



Project Notification
McCully Ridge Blowdown and Smiley Face Blowdown Timber Permits
01/14/2025

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

S4 T23N R27W (McCully)
S32 T22N R26W (Smiley)

The McCully Ridge Blowdown Timber permit is located approximately 15 air miles northeast of Thompson Falls, MT. The Smiley Face Blowdown timber permit is located approximately 11 air miles north of Plains, MT.

These permits are proposed to salvage timber that blew down due to a recent windstorm.

The permits will cover 265 acres and there is an estimated 100 mbf. Trees that are blown down or have compromised roots due to the wind event will be salvaged. 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)).

There will be no road work associated with these permits. Roads will be monitored, and maintenance will be completed as needed to meet Montana BMPs.

The areas will be monitored for noxious weeds and treated as needed.

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

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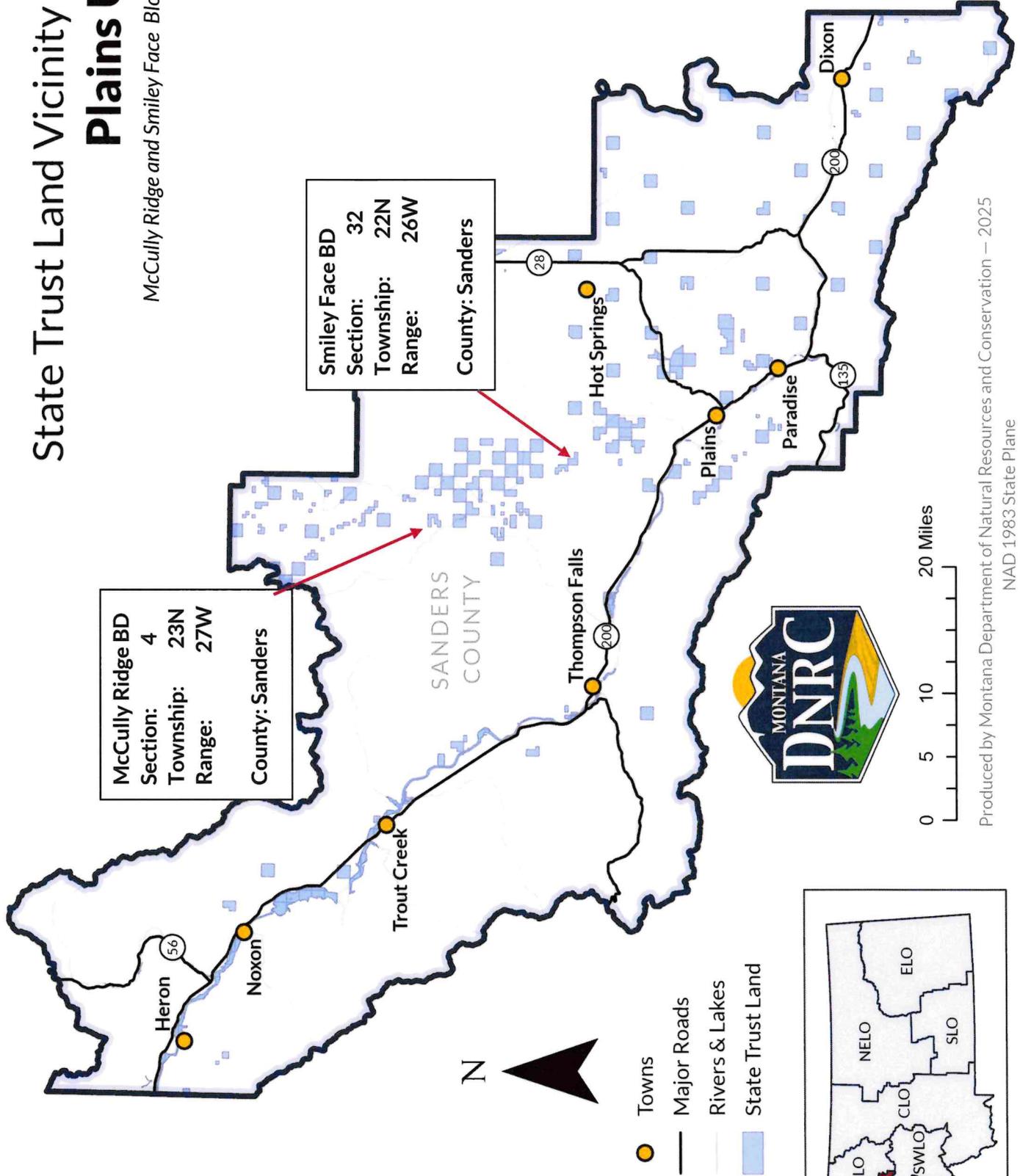
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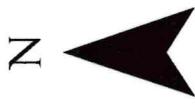
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Plains Unit

McCully Ridge and Smiley Face Blowdown



McCully Ridge BD
 Section: 4
 Township: 23N
 Range: 27W
 County: Sanders

Smiley Face BD
 Section: 32
 Township: 22N
 Range: 26W
 County: Sanders



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