



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Sawtooth National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.					
Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/					
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.				
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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)

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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>					

Sawtooth National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Restoration Project EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:01/2022	02/2022	Steve Clezie 208-678-0430 sclezie@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The proposed project would authorize multiple prescribed burns across the Forest every year (from 10 to 10,000 acres each), as well as associated actions, to restore health and resiliency to vegetation communities on the Sawtooth National Forest.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59503</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Utah. COUNTY - Ada, Blaine, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Custer, Elmore, Gooding, Lincoln, Power, Twin Falls, Box Elder. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposal would authorize prescribed fire on all national forest system lands except for designated wilderness, recommended wilderness, research natural areas, and pinyon-pine stands.</p>					

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Valley Creek PIT Array Consolidation and Modernization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/25/2021	05/2021	Brian Anderson 208-774-3034 btanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Sawtooth NRA would issue a permit to Idaho Office of Species Conservation to modernize a pair of passive integrated transponder tag detection systems by removing the array equipment at one site and consolidating it at a second existing location.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59584				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T. 10 N., R. 13 E., Section 3, Stanley 7.5' Quad. Valley Creek, .5 miles north of Stanley, ID.					

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Sawtooth National Forest - Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Faulkner Group 1 Allotment Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 01/14/2021	01/2021	Renee Kehler 208-764-3202 rkehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of domestic sheep grazing on six allotments on the Fairfield Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47678				
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas, Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T2-4N R11-14E.					

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Sawtooth National Forest - Ketchum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Adam's Gulch Adaptive Sports Enhancement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2021	08/2021	Justin Blackstead 208-634-0440 justin.blackstead@usda.gov
	Description: KRD is proposing to perform heavy maintenance on Forbidden Fruit Trail #159, extend the trail .75 miles, re-plank the trail structures along Old Adam's Gulch Trail #146, and improve the Adam's Gulch Trailhead.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58722				
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T 4N , R 17 E, Section 2. Adams Gulch Trailhead, 2 miles Northwest of Ketchum.					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Badger Fire Post Fire Management Programmatic EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scotrsoletti@fs.fed.us
	Description: programmatic EA for management actions requiring NEPA analysis post fire. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59542				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Badger Fire in Cassia Division.				
Black Pine Exploration Drilling Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/16/2021	03/2021	Heidie Torrealday 208-423-7566 heidie.torrealday@usda.gov
	Description: The Sawtooth National Forest (Forest Service) has received a proposal from Pilot Gold (USA)(Pilot) to expand mineral exploration drilling operations within their project area at the former Black Pine mine site. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57685				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - Township 15 South, Sections 20, 21, 26-28, 33-35 and T16S, R29E, Sections 2-3. The Black Pine exploration project is located approximately 6 miles southwest of Juniper, Idaho.				
Cave Canyon Fuelwood CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Scott Wagner 970-264-1511 swagner04@fs.fed.us
	Description: To allow removal of standing and down dead trees in the Cave Canyon Fire area to provide public fuelwood. The proposed areas for public fuelwood removal are located outside of the current allowable personal use fuelwood gathering areas. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57611				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - T. 13 S., R. 19 E., section 36; T. 13 S., R. 20 E., sections 31-32; T. 14 S., R. 19 E., sections 1, 12, 13; T. 14 S., R. 20 E., sections 5-8, 17, 18. Cassia Division of the Minidoka District. Approximately 28 miles southwest of Burley, Idaho.				

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Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
South Hills (Cassia Division) Seasonal Closure Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2019	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scott.soletti@usda.gov
<p>*UPDATED*</p> <p>Description: This project is to remove the Winecup seasonal closures and replace them with other routes that would be seasonally closed. Routes selected for the new seasonal closures would be selected after public scoping and outreach.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56837</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia, Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cassia Division with potential locations at Langford Flat, Badger Mountain, McMullen Basin and Tunnel Hill.</p>					

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Sawtooth National Forest Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Alturas-Pettit Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2020	Expected:06/2021	08/2021	Thomas Stewart 208-423-7556 thomas.stewart@usda.gov
<p>*UPDATED*</p> <p>Description: Project designed to reduce risk of wildfire to improvements and infrastructure, to improve forest health, and increase the ability of forest and sagebrush meadow ecosystems to resist and recover from disturbance like wildfire and insect outbreaks.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58415</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Custer. LEGAL - Township 8 North and Range 13 East, T. 8 N., R. 14 E., T. 7 N., 4 13 E., and T. 7 N., R. 14 E. The project area is located in Blaine and Custer County approximately 15 miles south of Stanley, Idaho and includes Alturas and Pettit lakes and surrounding areas.</p>					
Outfitter and Guide Management Plan EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Susan James 406-522-2520 sjames@fs.fed.us
<p>*UPDATED*</p> <p>Description: The purpose of this project is to gain an understanding of the type, amount, location, and timing of outfitter/guide services needed on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and how that need supports agency objectives and management plans.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57197</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Boise, Custer, Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sawtooth National Recreation Area.</p>					

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Redfish Recreation Complex Trails and Trailheads CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:06/2021	05/2022	Matt Phillips 208-727-5025 mmphillips@fs.fed.us
UPDATED		<p>Description: Develop a 2-mile fully accessible, multi-purpose, non-motorized, public trail from the Redfish entry station to Redfish Lake within the popular Redfish Lake Recreation Complex.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46683</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Sections 26 & 35, T10N, R13E, B. M. The proposed trail will exist entirely within the Redfish recreation area complex-from the Redfish entry station (just south of Hwy 75 along the Redfish Lake Road) to the north shore of Redfish Lake.</p>			

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