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### **Initial Proposal Level Salix Timber Sale 4/10/2024**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), **Northeastern Land Office** is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcel:

#### **Section 36, Township 13N, Range 20E**

The Level Salix Timber Sale is located 20 miles Southeast of Lewistown in Fergus County Montana.

The proposed timber sale would selectively harvest trees growing in dense overstocked stands. An estimate of 2 million Board Feet of Ponderosa pine, Englemann Spruce and Douglas-fir sawlogs, and an additional 1400 tons of pulp/firewood. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The gross sale area will encompass 640 acres of State Trust Land, with 550 acres treated using selective harvest.

The proposed sale would include .4 miles of new road construction. 4.3 miles of existing roads including one improved ford will be utilized. A small amount of road reconstruction is expected to accommodate the passage of larger equipment. All DNRC rules, agreements, policies and applicable laws will be incorporated into this project.

The proposed harvesting activities would begin in the summer of 2024 and continue for three years, if necessary, to complete road closure work, weed spraying and pile burning.

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 **May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024** to:

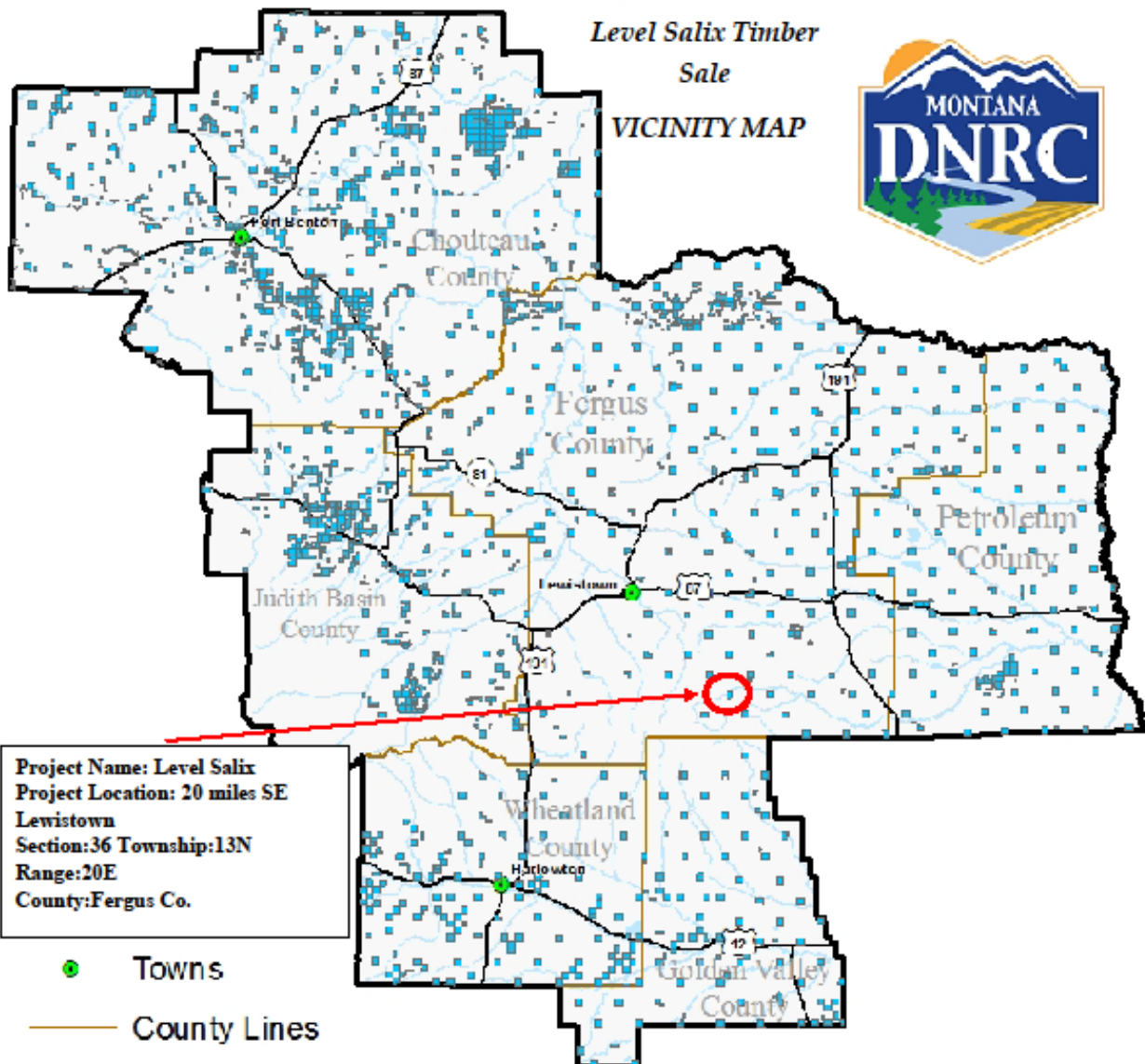
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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Lewistown Unit

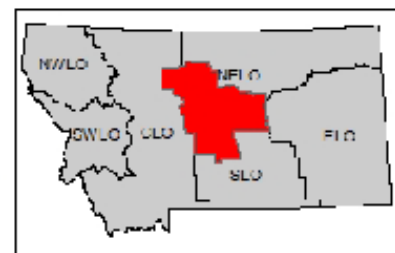
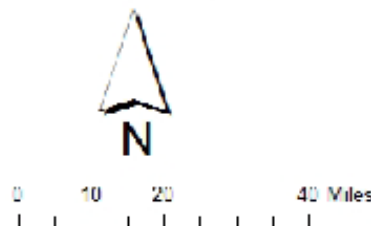
Level Salix Timber  
Sale

VICINITY MAP



Project Name: Level Salix  
Project Location: 20 miles SE  
Lewistown  
Section:36 Township:13N  
Range:20E  
County:Fergus Co.

- Towns
- County Lines
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