



**Project Notification
North Confusion Timber Permit
February 20, 2026**

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

Sections 30 and 32 T16N R15W

The DNRC would like to management and salvaging of blowdown with the Noth Confusion Timber Permit. It is on the southwest corner of Placid Lake approximately 5.5 miles southwest of Seeley Lake.

The harvest of this blowdown is required given concerns of large fuel loads from the blowdown timber adjacent to cabin sites adjacent to Placid Lake. The blowdown is near open roads and would be likely become firewood theft.

This salvage would include a larger acreage within the proposed units that actual harvested areas given the “pocket” coverage of blowdown. It is estimated that the acres would be approximately 85 acres. The estimate volume will be around 50 thousand board feet (300 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 open public roads.

Some harvest of trees within the wetter areas will occur, but all equipment will be outside 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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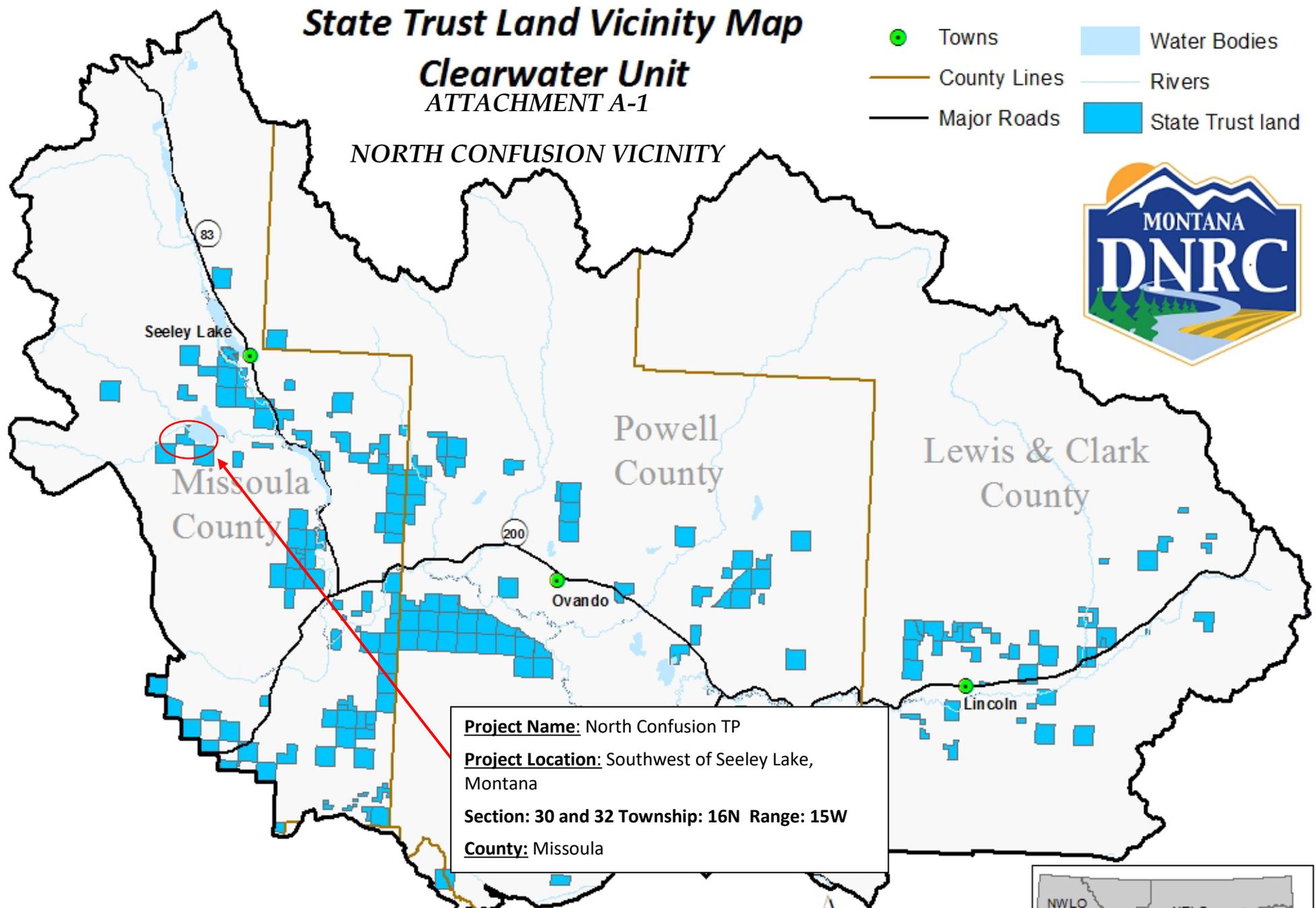


State Trust Land Vicinity Map

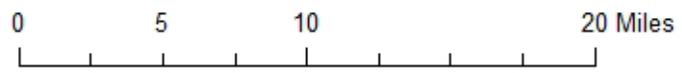
Clearwater Unit ATTACHMENT A-1

NORTH CONFUSION VICINITY

- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- Rivers
- State Trust land



Project Name: North Confusion TP
Project Location: Southwest of Seeley Lake, Montana
Section: 30 and 32 **Township:** 16N **Range:** 15W
County: Missoula



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