



**Initial Proposal
Comers Butte Timber Permit
02/02/2026**

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

Section 16, Township 19N, Range 8E

The Comers Butte Timber Permit is located approximately 10 air miles northeast of Belt, MT on the Willow 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 health and vigor by removing trees in declining health from insect and disease infestations.
- Create a multi age forested stand that will be less susceptible to future insect and disease outbreaks.
- Reduce fuel loading and related wildfire risk.

The proposed treatment area is approximately 78 acres, and an estimated 250-350 MBF of Douglas-fir sawlog and firewood material would be harvested. The prescription for the treatment units is to leave 60 square feet of basal area per acre (60 BAF), and protect existing advanced regeneration. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 0.82 miles of new road construction and 0.83 miles of road improvement may be necessary to access the project area. New and existing roads will not be open to public motorized use.

Other activities that may also occur under the proposed action are noxious weed management and tree planting.

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 **March 2, 2026** to:

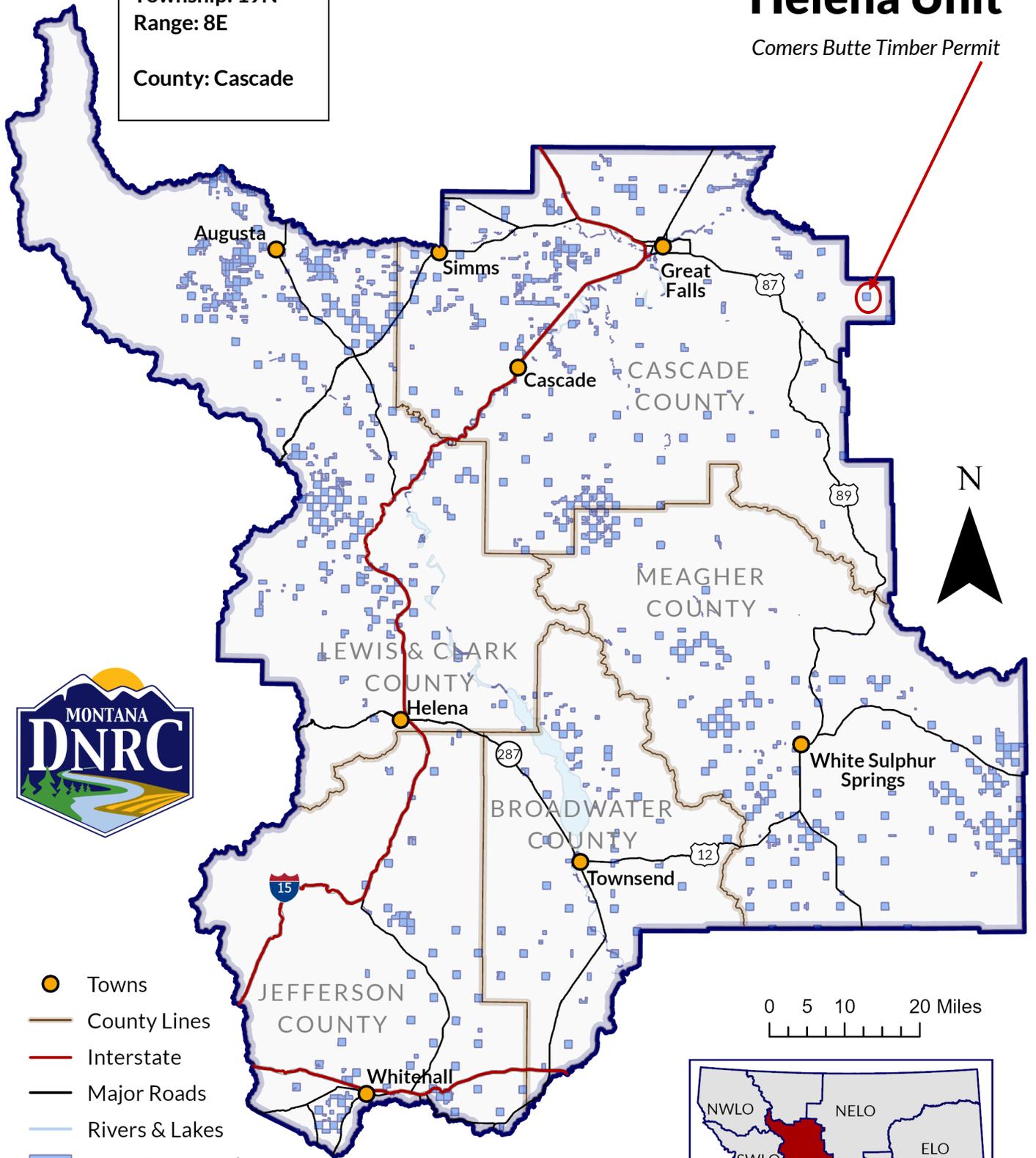
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State Trust Land Vicinity Map **Helena Unit**

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Section: 16
Township: 19N
Range: 8E
County: Cascade



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