



**Initial Proposal
Benson Peak Limited Access Timber Sale
December 5, 2025**

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

Section 16 Township 8S Range 7W

The Benson Peak Limited Access Timber Sale is located approximately 8.5 air miles southeast of Dillon, Montana.

The primary objectives of this project include:

- Generation of revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Enhancement of forest health and resilience
- Hazardous fuels reduction

An estimated 700 thousand board feet would be harvested from approximately 200 acres. Shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal harvest prescriptions would be used to accomplish forest management objectives. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 3.0 miles of existing road on state land would be improved and maintained to facilitate access to harvest areas. Roughly 0.5 miles of new permanent roads would be constructed. All roads would be improved and constructed to meet Montana Forestry Best Management Practices.

The DNRC would monitor noxious weed propagation in the project area and would facilitate herbicide application as needed in the years following project completion.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental analysis, so all volumes, acreages 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 January 5, 2026 to:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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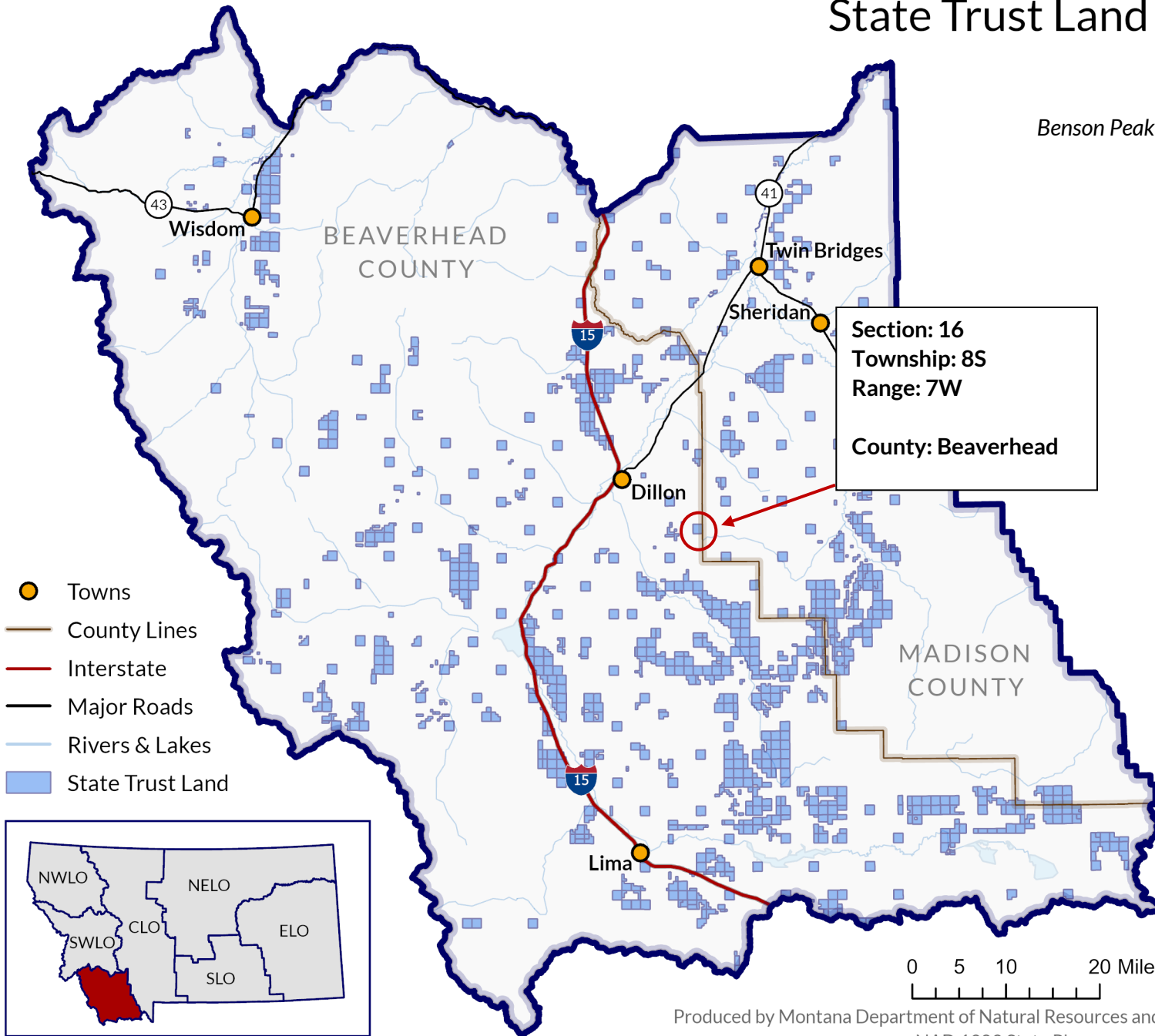
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State Trust Land Vicinity Map Dillon Unit

Benson Peak Limited Access Timber Sale



Section: 16
Township: 8S
Range: 7W
County: Beaverhead

- Towns
- County Lines
- Interstate
- Major Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- State Trust Land

