



**Initial Proposal  
Short Star Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale  
June 10, 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), Stillwater Unit, is proposing to salvage blown down timber on the following state-owned parcel:

**T31N R24W Sections 13, 14, & 24**

The Short Star Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale is located approximately 13 miles west of Whitefish, Montana in Flathead County.

The primary objectives of the Short Star Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale are:

- Generate revenue for the Public Buildings and School for the Deaf and Blind Trust through the salvage of windthrown timber

The proposed actions would salvage up to approximately 1.5 million board feet (MMbf) of timber within a 1,440-acre project area. The anticipated activities of the project would be expected to last up to two years. The proposed actions would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and site improvements may be needed on existing access roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. No new temporary or permanent roads would be built as part of the project.

Other activities associated with this timber sale may include noxious weed management, tree planting, and slash pile burning.

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 **June 24, 2026** to:

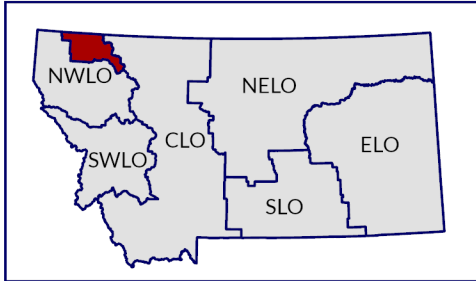
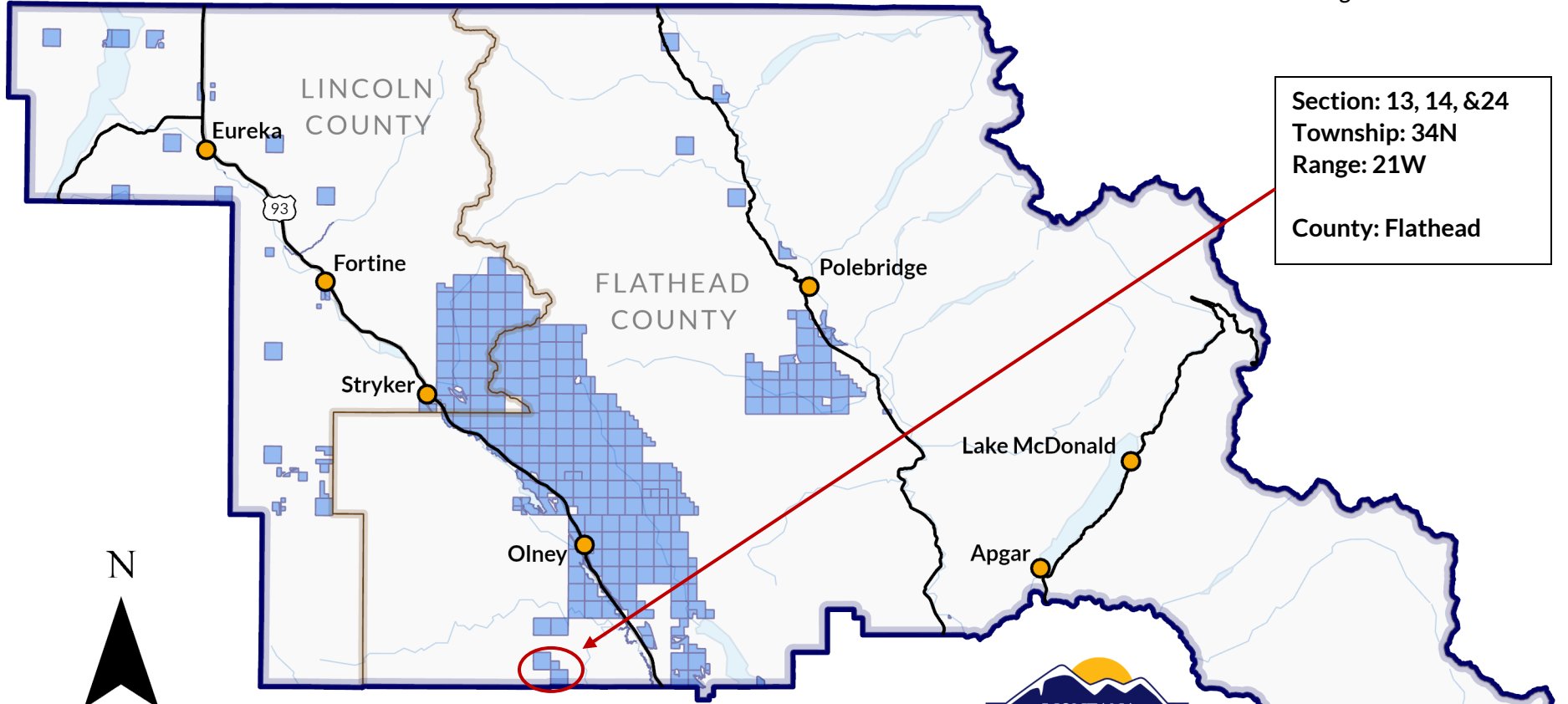
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


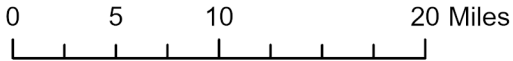
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Stillwater Unit

Short Star Blowdown Salvage Timber Sale



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