

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT **RECEIVED**

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Project Name: Piece O' Pie Timber Permit

Proposed Implementation Date: October, 2003 – February 2004

Proponent: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Southwest Land Office - Clearwater Unit

Location: SWSW Section 29, and SESE Section 30 Township 15 N, Range 14 W

County: Missoula.

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE

I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

The Montana DNRC proposes to harvest an estimated 44 thousand board feet (MBF) of sawlogs from approximately 7 acres (see attachment A1 – Vicinity Map and contribute an estimated \$8,800 to the school trust fund. This proposal was previously analyzed for under the Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment (See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, May 1999, Chapter I., A).

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED:

Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, Chapter I., J.

2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, Chapter I., G. (No 124 permits will be needed for this project.).

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, Chapter II.

III. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- *RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.*
- *Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.*
- *Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.*

4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE:

Consider the presence of fragile, compactable or unstable soils. Identify unusual geologic features. Specify any special reclamation considerations. Identify any cumulative impacts to soils.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, Chapter III, part II, E, Soils.

5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION:

Identify important surface or groundwater resources. Consider the potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality. Identify cumulative effects to water resources.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, Chapter III, part II, E, Hydrology.

6. AIR QUALITY:

What pollutants or particulate would be produced? Identify air quality regulations or zones (e.g. Class I air shed) the project would influence. Identify cumulative effects to air quality.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment. Slash piles will be burned when conditions allow, and slash may be used to help restrict un-authorized off-road vehicular use. This is within airshed 3B and all burning will be accomplished during fall 2004-2005 after permission is granted from the Montana / Idaho smoke management group.

7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY:

What changes would the action cause to vegetative communities? Consider rare plants or cover types that would be affected. Identify cumulative effects to vegetation.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS:

Consider substantial habitat values and use of the area by wildlife, birds or fish. Identify cumulative effects to fish and wildlife.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:

Consider any federally listed threatened or endangered species or habitat identified in the project area. Determine effects to wetlands. Consider Sensitive Species or Species of special concern. Identify cumulative effects to these species and their habitat.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Identify and determine effects to historical, archaeological or paleontological resources.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

11. AESTHETICS:

Determine if the project is located on a prominent topographic feature, or may be visible from populated or scenic areas. What level of noise, light or visual change would be produced? Identify cumulative effects to aesthetics.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY:

Determine the amount of limited resources the project would require. Identify other activities nearby that the project would affect. Identify cumulative effects to environmental resources.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA:

List other studies, plans or projects on this tract. Determine cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of current private, state or federal actions in the analysis area, and from future proposed state actions in the analysis area that are under MEPA review (scoped) or permitting review by any state agency.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment, May 1999.

IV. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION

- *RESOURCES* potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.
- Explain **POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS** following each resource heading.
- Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.

14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Identify any health and safety risks posed by the project.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:

Identify how the project would add to or alter these activities.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT:

Estimate the number of jobs the project would create, move or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to the employment market.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES:

Estimate tax revenue the project would create or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to taxes and revenue.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Estimate increases in traffic and changes to traffic patterns. What changes would be needed to fire protection, police, schools, etc.? Identify cumulative effects of this and other projects on government services

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS:

List State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, and other zoning or management plans, and identify how they would affect this project.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES:

Identify any wilderness or recreational areas nearby or access routes through this tract. Determine the effects of the project on recreational potential within the tract. Identify cumulative effects to recreational and wilderness activities.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING:

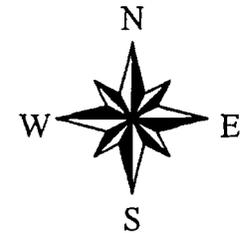
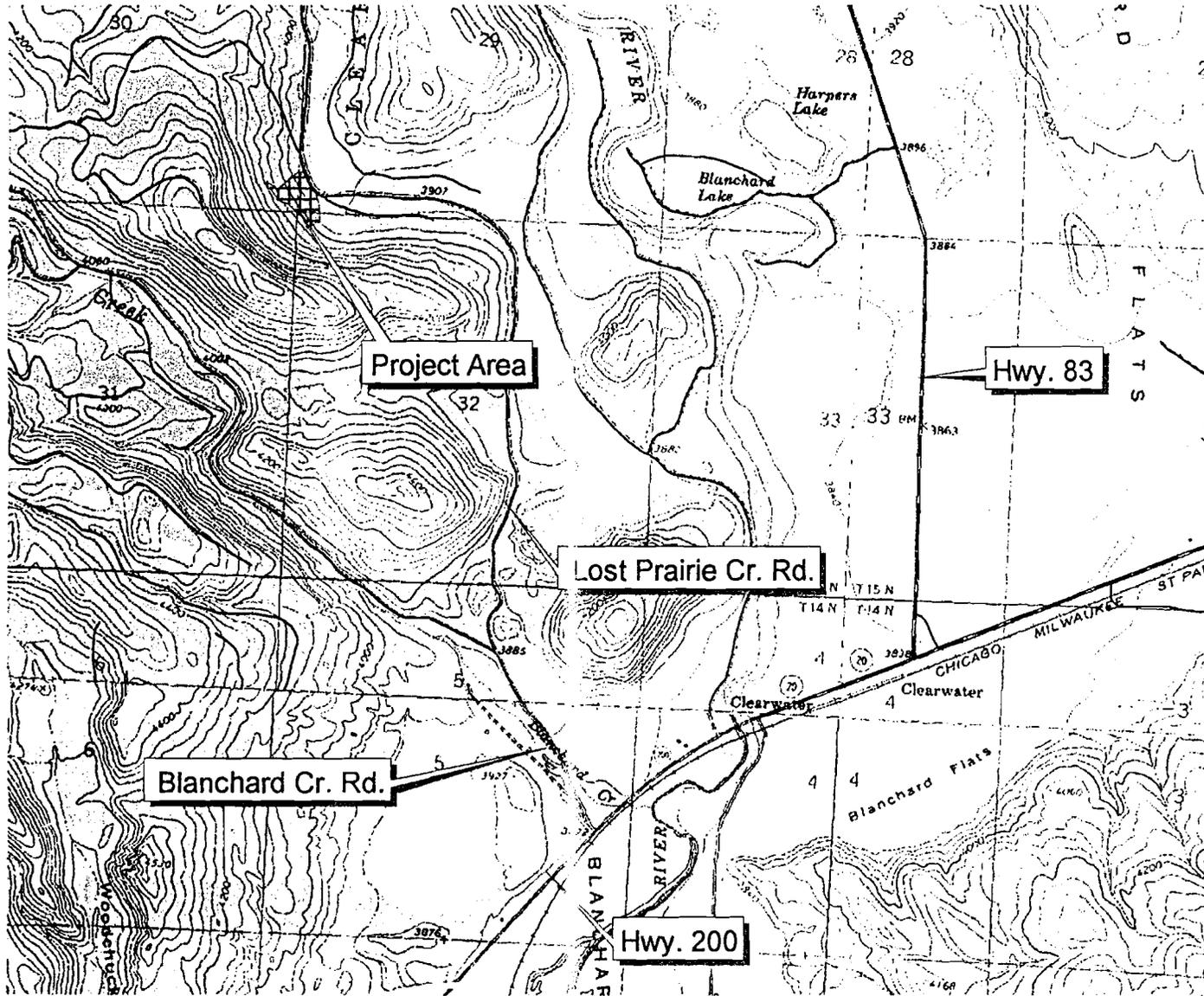
Estimate population changes and additional housing the project would require. Identify cumulative effects to population and housing.

See Clearwater River Timber Sale Projects Environmental Assessment.

Piece O' Pie Timber Permit (Vicinity)

Township 15 North, Range 14 West

Attachment A

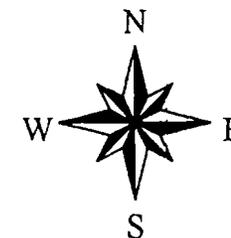


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Piece O' Pie Timber Permit (Permit Area) Attachment B

Township 15 North, Range 14 West



Legend



Unit 1 (7.1 Acres)

1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 8000 Feet

