road drainage and function in order to bring roads up to Best Management Practices (BMP) standards.

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

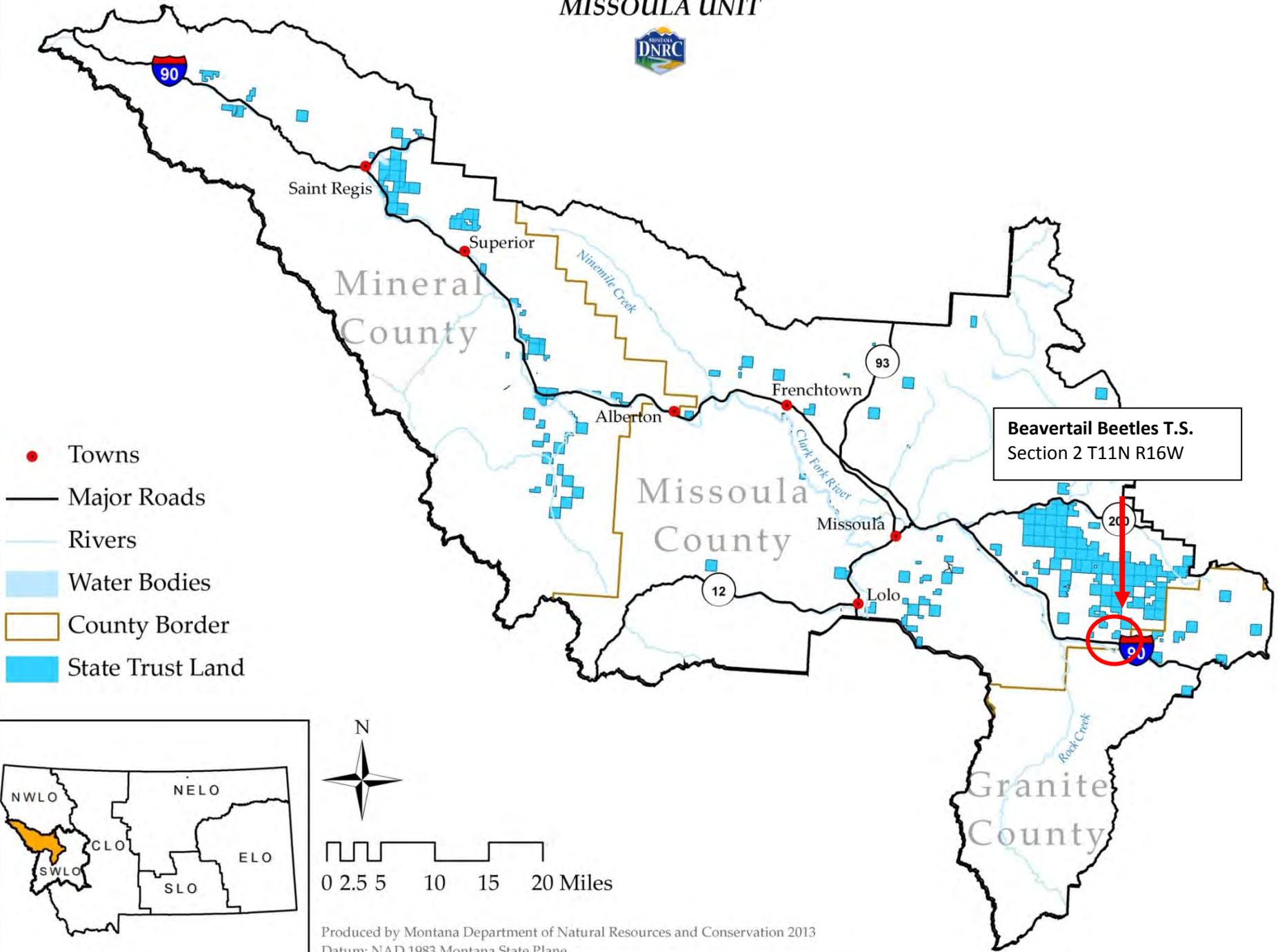
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by March 23, 2015 to:

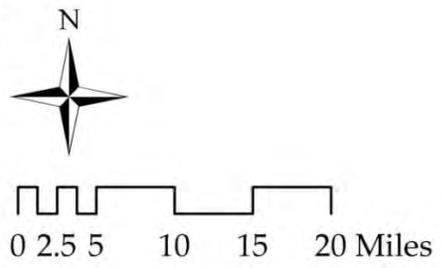
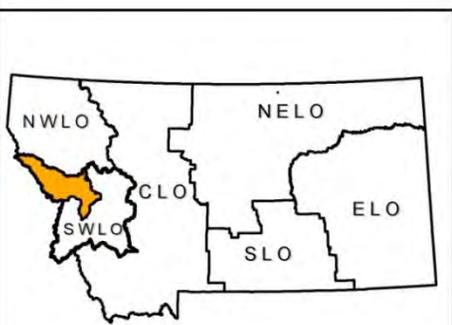
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Beavertail Beetles Timber Sale Vicinity Map

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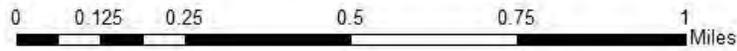
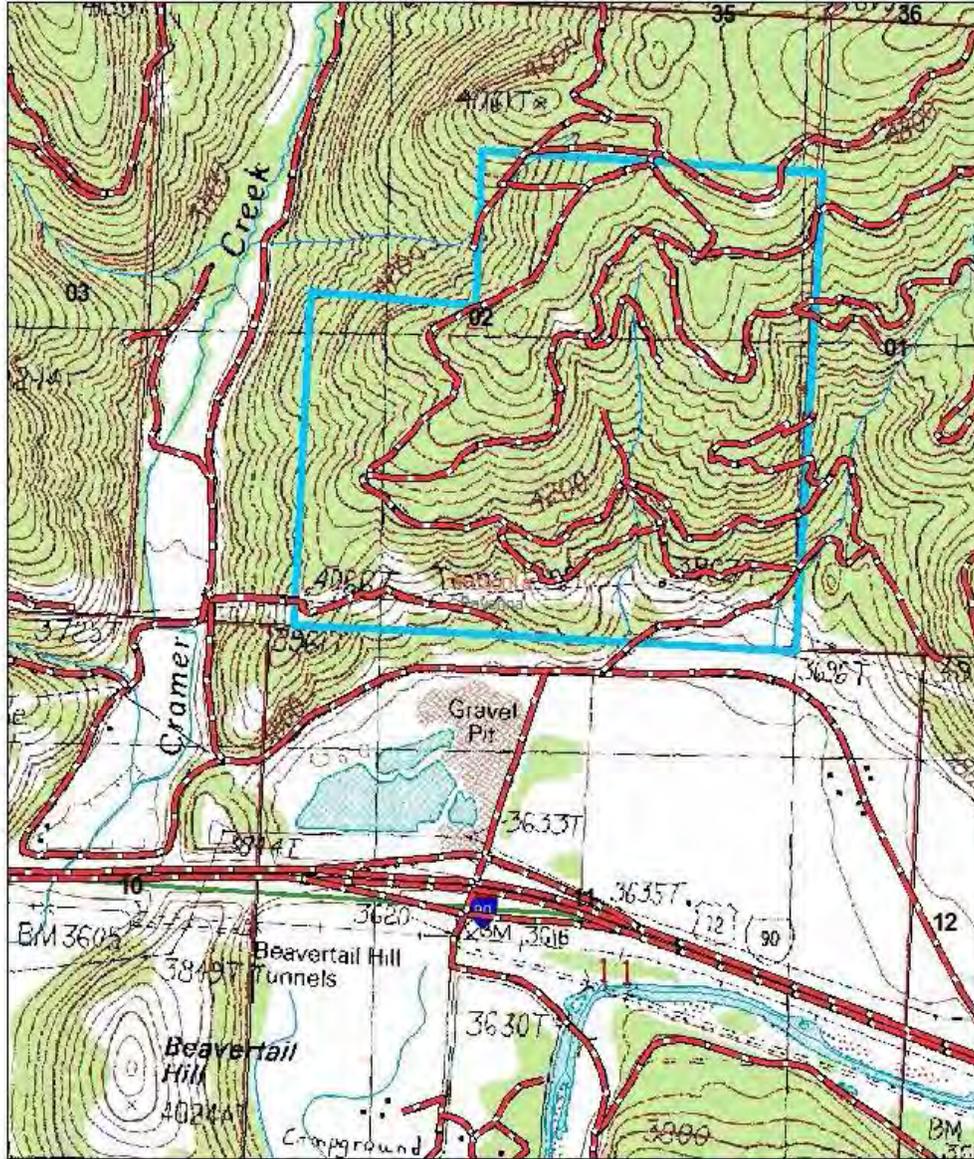
- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- County Border
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Beavertail Beetles Scoping
Section 2 T11N R16W
Missoula Unit



- Proposal Area
- ROADS
- Streams



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