



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

Payette National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
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				
	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 .				

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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Stibnite Gold Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/06/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Brian Harris 208-634-0784 brian.d.harris@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516				
	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.				

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Payette National Forest Resilience and Fuels Reduction Prescribed Fire Project *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/15/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Patrick Schon 208-634-0700 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would authorize prescribed burns across the Forest every year to restore health and resiliency to vegetation communities on the Payette National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63166				
	Location: UNIT - Payette National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Payette National Forest.				

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Payette National Forest Council Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Calf Pen Progeny Plantation Thinning CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amanda Villwock 907-288-7717 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The Project proposes to thin a 14 acre ponderosa pine progeny plantation with removal of the cut material. Removal of thinned trees and slash is necessary to reduce the loss of leave trees to the pine engraver beetle.				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NE 1/4 of Section 9; Boise Meridian, Adams County Idaho. The Project is located on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in Adams County, Idaho. Access is on Road 50073 approx. 1.75 miles west of its intersection with 50002.				
Copper Cliffs Dam Geotechnical Study CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2024	07/2024	William Perry 208-634-0767 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: A berm on the Copper Cliffs Tailing Dam has experienced a slope failure. USFS will perform a geotechnical study with exploratory drilling to test the chemical composition of the materials in the sediment to determine future stabilization efforts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65209				
Crooked River Fish Isolation CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T. 6 S, R. 3 W, Section 2, 1/4NW. Located at the Copper Cliff mine.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Trisha Giambra 208-253-0100 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: To protect bull trout in the Crooked River, three barriers are proposed in the river to separate bull trout from non-native brook trout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65211				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Washington. LEGAL - T18N R3W S33, T17N R3W S5, 6, 7, and 8. Crooked River near No Business Point.				

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Crooked River Fish Isolation Antenna Array Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/21/2024	08/2024	Clayton Nalder 208-587-7871 clayton.nalder@usda.gov
	Description: Idaho Power has requested a special use permit for antenna array to monitor bull trout as part of the Crooked River Fish Isolation Project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66560				
Crooked River Fish Isolation Project CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T. 18 N., R. 3 W., sec. 33. Located on Crooked River, northwest of Summers Point, off of FS Road 50772.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2024	07/2024	Trisha Giambra (208) 253-0100 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: To protect bull trout in the Crooked River, three barriers are proposed in the river to separate bull trout from non-native brook trout.				
Limestone Range Improvements CE *UPDATED*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65210				
	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 07/01/2024	07/2024	Robert Bumgarner (208) 253-0100 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Maintenance or re-construction of three existing range improvement projects in the Limestone C&H Allotment to provide a clean and reliable water source and to aid in livestock distribution.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63357				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - T 15N, R5W, sec. 7, NWSW; T15N, R5W, sec. 7, SWNE; T15N, R5W, sec. 6, SWNE. These projects are located within the Limestone C&H Allotment. The allotment is located West of Cambridge, South of Highway 71 and North of Sturgill Lookout.				

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Middle Fork Weiser River Range Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 07/22/2024	07/2024	Robert Bumgarner 208-365-7012 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Maintenance or re-construction of fourteen existing spring developments within the Council Mountain and Indian Mountain C&H allotments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61427				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 17 North, Range 2 East, Section 34; T15N, R2E, Sec 2; T16N, R1E, Sec 18, 19.				
Morgan Road Access CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit for an existing road for private land access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63354				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T18N, R3W, Sec 13, 14.				
Spring Creek Campground Trail Bridge Armoring CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Jascha Zeitlin 208-253-0100 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Floods in 2023 scoured and shifted the Spring Creek channel causing instability to the Spring Creek Campground trail bridges. The proposed action proposes to armor three bridge abutments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65213				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located at the Spring Creek Campground and associated Sleeping Springs Trail.				

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Payette National Forest Krassel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Big Creek Work Center Water Systems Upgrade Project CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2024	07/2024	Samuel Thompson 208-634-0600 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The PNF is proposing to upgrade water system infrastructure at the Big Creek Work Center including irrigation systems, water tanks, and stream flow measuring flumes. These upgrades will improve irrigation and provide potable water.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64064				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Township 21N, Range 12E, Section 24 Boise Meridian. Project is located at the Payette National Forest Big Creek Work Center and Airfield located along NFS Road 50340.				
Buckhorn Creek Bridges CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2024	Expected:09/2024	09/2024	Joshua Simpson 775-289-5129 joshua.simpson@usda.gov
	Description: Replace two trail bridges National Forest System Trails 089 and 094 to facilitate safe and consistent stream crossings for all users.				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T19N, R6E, section 30; T18N, R5E, section 1. Trail bridges are located on Nick Creek and the NF Buckhorn Creek on existing two-wheeled motorized trails (NFST 089 and NFST 094).				
Cold Meadows Trail #002 Relocation at Crooked Creek CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/29/2024	09/2024	Joshua Simpson 775-289-5129 joshua.simpson@usda.gov
	Description: Rereoute a 4.6 mile segment of Cold Meadows Trail (#002) along Crooked Creek to avoid beaver activity.				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. From the junction of Big Creek Trail at Monumental Bar up Crooked Creek drainage 4.6 miles to just beyond the Snowshoe Mine Area within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.				

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Payette National Forest	Krassel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
East Fork South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/07/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Joshua Simpson 208-634-0616 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: This project will define the minimum necessary road system and provide motorized vehicle use and dispersed recreation opportunities; and update the Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map accordingly.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60889				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East Fork South Fork Salmon River watershed and the Thunder Mountain area in the headwaters of Middle Fork Salmon River east of Monumental Summit.				

Payette National Forest	McCall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/05/2024	Expected:12/2024	01/2025	Philip Roth (208) 634-0400 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project is a landscape scale effort to improve conditions across multiple resource areas including vegetation, watersheds, roads, and recreation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63507				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and east of New Meadows, Idaho and north and west of McCall, Idaho.				
Little Ski Hill Parking Expansion CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Dennis Benson 907-826-1641 dbenson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Parking lot improve and expansion at Little Ski Hill to accommodate guests.				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T 18N, R 2E, Section 1. Little Ski Hill ski area. West of State Highway 55 approximately 3 miles north of McCall, Idaho.				

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Pete Creek Trail (#144) Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Dennis Benson 907-826-1641 dbenson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace a damaged trail bridge on Pete Creek Trail to restore the stream crossing.				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T 23N, R 4E, section 26. The trail bridge crossing on Lake Creek is located near the NE termini of Pete Creek Trail #144, accessed from the Bear Pete TRHD off NFSR 1901 off NFSR 246, NW of Burgdorf Campground.				
Pony Creek Water Diversion Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2023	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit for an existing water diversion on Pony Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63124				
South Fork - Main Salmon Private Land Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2019	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Jennifer Blake 2086340401 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest proposes to issue special use permits or long term easements for motorized access to private property owners near the confluence of the Main Salmon-South Fork Salmon Rivers with reciprocal easements to the USFS for public access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55787				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Township 23N, Range 8E, sections 5, 6, 7; Township 24N, Range 8E, sections 29, 32; Idaho County, Idaho . Trail 120/122 from the Mackay Bar Bridge on the Main Salmon River to the private land on the South Fork Salmon River including the South Fork Salmon River Bridge. Public access for Trail 108/126.				

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Payette National Forest New Meadows Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Brush Creek Holding Pen and Chute CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2024	07/2024	Shannon Kane (208) 347-0300 shannon.kane@usda.gov
	Description: The permittee of the Round Valley C&H allotment has proposed to construct a reliable loading and unloading facility that they can use for their permitted livestock.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66465				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - 21N 1E, Section 21. Located near the Boulder Creek Road and Brush Creek Road Junction.				
Evergreen Pond CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Brian McMorris 208-347-0349 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Install a pipe in an existing pond that will be used to fill a water tank and build a let down fence to around the pond to exclude livestock.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61929				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T18N, R1W, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 24. Approximately 10 miles southwest of New Meadows, Idaho.				
Fall Creek/Whitebird C&H Allotment Cow Camp Cabin Reestablishment CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2024	Expected:01/2025	03/2025	Brian McMorris (208) 347-0300 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: The 2018 Rattlesnake Fire burned the cow camp cabin the livestock permittee used for managing livestock in the Fall Creek/Whitebird C&H allotment. The permittee is requesting to reconstruct the original cabin.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65594				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T23N R1 W Section 25. Located north of Pollock Mountain.				

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Price Valley Work Center Operations Building Construction and Site Upgrades CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2024	Expected:12/2024	12/2024	Samuel Thompson 208-634-0715 FS-comments-intermnt-payette@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a new operations building, remove three existing buildings, construct RV pads, and pave the entrance road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62034				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located at the existing Price Valley Work Center, approximately ten miles northwest of New Meadows, Idaho in Adams County.				

Payette National Forest	Weiser Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Hercules Exploration Drilling CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/02/2024	07/2024	Kathryn Goessel 208-634-0760 kathryn.goessel@usda.gov
	Description: Hercules Silver proposes to drill up to 4 mineral exploration holes at each of 17 sites along existing and temporary roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65425				
	Location: UNIT - Weiser Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - T17N R4W & T16N R4W. 14 miles NW of Cambridge, ID in Brownlee Creek drainage east of Cecil Andrus Wildlife Management Area.				
West Pine Brownlee Range Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/16/2024	09/2024	Robert Bumgarner 208-365-7012 robert.bumgarner@usda.gov
	Description: Maintenance or re-construction of 25 existing range improvement projects in the West Pine/Brownlee C&H Allotment to provide a clean and reliable water source and to aid in livestock distribution.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63358				
	Location: UNIT - Weiser Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These projects are located on the West Pine Brownlee C&H Allotment. The allotment is located West of Cambridge, South of Highway 71 and North of Sturgill Lookout.				

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