



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Boise National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: 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.				
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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.</p> <p>Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.</p>					

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Stibnite Gold Project EIS EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/05/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2022	Expected:12/2023	12/2023	Brian Harris 208-634-0784 brian.d.harris@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Forest is processing a plan of operations for open pit mining, processing, new road construction, utility upgrades, reclamation, and restoration at the Stibnite mine site.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Stibnite mining district is located in Valley County Idaho, east of the community of Yellow Pine near the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.</p>					

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Boise National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2023	Expected:08/2023	10/2023	Ryan Jones 208-253-0153 ryan.c.jones@usda.gov
	Description: A project to allow for annual prescribed burning to achieve restoration objectives. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61880				
	Location: UNIT - Boise National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Ada, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boise National Forest.				

Boise National Forest	Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region			
Burntlog Route Geophysical Investigation CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jake Strohmeyer 208-382-7400 jstrohmeyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the investigation is to collect crucial geophysical data along the existing Burntlog road and proposed new alignment between Trapper Creek and Stibnite. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57593				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - The project is located in sec 12, T15N, R7E; sec 3, 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, T15N, R8E; sec 1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 22, 26, 27, 34, 35, T16N, R8E; sec 13, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36, T17N. R8E; sec 4, 5, 8, 17, 18, T17N. R9E; sec 13, 14, 24-26, 32-34 T18., R9E, Boise Meridian. Burntlog road.				
Horse Heaven Exploration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:12/2022	04/2023	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the of this Federal action is to respond to the operator's PoO for mineral exploration as necessary to meet Forest Service regulations within the context of federal mining laws Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62304				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project is accessable from road NF-456. In Sections 28 of Township 19 North, Range 8 East and Section 33 of Township 19 North, Range 8 East.				

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Boise National Forest	Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Rice Creek Road Repair CE	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	James Mays 208-382-7420 jamesdmays@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: This project proposes to repair the Rice Creek. The work would include earthwork to regrade and reshape the existing road into a series of fords at all drainages.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59177</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T14N,R06E, Section13; T14N, R07E, Sections 17, 18, 20, 29, 30, and 31. National Forest System Road 478, approximately 8 miles south of Warm Lake.</p>				
South Fork Plunge Watershed Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2023	Clayton Roehner 208-382-7482 clayton.roehner@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The project would decommission NFSR 490; remove the old bridge, abutments, and road fill from the active floodplain of the South Fork Salmon River.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61193</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Section 14 of Township 15 North, Range 6 East. xxxxx.</p>				

Boise National Forest	Emmett Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Reservoir Campgrounds Reconstruction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/27/2022	Expected:06/2023	08/2023	John Wallace 208-392-3754 john.d.wallace@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The proposed improvements are designed to bring Antelope, Sage Hen Creek, Eastside, and Hollywood campgrounds in line with current Forest Service standards.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62293</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 02 East. Campground are located on the north and eastside of Sage Hen Reservoir an estimated 19 miles from Ola, Idaho.</p>				

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Boise National Forest	Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
2018 CuMo Exploration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
	Description: Locatable minerals exploration. Proposal to drill 259 new exploratory holes to retrieve core samples. Project will construction of about 13.3 miles of new temporary road and use of about 4.7 miles existing unauthorized road as temporary roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52875				
Boulder Mill Minerals Project Plan of Operations CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2021	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Travis Whitman 1-541-427-5351 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: This project is for a proposed Plan of Operations for locatable minerals, as allowed by federal mining regulations (36 CFR 228A). The proponent proposes exploration of a placer deposit by digging up to ten test pits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60509				
Edna Creek Campground Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Everardo Santillan 208-392-6681 everardo.santillan@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest proposes to upgrade campground site features to meet Forest Service standards, national accessibility standards, and the demand of the public for high-quality recreational experiences on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60111				
	Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T07N R 7E S35. Section 10. Edna Creek Campground, Management Area 7 (Crooked River).				

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Boise National Forest	Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Idaho Pride Plan of Operations 2022 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2022	10/2022	Travis Whitman 1-541-427-5351 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	<p>Description: This project is for a proposed Plan of Operations for locatable minerals, as allowed by federal mining regulations (36 CFR 228A). The proponent proposes to explore three sites on two mining claims near Steamboat Gulch east of Idaho City.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60508</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 6N, Range 5E, Section 25, Boise Meridian. Two miles east of Idaho City, near Steamboat Gulch, Management Area 8 - Mores Creek.</p>				
South Zone Critical Condition Bridges Replacement - NFSR 236 and 329 CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/30/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jalexander@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: This project proposes to fully replace two existing bridges located on National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 236 and 329.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60109</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Roads 304, 329, 236, and FH82 in Management Area 8 (Mores Creek).</p>				

Boise National Forest	Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Kirkham Recreation Site Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2022	Expected:12/2022	04/2023	Traci Weaver 208-259-3361 traci.weaver@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The project will include repair and modification to the Kirkham recreation site.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61601</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 32 of Township 9 North, Range 8E. The site is located approximately 3 miles east of Lowman, via Highway 21.</p>				

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Boise National Forest	Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Miller Mountain Exploration-Plan of Operations CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2022	Expected:06/2023	07/2023	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
UPDATED	<p>Description: The purpose of the of this Federal action is to respond to the operator's PoO for mineral exploration as necessary to meet Forest Service regulations within the context of federal mining lawsa.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62326</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 8 East. Near the historic Miller Mtn. Mine (Magnolia Mine per USGS).</p>				
Specimen Mine Exploration-Plan of Operations CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/27/2022	09/2022	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
UPDATED	<p>Description: The purpose of this federal action is to respond to the operator's PoO for mineral exploration as necessary to meet Forest Service regulations, within the context of the federal mining laws.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62325</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Sections 19 and 20 in Township 9 North and Range 8 East. Miller Mountain.</p>				
Upper South Fork Payette River Community Protection Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Climate Change Adaptation - Carbon Stewardship	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:01/2023	04/2023	Ryan Shannahan 208-259-3361 ext. 7521 ryan.shannahan@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	<p>Description: The purpose of the project is to protect people, homes, and improve the safety of evacuation routes within the project area in the event of wildfire. Reduce the frequency, extent, severity, and intensity of uncharacteristic or undesirable wildfire.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62722</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 21 along the Upper South Fork Payette River.</p>				

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Boise National Forest	Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Wapiti Creek Trailhead Relocation (Forest Trail 160) EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:01/2023	05/2023	Ryan Shannahan 208-259-3361 ext. 7521 ryan.shannahan@usda.gov
<p>Description: Relocate the trailhead to better allow for multiple uses and provide safer parking and vehicle maneuverability.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62751</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 32 of T10N,R11E. NFSR 525A and Trail 160.</p>					

Boise National Forest	Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Bogus Basin 2022 Recreation Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2022	08/2022	Scott Kaden 970-963-2266 scott.kaden@usda.gov
<p>Description: Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area proposes to construct an additional ski trail, upgrade and install ski trail night lighting, install RFID scanning technology, and build portions of mountain biking trails.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62003</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bogus Basin Recreation Area, sixteen miles north-northeast of the city of Boise.</p>					
Boise River Basin Feasibility Study EIS	- Facility management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jeffrey.alexander2@usda.gov
<p>Description: Bureau of Reclamation has completed a Draft EIS for the Boise River Basin Feasibility Study. The USFS is a cooperating agency. To accomplish this project the USFS would need to modify a Forest Roads and Trails Act Easement.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58545</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Anderson Ranch Reservoir, 28 miles northeast of Mountain Home, Idaho.</p>					

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Boise National Forest	Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Clear Creek Forest Health Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2022	08/2022	Joshua Newman 208-587-7865 joshua.newman@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The forest proposes to implement vegetation treatments using timber harvest and prescribed fire to promote forest resiliency and address hazardous fuels within the wildland urban interface while responding to insect and disease outbreaks.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59217</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Clear Creek area is about 14 miles northeast of Boise, just west of Highway 21 via Clear Creek Road (NF-261).</p>				
Silver Star Communications Moonshot Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Boise National Forest proposes to permit Silver Star Communications to install, maintain, and use a buried fiber optic line on the Boise National Forest along Highway 20 in a designated utility corridor.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along a designated utility corridor on ID-20 and National Forest System Road 152.</p>				

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