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Initial Proposal Tamarack Timber Sale January 16, 2024

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

**Section 02 T18N R27W
Section 04 T18N R27W
Section 10 T18N R27W**

The proposed Tamarack Project is located approximately 5 aerial miles northeast of Saint Regis Montana in the Tamarack Hill area of the Clark Fork valley.

The primary objectives for the proposed project are to:

- Generate revenue for the Montana State University Trust.
- Improve stand health and vigor by reducing basal area and preferring early seral species for retention (ponderosa pine and western larch).
- Prefer unhealthy, suppressed Douglas-fir for removal before economic value is lost to insect and disease damage.
- Reduce fuel loading and the likelihood of a stand replacing fire.

The proposed project would include harvest of an estimated 5.5 MMBF (million board feet) from within the approximately 1,287-acre project area using a combination of an individual tree selection, group selection, and commercial thinning harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvement may be needed on existing access roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. Approximately 2.7 miles of permanent road construction and 0.5 miles of temporary road construction may also be necessary.

Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning, tree planting, and natural regeneration or tree planting site preparation using prescribed burning 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.

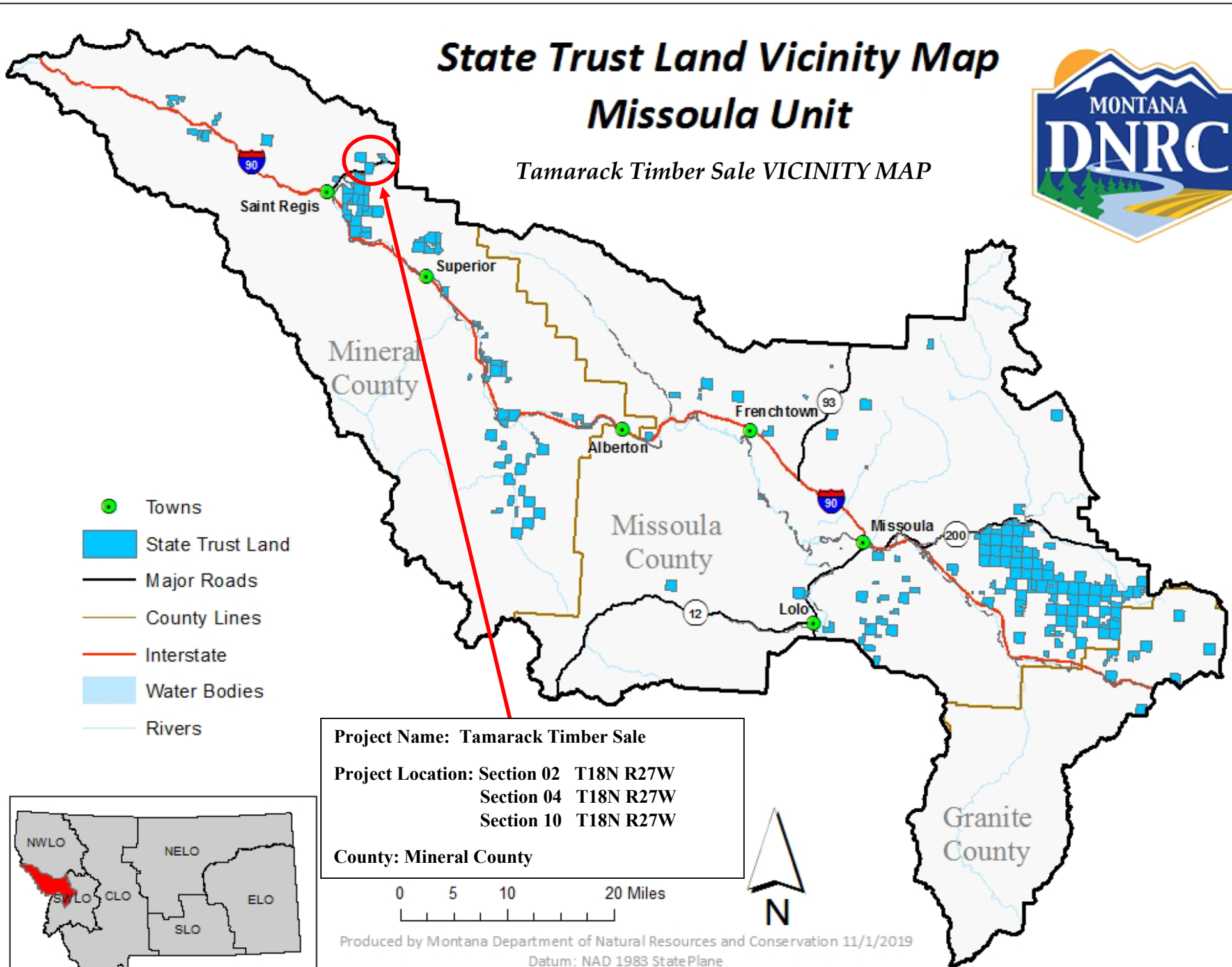
The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **February 25, 2024** to:

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map Missoula Unit

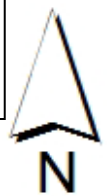
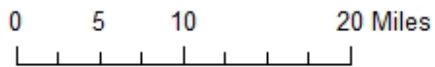


Tamarack Timber Sale VICINITY MAP



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

Project Name: Tamarack Timber Sale
Project Location: Section 02 T18N R27W
Section 04 T18N R27W
Section 10 T18N R27W
County: Mineral County



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