



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Sawtooth 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					
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	
Prescribed Fire for Restoration and Hazardous Fuels Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/15/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	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. Prescribed fire would be authorized, where it will achieve desired conditions, on all national forest system lands except designated wilderness, Research Natural Areas, and pinyon pine stands.</p>					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Hearn Vegetation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/16/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2023	John Pine 208-764-3476 jnpine@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Proposal is to conduct controlled harvest activities to reduce high intensity infestation of dwarf mistletoe and reduce competition in high density Douglas-fir stands.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57344</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - T 1 N, R 12 E, Sections 17,18,19. Approximately 12 miles west of Fairfield, Idaho. Adjacent to state, BLM and private lands. Project areas are from Thompson Creek to Hearn Creek to Chimney Creek drainages. Accessible by 007 Rd.</p>				

Sawtooth National Forest	Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Badger Fire Post Fire Management Programmatic EA EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/17/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scottsoletti@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: programmatic EA for management actions requiring NEPA analysis post fire.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59542</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Badger Fire in Cassia Division.</p>				
Robber Gulch Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Alyssa Biel 208-423-7541 Alyssa.Biel@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Ridgeline Exploration Services Inc. is submitting a Plan of Operations to conduct minerals exploration drilling activities for a period of up to one year after disturbance is initiated, resulting in up to 1.3 acres of surface disturbance.</p>				
	<p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60021</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - T 13 S, R 20 E, Section 3, Boise Base and Meridian. The project is located in the northeastern portion of the Cassia Division, Minidoka Ranger District approximately 32.5 miles south-southwest of Burley, Idaho.</p>				

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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:05/2022	10/2022	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scott.soletti@usda.gov	
UPDATED		<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	Completed	Actual: 10/27/2021	10/2021	Thomas Stewart 208-423-7556 thomas.stewart@usda.gov	
UPDATED		<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 04/02/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2022	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Susan James 208-727-5000 susan.james@usda.gov	
		<p>Description: The Sawtooth NRA is developing a unit-wide, land-based outfitter and guide management plan as a means to streamline the processing of outfitter and guide proposals and provide consistent administration of outfitter and guide permits.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57197</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sawtooth National Recreation Area.</p>				

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Sawtooth National Forest	Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Redfish Recreation Complex Trails and Trailheads CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:04/2022	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>				
	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Margaret Schmidt 406-859-3211 Margaret.Schmidt@usda.gov
	<p>Description: SREC proposes to establish an outpost facility on a 2.13 acre parcel within a 36 acre parcel of land permitted to the Idaho Transportation Department. The proposed facility consists of a 70' X 80' metal building, and a 30,000 gallon propane tank.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60819</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T 10 N., R 13 E., Section 6. Along HWY 21 near Stanley, Idaho.</p>				

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