



**Initial Proposal  
East Chamberlain Projects  
March 26, 2026**

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

**Sections 7, 17-20, Township 14 North, Range 12 West  
Sections 2-4, 9-17, Township 14 North, Range 13 West**

The East Chamberlain Projects are located approximately 7 miles east of Clearwater Junction and 4.5 air-miles southwest of the town of Ovando, primarily east of Chamberlain Creek and in proximity to Green Mountain and Dunigan Mountain.

Primary objectives of the project include:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Improve forest health, growth, and productivity through prescribed commercial and pre-commercial harvest treatments
- Improve road accessibility for future forest management and wildfire protection
- Minimize the risk of stand-replacing wildfire by reducing fuel loading

This project will include timber harvest of approximately five million board feet from within the 7,704-acre project area using harvest prescriptions of overstory removal, clearcut, seed tree, shelterwood, selection, and commercial thin. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvements may occur on up to 50 miles of existing road to maintain function and drainage of the haul route. New permanent road construction of approximately 0.4 miles and some short, temporary spur roads may be necessary to facilitate access to proposed harvest units.

Other activities that may occur under this proposed action include noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning, prescribed burning, mechanical site preparation, and tree planting. The proposed actions would likely be implemented beginning in 2027 and conclude by 2037.

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 **April 30, 2026** to:

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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Clearwater Unit

### East Chamberlain Projects

Sections: 7, 17-20

Township: 14N

Range: 12W

Sections: 2-4, 9-17

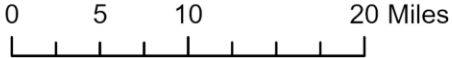
Township: 14N

Range: 13W

County: Powell



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