



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

### Lolo National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)</b>					
<b>Nez Perce National Historic Trail Visitor Use Capacity Analysis</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62223">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62223</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision</b> EIS	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2023	Expected:12/2026	01/2027	Amanda Milburn 406-438-6640 amanda.milburn@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Land management plan revision for the Lolo National Forest under the 2012 Planning Rule.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lolo/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd993646">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lolo/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd993646</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lolo National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Administrative boundary comprising the Lolo National Forest.				

<b>Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Granite Graves Shaded Fuelbreak</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2023	05/2023	Sean McPherson Mcneaney 1 406 329 3731 Sean.McPhersonMcneaney@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project proposes to reduce wildfire hazard by creating a shaded fuelbreak along 37 miles of forest system road by use of chainsaws and handpiling of debris.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63385">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63385</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Missoula Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest within the Lolo, Fish, Graves, and Howard Creek drainages near Lolo Pass on US Highway 12.				
<b>Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:05/2015	06/2015	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Re-issuance of a 2 year Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding to provide hiking, biking, and Nordic skiing services on the Missoula Ranger District.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue mountain recreation area, Pattee canyon Recreation Area, Lolo Creek, and Montana Snowbowl.				

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<b>Sapphire Crest Trail</b> CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Trail construction and reconstruction to connect existing trail segments, creating a 100-mile long non-motorized trail across the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead National Forests on the Sapphire Divide.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12N, R19W, Sections 12,13; T12N, R18W, Sections 18, 19, 20,21,27,28 and 24; T11N, R18W, Sections 3,10,15,22,27,26 and 36 and T10N, R18 W, Section 2. Sapphire Divide.				
<b>Terms and Conditions for City of Missoula McKinley Lake Dam Decommissioning and Restoration Project</b> EA	- Watershed management - Projects that may affect Wilderness (for mailing list contacts)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2023	Expected:12/2023	05/2024	Kimberly Smolt 406-329-3555 Kimberly.Smolt@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The City of Missoula holds an easement on McKinley Lake dam and plans to decommission it. This project's proposal is to develop terms and conditions to minimize impacts of dam decommissioning activities on NFS lands, resources and wilderness values.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63564">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63564</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rattlesnake Wilderness Area, Missoula Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest.				
<b>Wildfire Adapted Missoula</b> EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/04/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Michael Albritton (406) 329-3750 Michael.Albritton@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> WAM is a risk-based strategic fuels management project. It proposes mechanized and non-mechanized fuel and vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire hazard and associated risk in strategic locations.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project surrounds the communities of Missoula, Lolo, East Missoula, Bonner, Clinton, and Turah (approx. 158,725 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands).				

<b>Lolo National Forest</b>	<b>Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Cherry Creek Project</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	David Wroblewski 406-826-4321 david.wroblewski@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Cherry Cr. project's purpose is to promote healthy stands of resilient tree species that can better resist insect and disease agents as well as reduce fuels near neighboring communities.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64105">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64105</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Plains / Thompson Falls Ranger District, Sanders County, Montana.				
<b>Raven and North Silver King Adit Closures</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/17/2023	05/2023	Hal Bobbitt 406-566-2292 hal.d.bobbitt@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Lolo National Forest proposes the closure of three hazardous mine openings (Raven two openings and North Silver King one) on the Plains Thompson Falls Ranger District. Closures would address public safety and use bat compatible locking gates.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64135">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64135</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 33 of T22N R28W.				
<b>Wilkes Cherry</b> EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:08/2022	07/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service is developing an integrated project to address multiple resource needs such as forest health, fuels reduction, recreation, wildlife and aquatic habitat, and watershed condition within a 63,000-acres area south of Thompson Falls.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dry, Cherry, Wilkes, and Daisy Creek drainages south of Thompson Falls, Montana.				

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<b>Avista Power Line SUP: Lookout Pass Ski Area</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Bruce Paulsen 406-210-1843 bruce.paulsen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of 6000 feet of underground power line along National Forest System road 4208 to provide electricity to new chairlift at Lookout Pass Ski Area.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 32, T20N, R32W, P.M.M. National Forest System road 4208, adjacent to Lookout Pass Ski Area.				
<b>Managhan Access Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 20-year Special use Permit to use and maintain approximately 3 miles of National Forest System Road 3802 and to construct 1800 feet of new road across NFS land to access private property.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Sections 1 & 2, T18N, R29W; Section 6 T18N, R28W, Section 35, T19N, R29W, P.M.M. Boyd Mountain area near St. Regis, MT.				
<b>Missoula Electric Cooperative Quartz Campground Overhead Line Burial</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2023	Expected:07/2023	09/2023	Abigail Lane 406-361-1186 abigail.lane@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Missoula Electric Cooperative proposed special use permit to bury existing overhead power lines in Quartz Campground to reduce power outages, reduce fire hazard, reduce disturbance in powerline right of way, and improve aesthetics.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64131">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64131</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T15N, R25W, Section 9. Quartz Campground Tarkio West.				
<b>Paulsen Access Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 20-year Special Use Permit to construct, use and maintain approximately 0.35 miles of new ATV trail and reconstruct an additional 0.4 miles of existing non-system trail across NFS lands to access private land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 19, T15N, R26W; and Section 24, T15N, R27 W, P.M.M. Trout Creek near Superior, MT.				

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<b>Redd Bull</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land management planning</li> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/01/2021	Expected:12/2021	09/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Integrated restoration project that includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to address multiple resource objectives. Project also includes forest plan amendment to change the management area allocation on approx. 198 acres.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T17 and 18N, R28 and 29W, P.M.M. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.				
<b>Superior North</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/15/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:01/2023	08/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to restore resilient vegetative conditions, reduce fuels, enhance recreation opportunities, and support communities. It also contains a proposal to amend the Forest Plan.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61247">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61247</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area of approximately 44,000 acres is between St. Regis and Superior in the Mill, Fourmile, Slowey, Keystone, and Pardee Creek drainages, and on the north slope facing into Highway 135.				

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