



**Project Notification
Chloride Timber Permit
07/11/2025**

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

Sections 16,17 T12N R15W

The Chloride Timber Permit Project is located approximately 10 aerial miles west from the town of Clinton, MT. The project is located within the Cramer Creek drainage. The project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion as stated: Individual timber permits of up to 500,000 board feet if no extraordinary circumstances occur as outlined in ARM 36.11.447(2)(a) through (j).

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division has adopted the above categorical exclusion for activities conducted on state forested trust lands. "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

The primary objectives for the project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Improve the health and vigor of forested stands by reducing basal area, targeting low vigor, diseased, and poor form Douglas-fir for removal.
- Establish a new, naturally regenerated, seedling age-class through site disturbance and canopy gaps.
- Reduce fuel loading and the likelihood of a stand replacing fire.

The project will include harvest of an estimated 350 MBF (thousand board feet) from within the approximately 85-acre project area using a combination of an individual tree selection and commercial thinning. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance will occur on approximately 0.5 miles of existing access roads to maintain the function and drainage of the haul route. No new construction will occur. No additional activities will occur under this project.

In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists have been consulted.

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map

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