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Initial Proposal Dry Creek Timber Permit 01/09/2025

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

Section 36, Township 4N, Range 4E

This section of DNRC Land is located approximately 16 air miles northeast of Manhattan, MT on the Dry Creek Road. This parcel is a Common Schools Trust Section.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.
- Improve forest stand health and vigor by reducing stocking densities and removing trees in declining health from drought stress and insect and disease infestations.
- Improve rangeland conditions by reducing stocking levels of existing conifer encroachment.

The proposed treatment would harvest an estimated 180-240 thousand board feet of Douglas fir sawlog and firewood material from approximately 96 acres. The silvicultural prescription in the majority of the treatment area would be an overstory removal (OSR) treatment, applied when abundant natural conifer regeneration is present. A seed tree prescription will be applied in areas that consist of mature Douglas fir and have limited natural regeneration present, with a target spacing of 60-80' between leave trees. An additional goal of management is to improve rangeland growing conditions by reducing the amount of conifer encroachment that is present on this parcel. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 0.75 miles of new road construction and 0.80 miles of road improvement may be necessary to access the project area. The new road required for this sale will not be open to public motorized use.

Noxious weed management 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.

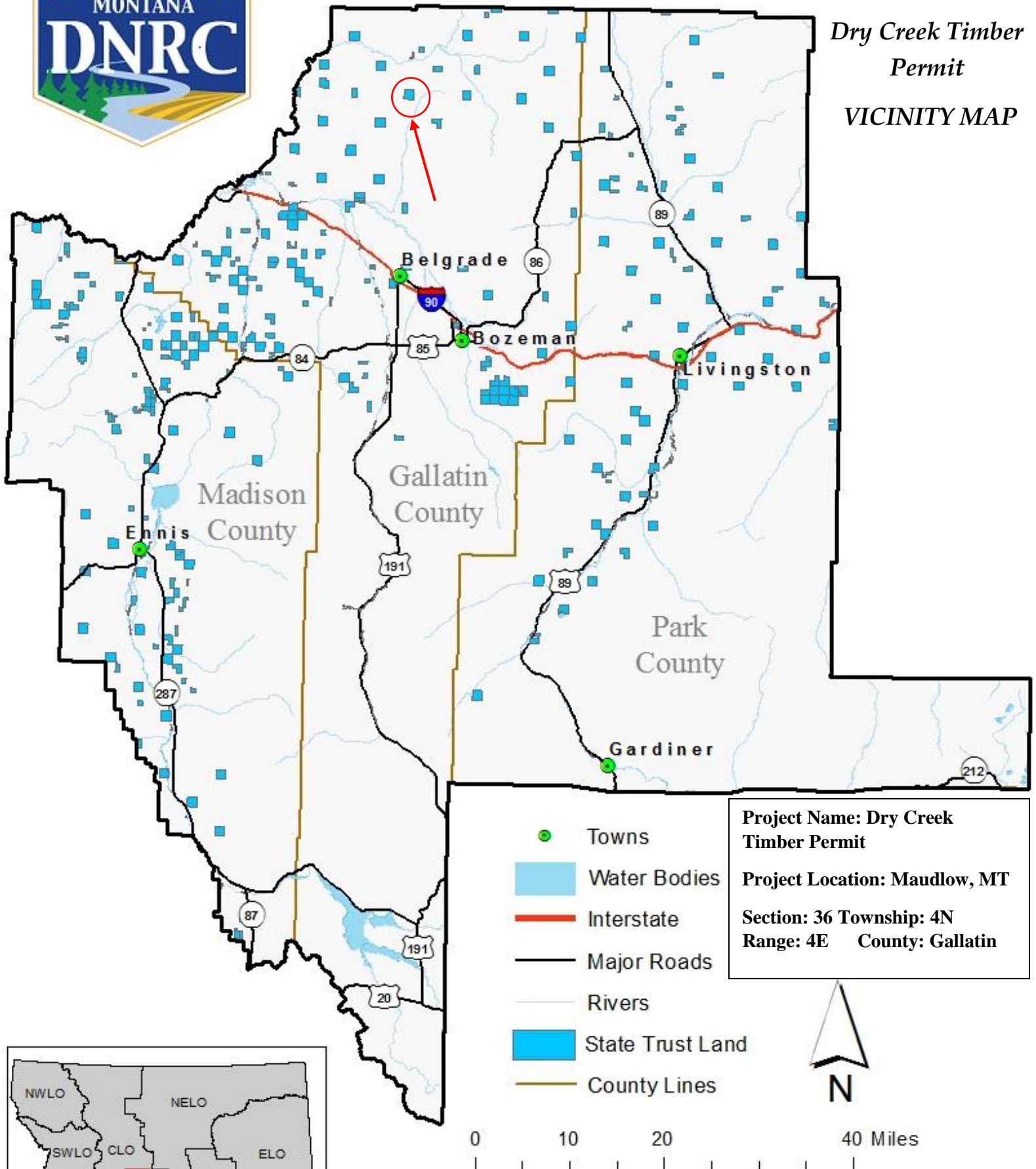
The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **02/10/2025** to:

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map Bozeman Unit

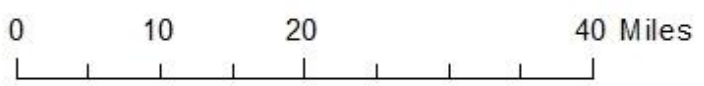


Dry Creek Timber
Permit
VICINITY MAP



Project Name: Dry Creek Timber Permit
Project Location: Maudlow, MT
Section: 36 Township: 4N
Range: 4E County: Gallatin

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





Proposed Dry Creek Timber Permit - Site Map

Section 36-T4N- 4E, Gallatin County

