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**Initial Proposal
Clark Cant Hook Timber Sale
1-9-2015**

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

Section 16 T12N R22W

This section is located approximately 14 miles west of Lolo, Montana in the Clark Creek drainage in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Return the stand to the desired future condition by promoting seral species
- Maintain forest productivity
- Salvage Douglas-fir impacted by root rot and Douglas-fir beetles
- Generate revenue for the Common School Trust

The proposal would harvest approximately 2.5 million board feet from approximately 480 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.

Road construction and maintenance would be needed to access the project area. Approximately 2 miles of road construction would take place. ~1.5 miles of road maintenance would take place on existing roads within the section to improve function and drainage of the road surface and bring the roads up to BMP standards. If permission is granted from adjacent landowners, line skidding from existing roads may be used to minimize new road construction.

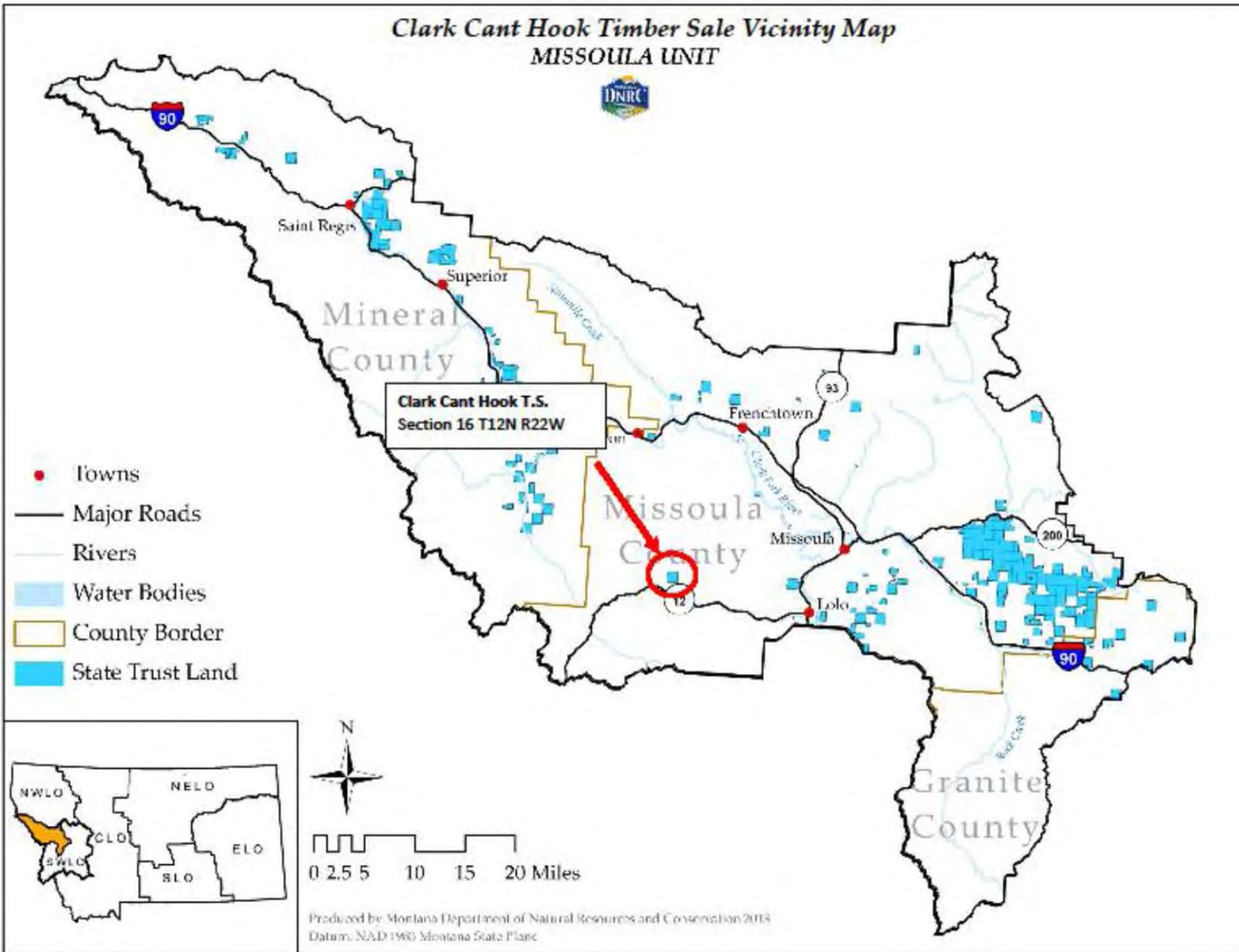
Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

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 February 9, 2015 to:

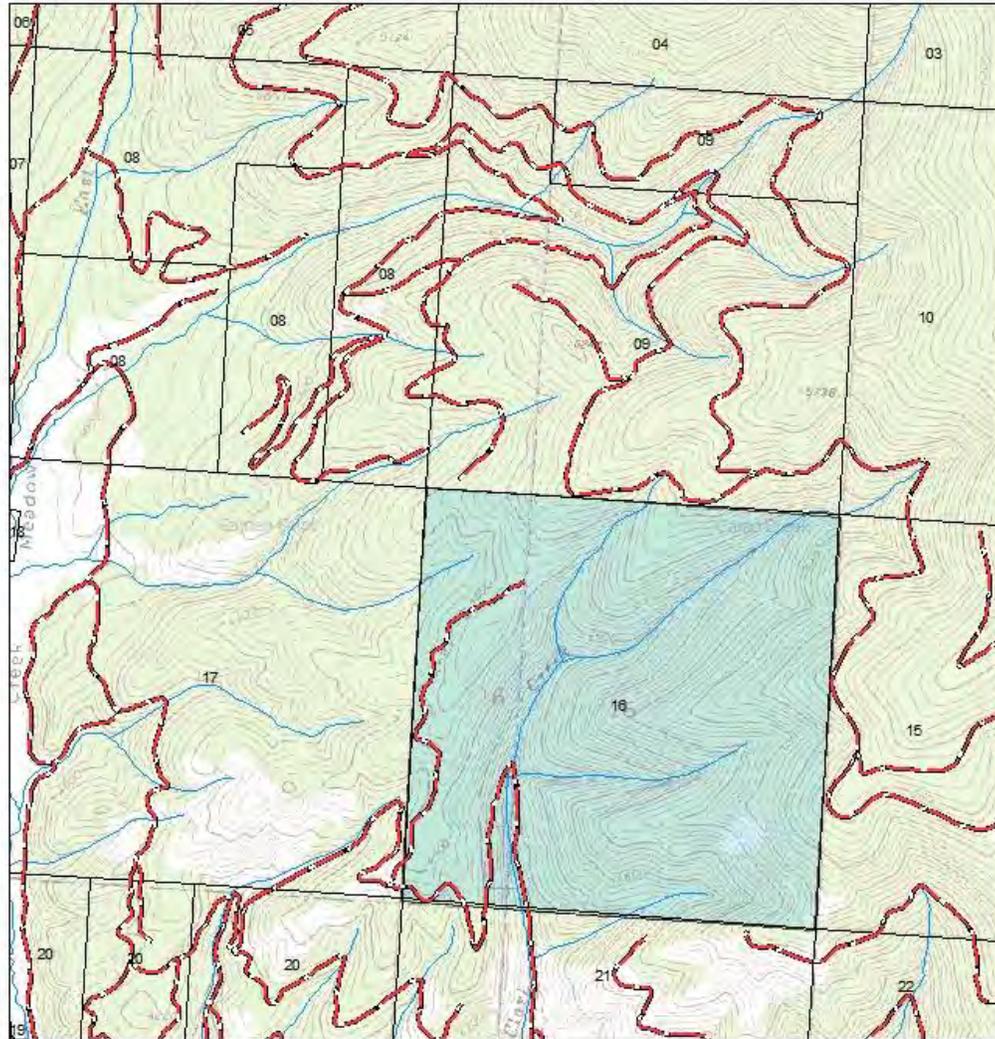
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Clark Cant Hook Timber Sale Vicinity Map
MISSOULA UNIT





**Clark Cant Hook Project Area
Section 16 T12N R22W
Missoula Unit**



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles

- Roads
- Streams
- DNRC-Project Area



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