

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

Lolo National Forest

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Implementation	Project Contact	
Projects Occurring Nationwide							
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- Regulations Orders	s, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us	
	Description:		nt of Agriculture proposes revision operations on National Forest Systen late 2020				
	Web Link:	eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
	Location:	regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral enti sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Infori	nation is available	
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected:09/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v	
S. 5.1.25	Description:	Programmatic Supp Land.	plemental EIS for the Nationwide A	erial Application of Fir	e Retardant on Na	tional Forest System	
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive			•	

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring in more than	one Region	(excluding Nationw	ride)			
Nez Perce National Historic Trail Visitor Use Capacity Analysis EA	- Recreation - Heritage re managemen		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
	Description: This analysis identifies the visitor use capacity on National Forest System lands only, on the Nez P Historic Trail to assist in the protection and management of trail resources. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62223					
	Location:	Clark National Fore: Units, Salmon-Chall Forest All Units, Ca STATE - Idaho, Mor Lemhi, Lewis, Nez F Clark, Missoula, Phi Applicable. The Nez	-Deerlodge National Forest All Units All Units, Plains/Thompson Falls lis National Forest All Units, Custer ribou-Targhee National Forest All Unitana, Oregon, Washington, Wyom Perce, Beaverhead, Blaine, Carbor illips, Ravalli, Stillwater, Wheatland Perce National Historic Trail is apstern Oregon to the Bear Paw Batt	Ranger District, Wall Gallatin National For Jnits, Nez Perce-Clea ling. COUNTY - Cla I, Chouteau, Fergus, , Yellowstone, Asotin proximately 2,184 mil	owa-Whitman Nati rest All Units, Shos arwater National Fo rk, Clearwater, Fre Gallatin, Golden Va , Wallowa, Park, To les, extending from	onal Forest All hone National brest All Units. mont, Idaho, alley, Lewis and eton. LEGAL - Not the vicinity of

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)								
Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance	- Recreation managem - Special use manage		Expected:04/2015	04/2015	Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us			
CE	Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827							
	Ranger I Flathead	an Lake Ranger District, Hungry Hors strict, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Sp Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Po s Complex.	otted Bear Ranger District.	STATE - Montar	na. COUNTY -			

Lolo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R1 - Northern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact		
Lolo National Forest, Forestwide	Lolo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)						
Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision 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		
		plan revision for the Lolo National F		•			
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda	.gov/detail/lolo/landmanagement/pl	lanning/?cid=fseprd99	93646			
		al Forest All Units. STATE - Montar ssoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders. L National Forest.					

Lolo National Forest Missoula	a Ranger District (excluding Proj	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Rock Creek Project	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/07/2023	10/2023	Crystal Stonesifer 406-329-3928				
CE					crystal.s.stonesifer@us				
NEW LISTING					da.gov				
		tion and maintenance of approxima cisting Forest Road 102 right of way		ed fiber optic line (using trenching and				
		anger District. STATE - Montana. 7W; and Section 35, T8N, R17W. F st.							
Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance	- 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				
CE	Description: 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.								
		anger District. STATE - Montana. n area, Pattee canyon Recreation A							

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Lolo National Forest Missoula	Ranger Dist	rict (excluding Proj	ects occurring in more than one	District)		R1 - Northern Region	
North West Energy Marshall Creek Line Burial CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/19/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Crystal Stonesifer 406-329-3928 crystal.s.stonesifer@us da.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description:		n of 1000 feet of buried powerline feet of overhead powerline and 15		rshall Creek Road	right of way as well	
	Location:		inger District. STATE - Montana. along Marshall Creek Road in Miss			licable. Section	
Rock Creek Ecosystem Maintenance Burning Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation	h, Rare plants management prest products) agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2023	Expected:02/2024	05/2024	Andrew Bidwell 406-329-3963 andrew.bidwell@usda.g ov	
NEW Elevinos	Description: Proposed prescribed burning within the Rock Creek drainage in Granite County Montana on the Lolo National Forest. The project would improve big game habitat, forage, and reduce fuels to moderate wildfire hazard and potential spread to communities.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64587				
	Location:	tion: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Granite. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Clinton, Montana within the Rock Creek drainage of Granite County, Montana.					
Sapphire Crest Trail CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us	
	Description: 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.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247						
	Location:	cation: 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.					

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Lolo National Forest Missoula	ional Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Regio								
Terms and Conditions for City of Missoula McKinley Lake Dam Decommissioning and Restoration Project	Watershed management Projects that may affect Wilderness (for mailing list contacts)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/12/2023	Expected:12/2023	05/2024	Kimberly Smolt 406-329-3555 Kimberly.Smolt@usda.g ov				
EA *UPDATED*	proposal is to devel resources and wilde	ription: The City of Missoula holds an easement on McKinley Lake dam and plans to decommission it. This proposal is to develop terms and conditions to minimize impacts of dam decommissioning activities resources and wilderness values.							
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ra	gov/project/?project=63564 anger District. STATE - Montana. ness Area, Missoula Ranger Distric			licable.				
Wildfire Adapted Missoula 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				
	vegetation: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943								
	surrounds the comr	anger District. STATE - Montana. munities of Missoula, Lolo, East Mis System (NFS) lands).							

Lolo National Forest Ninemile		R1 - Northern Region					
Westside Ninemile Wildfire Resiliency Project CE		management orest products) agement	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/21/2023	Expected:02/2024	03/2024	Martin Jacob 406-329-3857 martin.jacob@usda.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description: The project proposes to reduce the risk to wildfire by promoting healthy forest stands that are resilient to insects, disease, and wildfires as well as improve conditions for wildfire suppression through implementation of fuel treatments.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64799						
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located along the west-side of the Ninemile Valley, northwest of Huson, Montana in Missoula County.						

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Lolo National Forest Plains/T	hompson Falls Ranger District (e	excluding Projects occurring in n	nore than one Distric	et)	R1 - Northern Region	
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Plains Exchange Upgrades-Phase 2 CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/28/2023	10/2023	Bruce Paulsen 406-826-3821 bruce.paulsen@usda.g ov	
NEW LISTING	Description: Amendment of speexisting rights of wa	cial use permit in order for Blackfoo ay.	t Telephone Coopera	tive to place fiber o	optic cables within	
	Applicable. Section	npson Falls Ranger District. STATE 10, Township 18 North, Range 25 p 20 North, Range 27 West, Sectio	West, Section 18, To	wnship 19 North, F	Range 25 West,	
Cherry Creek Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	David Wrobleski 406-826-4321 david.wrobleski@usda. gov	
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64105					
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Plains / Thompson Falls Ranger District, Sanders County, Montana.					
Graves Vermilion Road Realignment Project CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/08/2023	10/2023	David Wrobleski 406-826-4321 david.wrobleski@usda. gov	
NEW LISTING	Description: Reroute 1350 feet of Forest System Road 367 to remove 2 stream crossings including rehabilitation of the old route.					
		npson Falls Ranger District. STATE System Road 367, mile post 7.5, Sa		ΓY - Sanders. LEG	GAL - Not	

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Tl	nompson Fall	ls Ranger District (e	xcluding Projects occurring in n	nore than one Distric	et)	R1 - Northern Region
Munson Weeksville Ecosystem Management Burning Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation	sh, Rare plants n management orest products) agement	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/08/2023	Expected:02/2024	04/2024	Brittney Allestad 406-826-4306 brittney.allestad@usda. gov
	Description: Web Link:	County Montana on habitat.	d burning north of Highway 200 be the Lolo National Forest. The project/?project=64708			
	Location:	UNIT - Plains/Thom	npson Falls Ranger District. STATE e located north of Highway 200 bet			
TMobile West Generator Installation on Patrick's Knob	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 09/08/2023	10/2023	Bruce Paulsen 406-826-3821 bruce.paulsen@usda.g
NEW LISTING	Description: Proposed installation of a 4 by 10 foot backup generator shelter for the existing TMobile communications tower at the existing Patrick's Knob Communications Site.					
	Location:		npson Falls Ranger District. STATE s Knob, Sanders County Montana.	E - Montana. COUNT	ΓY - Sanders. LEG	GAL - Not
Thompson Gardens Fuel Break CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels mana	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Martin Jacob 406-329-3857 martin.jacob@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description: Web Link:	Description: The project proposes to reduce wildfire risk to communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems in the path of potential future wildfires and improve forest conditions that have departed from historic norms. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64627				the path of potential
	Location:	UNIT - Plains/Thom	pson Falls Ranger District. STATE hompson Falls Ranger District of t			

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Th	ompson Fall	s Ranger District (e	excluding Projects occurring in n	nore than one Distric	et)	R1 - Northern Region
Wilkes Cherry EA	- Forest prod - Vegetation	management products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:08/2022	07/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description:		is developing an integrated project reation, wildlife and aquatic habitat,			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=59163			
	Location:		npson Falls Ranger District. STATE erry, Wilkes, and Daisy Creek drair			
Wilson Cutoff Siegel Ecosystem Managment Burning Project	- Vegetation	sh, Rare plants management prest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/08/2023	Expected:02/2024	04/2024	Brittney Allestad 406-826-4306 brittney.allestad@usda. gov
NEW LISTING		Proposed prescribe	d burning within Siegel, Wallace, D the Lolo National Forest. The proje			Creeks in Sanders
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64707			
	Location:	Applicable. Units ar	npson Falls Ranger District. STATE re along Highway 135 in Siegel Cre 00 in Wilson Creek and Roberson (ek, Wallace Creek, D	ragonfly Creek and	d Sheep Creek and

Lolo National Forest Seeley L	R1 - Northern Region						
North Seeley Wildland Urban Interface - Highway 83 Project	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/21/2023	Expected:05/2024	07/2024	Quinn Carver 208-634-0601		
EA	- Fuels management	Est. Comment Period Public			charles.carver@usda.g		
NEW LISTING	- Road management	Notice 01/2024			OV		
		oses vegetation and road management activities to reduce hazardous fuels, restore fire resistant ions, maintain or restore fish and wildlife habitat, and provide for public health and safety.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64580						
		Decation: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest lands on the Seeley Lake Ranger District North around Highway 83.					

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Lolo National Forest Seeley L	Lolo National Forest Seeley Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region								
Seeley Lake Campground Boat Launch Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/05/2023	10/2023	Quinn Carver 208-634-0601 charles.carver@usda.g ov				
NEW ZIOTINO	Description: Reconstruction of the boat launch and parking area at the Seeley Lake Campground to improve recreation access and reduce impacts to the aquatic ecosystem. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64432 Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 47.19043460734565, -113.51725662959274.								
Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club Electric Utility CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/27/2023	10/2023	Matthew Walter 406-683-3958 matthew.walter@usda.g ov				
NEW LISTING	Description: Proposed installation of approximately 3000 feet of buried utility line within the right of way along Forest Road 477. The utility line would provide power to the existing Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club storage building to add heat and light. Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along								
Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A Forest Road 477, East of Highway 83 in Missoula County Montana.									

Lolo National Forest Superior	R1 - Northern Region						
Avista Power Line SUP: Lookout Pass Ski Area	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Bruce Paulsen 406-210-1843		
CE					bruce.paulsen@usda.g ov		
	Description: 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.						
	Location: 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.						

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Lolo National Forest Superior	Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Kassner Waterline Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2023	07/2023	Bruce Paulsen 406-210-1843 bruce.paulsen@usda.g ov		
	Description: Special use permit for use and maintenance of 500 feet of above ground pipe set in and adjacent to Verde Creek for irrigation of private land.							
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 36, T16N, R26W, P.M.M. Verde Creek, southeast of Superior.							
Landowner Mountain Repeater CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility mar	nagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2023	Expected:11/2023	05/2024	Lorie Cotter 406-822-3916 lorie.cotter@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description:		o repeater on the site of a burned or ritical safety component for Forest		andowner Mountai	n to provide for		
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Landowner Mountain at the site of a burned down fire lookout. 47 01.424 -114 56.470							
Managhan Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us		
OE .	Description: 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.							
	Location: 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.							
Missoula Electric Cooperative Quartz Campground Overhead Line Burial	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2023	09/2023	Abigail Lane 406-361-1186 abigail.lane@usda.gov		
CE *UPDATED*	Description: 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.							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64131					
	Location:	: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T15N, R25W, Section 9. Quartz Campground Tarkio West.						

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Lolo National Forest Superior	or Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Re							
Paulsen Access Special Use Permit	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us			
	Description: 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.							
		nger District. STATE - Montana. 5N, R27 W, P.M.M. Trout Creek ne		EGAL - Section 19	9, T15N, R26W;			
Redd Bull EA *UPDATED*	 Land management planning Recreation management Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/01/2021	Expected:09/2023 Actual: 09/27/2023	10/2023	Abigail Lane 406-361-1186 abigail.lane@usda.gov			
	escription: 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. /eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574 ocation: 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.							

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Lolo National Forest	Superior Range	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Superior North EA *UPDATED*	- Fore - Veg (other - Fue	reation management rest products getation management r than forest products) els management ad management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/09/2023 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2023	Expected:01/2024	05/2024	Abigail Lane 406-361-1186 abigail.lane@usda.gov			
	Web L	reduce fuels, enhand Forest Plan. Link: http://www.fs.usda.g tion: UNIT - Superior Ran The project area of a	k: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61247						

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