

FWP is seeking comments on the following related to trapping setbacks:

Any private land within the boundaries described in this proposal are not included. Adjust current trapping setback requirements on public lands in the following three ways – designate areas as **Expanded 500-foot Setbacks, No Setbacks, or No Trapping** – to match the predominant current uses in Regions 1 and 3. Regions 2 and 4–7 propose no changes. Numbers below correspond to those on accompanying maps:

I. Expanded Setbacks - Add the following areas to the list of roads and trails requiring Expanded 500-foot Setbacks (Fig. 1 and 2).

Region 1

- 1) Ross Creek-Ross Creek Cedars area, Ross Creek Road #398 and Ross Creek Nature Trail 405 and Forest Service trail #142. High recreation area.
- 2) Callahan Creek, Forest Service trail #153 from the trailhead to the confluence with Three Mile Creek (approx. 1 mile). High use trail
- 3) Cougar Ridge Road #2338 north of Troy, Cougar Creek ski trail and sledding area. High recreation area.
- 4) Hensley Face (Forest Service Road #5886), Hensley Hill (Forest Service Road #5892) and Pete Creek (Forest Service Road #338) roads. High recreation area near town of Yaak,
- 5) West Fork Yaak River Road (Forest Service Road #276) North of Yaak. High use ski and recreation area.

Region 3

- Sourdough (Bozeman Creek) Route #979 and Trail #50. High recreation area (Fig 2).

II. No Setbacks - Designate the following new areas as No Setbacks Required for any species (Fig. 1).

Region 1

- 6) All of Sanders County (unless designated as a no trapping area or maintaining current setbacks) and southern portions of Lincoln County south of Highway 2 to Big Cherry Creek, then west following Big Cherry Creek to the intersection of Lincoln and Sanders County lines.

Exceptions – Maintain current setbacks of 50 ft for furbearers and 150 ft for wolf at:

- 7) Trout Creek-Hope Valley Road from the Forest Service boundary to the junction of East Fork Trout Creek and Granite Creek. Maintained road for public access in the winter. West of Trout Creek.
- 8) Prospect Creek Road from end of snow maintenance to junction of Prospect Creek and Demont Creek, west of Thompson Falls. High use public use-ski area.
- 9) Forest Service Roads #7507 and #340 in the Baldy Lake area north of Plains. Snowmobile and ski area.

III. No Trapping – Designate the following new areas as No Trapping allowed (Fig. 1).

Region 1 – all sites are small in size and feature high-use winter public recreation.

- 10) Mule Pasture recreation area, Thompson Falls.
- 11) Finely Flats recreation area, between Thompson Falls and Trout Creek.
- 12) Trout Creek recreation area near Trout Creek.
- 13) Trout Creek administrative and recreation site, Trout Creek.
- 14) Bend Ranger Station- forest service rental cabin and recreation area in the Thompson River Drainage.
- 15) Sheldon Flats recreation area, Libby.
- 16) Flower Creek recreation area, south of Libby.
- 17) Bear Creek Ski Area, south of Libby.
- 18) Round Meadow Ski Area- North of Kalispell on Star Meadow Road. (Consolidate current expanded setbacks area).

- 19) Blacktail Ski Area, in Lakeside (Consolidate current expanded setbacks).
- 20) Schnaus Rental Cabin-Sonderson Meadow – North Fork of the Flathead.
- 21) Cedar Flats Recreation Area, north of Columbia Falls.

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Figure 1. Overview of Region 1 setback proposal type and location. (Detailed maps can be provided).

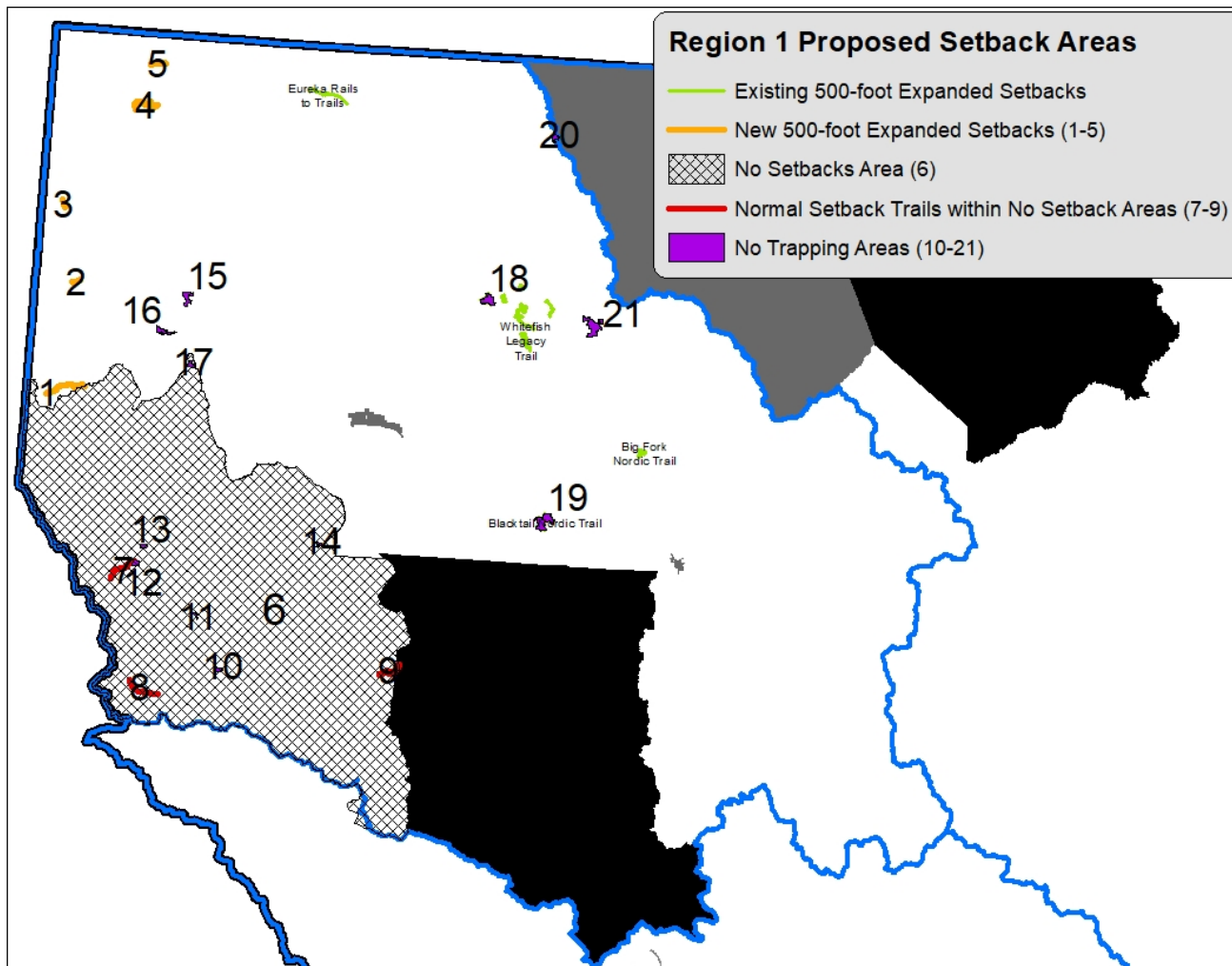


Figure 2. Proposed setback in Region 3.

