



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Flathead National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | Completed | Actual: 11/28/2012 | 01/2013 | Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/ | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide. | | | | | |
| Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED* | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021 | Expected:12/2021 | 12/2021 | 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 . | | | | | |

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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| Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide) | | | | | |
| Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 bpblanchard@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: 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, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford 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) | | | | | |
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| Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance CE | - Recreation management - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2014 | Expected:04/2015 | 04/2015 | Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. | | | | | |

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| 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. | | | | |

| Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
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| Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan EA | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019 | Expected:09/2020 | 10/2020 | Chris Prew 406-758-3538 chrisprew@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Preparation of a river management plan for the Flathead River Wild and Scenic River system Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56536 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North Fork Flathead River from the Canadian border to its confluence with the Middle Fork, the entire Middle Fork, and the South Fork from its headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir. | | | | |
| Tree Improvement Test Plantation Thinning CE | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2016 | Expected:06/2016 | 06/2016 | Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Implement removal (pre-commercial thinning)of selected trees in five test plantations on the Flathead National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49561 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R17W, Sec. 30, Sec. 25, T21N R18W, Sec. 4, T32N, R21W Sec. 23., T29 N, R17W Sec. 1 and Sec. 2. | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Frozen Moose Project EA | - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/16/2020 | Expected:12/2020 | 06/2021 | Sarah Canepa 406-387-3827 sarah.canepa@usda.gov |
| | Description: A project to reduce fuel loading in the wildland-urban interface, improve resiliency of vegetative communities, improve aquatic ecosystems, and provide forest products in the North Fork. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57310 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T.36N. R.22W. Section 27. The project area is bounded to the north by the border, the west by the Kootenai National Forest, the east by the North Fork of the Flathead River, and the south by Red Meadow Creek. | | | | | |
| Hornet Whitebark Pine Plantation CE *NEW LISTING* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2021 | Expected:03/2021 | 06/2021 | Karl Anderson 406-758-3535 karl.a.anderson@usda.gov |
| | Description: A project to hand thin seedling and sapling size trees and install and plant a whitebark pine tree improvement test plantation. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59603 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. To the south of the Hornet Lookout parking area and trailhead (Trail 349)(T36N, R23W, Section 13)adjacent to National Forest System Road 9805. | | | | | |
| Whale Gravel Pit Expansion CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2021 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021 | Jennifer Brady 406-296-7175 jlbrady@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: A project to expand the existing Whale Gravel Pit. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59676 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located adjacent to the Whale Creek Road, National Forest System Road 318, two miles west of the North Fork Road. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R1 - Northern Region |
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| Flathead National Forest | Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Flathead Electric Line Replacement Nyack Flats CE | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019 | Expected:08/2019 | 08/2019 | Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us |
| Description: Replacing an underground powerline (300 feet) to a BNSF railroad signal. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56546 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nyack Flats. | | | | | |
| Glacier Electric Cooperative Shed 7 buried line CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2019 | Expected:10/2019 | 10/2019 | Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov |
| Description: Glacier electric cooperative wants to bury an existing overhead electric line that is in an avalanche run-out zone near Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad snowshed 7. The buried line will be 550 ft. from existing utility corridor. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57041 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Section 26, T29N, R15W. The project is located in the railroad right of way in John F. Stevens canyon near BNSF snowshed 7. | | | | | |
| Lake Five Project EA | - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020 | Expected:09/2021 | 10/2021 | Robert Davies 406-387-3801 robert.davies@usda.gov |
| Description: A project to reduce fuel loading near private property, improve diversity and resilience of vegetative communities, and provide a mix of forest products to contribute to the local economy. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58984 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - R19W T31N Sec 9. located between the towns of Hungry Horse and West Glacier on the Hungry Horse Ranger District. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Lion Lake Dam Repair CE *NEW LISTING* | - Recreation management - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2021 | Expected:05/2021 | 06/2021 | Jennifer Brady 406-296-7175 jlbrady@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Leakage and declining integrity of the primary dam at Lion Lake was discovered. This project proposes repairing Lion Lake Dam. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59597 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lion Lake, approximately 1.5 miles south of Martin City, MT. | | | | | |
| Montana Department of Transportation Essex Stockpile Site CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 01/28/2021 | 02/2021 | Sadie Wehunt 406-387-3814 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: A project to allow Montana Department of Transportation to construct a stockpile site and equipment storage area on National Forest System lands near Essex, MT. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58852 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T29N, R16W, NE ¼ NW ¼ Sec. 3 and T30N, R16W, SE ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 34 (PB65). North of Essex, MT along Highway 2. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Bunker Park Cabins CE *NEW LISTING* | - Recreation management - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2021 | Expected:05/2021 | 06/2021 | James Flint 406-758-5376s 406-387-3845w James.Flint@usda.gov |
| | Description: This project proposes to develop a cabin rental opportunity to be added into the Flathead National Forest Cabin Rental Program at Bunker Park (adjacent to Bunker Creek in the South Fork of the Flathead River Drainage). | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59643 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bunker Park is located on National Forest System Road 549, also known as the Bunker Creek Road, approximately 8 miles southeast of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Anderson Road Access CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 03/08/2021 | 03/2021 | Sadie Wehunt 406-387-3814 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Authorize landowners to access their private property over 3,660 feet of closed National Forest System Roads. Prior to the placement of a gate on road, the landowner used the roads to access their property and presently have no access. | | | | |
| | Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58297 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T21N., R17W, SW 1/4, Sec. 2. North and east of Condon, MT. Along NFS Road #10324. | | | | | |
| Bug Creek Integrated Resource Management Project EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/16/2021 | Expected:05/2021 | 08/2021 | Michele Mavor 406-837-7510 Michele.Mavor@usda.gov |
| | Description: This project will consider the following actions: Fuels reduction treatments, commercial timber sales, reclamation of roads, and installation and/or approval of existing mountain bike trails. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47327 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two miles south southeast of Bigfork Montana. | | | | | |
| Hall Creek fish Barrier Removal Project CE | - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/28/2019 | Expected:12/2019 | 05/2020 | Beth Gardner 406-837-7508 bgardner@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project would remove a fish barrier on Hall Creek and restore the stream to its historical shape. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57081 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. located just south of Swan Lake. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project EIS *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/28/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2021 | Expected:08/2021 | 10/2021 | Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 joseph.krueger@usda.gov |
| | Description: The purpose of the Mid-Swan Project is to restore and maintain terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity in light of climate change, and reduce the risk from wildfire in the WUI. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54853 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lake, Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located just south of Swan Lake and extends down to the community of Condon, MT. | | | | | |
| Missoula Electric Coop Line Burial Project (T21N, R17W, Section 4) CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2016 | Expected:03/2016 | 07/2016 | Joleen Dunham 406-837-7538 jdunham@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: MEC has requested to bury 660 feet of new power line across National Forest System lands to private property located in Township 21 North, Range 17 West in Section 4. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48678 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R17W, Section 4; Approximately 6 miles north of Condon. | | | | | |

| Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
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| Oettiker Creek Fuels Reduction Project CE | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020 | Expected:03/2021 | 04/2021 | Michael West 406-758-3539 michael.b.west@usda.gov |
| | Description: A project to reduce fuels by hand treatments on National Forest System Lands, Montana State Trustlands, and private property. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59221 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - sections 15, 16, and 22 of T30N, R24W. Project is located approximately 14 miles southwest of Whitefish, MT in the Star Meadows area. | | | | | |

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| Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Stovepipe Project EA | - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/27/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021 | Expected:03/2021 | 05/2021 | Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3508 tamara.mackenzie@usda.gov |
| | Description: A project do reduce fuels, provide egress to local communities, improve diversity and resilience of vegetative communities, and contribute to the economy. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58217 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T30N R23W Section 10. Project is located on the northwest side of the Flathead Valley. Primarily in Lost Creek and Cliff Creek of the Tally Lake Ranger District. | | | | | |

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