

## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2024 to 09/30/2024

## **Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest**

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact	
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>							
Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS	- Land mana	gement planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@u sda.gov	
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link:	conserve and steward planning areas of N	nagement plans for units of the Nat ard existing and recruit future old-g FS. gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location:	UNIT - All Districts- Forests and Grassl	level Units. STATE - All States. (ands (128 units).	COUNTY - All Countie	es. LEGAL - Not Ap	oplicable. National	
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us	
	Description:	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.g	gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. O all NFS lands open to mineral ent			•	

at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions.

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Project Name	Project Purpose		Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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Nez Perce National Historic Trail Visitor Use Capacity Analysis	- Recreation - Heritage re managemen		Completed	Actual: 11/16/2022	11/2022	Sandra Broncheau- Mcfarland 208-843-2353 sandra.broncheau-
*UPDATED*						mcfarland@usda.gov
	Web Link: Location:	Historic Trail to assi http://www.fs.usda.outleark. UNIT - Beaverhead Clark National Fore Units, Salmon-Chal Forest All Units, Ca STATE - Idaho, Mo Lemhi, Lewis, Nez I	ies the visitor use capacity on Nationst in the protection and management gov/project/?project=62223  -Deerlodge National Forest All Unitest All Unites, Plains/Thompson Falls lis National Forest All Unites, Custer ribou-Targhee National Forest All Unitana, Oregon, Washington, Wyom Perce, Beaverhead, Blaine, Carbor illips, Ravalli, Stillwater, Wheatland	ent of trail resources.  Es, Bitterroot National Ranger District, Wall Gallatin National For Jnits, Nez Perce-Cleaning. COUNTY - Clain, Chouteau, Fergus,	Forest All Units, Howa-Whitman Nativest All Units, Shos arwater National Fork, Clearwater, Fre Gallatin, Golden Va	elena-Lewis and onal Forest All hone National rest All Units. mont, Idaho, alley, Lewis and
		Applicable. The Nex	z Perce National Historic Trail is ap stern Oregon to the Bear Paw Batt	proximately 2,184 mil	les, extending from	the vicinity of

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)  R1 - Northern Region							
2024 Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF Forestwide Outfitting and Guiding Permit Issuance CE			Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Allison Landro 406-707-0165 Allison.Landro@usda.g ov	
*NEW LISTING*	Description	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of approximately 50 new priority use permits to existing outfitting and guiding permit holders on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=66448				
	Location:	Lodge, Granite, Jef	I-Deerlodge National Forest All Un ferson, Madison, Powell, Silver Bo ng would occur on NFS lands on th	w. LEGAL - Not Applic	able. Priority use	permits that permit	

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Outfitter and Guide Project EA	- Special use	e management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Allison Landro 406-707-0165 Allison.Landro@usda.g ov	
*UPDATED*	Description:	Pescription: This analysis is to determine whether increasing service days for commercial outfitters and guides on National Forest System (NFS) lands may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.  Neb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56926					
	Location:	Lodge, Granite, Jef	-Deerlodge National Forest All Uniferson, Madison, Powell, Silver Bos Supporting documents tab.				

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)  R1 - Northern Region							
Holland Ranch Grazing Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing ma	anagement	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2024	06/2024	Bradley Winger 406-683-3988 Bradley.Winger@usda. gov	
	Description	<b>Description:</b> Project to issue new permit with construction of corral facilities to improve safety in trailing cattle between pastures.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64600				
	Location:		nger District, Dillon Ranger District. Range 13 west, Section 31. Bull crearis, MT.				

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 But	te Ranger District (	excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region	
Basin Cataract Buttermilk Fuel Breaks CE	- Fuels mana	gement	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/01/2023	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Allison Landro 406-707-0165 Allison.Landro@usda.g ov	
	Description: Web Link:	future wildfires. The Basin, MT.	es to reduce wildfire risk to commure Buttermilk Fuel Break is southwes gov/project/?project=64725				
	Location:		er District. STATE - Montana. CO erhead-Deerlodge National Forest,			ble. Butte Ranger	
Basin Water Collection Project CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing ma	nagement	Completed	Actual: 05/16/2024	06/2024	Lucas Phillips 406-494-0230 lucas.phillips@usda.gov	
OPDATED	Description: Web Link:	escription: The project is to improve existing water sources for livestock aiming to encourage pasture utilization. The spring within the site has been drying out for years, resulting in livestock concentrating in riparian areas.  eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65543					
	Location:	UNIT - Butte Range 4N Range 8W, Sec	er District. STATE - Montana. CO tion 10.	UNTY - Silver Bow. L	EGAL - Not Applic	able. Township	
Beal Private Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 06/03/2024	06/2024	Mandalyn Child 719 459-3796 Mandalyn.Child@usda. gov	
		escription: The project is to provide reasonable access to a landlocked parcel owned by Fred Beal. The roa route across forest land for the landowner to construct a cabin on private land and provide moto					
	Web Link: Location:	UNIT - Butte Range	gov/project/?project=65545 er District. STATE - Montana. CO ne Montana Meridian.	UNTY - Silver Bow. L	.EGAL - Not Applic	cable. Section 27,	

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nationa	l Forest Bu	tte Ranger District (	excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region	
Butte Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation	sh, Rare plants management prest products) agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Timothy Lahey 406-495-3950 timothy.lahey@usda.go v	
	Description: Web Link:	resilient forest conc on 33,430 acres.	es to reduce hazardous fuels, impro litions. Actions include a combination gov/project/?project=66153				
	Location:						
Fleecer Water Collection Project	- Grazing ma	anagement	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2024	06/2024	Lucas Phillips 406-494-0230 lucas.phillips@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link:	the water that is pro	all a collection mat and storage tan oduced at the spring source. gov/project/?project=65544	ik and plumb it into the	e existing water tro	ugh to help augment	
	Location:						
Guiding Light Private Access Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 06/03/2024	06/2024	Mandalyn Child 719 459-3796 Mandalyn.Child@usda. gov	
OFDATED		System (NFS) land	s to provide ingress and egress for	tintain a 0.13 mile private access road across National Forest the inholding.			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=65546				
	Location:		er District. STATE - Montana. CO section 13 T. 7N., R. 6W., NW1/4 se				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National	Forest Bu	tte Ranger District (	excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region
Lion's Den Parking Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 04/26/2024	06/2024	David Scherbel 406-494-0249 david.scherbel@usda.g ov
	Description:	parking onto the she	es to expand the popular Lion's De oulder of Montana Highway 2. gov/project/?project=65547	n Parking in Thompso	on Park to help add	lress the overflow
	Location:		er District. STATE - Montana. CO T7W SE of SW ¿ S34.	UNTY - Silver Bow. I	LEGAL - Not Applic	cable. South of
Water Gulch Fence Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing ma	anagement	Completed	Actual: 05/16/2024	06/2024	Randie Adams 406-683-3959 randie.adams@usda.go v
		camp site. By movir livestock conflicts.	a fence between two range pasture ng the fence away from the recreati			
	Web Link: Location:	a of a constant description				
Whitetail Reservoir Riparian Exclosure CE *UPDATED*		management sh, Rare plants anagement	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2024	06/2024	Randie Adams 406-683-3959 randie.adams@usda.go v
OPDATED	<b>Description:</b> The project proposes fence improvements within the Whitetail Reservoir Exclosure and is also part of the South Pony grazing allotment. There is a need to limit unauthorized routes adjacent to FSR 8695 that have been created within the riparian area.					
	Web Link: Location:		gov/project/?project=65551 er District. STATE - Montana. CO f, Section 31.	UNTY - Silver Bow. I	LEGAL - Not Applic	cable. Township

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National	Forest Dill	on Ranger District (	excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R1 - Northern Region
Selway Saginaw Vegetation Management Project EA		lucts management prest products)	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2024	10/2024	Carly Gibson 406-683-3900 carly.gibson@usda.gov
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link: Location:	using commercial til http://www.fs.usda.g UNIT - Dillon Range Range 14, 15 & 16	rditions toward Forest Plan Timber, mber harvest, precommercial thinn gov/project/?project=56912  er District. STATE - Montana. COWest. The Lima Tendoy Landscap (MAs). A smaller portion is planne	oUNTY - Beaverhead.	nsion treatments.  LEGAL - Townshiway-Saginaw and I	p 7 & 8 South, Horse Prairie North

Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nationa	l Forest Ma	dison Ranger Distr	ict (excluding Projects occurr	ing in more than one Dis	trict)	R1 - Northern Region	
Cliff and Wade Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2024	08/2024	Joel Sather 406-827-0745 joel.sather@usda.gov	
OFBATEB	Description Web Link:	Description: The Forest Service proposes to create safe functional parking and traffic flow as well as a centralized host site to allow for effective recreation site management at Cliff Lake and Wade Lake.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65507					
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Township 12 south, Range 1 east, Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the Montana Principal Meridian. The Cliff and Wade Improvements project is 37 miles south of Ennis, MT in Madison County.						
Goldschmidt Mine CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals a	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2024	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Erik Torgerson 406-683-3890 erik.torgerson@usda.go v	
	Description: Mining plan of operations at Goldschmidt Mine						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64757						
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Montana tion 36 of the Montana Principal				

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National	Forest Mad	dison Ranger Distri	ct (excluding Projects occurring	in more than one Di	istrict)	R1 - Northern Region	
South Fork Jack Creek Headgate and Ditch CE	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2024	08/2024	Joel Sather 406-827-0745 joel.sather@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link:	to install a new head the irrigation ditch.	r Lake Irrigation Association to acc dgate, clean the culvert, manipulate gov/project/?project=65505				
	Location:	UNIT - Madison Rai 29; of the Montana	nger District. STATE - Montana. ( Principal Meridian. The South Fork MT in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness i	Jack Creek Headgat	e and Ditch project	is 12 miles east-	
South Meadow Creek Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management		In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2023	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Joel Sather 406-827-0745 joel.sather@usda.gov	
OI DATED	Description: Web Link:	trail that are not up		new trail to connect a trail loop, and decommission portions of			
	Location:	UNIT - Madison Rai 2 west, Section 33 of	nger District. STATE - Montana. (of the Montana Principal Meridian. ge of the Tobacco Root mountains	The project is located			
South Tobacco Roots Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	1 3	management prest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/04/2024	Expected:12/2024	02/2025	Carly Gibson 406-683-3900 carly.gibson@usda.gov	
OIDAILD	Description: This project is being developed to treat vegetation in the project area by reducing hazardous fuels, commercial timber harvest, and thinning stands using non-commercial methods.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63754						
	Location:	project is located in	nger District. STATE - Montana. (the south Tobacco Roots 4.5 miles and 7.7 miles north of Virginia City	s east of Sheridan, 5.5			

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National	Forest Madison Ranger Distri	ct (excluding Projects occurring	in more than one Di	strict)	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 12/2024	Expected:05/2025	05/2025	Allison Landro 406-682-4253 Allison.Landro@usda.g ov		
	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.						
West Fork Madison Bridge CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Joel Sather 406-827-0745 joel.sather@usda.gov		
	Description: Reestablish bridge on motorized trail 6700 at the West Fork Madison River crossing  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66236						
	Location: UNIT - Madison Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located approximately 11 air miles west southwest of Earthquake Lake and 44 miles south of Ennis, Montana. Proposed actions are located in the Madison Landscape, Lobo Mesa Management Area.						

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Pintler Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Fiber Optic Phase 3- Discovery Ski Basin CE	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2024	06/2024	Cameron Rasor 406-859-3235 cameron.rasor@usda.g ov	
*UPDATED*	Description: The project proposes Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative (BTC) to obtain an amendment to PIN21007 special use permit, for Phase 3, to plow/bury fiber optic cables from Echo Lake to the top of Discovery Ski Basin, Rumsey Mountain Communication Site.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65380						
	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T6N, R13W Section 21-1430, Sec 20-3662, T6N, R13W Section 32-4252, Sec 29-2833, Sec 28-3628						

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nationa	Forest Pin	tler Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R1 - Northern Region	
Georgetown Fuel Break CE	- Fuels management		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/01/2023	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Allison Landro 406-707-0165 Allison.Landro@usda.g ov	
	Description:	To respond to the wildfire crisis, the project proposes to reduce potential wildfire threat to nearby communities and critical infrastructure. The fuel break runs east to west along the front country of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64724					
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Granite County, Montana.					
Georgetown Lake Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2024	Expected:09/2024	06/2025	Joshua Lattin 406 362-7011 Joshua.Lattin@usda.go v	
	Description: Web Link:	escription: This project is needed to improve trail conditions around the popular Georgetown Lake area. Trail work expected is a combination of winter cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, and ATV trail.  Veb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65166					
	Location:	UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Deer Lodge, Granite. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located 10 miles South from Philipsburg. All identified trails are in the vicinity of Georgetown Lake.					
Meadow Creek Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing ma	nagement	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2024	05/2024	Alicia Snow 406-859-3211 x227 Alicia.Snow@usda.gov	
	Description:	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the fencing projects is to improve cattle distribution and forage utilization by increasing the ability to control cattle movement as well as to exclude cattle along Meadow Creek near the bridge in the Blue Grotto Pasture.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65382					
	Location:	UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These projects are located about 14 miles Southwest from Philipsburg, MT.					

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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National	rict)	R1 - Northern Region					
Racetrack Creek Streamflow Gage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/25/2024	06/2024	Cameron Rasor 406-859-3235 cameron.rasor@usda.g ov		
"NEW LISTING"	Description: Project will install a permanent Real-Time Streamflow Gage on Racetrack Creek to monitor critical stream flow data and issue the DNRC a special use authorization for the gage.  Location: UNIT - Pintler Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - S13, T06 N, R11 W. Flowing from Racetrack Lake and Little Racetrack Lake, Racetrack Creek is a tributary of the Clark Fork River in Powell County, Montana.						

Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nation	nal Forest Wi	sdom Ranger Distri	ct (excluding Projects occurring	in more than one Di	strict)	R1 - Northern Region			
CE - Wildlife		management sh, Rare plants agement	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2024	08/2024	Kevin Weinner 406-683-3857 kevin.weinner@usda.go v			
	Description:	Description: Proposal to replace the crossing of Forest Service Road 381 over Darkhorse Creek to improve stream habitat, fish passage, public safety, and infrastructure resilience.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65504							
	Location: UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Township 8 south, Range 16 west, Section 2 of the Montana Principal Meridian. The Darkhorse Road Crossing project is in the vicinity of Skinner Meadows on the Upper Big Hole River, 15 miles south-southwest of Jackson, Montana in Beaverhead County.								
Trapper Creek Fish Barrier CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fis	sh, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2024	08/2024	Michael Gatlin 406-683-3853 michael.gatlin@usda.go v			
	Description:	tion: Establish fish barrier in Trapper Creek constructed with lumber, fill, rip-rap and concrete for the conservation of Westslope Cutthroat Trout. An excavator will be used for site preparation and barrier construction.  http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65631							
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along Trapper Creek, 7 miles west of Melrose, Montana.					Applicable. The			

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