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Initial Proposal Marsh Creek Timber Permit 02/12/2025

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

Section 01, Township 12N, Range 7W

This section of DNRC Land is located approximately 23 air miles northwest of Helena, MT on the Marsh Creek Road. This parcel is a Common Schools Trust Section.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust. MCA 77-1-202.
- Improve forest health and vigor by removing trees in declining condition. Forest health is being impacted by frequent defoliation from insects, drought stress, bark beetles, and in certain locations there are pockets of overly mature trees that are dead or dying.
- Leave a residual stand of healthy trees of all size classes that will provide a seed source for the next generation of trees to occupy the site.

The proposed treatment would harvest an estimated 320-480 thousand board feet from approximately 170 acres. Douglas fir is the dominant tree species within the project area. The silvicultural prescription for the treatment area will be a shelterwood harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 1 mile of new road construction and 4.8 miles of road maintenance may be necessary to access the project area. The new road required for this sale will not be open to public motorized use.

Noxious weeds will be managed and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

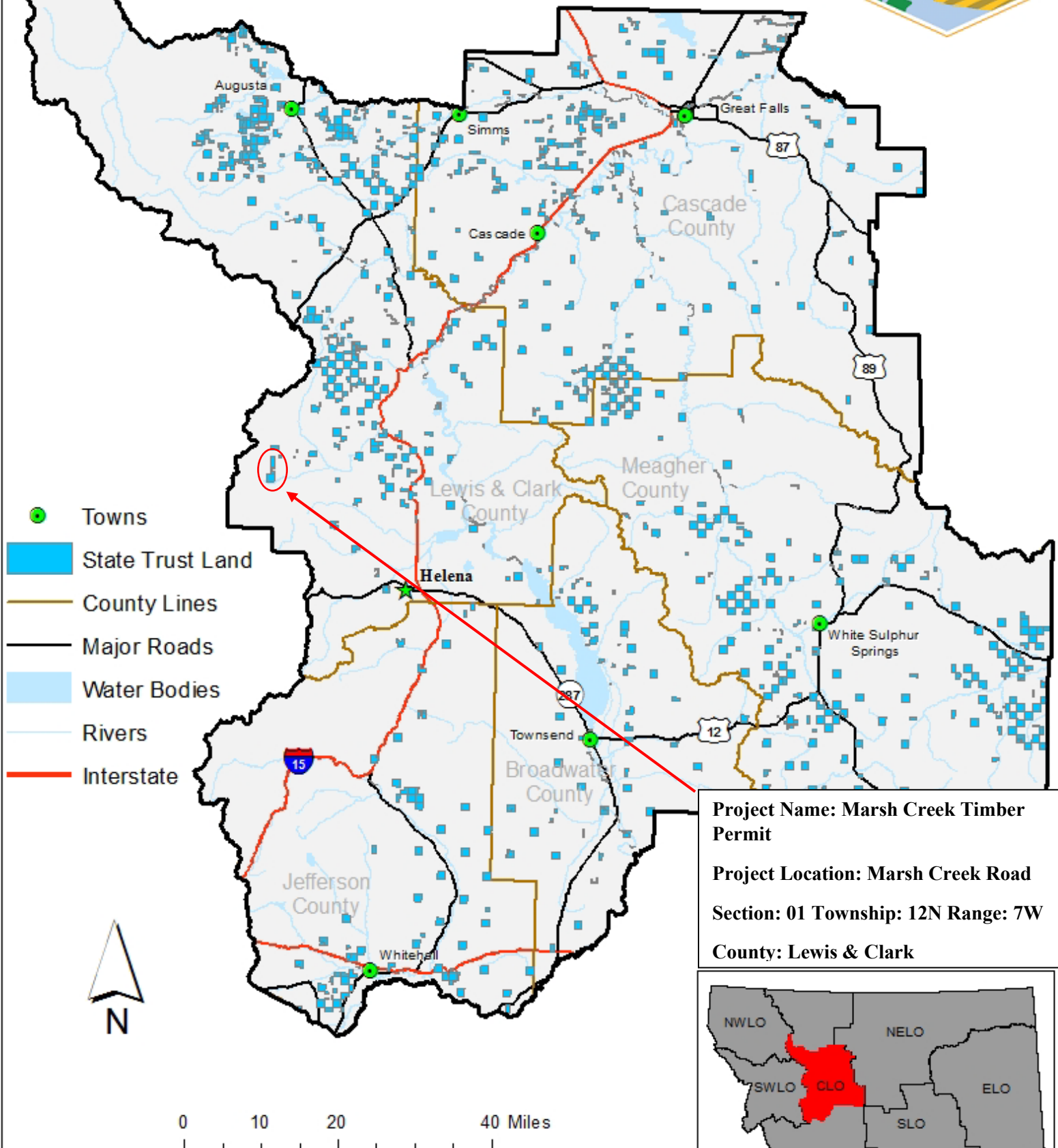
The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **03/14/2025** to:

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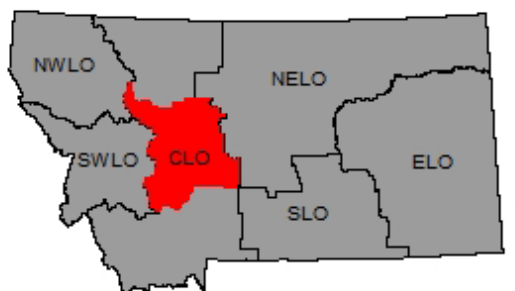
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Helena Unit

Marsh Creek Timber Permit VICINITY



Project Name: Marsh Creek Timber Permit

Project Location: Marsh Creek Road
Section: 01 Township: 12N Range: 7W
County: Lewis & Clark





Proposed Marsh Creek Timber Permit - Site Map

Section 01 -T12N R7W, Lewis & Clark County

