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**DNRC Northeast land Office  
Cowan Ranch Timber Sale  
Initial Proposal  
February 4, 2015**

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Northeast Land Office (NELO), is proposing the Cowan Ranch Timber Sale.

The gross sale area encompasses approximately 201 acres of state trust land located Section 36; Township 28 North; Range 17 East. This project is roughly 30 air miles south of Havre, Montana in the Clear Creek Drainage. There is no public access to this parcel as it is completely surrounded by private ownership. The proposed timber sale would selectively harvest trees that are growing in dense overstocked stands. Volume totals of species to be harvested include 635 MBF of Douglas-Fir and 65 MBF Lodgepole Pine. The proposed harvesting activities could begin as early as November 2015 and continue for three years if necessary, to complete road closure work, weed spraying and pile burning tasks.

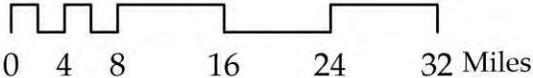
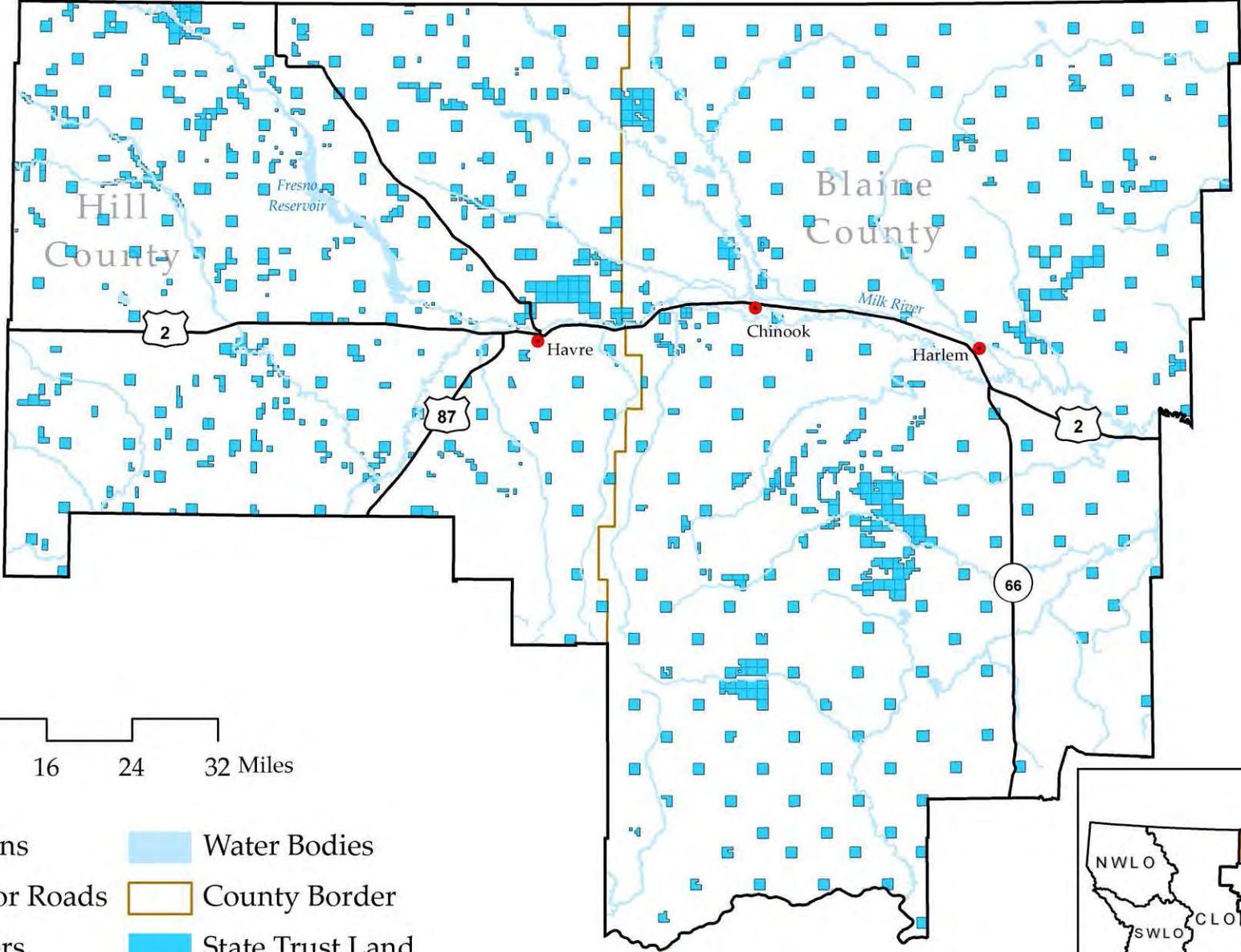
Some temporary roads will be built. Existing roads and skid trails would be utilized where possible. All new roads and trails would be reclaimed after use. All DNRC rules, agreements, policies and applicable laws would be incorporated into this project.

DNRC plans to complete an *Environmental Assessment* (EA) in accordance with *Montana Environmental Policy Act* (MPEA) to assess the potential environmental impacts of this proposal.

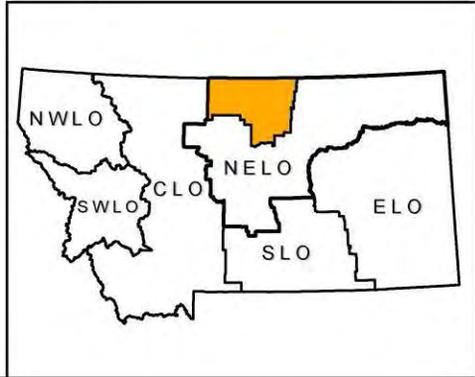
The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by March 23, 2015 to:

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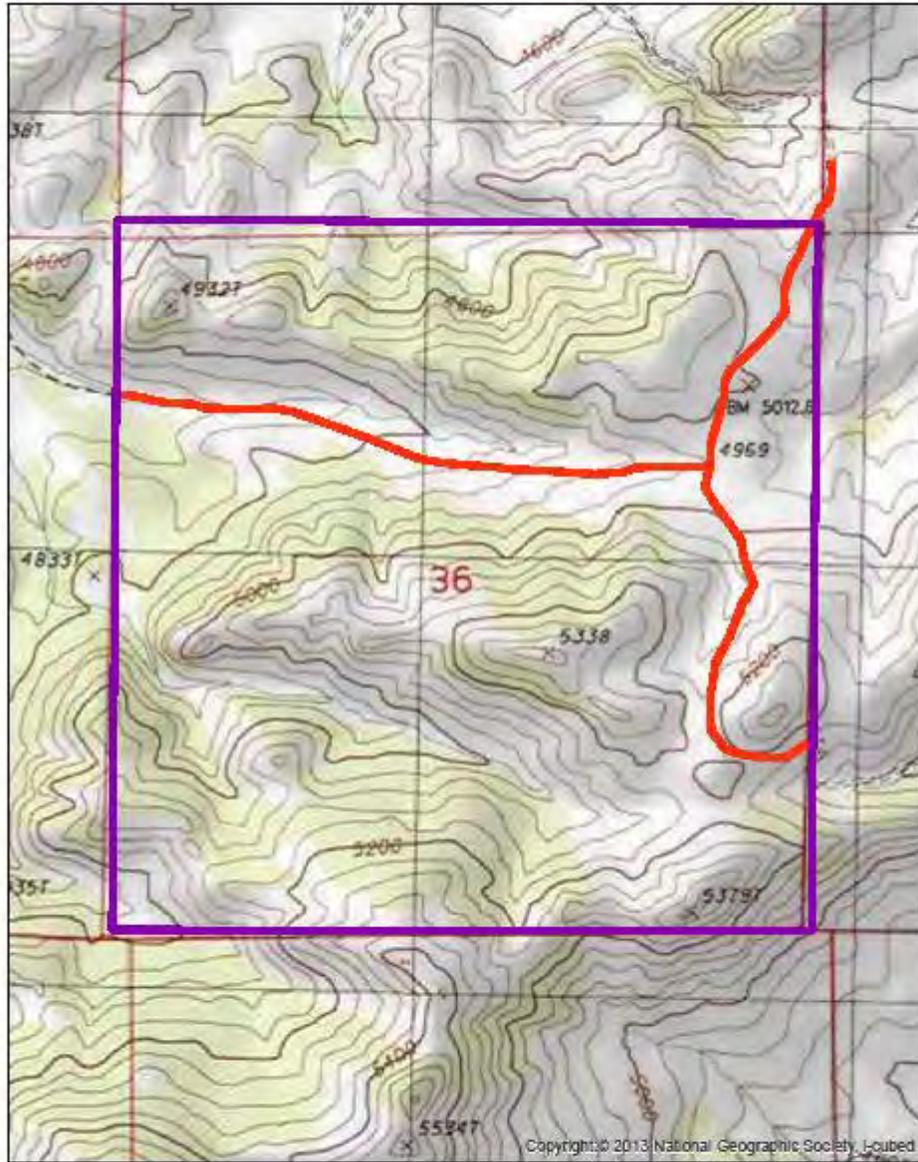


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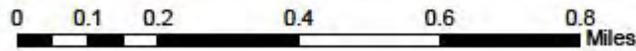
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