



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

Idaho Panhandle 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 *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2023	Expected: 07/2023	01/2024	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)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	01/2024	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda.gov
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management objectives and practices and desired conditions for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Matthew McGrath 503-808-2405 mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R1 - Northern Region
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
IPNF Noxious Weed Treatment Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michelle Caviness 479-841-2508 michelle.caviness@usda.gov
	Description: Management of non-native invasive plant species utilizing herbicides, biological control agents, cultural and mechanical methods for weed control.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36183				
	Location: UNIT - Idaho Panhandle National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Shoshone, Lincoln, Sanders, Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations across the forest.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Kaniksu Over-snow Vehicle Travel Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/29/2023	Expected:11/2023	11/2023	Kaleigh Maze 530-643-6221 Kaleigh.Maze@usda.gov
	Description: Designate trails and areas for over-snow vehicle use on the three northern ranger districts (Kaniksu Unit) of the IPNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53091				
	Location: UNIT - Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Lincoln, Sanders, Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All of the Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, and Priest Lake Ranger Districts and a small portion of the Coeur D'Alene River Ranger District on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest	Avery Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest Avery Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Red Ives Confluence Project EA *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:10/2023	03/2024	Amy Thompson 1-208-245-6004 amy.thompson@usda.gov
	Description: The project would replace a bridge, remove a road and bridge to improve habitat for Bull Trout Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63816				
	Location: UNIT - Avery Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - Township 43 North, Range 9 East, Section 20, of the Boise Meridian. The activities are in and adjacent to Red Ives Creek, in Shoshone County Idaho, approximately 21 miles southwest of St. Regis, Montana.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Goonies Gold Exploration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Niranjan Walters 2087657223 Niranjan.Walters@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would include the excavation of 10 exploratory trenches, 20' x 20', on the claim, the removal of the excavated material to an off-site location for testing and then backfilling and reclaiming each trench once testing is complete. Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60984				
	Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - T49N, R4E, Section 10. The claim is located on the southeast corner of the junction of Beaver Creek Road and Kings Pass Road, in the SW4 of Section 10, T49N, R4E, B.M.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Sandpoint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest	Sandpoint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Chloride Gold EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2024	Expected:09/2024	09/2026	Douglas Nishek 208-267-6765 douglas.nishek@usda.gov
	Description: Project will be designed to improve ecological/social conditions, including but not limited to improved forest health, reduced potential for high-intensity wildfires, improved watershed conditions, and sustainable recreation opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60856				
Location: UNIT - Sandpoint Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner, Kootenai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area includes drainages that flow into Lake Pend Oreille from the Fall Creek watershed in the north and extending south to the Sawpit Creek. Also a small area in the head of Declaration Ck.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest		St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
<div>Lacy Lemoosh</div> <div>EA</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	<div>- Forest products</div> <div>- Fuels management</div> <div>- Watershed management</div> <div>- Road management</div>	<div>In Progress:</div> <div>Scoping Start 04/27/2023</div> <div>Est. Comment Period Public</div> <div>Notice 08/2023</div>	<div>Expected:04/2024</div>	<div>08/2024</div>	<div>Amy Thompson</div> <div>1-208-245-6004</div> <div>amy.thompson@usda.gov</div>
	<div>Description: Vegetation management activities, including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning and tree planting.</div>				
	<div>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60853</div>				
	<div>Location: UNIT - St. Maries Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Benewah. LEGAL - T43N, R3W, Sec 12,13, 24 BM. T43N, R2W, Sec 1,2,4,7,9-28,34-36 BM. T43N, R1W, Sec 6,7,17-20, 29-32 BM. The project area is located south of Emida, Idaho in the Charlie Creek drainage.</div>				

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Idaho Panhandle National Forest		St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
Lindstrom CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:10/2023	05/2024	Karen Hardwick 208-963-4203 Karen.Hardwick@usda.gov
	Description: Improve forest health by increasing desirable species, provide structure diversity, reduce tree density. Minimize impacts from oads to water and wildlife. Provide timber products for local economy.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64112				
	Location: UNIT - St. Maries Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Benewah. LEGAL - T45N R2W. Project area is located 3 miles west/southwest of Flat Creek, Idaho on Highway 3 in Benewah County on the St. Joe Ranger District.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest		Wallace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
<div>Snowstorm Drilling Exploration Project</div> <div>CE</div> <div>*NEW LISTING*</div>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/09/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Niranjan Walters 208-449-5404 Niranjan.Walters@usda.gov
	Description: Daycon Minerals proposes to drill/core 4 holes on their mining claims on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, using low-impact, environmentally friendly drilling techniques. Expected timeframe for operations is 3 months.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64129				
	Location: UNIT - Wallace Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - Sections 28 & 29, T48N, R6E, BM. North east of Shoshone Park near the town of Mullan, reached via FS 6531 and 6532 and various trails.				

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