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Initial Proposal Dog Rock Timber Sale January 30, 2024

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Stillwater Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

**T33N, R24W Sections 2, 11-14 & 23-25
T33N, R23W Sections 7, 17-21, 28-30 & 32**

The proposed Dog Rock Timber Sale is located approximately 8 miles north of Olney, Montana, on the Stillwater State Forest, in Flathead County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Promote biodiversity on State ownership by managing for appropriate or desired stand structures and species composition based on ecological characteristics such as topography, habitat type, disturbance regimes and other unique characteristics.
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools, Public Buildings, MSU 2nd Grant, and State Industrial School Trusts.
- Reduce wildland fire hazard and associated risks of loss to the State of Montana due to overstocked forest conditions.
- Contribute to the DNRC's Sustainable Yield.

The proposal would thin and harvest approximately 3-5 million board feet (MMbf) from within an 8,962 acre project area. Harvest prescriptions would vary by unit and could include, but are not limited to, commercial thinning, overstory removal, seed tree, shelterwood, clear cut with reserves and sanitation treatments.

The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustainable yield, as mandated by state statute. DNRC is required by state law (MCA 77-5-22) to sell approximately 60 MMbf of timber annually and continue to produce revenue over time.

Road maintenance, improvements and reconstruction may be needed on existing roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. Approximately 1 mile of temporary road construction may be built as part of this project.

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

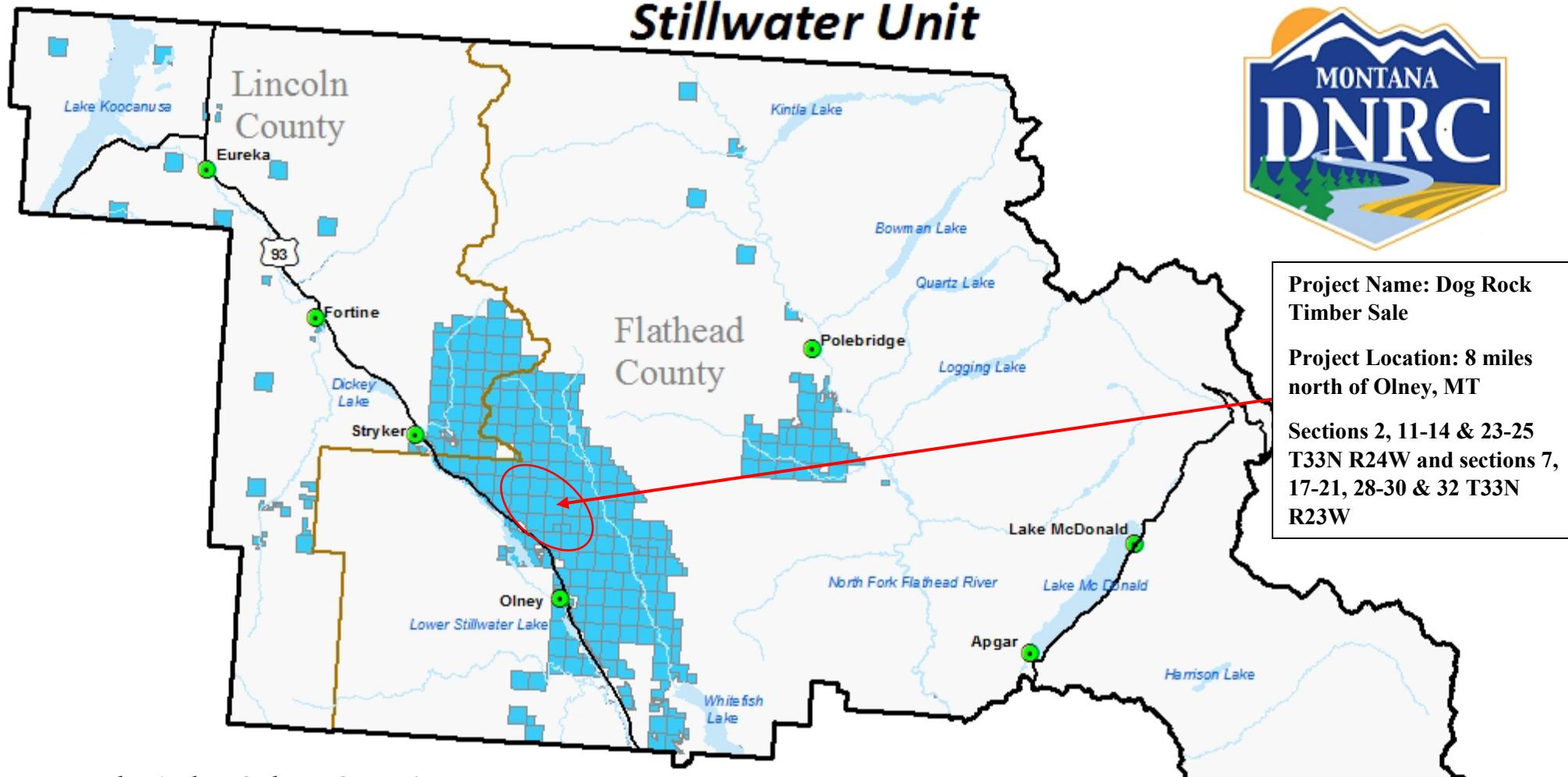
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment, so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **February 29, 2024** to:

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

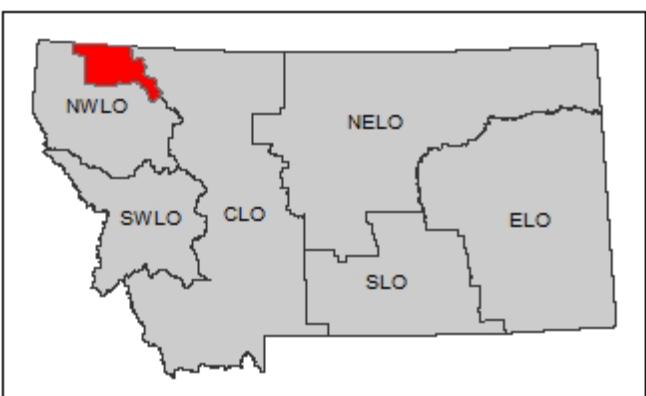


Project Name: Dog Rock Timber Sale

Project Location: 8 miles north of Olney, MT

**Sections 2, 11-14 & 23-25
T33N R24W and sections 7,
17-21, 28-30 & 32 T33N
R23W**

Dog Rock Timber Sale VICINITY MAP



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

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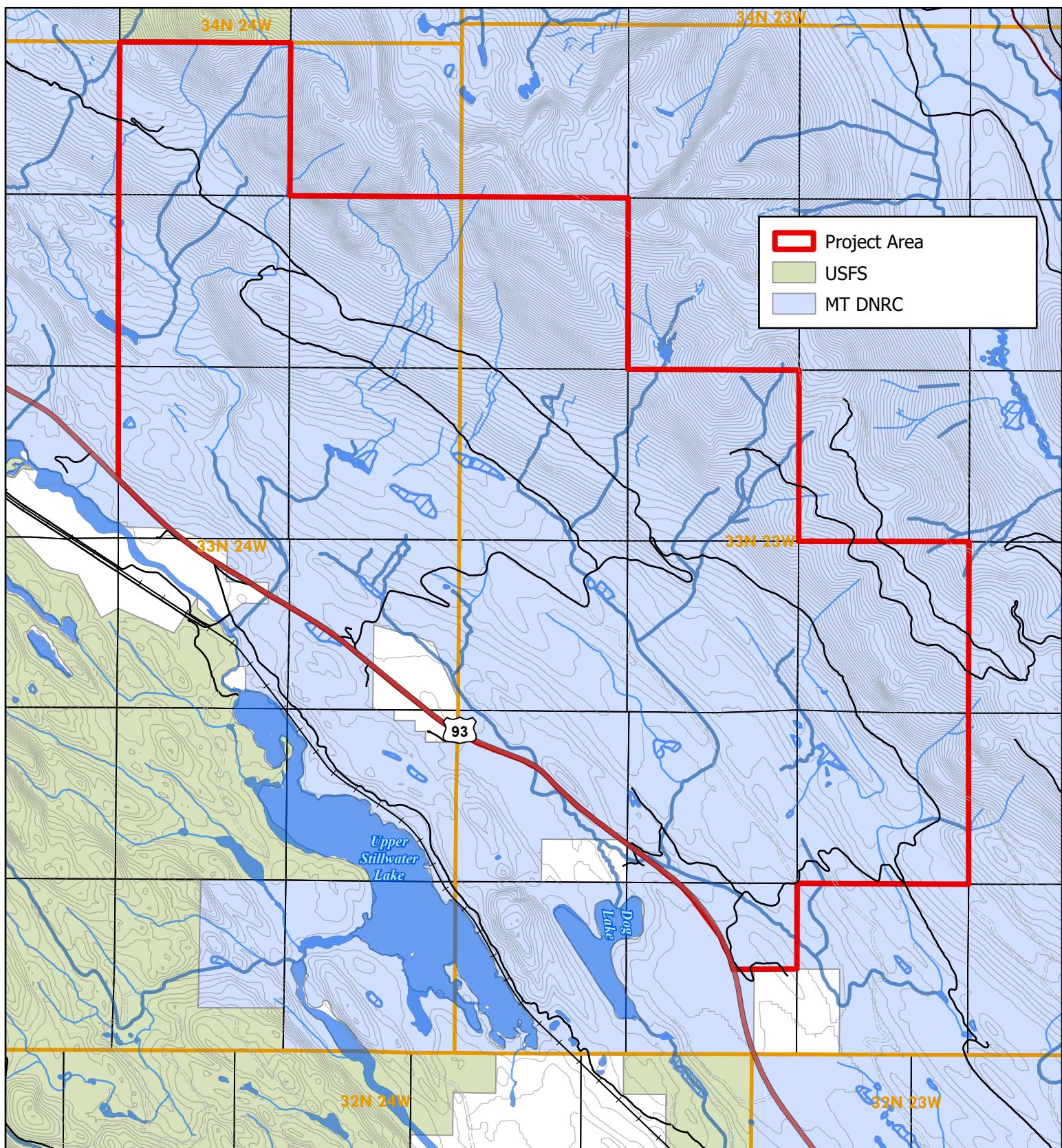


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Dog Rock Timber Sale Project Area Map

T33N R24W Sections 2, 11-14 & 23-25
T33N R 23W Sections 7, 17-21, 28-30 & 32



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