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2320 Wilderness and Primitive Areas
8200 Land Use Planning

May 7, 1976

Montana Wilderness Area Study Bill (5.393)

Regional Forester

Enclosed is the data requested for the two areas on the Kootenai
involved in the above designated study.

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Enclosure

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TEN LAKES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

A. Short Range (6 to 12 months)

1. Timber

The St. Clair Timber Sale for 3.7 MMBF was sold in Sept. 1975.

2. Minerals

The area has a long history of prospecting and development with the major activity lying north of Indian Creek and the Blue Bird drainage. Numerous unpatented claims exist as well as six patented claims totalling 115 acres. Development activity is currently taking place on the Independence claims in Section 22, T37N, R26W. Most of the current interest is associated with copper deposits. A special use permit to use a trail and tramway has been issued to the owners of the Independence claims indicating high potential for development. Several unpatented silver and gold claims are located in Cat Creek.

3. Special Use Permits (inside area)

Soil Conservation Service snow pillow with road access 0.1 acre
Section 5, T36N, R25W.

Tramway and trail for mining purposes 3 acres--expires 1980.

4. Roads

Six miles of existing major work roads and 10 to 15 miles of minor work roads are located within the area.

5. Land Use Planning

This entire area is within the Eureka-Graves EIS. The final statement was sent to CEQ on April 2, 1975.

6. Recreation

Recreation use in the area in S. 393 was 9,290 visitor days in 1974. The major activities were hunting, horse use, hiking, and berry picking. Cycling and snowmobiling account for 550 visitor days in the area.

7. Existing Developments

Rich Creek - 70 acres of old clearcut and 30 acres partial cut
(1 mile of road).

Wam Creek - 20 acres of old partial cutting.

Wolverine Creek - Approximately 120 acres of old mixed partial and patch cutting (1 mile of road).

Clarence Creek - 30 acres of old clearcut.

Stahl Creek - Approximately 350 acres of old partial and patch cutting (2+ miles of road).

South Fork Stahl Creek - 150 acres of old partial cutting (2+ miles of road).

Graves Creek (above road) - 288 acres of clearcut.

8. Municipal Water

City of Eureka uses water from St. Clair Creek drainage for domestic purposes. Water from Therriault Creek is used by the local irrigation district. The impact on this would be minimal.

B. Medium Range (1 to 5 years)

1. Timber

During this time frame two sales are proposed: Burma Flats (F.Y. 1979), and Gibraltar Mountain (F.Y. 1981).

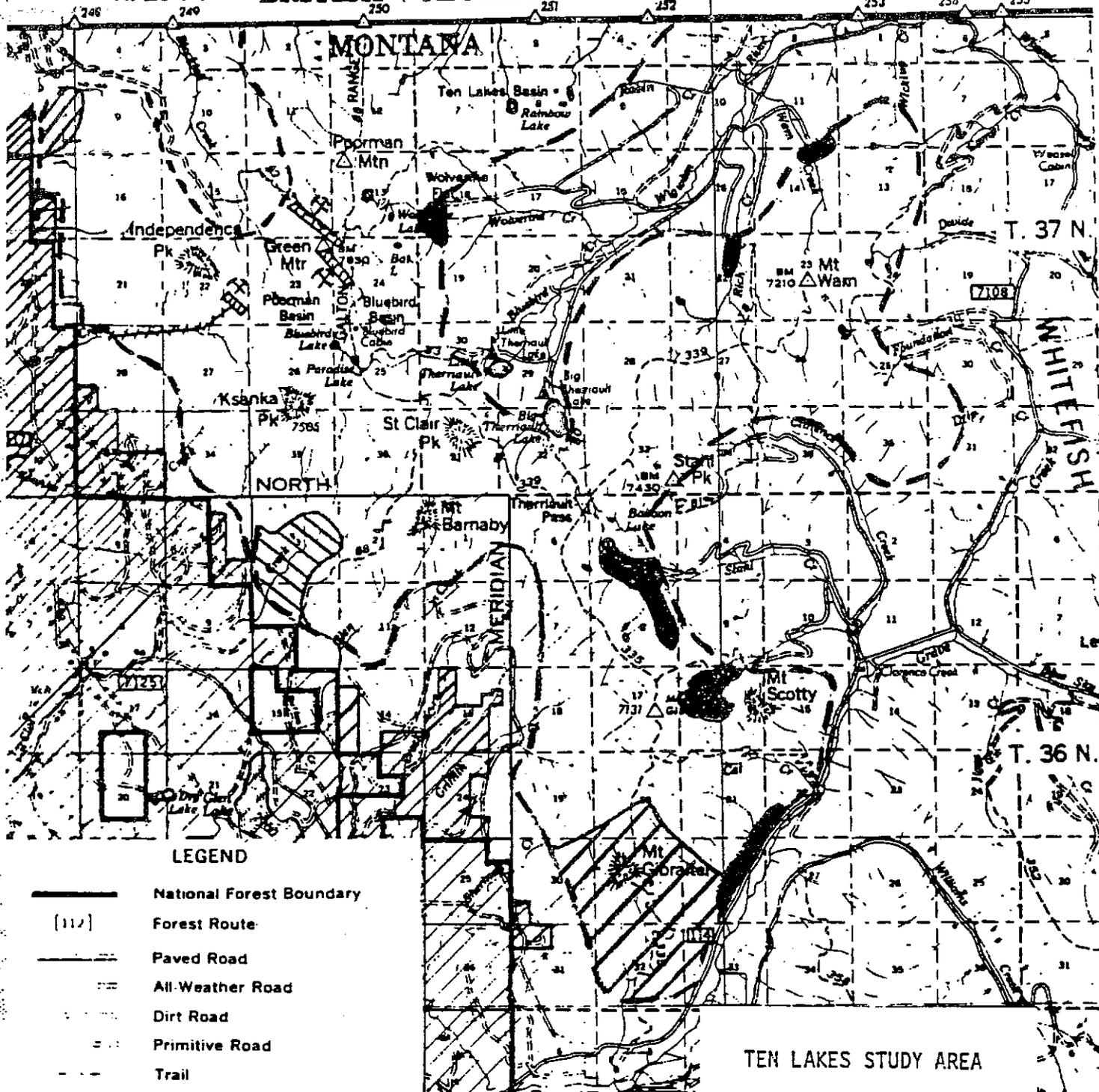
C. Long Range (10+ years)

Timber loss of 3.2 million board feet per year would result.

R. 26 W.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

R. 25 W.



LEGEND

- National Forest Boundary
- Forest Route
- Paved Road
- All-Weather Road
- Dirt Road
- Primitive Road
- Trail
- Railroad
- Mine, Quarry or Gravel Pit
- Recreation Site, Forest Service
- Recreation Site other than Forest Service
- Horizontal Control Station
- SCS Snow Pillow
- Tramway
- State and Private Land

TEN LAKES STUDY AREA

- PROPOSED STUDY AREA BOUNDARY
- EXISTING TIMBER CUTTING
- PROPOSED TIMBER SALE
- SALE UNDER CONTRACT

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