



**Project Notification
Browns Meadow Blowdown Salvage Timber Permit
4/6/2026**

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

Section 24 and 36, Township 26N, Range 23W

The Browns Meadow Blowdown Salvage is located approximately 12.5 miles south of Kila, MT.

The primary objective for this timber permit is to address windthrown and root-pulled trees from the recent windstorm that affected the greater Flathead Valley. Most of the trees affected were Douglas-fir and have the potential to create larger bark-beetle outbreaks if blowdown is not addressed. Revenue would be generated for the Trust beneficiaries by salvaging blown down and wind damaged timber before it loses economic value as directed in MCA 77-5-207.

390 acres would be treated contributing approximately 1,792 tons or 304 MBF of sawlogs. Salvage harvest methods would be utilized on all project acres. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The DNRC, Trust Land Management Division, adopted categorical exclusions for certain forest management activities conducted on state forested trust lands (ARM 36.11.447). "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS, pursuant to MEPA (MCA 75-1-101 through 324) and DNRC Administrative Procedures for MEPA (ARM 36.2.521 through 543), unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

No road construction would be necessary. Approximately 5.36 miles of existing road would be used to access project areas and associated road maintenance would be required. All roads within the project area are required to meet Best Management Practices (BMP's) before, during and after harvest operations. Additional road work may be necessary to achieve BMP's.

Noxious weed management and pile burning may occur after harvest operations are completed.

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

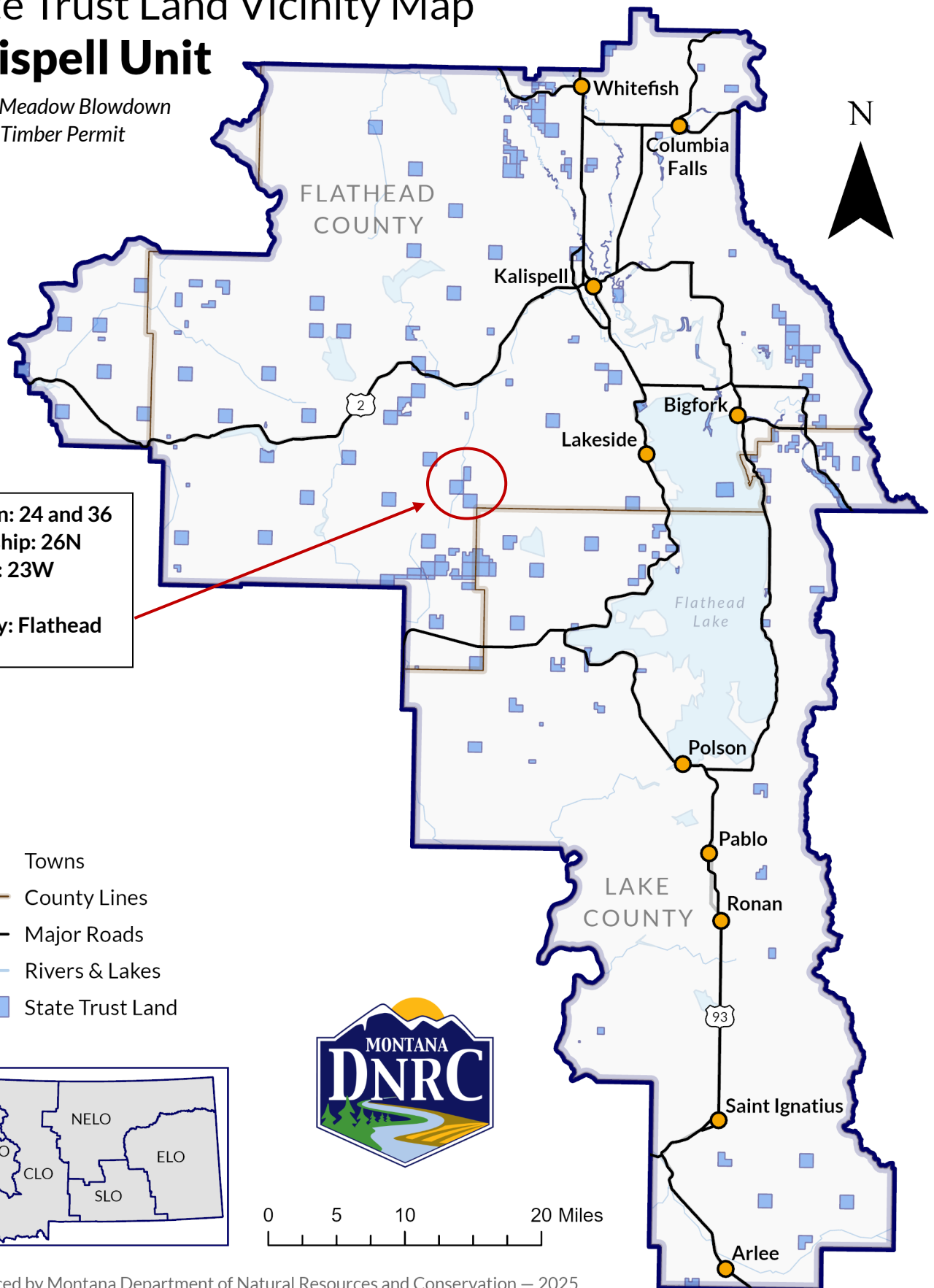
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State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Kalispell Unit

*Browns Meadow Blowdown
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Section: 24 and 36
Township: 26N
Range: 23W
County: Flathead

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

