



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Bitterroot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected: 06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Nez Perce National Historic Trail Visitor Use Capacity Analysis EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/03/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Sandra Broncheau-Mcfarland 208-843-2353 sandra.broncheau-mcfarland@usda.gov
	Description: This analysis identifies the visitor use capacity on National Forest System lands only, on the Nez Perce National Historic Trail to assist in the protection and management of trail resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62223				
	Location: UNIT - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest All Units, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Custer Gallatin National Forest All Units, Shoshone National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming. COUNTY - Clark, Clearwater, Fremont, Idaho, Lemhi, Lewis, Nez Perce, Beaverhead, Blaine, Carbon, Chouteau, Fergus, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Phillips, Ravalli, Stillwater, Wheatland, Yellowstone, Asotin, Wallowa, Park, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Nez Perce National Historic Trail is approximately 2,184 miles, extending from the vicinity of Wallowa Lake in eastern Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield, about 16 miles south of Chinook, MT.				

Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R1 - Northern Region	
Forest Plan Amendment - Elk, Old Growth, Coarse Woody Debris and Snag Forest Plan Components EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Kimberly Smolt 406-329-3555 Kimberly.Smolt@usda.gov
	Description: The Bitterroot National Forest is evaluating the need to conduct programmatic amendments for elk, old growth, coarse woody debris and snag components under the 1987 Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57302				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Idaho, Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The programmatic forest plan amendments would cover the entire Bitterroot National Forest.				

Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Eastside Forest & Habitat Improvement Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/11/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Stephen Brown 406-777-7410 steve.brown2@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposes to use a mix of prescribed fire and pre-commercial thinning to address forest health and wildlife habitat improvement needs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59985				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project covers most of the "eastside" of the Bitterroot National Forest located east of Highway 93, as well as the entire Sula Ranger District.				

Bitterroot National Forest	Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Bitterroot Front EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/20/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:06/2023	07/2023	Steve Brown 406-777-7410 steve.brown2@usda.gov
	Description: This project aims to increase forest resiliency by addressing insect and disease risks, reducing risk of high severity wildfire, maintaining/improving wildlife habitat and watershed conditions, as well as maintaining/improving recreation and roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57341				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula, Ravalli. LEGAL - Multiple sections in: T10N/R20W-R21W, T11N/R20W-R21W, T2N/R21W-R22W, T3N/R21W-R22W, T4N/R21W-R23W, T5N/R21W-R23W, T6N/R21W-R22W, T7N/R21W-R22W, T8N/R21W-R22W, T9N/R20W-R21W. Project area includes Forest Service lands on the eastern front of the Bitterroot Range from Darby, MT (Trapper Creek area) to Florence, MT (McClain Creek area) on the Darby and Stevensville RDs.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Gold Butterfly EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/17/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2022	Expected:03/2022 Actual: 11/15/2019	05/2022	Stephen Brown 406-777-7410 steve.brown2@usda.gov
	Description: Project to harvest, thin, and prescribe burn forest stands to improve resilience to insects, disease, and wildfire and restore the fire return intervals. Move trailheads and manage roads to improve stream conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51486				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T.6N.R.18W. sec.1-12, 16-20, 29,30, T.6N.R.19W. sec. 1,2,10-15,22-27, T.7N.R18W.sec. 2-36,T.7N.R.19W. sec. 1,2,11-14,22-27,34-36, T.8N.R.18W.sec. 20,21,28-34. On the east side of the Bitterroot Valley, from Little Three Mile Creek south to Saint Clair Creek and from the Bitterroot Forest boundary east to the boundary with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF.				
Gold Butterfly Project - Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/25/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Matthew Anderson 406-363-7121 matthew.anderson3@usda.gov
	Description: This SEIS for the Gold Butterfly Project will analyze a project-specific forest plan amendment related to management of old growth within the project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59262				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the east side of the Bitterroot Valley, from Little Three Mile Creek south to Saint Clair Creek and from the Bitterroot Forest boundary east to the boundary with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF.				

Bitterroot National Forest	Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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East Fork Fishing Access Site Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2021	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would use boulders to create a parking area and prevent unauthorized, motorized access to a user-created route that is currently causing damage to a wetland along the East Fork Bitterroot River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59533				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service land along the East Fork Bitterroot River at milepost 12.9 of the East Fork Highway.				

Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Mud Creek Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/07/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	David Fox 406-821-2331 david.fox@usda.gov
	Description: Project purpose is to design and implement a suitable transportation system and to improve landscape resilience to disturbances, such as insects, diseases, and fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55744				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the Mud Creek watershed and portions of the Nelson Lake, Little West Fork, Lloyd Creek, Lower Blue Joint, and Painted Rocks watershed areas of the Bitterroot Mountains.				
Rombo Campground Repairs and Shoreline Stabilization CE	- Watershed management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/24/2022	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Tanya Neidhardt 406-821-2317 tanya.neidhardt@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to address the health and safety concerns associated with outdated potable water system, insufficient septic, and to prevent further erosion along the bank of the West Fork of the Bitterroot River at Rombo Campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61473				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T 1S, R 22W, Section 11. Rombo Campground, West Fork Ranger District.				

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