



**Project Notification
Hidden Plus Blowdown Timber Permit
February 23, 2026**

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

Sections 18 T16N R15W

The DNRC would like to manage and salvage blowdown with the Hidden Plus Blowdown Timber Permit. It is northwest of Placid Lake approximately 4 miles southwest of Seeley Lake.

The harvest of this blowdown is required given concerns of large fuel loads from the blowdown timber adjacent to a home site.

This salvage includes a project area of approximately 20 acres. Within that area are “pockets” of blowdown that would be harvested. The estimate volume will be around 10 thousand board feet (65 tons). 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 done under this permit, and all access will be from the neighboring private land. No harvest would occur within the Streamside Management Zone.

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

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map

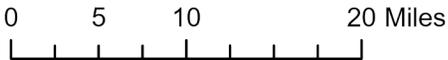
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Section: 18
Township: 16N
Range: 15W
County: Missoula



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