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Initial Proposal Antice Flats Forest Management Project 7/19/2024

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Stillwater Unit is proposing forest management treatments on the following state-owned parcels:

T34N R23W Sections 32-34
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T33N R23W Sections 3-5, 9-11, 13-16, 22-24

- The proposed Antice Flats forest management project is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Olney, Montana in the Stillwater Main Block, in Flathead County. The proposed project would treat stands in all age classes.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- The proposed harvest of 2 to 3 million board feet (MMbf) would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by the state statute 77-5-222 to sell approximately 60 MMbf of timber annually and continue to produce revenue over time. The revenue generated from this proposal would benefit Common Schools.
- Promote biodiversity on State ownership by managing for appropriate or desired stand structures and species composition based on ecological characteristics such as topography, habitat type, disturbance regimes, and unique composition based on ecological characteristics such as topography, habitat type, disturbance regimes, and unique characteristics.
- Address forest insect and disease issues while capturing the economic value of dead and dying trees while promoting healthier and more resilient trees through regeneration.
- Identify and reduce public-use impacts to soil, water, and timber resources.
- Identify and address impacts of forest management project on winter and summer commercial use and general recreation.
- Identify and repair potential sediment sources which may affect streams.
- Reduce fire hazard and associated risks of loss to the state of Montana.
- Improve and maintain transportation systems to meet the State of Montana's Best Management Practices (BMPs). Road maintenance, improvements, and reconstruction may be needed on existing roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. Approximately 1-2 miles of temporary road construction may also be necessary. No permanent roads would be built as part of this project.

Within the approximately 9,500-acre project area harvest prescription would include, but are not limited to: clear cut, seed tree, shelterwood, group selection old growth maintenance, overstory removal, commercial thin, and sanitation. This project may include shaded fuel breaks along existing open roads.

Other management activities such as noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning, tree planting, mechanical scarification, slash pile burning, and prescribed burning may also occur.

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 August 19th, 2024 to:

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State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Stillwater Unit

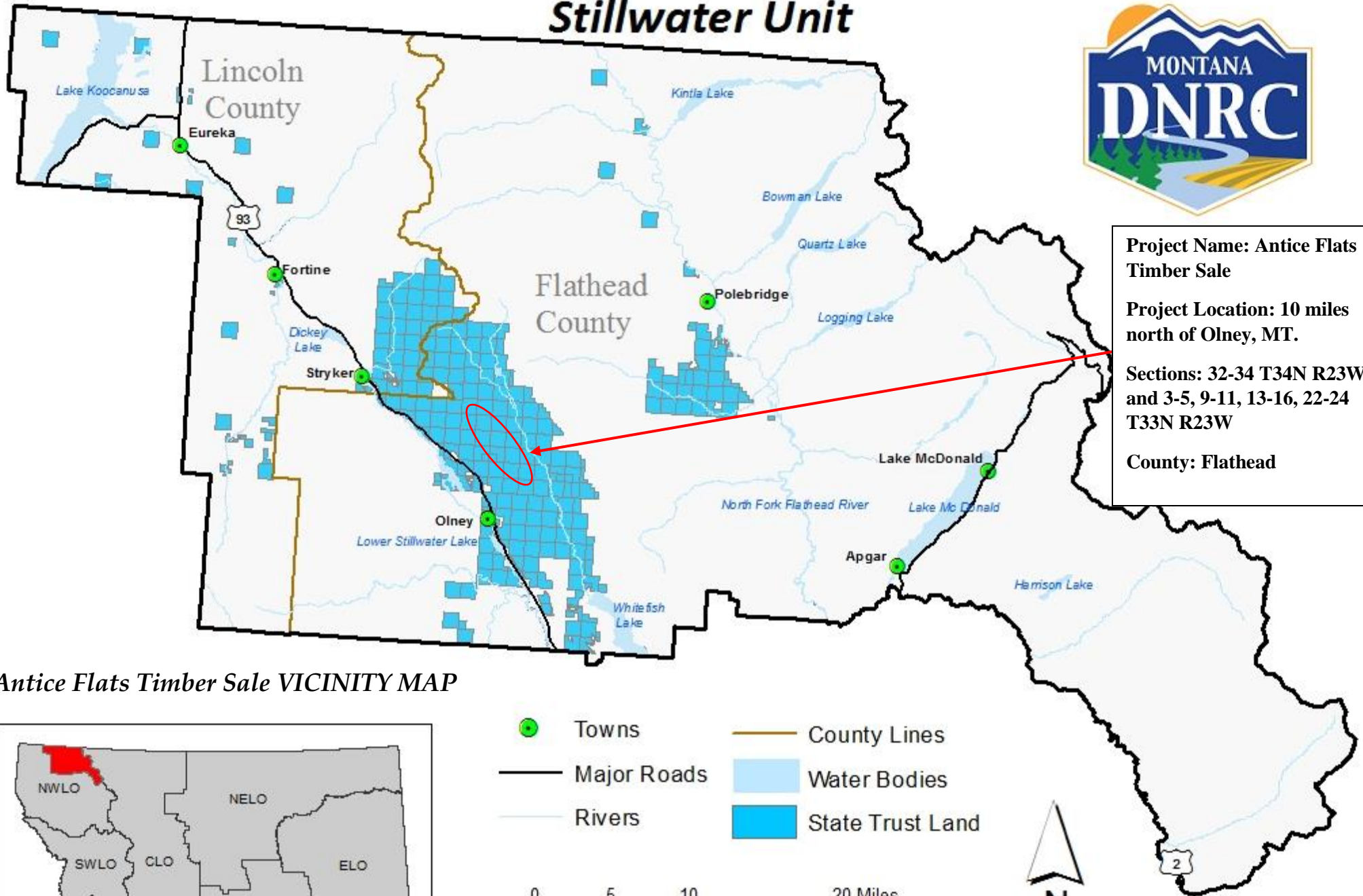


Project Name: Antice Flats Timber Sale

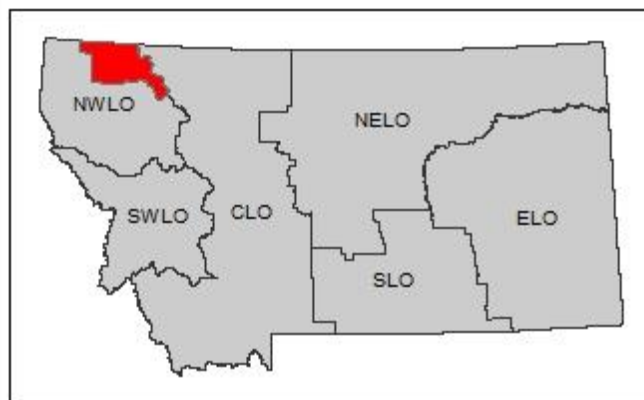
Project Location: 10 miles north of Olney, MT.

Sections: 32-34 T34N R23W and 3-5, 9-11, 13-16, 22-24 T33N R23W

County: Flathead



Antice Flats Timber Sale VICINITY MAP



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

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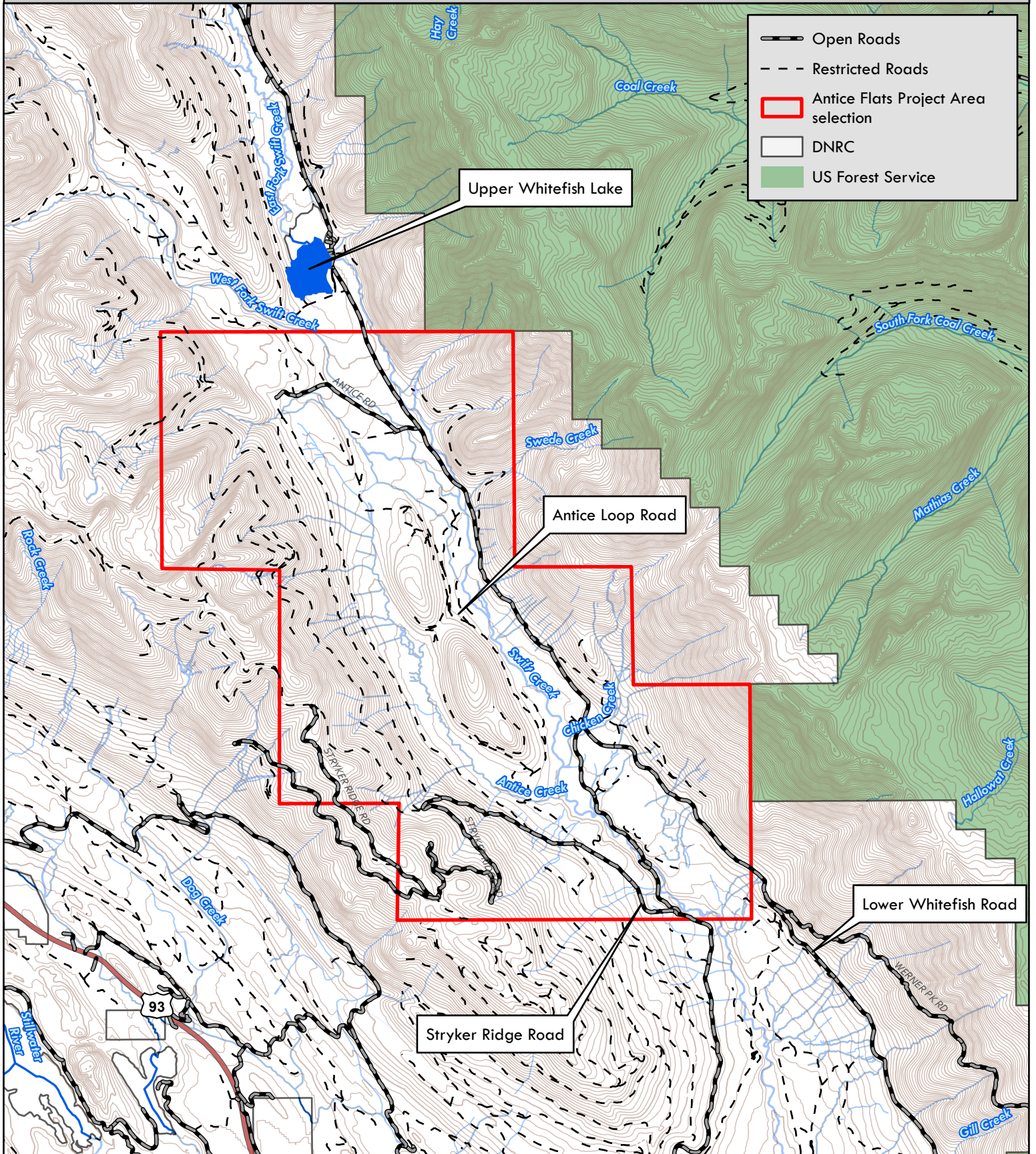
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Antice Flats Area Map

T33N R23W Sections 3-5, 9-11, 13-16, 22-24

T34N R23W Sections 32-34



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