



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

Flathead National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 .				

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)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
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				
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	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.				
	- 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
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.					

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Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
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.				

Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Frozen Moose Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 04/14/2021	07/2021	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	- 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.				

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Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Whale Gravel Pit Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2021	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.				

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.				

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Lake Five Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/21/2021	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.				
Lion Lake Dam Repair CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2021	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.				

Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bunker Park Cabins CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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
Barber Gravel Pit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/28/2021	Expected:06/2021	08/2021	Mitchell Guenther 406-758-5264 mguentner@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to develop a new gravel pit near the intersection of Highway 83 and Barber Creek road. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60016				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - he site is in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, Sec. 32, T20N, R16W. The site is in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, Sec. 32, T20N, R16W and is located approximately 0.3 mi from Highway 83 on NF system road #10563, just north of the Holland Lake road.				
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:07/2021	09/2021	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.				
Dayton Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/11/2021	Expected:12/2021	07/2023	Kyle Stetler 406-837-7521 Kyle.Stetler@usda.gov
	Description: A project to improve diversity and resilience of vegetative communities to insect and disease outbreaks, and provide a mix of forest products to contribute to the local economy. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59952				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 5 miles southwest of Lakeside, Montana.				

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Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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.				
Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project EIS	- 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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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Adkins Lincoln Electric Line Install CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/14/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5204 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	Description: Lincoln Electric Company is requesting to bury 6,000 feet of new power line across National Forest System lands to service private lands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59934				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - NE4,NW4,Section 23, T32N, R24W and NE4, Section 22, T32N, R24W. Power line will extend from an existing location on Good Creek Road along NFSR 2873.				
Chang Lincoln Electric Line Install CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/14/2021	Expected:05/2021	07/2021	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5204 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is considering a proposal from LEC to install 6,637 feet of electric line to private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59939				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 19, T31N, R23W. Power line would extend from NFSR 2929, Hill Meadow Road, along NFSR 11206, Upper Nineteen Road, to private property.				
InterBel Fiber Optic Cable Install CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/14/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5204 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	Description: Extend InterBel's existing transport network to a new interconnect point north of Kalispell and ensure continued reliability of telecommunications and broadband service for local area residents and businesses. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59940				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 36, T31N, R23W. InterBel to install approximately 1,560 feet of fiberoptic cable across two segments of National Forest System land along Farm to Market Road within the County right of way.				

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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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.				
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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