



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.

EIS

- Regulations, Directives, Orders

In Progress:
DEIS NOA in Federal Register
09/13/2018
Est. FEIS NOA in Federal
Register 11/2021

Expected:12/2021

12/2021

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Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020

Web Link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214>

Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions>.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Forestwide Outfitter & Guide Permits EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Leaf Magnuson 406-683-3950 lmagnuson@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project analyzes the environmental effects of activities proposed as new priority outfitter guide permits, expanded activities under existing permits, and creating a pool of use days for future priority and non-reoccurring temporary permits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56926				
	Location: UNIT - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Jefferson, Madison, Powell, Silver Bow. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Lands as displayed in the supporting documents tab.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
East Pioneer Watershed Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/29/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Elizabeth Herrmann 406-683-3990 eherrmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal includes 900 acres of treatment on Forest Service land to reduce conifer encroachment in sagebrush/grasslands using chainsaws and prescribed fire. Treatment areas include Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Dillon Field Office lands				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58127				
	Location: UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District, Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Canyon, Trapper, Cherry, and Rock Creek watersheds in the East Pioneer Landscape.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Morel to Butte Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2020	Expected:09/2020	04/2021	Margaret Schmidt 406-859-3211 Margaret.Schmidt@usda.gov
	Description: Reconstruction of a 1-mile long segment of existing 16" steel gas pipeline, owned and operated by NorthWestern Energy. Total temporary disturbance would occur on approximately 13 acres of NFS lands located on the Butte and Pintler Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: https://data-stga.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=58573				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District, Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Deer Lodge, Silver Bow. LEGAL - T. 4 N., R. 9 W., Sec. 12 and T. 5 N., R 9 W., Sec. 27. This project is located on the Butte and Pintler Ranger Districts in T. 4 N., R. 9 W., Sec. 12 and T. 5 N., R 9 W., Sec. 27 to the east of US Hwy 90 and northwest of Hail Columbia.				
Pintler Face EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/07/2016	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Pam Fletcher 406-494-0231 pamfletcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: Purpose is to achieve Forest Plan Goals including timber management, aquatic improvement, wildlife habitat improvement. Proposed activities include commercial timber harvest, travel management, and reduction of conifer encroachment in sagebrush.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49404				
	Location: UNIT - Wise River Ranger District, Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead, Deer Lodge. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fishtrap-Mt. Haggin and Pintler Face Management Areas within the Big Hole Landscape.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest	Butte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Butte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Brown's Gulch - Lockhart Boundary Fence Extension CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/21/2016	Expected:12/2016	04/2017	Lucas Phillips 208-677-8290 ljphillips@fs.fed.us
	Description: We propose to extend the existing fence about 1100 feet with wildlife friendly barbed wire fence to keep livestock from trailing back and forth between pastures. If the initial route doesn't work we will add the second extension shown on the map.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50524				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Silver Bow. LEGAL - T5N, R8W, Section 23. Upper Clark Fork Landscape, Butte North Management Area.				
Court Small Tracts Act (STA) Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/18/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jan Bowey 406-842-5432 jbowey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conveyance of an isolated tract of 0.72 acres of NFS lands under the Small Tracts Act of January 12, 1983, as amended. The tract is an isolated mineral fraction surrounded by private located in the Tobacco Root Mountains near the town of Mammoth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58777				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 2 South, Range 3 West, Section 18.				
Five Trough Spring Pipeline Extension CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:12/2020	06/2021	Lucas Phillips 406-494-0230 ljphillips@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to make improvements to existing water developments located at Five Trough Spring, which would result in improved livestock distribution and water availability within the allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59143				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T1S R4W S23 SW1/4 NW1/4. Located in Perry Canyon Pasture within the Brownback Management Area in the Tobacco Root Landscape.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Butte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Idaho-Delbert Private Road Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/06/2020	11/2020	Margaret Schmidt 406-859-3211 Margaret.Schmidt@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit authorizing construction and maintenance of a road 30 ft. wide and approximately 40 ft. long or 0.027 acres to provide access to a private landowner's inholding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58985				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located north of the community of Basin, MT in Jefferson County between the Idaho and Delbert mining claims.				
Thompson Park Grooming Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2019	Expected:10/2019	12/2019	Jocelyn Dodge 406-494-0246 jdodge@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal would manage several trails in and adjacent to Thompson Park for non-motorized winter recreation opportunities by continuing to groom approximately 12 miles of trail and adding another 1.10 miles of route to the groomed trail system				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56826				
	Location: UNIT - Butte Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Silver Bow. LEGAL - T1N R7W Sections 3 and 4. Thompson Park, approximately 9 miles south of Butte. T1N R7W Sections 3 and 4.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Andrus and Bull Creek Allotments Range Improvement Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scot Shuler 406-683-3988 swshuler@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to develop 10 springs, construct two drift fences totaling 1.5 miles of fence on the allotments, and install a hardened water crossing at the fence line's water gap on Bailey Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53601				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lima Tendoy Landscape, Selway-Saginaw Management Area and Pioneer Landscape, West face Management Area.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Big Hole Divide Fish Barriers CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 12/09/2020	04/2021	Michael Gatlin 406-683-3853 michael.gatlin@usda.gov
	Description: We propose to construct fish barriers on Browns Creek and Buffalo Creek to protect and conserve two important populations of Westslope Cutthroat Trout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58478				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T8S R13W Sec 29; T8S R13W Sec 9. Both streams are within Fish Key Watersheds located in the Lima-Tendoy Landscape, Selway-Saginaw Management Area.				
Goldstone Fire Whitebark Pine Planting CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/29/2020	Expected:01/2021	05/2021	Johanna Nosal 406-522-2540 Johanna.Nosal@usda.gov
	Description: The Dillon Ranger District on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) is proposing to plant whitebark pine seedlings on up to 364 acres within the 2018 Goldstone Fire perimeter.				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T8S, R16W, Sections 13, 23, and 24, and T9S, R16W, Section 6. The planting areas are near the Continental Divide and partially located in the West Big Hole Inventoried Roadless Area.				
Selway Saginaw Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/09/2020	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Leaf Magnuson 406-683-3950 lmagnuson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project to move conditions toward Forest Plan Timber, Vegetation, and Fuel Management Goals and Objectives using commercial timber harvest, precommercial thinning, and conifer expansion treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56912				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Lima Tendoy Landscape primarily in the Selway-Saginaw and Horse Prairie North management areas (MAs). A smaller portion is planned in the Big Hole Landscape, West Big Hole Flats MA.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Tendoy Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/25/2019	Expected:02/2020	07/2020	Licette Hammer 406-683-3935 licette.hammer@usda.gov
	Description: The BLM Dillon Field Office and Dillon Ranger District are starting the Environmental Assessment(EA) on Applications for Permit to Drill, submitted by the Lima Exploration Company, LLC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48576				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two locations are being considered: BLM surface location is Shearing Pen Gulch with access from Big Sheep Creek Road. USFS surface location is White Pine Ridge with access from Little Sheep Creek Road.				
Willow Creek Fish Barrier CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kevin Weiner 907-874-7567 kweinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: We propose to work with Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks to modify the existing waterfall on Willow Creek to become a fish barrier to contribute toward future native fish restoration and benefit existing restoration projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51237				
	Location: UNIT - Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T4S, R10W, Section 18. Pioneer landscape, Torrey Mountain Recommended Wilderness and East Face Management Areas.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Jefferson Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Britton Amateur Radio Repeater -DUPLICATE can not delete. CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2015	Expected:03/2015	05/2015	Don Despain 406-846-1770 ddespain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to install an amateur radio repeater adjacent to the existing equipment at the Donald R. Communication Site, currently occupied by Quest Corporation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46463				
	Location: UNIT - Jefferson Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T1N, R6W, Section 19. Located in the Jefferson River Landscape, Pipestone Management Area.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Jefferson Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Sadler Private Road Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2016	Expected:06/2016	06/2016	David Sabo 208-756-5279 dsabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit vehicle access to private property through across 56 feet of National Forest land. It would allow the holder to improve, use and maintain a private driveway.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49512				
	Location: UNIT - Jefferson Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T7N, R5 W, Section 21. Boulder River Landscape, Basin-Cataract Management Area.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Madison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
California Creek Placer Evaluation CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	07/2020	Erik Torgerson 406-683-3890 etorgerson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The California Creek Placer Test is designed to sample a cross-section at regular intervals across the mineral deposit. The claimant plans to dig 22 holes during this operation. Each test hole will be 5ft wide, 10ft long, and 3ft to 5ft deep.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55623				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T 5S., R 3W., Sec. 8. From Laurin, take county rd. to FS Boundary where it turns to FSR 1217. There is a rd. that takes off to East just past FS Boundary in Sec. 7 to Cali. Crk.				
Crockett Lake Whitebark Pine Demonstration CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/23/2014	Expected:08/2014	10/2014	Paul Roose 406-682-4253 plroose@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is intended to remove all conifers and slash (except limber pine) from the understory in identified whitebark pine stands in order to reduce competition and increase sunlight so that the WBP reproduces fully and faster.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34987				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T9S, R2W, Section 5. Gravelly Landscape, Upper Ruby and Wigwam-Cherry Management Areas.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Madison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Greenhorn Vegetation Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/08/2017	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Daniel Pliley 406-587-6892 Daniel.Pliley@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project is to help restore and maintain the structure, function, composition and ecological connectivity of the forest system in order to increase resiliency to future natural disturbance events like wildfire, insects, and disease.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51053				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project addresses lands in the Greenhorn Range in the northwest corner of the Gravelly Mountains, Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.				
Hill Reservoir Dam Decommisioning Revised CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2016	Expected:06/2016	08/2017	Darin Watschke 406-657-6200 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes the same work attempted in 2014 under a previous decision to breach the dam with explosives. It wasn't completed because of a constriction in the culvert. This revision of the proposal is to do the same work with an excavator.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49422				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T3S, R4W, sections 25 & 36. Tobacco Roots Landscape, Tobacco Root Peaks Management Area.				
Klatt (Kelly) Reservoir Dam Decommissioning CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2016	Expected:06/2016	08/2017	Darin Watschke 406-657-6200 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project to decommission the Klatt Dam is proposed to prevent failure should the old corroded culvert should a heavy snow or rain event clog the piped causing water to overflow the dam. An excavator would be used to breach it at the outlet.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49423				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T10S, R1W, section 18. Gravelly Landscape, Wall Creek Management Area.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Madison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Nelson Water Pipeline Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2016	Expected:06/2016	07/2016	Jacob Stewart 406-682-4253 jwstewart@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is a proposal to issue a special use permit to allow connection of a pipeline to the overflow of a water trough on NFS lands and install approximately 2000 feet of subsurface line to water livestock on adjacent private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49426				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T4S, R2W, section 21. Tobacco Root Landscape, Meadow Creek Management Area.				
Saw Log Placer Placer Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/11/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Erik Torgerson 406-683-3890 etorgerson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Saw Log Placer Project is testing for placer deposits. The claimant plans to dig 3 test holes during this operation. Each test hole will be 6ft to 10ft wide, 10ft long, and 5ft to 10ft deep. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56465				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T4S R2W Sec. 16. Project site is located approximately 10 miles Northwest of McCallister, MT in the Saw Log Creek area.				
South Gravelly Allotment Management Plans EIS	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jacob Stewart 406-682-4253 jwstewart@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review grazing practices and infrastructure for 4 domestic livestock grazing allotments (Eureka Basin, Pole Creek, Southwest Corner and Robb Creek)to ensure compliance with applicable Forest Plan direction. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48643				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South end of the Gravelly and Snowcrest Mountains, Beaverhead and Madison Counties, Montana.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Madison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Strawberry to Cascade Allotment Management Plan EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/14/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Megan Mallowney (406) 494-0258 mcmallowney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Revise as necessary grazing management on the Barnett, Black Butte, Coal Creek, Cottonwood, Fossil, Hellroaring, Lyon, Wolverine, Poison Basin and portions of the Upper Ruby allotments in the Gravelly Mountains.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54522				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Barnett, Black Butte, Coal Creek, Cottonwood, Fossil, Hellroaring, Lyon, Wolverine, Poison Basin and portions of the Upper Ruby allotments in the Gravelly Mountains.				
Wall Creek Fish Passage Barrier Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2020	08/2021	Darin Watschke 406-682-4253 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to protect over 6 miles of Westslope Cutthroat Trout occupied habitat in the Wall Creek drainage, by constructing a fish passage barrier near the downstream Forest boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55932				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T10S R1W Sec 23. Cameron Montana.				
West Fork Madison River Stream Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2017	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Darin Watschke 406-657-6200 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	Description: We propose to use bioengineering techniques to create up to 20 pool habitats to improve stream habitat condition and water quality to improve long-term persistence of westslope cutthroat trout in their native range.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51222				
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T12S R3W Sec 12 and T12S R2W Sec 7. Gravelly Landscape, Upper Ruby Management Area.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Pintler Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Echo Lake Basin Trail Construction Projects CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2020	12/2020	William Shoutis 406-859-3211 william.shoutis@usda.gov
	Description: Development of three new groomed routes within the Echo Lake Basin Nordic trail system to enhance winter non-motorized recreation by providing additional loop opportunities for cross-country skiers.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58661				
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - T.6N., R.14W., Sections 24, 25, and 26 and T. 6N., R. 13W., Sections 19 and 32. New groomed Nordic routes within Echo Lake Basin Trail sys (grooming on FS Rd 1578, and adding groomed connectors betw Midway and Red Lion parking area, as well as between Runyon Gulch and Jack Pine).				
Lone Pine Conifer Reduction 2020 CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/13/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Alicia Goodman (406) 859-3211 alicia.goodman@usda.gov
	Description: Reduction of conifer encroachment in parklands through hand thinning, burning hand piles, and broadcast burning as well as with the use of small equipment (e.g., Skid Steer).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58660				
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - T. 5N., R. 16W., Sections 26, 35, 36 and T. 4N., R. 16W., Sections 2 and 3. T. 5N., R. 16W., Sections 26, 35, 36 and T. 4N., R. 16W., Sections 2 and 3.				
Moose Meadow Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/04/2020	11/2020	Margaret Schmidt 406-859-3211 Margaret.Schmidt@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of special use permit(s) authorizing up to two landowners to access their private property and maintain existing routes (operation and maintenance of an existing 750 ft. long segment and improvement and maintenance of a 30 ft. driveway).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58662				
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - T.5N., R.13W., Section 5 and T.6N., R.13W., Section 32. Moose Lane in Granite County (near Georgetown) within approximately 1/4 mi of Discovery and Red Lion roads.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Pintler Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Rancho Deluxe Vegetation Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Daniel Pliley 406-587-6892 Daniel.Pliley@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action would conduct vegetation management activities to promote resilience to insects and disease. Treatments would include timber harvest and removal of conifer encroachment from aspen stands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54994				
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located on the east side of the Flint Creek mountain range, approximately 9 miles west-northwest of Deer Lodge, MT and 8 miles south of Gold Creek, MT.				
Stony Creek Allotment Fence and Cornish Gulch Livestock Handling Facility CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 11/10/2020	06/2021	Alicia Goodman (406) 859-3211 alicia.goodman@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a new fence approximately 0.4 miles long and extension of existing fence by 0.3 miles in Stony Creek and construction of a 40 ft. x 80 ft. corral adjacent to NFS Road No. 5012 in Cornish Gulch for loading and unloading cattle.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58659				
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - Section 21, T. 7N., R. 16 W. and Section 29, T. 7N., R. 16 W. Section 21, T. 7N., R. 16 W. (Stony Creek Allotment) and Section 29, T. 7N., R. 16 W (Cornish Gulch Pasture, FS Road No. 5012).				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Wisdom Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Beaverhead County Wise River Radio Site CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Molly Ryan 406-689-3243 mollymryan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of underground power and fiber optic lines to the Wise River Radio Site. Installation of VHF antennae and associated equipment for enhancing 911 services for Beaverhead County.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58702				
	Location: UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T.1N., R.11W. Section 34 and T.1S. R.11W., Section 3. Located at existing radio site approximately one mile south of Wise River ranger district office.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Wisdom Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Chief Joseph Ski Trail Maintenance & Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project would re-shaping the existing road prism on the old log hauling routes used as ski trails and dig stumps on approximately 32 kilometers of cross country ski trails and construct a connector trail between Moose and Sentinel Meadow trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36828				
	Location: UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Lemhi, Beaverhead, Ravalli. LEGAL - T 2S, R 19W, Sections 2 and 3. Trail Creek Management Area, Big Hole Landscape, a small portion of the trails overlaps on the Bitterroot and Salmon/Challis National Forests.				
Doolittle Creek Fish Barrier CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2017	Expected:07/2020 Actual: 09/08/2020	08/2020	Kevin Weiner 406-683-3857 kweinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to install a fish barrier on Doolittle Creek to support MTFWP work to restore westslope cutthroat trout. The project is in the Big Hole River drainage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56509				
	Location: UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T1S, R14W, Sec 29. Tie-Johnson Management Area in the Big Hole Landscape.				

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Cherry Creek Trail Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/20/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	David Scherbel 406-494-0249 david.scherbel@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a 1/2 mile reroute of Bear Gulch Trail #2089 so people can safely access Cherry Creek Trail #2123.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56035				
	Location: UNIT - Wise River Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T3S,R10W, Sec(s)8,9,17 . Pioneer Landscape, East Face Management Area beginning at the junction of Bear Gulch Trail #2089 with Forest Service System Road #1011.				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Wise River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
French Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 10/09/2020	11/2020	Kevin Weiner 406-683-3857 kweinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Wise River Ranger District on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) is proposing stream restoration work in conjunction with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks and Big Hole Watershed Committee				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58390				
	Location: UNIT - Wise River Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Deer Lodge. LEGAL - T2N R12W Sec 15. T2N R12W Sec 15.				
Schwinegar Lake Trail #2259 Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2017	Expected:06/2017	07/2017	Roger Anderson 208-677-8303 rogeranderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: We plan to decommission the lower portion of Schwinegar Lake Trail #2259 that is eroding and causing resource damage. We propose to reroute about three quarters of a mile of trail along the contour line of the slope to tie in with Trail #2758.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51228				
	Location: UNIT - Wise River Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - T3S, R13W, Sections PB 39&8. Pioneer Landscape, West Pioneer Wilderness Study Area.				

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