



**Initial Proposal  
Seeley Outlet West Salvage Timber Permit  
April 30, 2026**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Clearwater Unit is proposing to harvest windthrown and leaning trees damaged by recent storms as well as thinning through a small component of standing timber on the following state-owned parcels:

**Sections 4 & 9, Township 16 North, Range 15 West**

The Seeley Outlet West Salvage Timber Permit is proposed on DNRC-managed land approximately one mile west of the town of Seeley Lake, Montana. The project is located near Westside Bypass and Snowmass roads.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are to salvage windthrown or damaged timber and fulfill the State statutory obligation to generate revenue for the Trust Beneficiaries, in this case the Common Schools and Montana State University trusts. Other objectives include improving forest stand health, reducing fuel loading, and capturing economic value of dead and dying trees before it is lost.

The proposed harvest would take place under a single timber sale. The project would remove approximately 300 thousand board feet (mbf). Silvicultural prescriptions would include salvage of windthrow concentrations across 377 acres and a small component of shelterwood harvest across 40 acres (or 11 percent) of that larger project area. The proposed harvest is in accordance with State Statute 77-1-202 and would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by State Statute 77-5-222. The timber sale would likely be implemented in July 2026 and conclude by early 2027.

Road maintenance would be implemented as necessary on the haul routes. Noxious weed management, prescribed burning, and tree planting may also occur under the proposed plan.

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 **May 30, 2026** to:

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# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

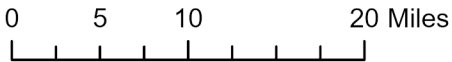
## Clearwater Unit

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Sections: 4 & 9  
Township: 16 North  
Range: 15 West  
County: Missoula



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