



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025

Idaho Panhandle National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS	- Land management 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@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
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 .				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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
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	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	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 Bonners Ferry Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Katkee Fuels EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2024	Expected:04/2025	10/2025	Douglas Nishek 208-267-6765 douglas.nishek@usda.gov
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels and address the concerns of our communities and partners; the IPNF is considering activities that will create fuel breaks along private land, infrastructure, and egress routes adjacent to priority firesheds.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65300				
	Location: UNIT - Bonners Ferry Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boundary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located within the Bonners Ferry Ranger District about seven miles southeast of Bonners Ferry.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Goonies Gold Exploration Project CE	- 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.				
Little Guard Lookout Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2024	06/2025	Jedediah Friedman 208-664-2318 Jedediah.Friedman@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposal is to address and complete recommended restorations and repairs to the Little Guard Lookout and Recreation Rental Cabin.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66024				
	Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - S06 T51N R4E. From I-90, take Exit #43 and drive 24 miles north on Forest Hwy 9 to Prichard junction. Continue on Forest Rd 208 for about 5 mi to Forest Rd 602. Drive about 9 mi to the lookout.				
Magee Cabin Vault Restroom Installation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/09/2024	06/2025	Jedediah Friedman 000-000-0000 Jedediah.Friedman@usda.gov
	Description: The project proposes constructing a new vault toilet structure adjacent to the Magee Recreation Rental Cabin and decommission the existing septic system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65245				
	Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - S19 T52N R2E (Lat/Long: 47.84359, -116.25269). From I-90, take Exit #43, drive 24 mi north on Forest HWY 9 to the Prichard Junction. Continue on FR 208 for 28 mi to continue onto FR 6310. Travel 7 mi on FR 6310 to the Magee Ranger Cabin.				

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Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Shoshone Park Restroom Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/17/2024	06/2025	Jedediah Friedman 208-664-2318 Jedediah.Friedman@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposes to install two double stall vault toilets at Shoshone Park to replace deteriorating vault toilets, improve accessibility and decommission existing cesspools.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66025				
	Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - S32 T48N R6E. To travel to Shoshone Park from Mullan, drive east on Friday Avenue which turns into Larson Road. The total trip is three miles from I90 and there is signage for Shoshone Park.				

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 05/2025	Expected:11/2025	12/2025	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
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Granite Fuels EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Special use management - Projects that may affect Wilderness (for mailing list contacts)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/16/2024	Expected:06/2025	09/2025	Jennifer Cinq-Mars 406-499-4332 Jennifer.Cinq-Mars@usda.gov
	Description: To reduce the risk of uncharacteristically severe wildfire and influence how wildfire and other disturbances shape the landscape the Forest Service proposes to authorize prescribed burns on up to 10,000 acres over the next 10 years.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66722				
	Location: UNIT - St. Maries Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - The project center is T42N, R8E, Sec 3, from there the project spans 112,146 acres across T42N, R6E and T43N, R6E to T43N, R10E and T42N, R10E. The project is located in the southeastern corner of the St. Joe Ranger District in Shoshone County. Most of the project area consists of Recommended Wilderness and Backcountry Areas.				
Lacy Lemoosh EA	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/29/2024	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Amy Thompson 1-208-245-6004 amy.thompson@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation management activities, including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning and tree planting.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60853				
	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.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest	Wallace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Snowstorm Drilling Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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