



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Mt Baker-Snoqualmie 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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected: 01/2023	02/2023	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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Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	01/2024	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda.gov
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management objectives and practices and desired conditions for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.				

Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
North Fork Stillaguamish Landscape Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/22/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Melissa Shelley 360-436-1155 comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape scale analysis of habitat restoration, and actions to improve ecological conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61659				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District, Darrington Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skagit, Snohomish. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located northwest of Darrington, WA. It is primarily in Skagit Co, with a small portion in Snohomish Co.				

Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	Darrington Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Darrington Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Tenas Creek Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/05/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2022	Expected:04/2023	07/2023	Richard Vacirca 530-543-2768 richard.vacirca@usda.gov
	Description: The Darrington Ranger District proposes to relocate or rebuild a segment of Suiattle River Road further upstream or with a larger multi-span bridge to improve an important Chinook Salmon run, and restore important floodplain habitat for species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62572				
	Location: UNIT - Darrington Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Snohomish. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Suiattle River Road approximately 7.7 miles east of State Highway 530 where the road crosses Tenas Creek 2 miles north of the Boundary Bridge (FSR 25).				

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<div>North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project</div> <div>EA</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	<div>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</div> <div>- Forest products</div> <div>- Watershed management</div>	<div>In Progress:</div> <div>Objection Period Legal Notice</div> <div>04/25/2022</div>	<div>Expected:02/2023</div>	<div>03/2023</div>	<div>Melissa Shelley</div> <div>360-854-2553</div> <div>comments-</div> <div>pacificnorthwest-</div> <div>mtbaker-snoqualmie-</div> <div>mtbaker@usda.gov</div>
	<div>Description:</div> <div>Project would cut, and in some cases remove, trees in certain areas to improve wildlife habitat, enhance huckleberry areas, improve forest stand conditions, and contribute to the economy via timber harvest. View storymap: https://arcg.is/yHC49</div>				
	<div>Web Link:</div> <div>http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58218</div>				
	<div>Location:</div> <div>UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Whatcom. LEGAL - 38N 6E Sec. 1,2,11-13; 38N 7E 3-10, 16-18; 39N 6E 1,25,35,36; 39N 7E 1-17. 20-24, 27-34; 39N 8E 1-22,28-30; 39N 9E 6; 40N 7E 1-36; 40N 8E 6-8,17-20,25, 29-36; 40N 9E 15,16,19-21,29-32; 41N 7E 31-35. The project is located near the town of Glacier, along Highway 542 within the Mt. Baker Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Whatcom County, Washington.</div>				

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Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Puget Sound Energy Upper Baker Spillway Staging Area and Barge Access Pad CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:02/2023	03/2023	Eric Ozog 360-691-4396 eric.ozog@usda.gov
	Description: Clear vegetation and level a construction area and barge access pad within the Baker River Hydroelectric Project license area, 1,300 feet downstream of Upper Baker Dam. The staging area and barge pad would occupy an approx. 0.90 area area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62538				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skagit. LEGAL - Portions of NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 36, T.37 N., R.8 E., W.M. Adjacent to Baker River, between Upper Baker Dam and Baker Lake Fish Hatchery.				
Puget Sound Hydro Nooksack Communications Site CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Eric Ozog 360-691-4396 eric.ozog@usda.gov
	Description: Issue a communications use lease to Puget Sound Hydro, LLC, for constructing, operating and maintaining a small communications facility, in order to improve internet and cellular communications for the Nooksack Falls hydroelectric plant and residence				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62540				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Whatcom. LEGAL - Portions of NW1/4 NE1/4 PB 44, T.39 N., R.8 E., W.M. Proposed site is approximately 200 feet NW of Forest Road 3700-031, accessed via State Route 542 and Forest Road 3700.				
Rainbow and Swift Creek Crossings CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Daniel McDermott 360-854-2611 comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of two new crossings: Rainbow and Swift Creek and the construction of one new mile of trail to connect two new crossings.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56421				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Whatcom. LEGAL - T38N, R9E, Sec. 17, 18, 19 & 20. The project is located North/Northwest of Baker Laker within the Mt. Baker Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.				

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Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Skykomish Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Alpine Baldy Trail Phase II CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Davis 360-677-2242 FS-comments- pacificnorthwest- mtbaker-snoqualmie- skykomish@usda.gov
	Description: Construct approx. 4.6 miles of trail to complete Alpine Baldy Trail #1240.1, mountain bike trail loop and a separate hiker only trail to connect the Beckler Peak Trail to Alpine Baldy. Includes singletrack Mtn bike route to provide alternate route.				
	Location: UNIT - Skykomish Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - King. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 5 miles NE of Skykomish, WA.				
Lowe Creek Road Reroute CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Eric Ozog 360-691-4396 comments- pacificnorthwest- mtbaker-snoqualmie- skykomish@usda.gov
	Description: Weyerhaeuser has requested to construct a new segment of road around a landslide to regain access to privately owned land. Approximately 600 feet of the new road construction would be on FS land.				
	Location: UNIT - Skykomish Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - King. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the west side of the Skykomish River, about 1 mile South of the town of Baring, WA.				

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7222 Connector Road EA	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Melissa Shelley 541-523-1929 comments- pacificnorthwest- mtbaker-snoqualmie- snoqualmie@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct approx .25 mile road to connect Rd 7222 with Rd 7224. Decommission approx. 3.8 miles of road at high risk for aquatics. Project was scoped with Snoquera Landscape Analysis (Proj #51969) and includes a project-specific Forest Plan amendment				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52151				
	Location: UNIT - Snoqualmie Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pierce. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T18N, R10E. Sec 12.				

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