



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

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 .					
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- 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
	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.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
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.					

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*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/15/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Steve Clezie 208-678-0430 sclzie@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59503				
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.					

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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	- 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
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57344				
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.					

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: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/01/2022	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scottsoletti@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.					
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
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60021				
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.					

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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
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56837				
	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.				

Sawtooth National Forest	Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Mays Creek Private Road Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Sharon Barnes 208-727-5005 sharon.barnes@usda.gov
	Description: The FS proposes to issue a special use permit to the landowner's association to construct and maintain an access rd. with gate to their private land on NFS lands and close approximately 650 ft. of unauthorized route in lynx habitat as funding allows.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61860				
	Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T. 8 N., R. 14 E., Section 17. T. 8 N., R. 14 E., Sec. 17; Hell Roaring Creek Road, FS Road 70315.				
Outfitter and Guide Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Susan James 208-727-5000 susan.james@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57197				
	Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sawtooth National Recreation Area.				

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Redfish Recreation Complex Trails and Trailheads CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:06/2022	05/2023	Matt Phillips 208-727-5025 mmphillips@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46683				
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.					
Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SREC) Outpost CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Whitney Burgess 406-551-0717 whitney.n.burgess@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60819				
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.					

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