



**Initial Proposal  
Klinger Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale  
May 13, 2026**

The lands involved in this proposed project are held in trust by the State of Montana. (Enabling Act of February 22, 1889; 1972 Montana Constitution, Article X, Section 11). The Board of Land Commissioners and the DNRC are required by law to administer these trust lands to produce the largest measure of reasonable and legitimate return over the long run for the beneficiary institutions (Section 77-1-202, MCA).

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

**Section 36, T29N, R31W**

The Klinger Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale is located approximately 9 miles South of Libby, MT within the Libby Creek drainage.

The Klinger Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale would harvest approximately 1 million board feet on 319 acres. Ground based tractor logging systems would be utilized on approximately 268 acres and cable-based logging systems would be utilized on remaining acres. Approximately 13 miles of existing road would be maintained.

Silvicultural harvest treatments would include Blowdown salvage. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

A brief description of the proposed projects is listed below:

- Sell approximately 1 MMBF of timber to generate revenue for the Common Schools and Public Buildings Trusts.
- Reduce risk of insect and disease outbreak to trust land and adjoining ownerships resulting from un-salvaged blowdown.
- Reduce fuels and the related risk for wildfire

Follow-up treatments could include machine piling and scarification, slash burning, weed spraying, hand planting tree seedlings, and pre-commercial thinning. Harvest activities could begin in 2026, and length of harvest would be approximately 1-2 years.

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 may be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **5:00 PM on May 29, 2026** to:

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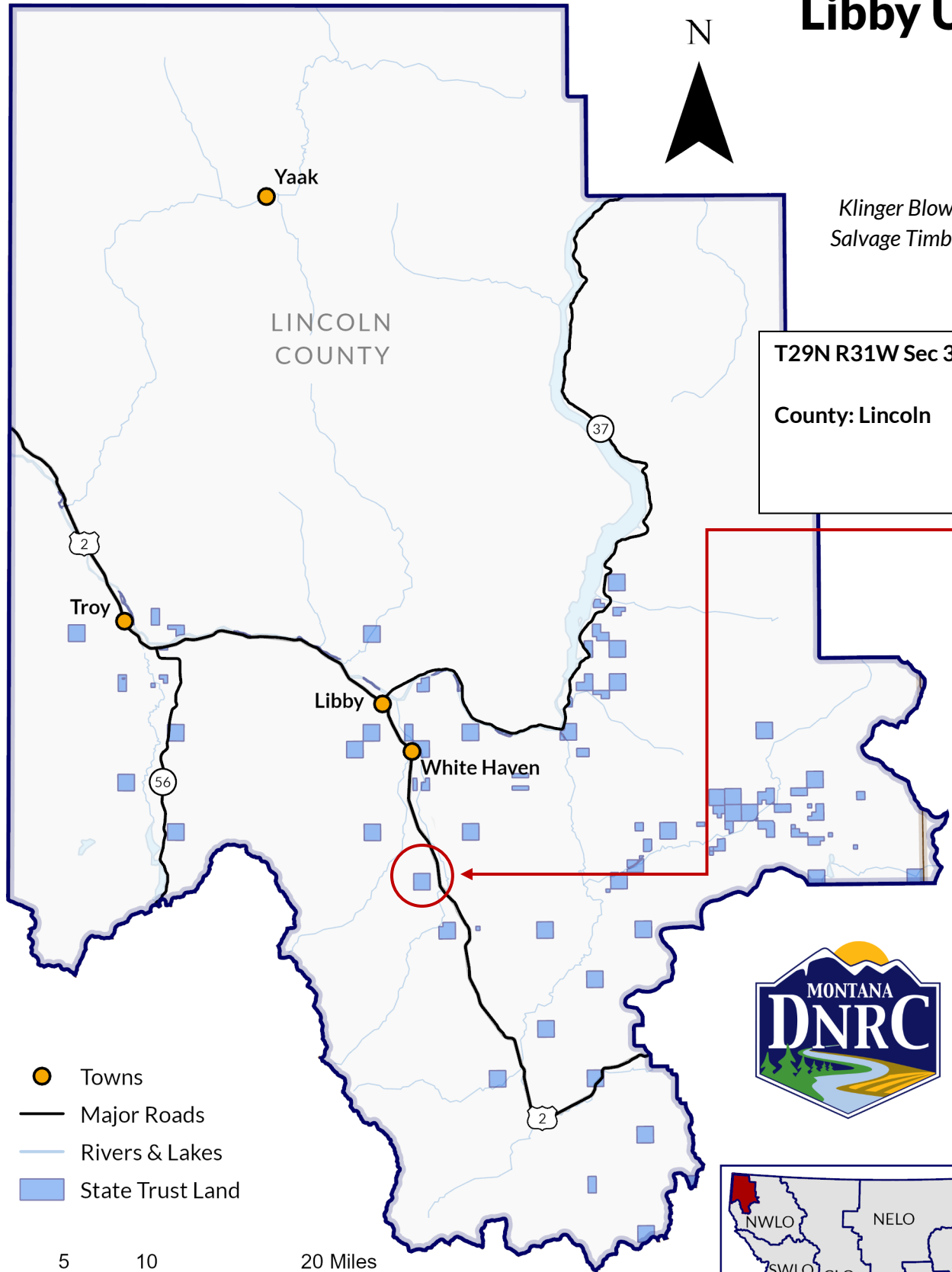
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Libby Unit



*Klinger Blowdown  
Salvage Timber Sale*

T29N R31W Sec 36  
County: Lincoln



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