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JR Miller Ranches Land Exchange Proposal LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
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The State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) is evaluating a proposed land exchange involving property located in both Ravalli and Lewis and Clark Counties. The lands in Ravalli County are located near Sula (Portions of Sections 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 27, T2N-R19W). The lands in Lewis and Clark County are located near Lincoln (Portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 and 12, T14N-R9W). Overall approximately 800 acres of State (school trust) land and approximately 1,850 acres of private land have been identified for exchange. Maps of the exchange proposal can be viewed on the DNRC Web site www.dnrc.state.mt.us/millerlandexchange.htm.

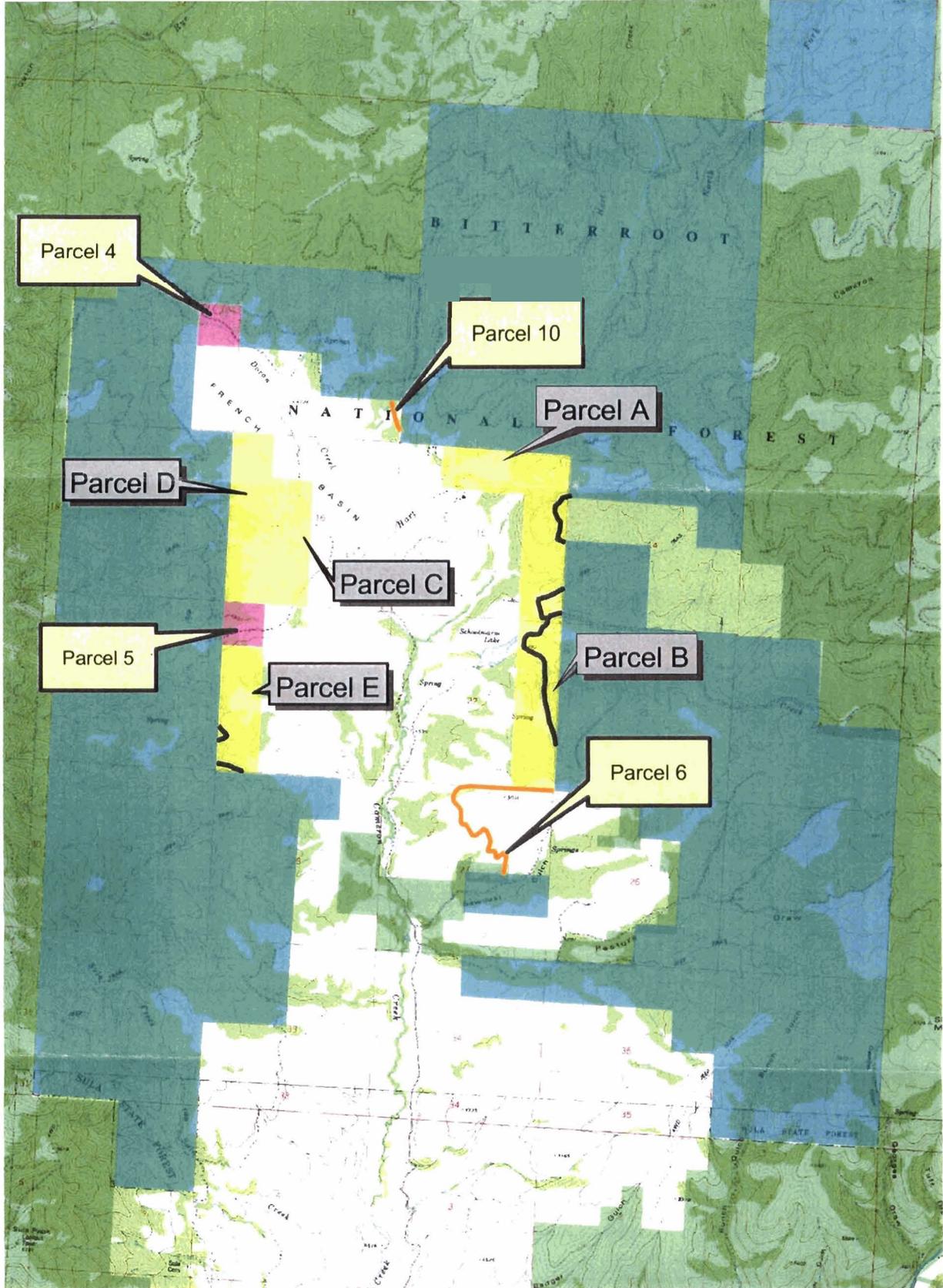
Benefits of the exchange include 1) Securing improved access for land management activities on state-owned property, 2) Acquiring lands with higher revenue generating potential for the state school trusts, 3) Consolidation of land within the Lincoln State Forest, and 4) Reducing the potential for land use conflicts with the JR Miller Ranches.

The DNRC is soliciting public input regarding this proposal. Those interested should address written comments to: Robert Storer, Trust Lands Program Manager, Southwestern Land Office, 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula, MT. 59804 or FAX: 542-4285 or Email: rstor@state.mt.us. Comments need to be received no later than October 17th, 2004. Please include your name, address, and telephone number with comments.

After receiving comments, the DNRC intends to make a recommendation to the State Board of Land Commissioners for their determination of whether to authorize the DNCR to proceed with detailed analysis of the proposal. If approval is granted, there will be an additional opportunity for public comment at public hearings in both Ravalli and Lewis & Clark counties prior to finalization of an Environmental Assessment. Notification of hearing dates will be published in the local newspaper.

For further information contact;

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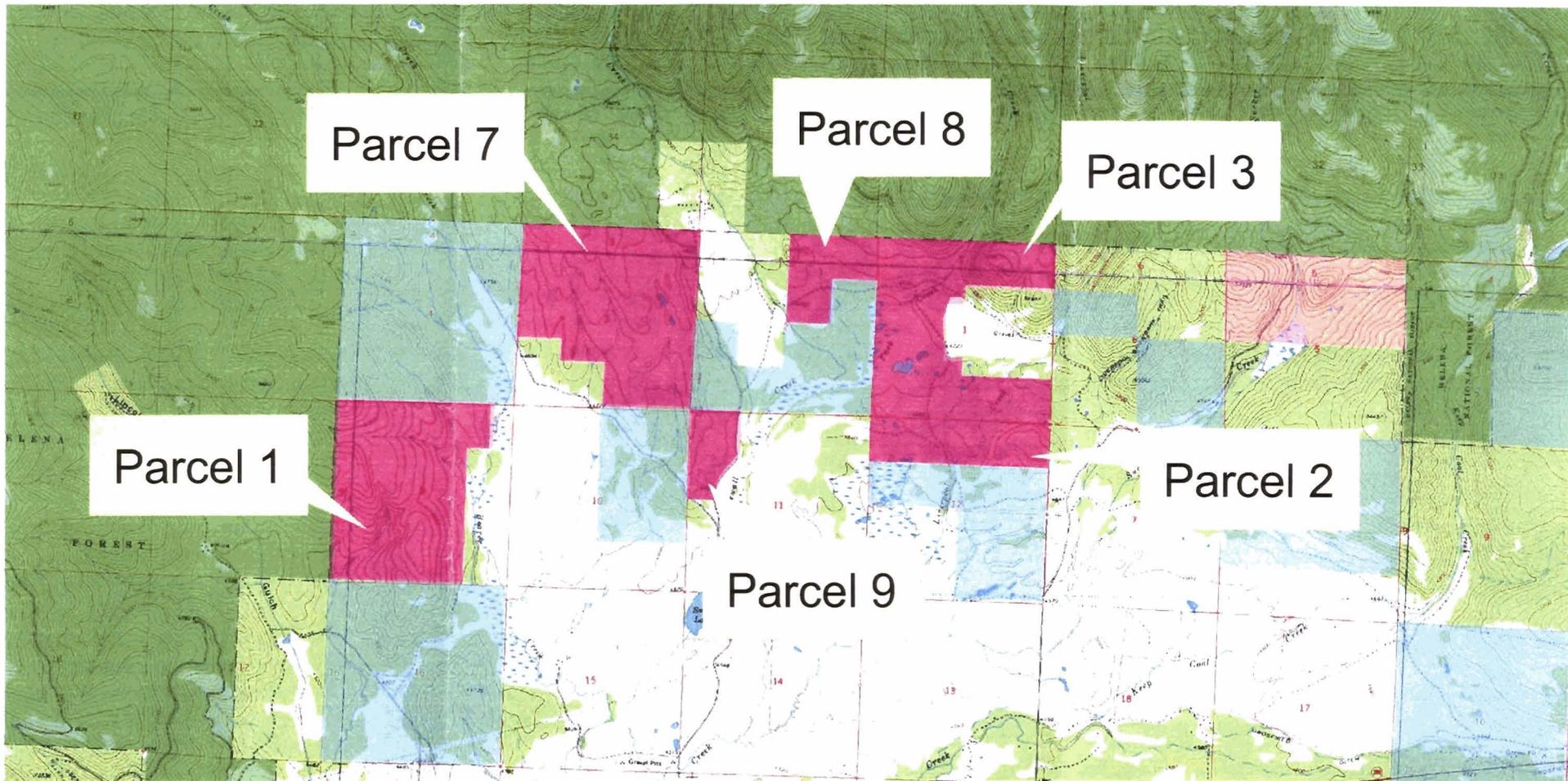
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Parcels acquired by DNRC	
Exchange Proposal DNRC Easements	
DNRC Acquisition	RETAINED
DNRC Trade	ACQUIRED
DNRC Parcel	Other Owners
	USFS
	All Other

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Parcels acquired by DNRC

Exchange Proposal	Other Owners
 DNRC Acquisition	 Plum Creek Timber
 DNRC Parcel	 USFS
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