



**Initial Proposal  
Murray Lake Boat Ramp Removal  
August 26, 2025**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Stillwater Unit, is proposing to remove a user-built boat ramp and block unauthorized motorized access to the shore of Murray Lake, on the following State-owned parcel:

Section 18 Township 31 North Range 22 West

The location of the boat ramp proposed for removal is on the northeast side of Murray Lake, off of the North Beaver Road, approximately 5 miles northwest of Whitefish.

The primary goal of this project is to stop current and future sediment delivery to Murray Lake. The existing user-built boat ramp is approximately 80 feet by 50 feet in size and is constricted by rock barriers on either side to prevent motorized use along the shoreline. In its existing state, the user-built boat ramp does not meet State Best Management Practices (BMP) and is causing erosion of the boat ramp and is delivering sediment into Murray Lake. A Lakeshore Construction Permit Application has been submitted with Flathead County and 124 Permit Application has been submitted to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. The project may move forward upon issuance of these permits.

The proposed boat ramp removal project would mechanically remove rock barriers from the shoreline and scarify disturbed areas to encourage revegetation. Grass seed containing a native mix would be used to regenerate the site. Additionally, the project would include removal of approximately six user-created parking spaces above the boat ramp. A foot path would be mechanically constructed from the circle-drive to the shoreline to provide non-motorized access to the lake.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted. If you have any questions or comments on this proposed project, please contact Kari Nielsen at [kari.nielsen@mt.gov](mailto:kari.nielsen@mt.gov) or by calling 406-751-2262. Comments must be received no later than September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to be considered.

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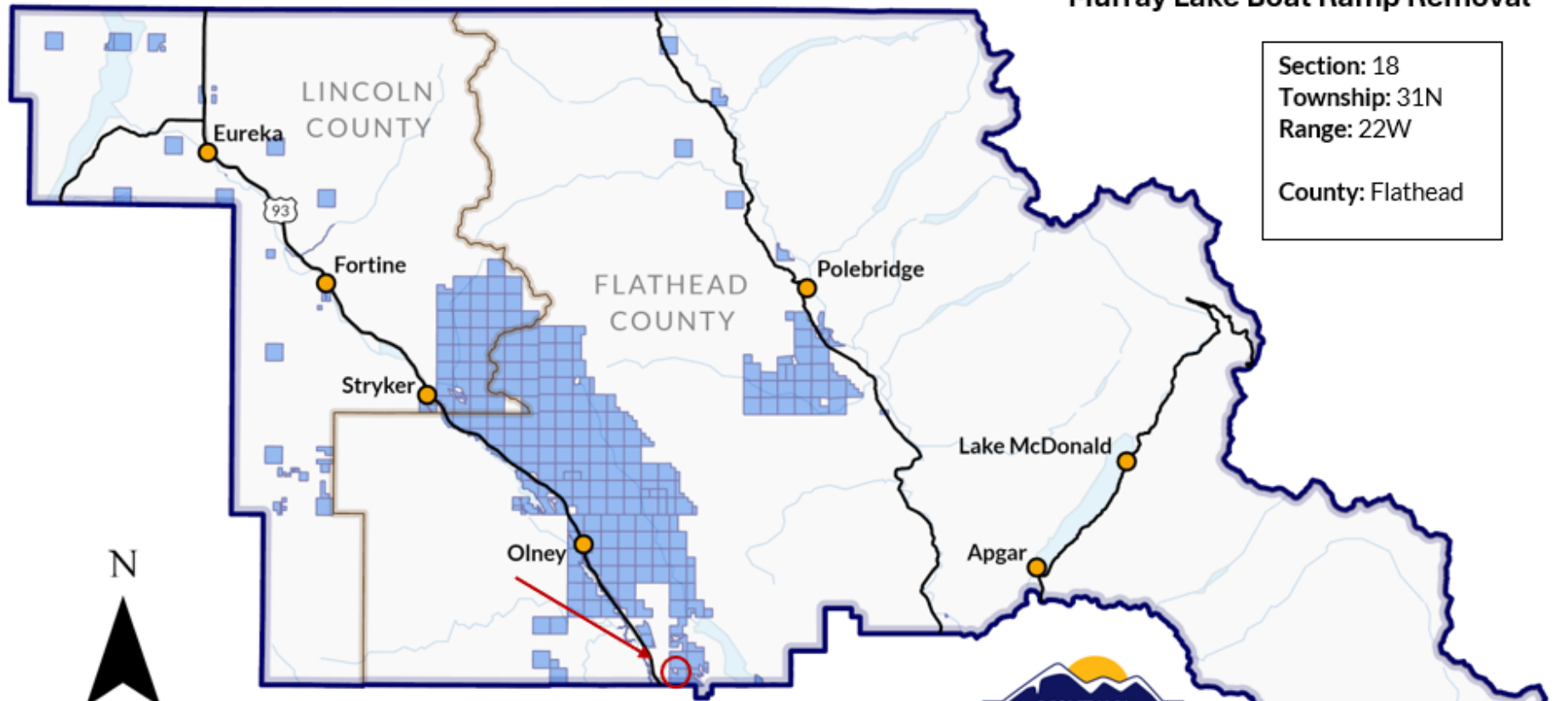


# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Stillwater Unit

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Township: 31N  
Range: 22W  
County: Flathead



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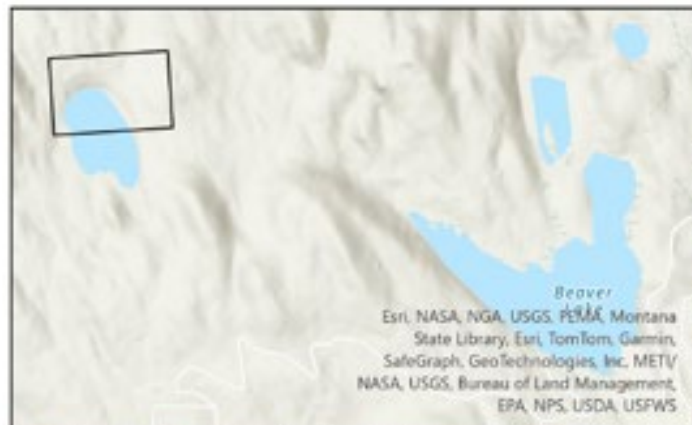
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T31N R22W Section 18  
Flathead County





# Site Plan

