



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Bitterroot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html .					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/16/2004 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Ray Smith 406-329-3381 raysmith@fs.fed.us
Description: Management guidelines for management of Canada Lynx on certain lands under the authority of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html					
Location: UNIT - Idaho Panhandle National Forest All Units, Clearwater National Forest All Units, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Kootenai National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Bighorn National Forest All Units, Ashley National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Flathead National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Shoshone National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Various. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah.					

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Supplemental EIS Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Noxious Weed Treatment EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/07/2004 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Howard Lyman 208-839-2211 hlyman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Supplement the August 1999 EIS for weed treatment in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness				
	Location: UNIT - Salmon River Ranger District, Red River Ranger District, McCall Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District, North Fork Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Idaho, Lemhi, Valley. Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness .				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: For the section of CDT between Gibbons Pass north to the Anaconda Pintler boundary. Trail reconstruction and relocation. Previously listed as Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Travel Management.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District, Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead, Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S, R19W, Sec 11, 14 and T1N, R17W, Sec 20 P.M.M.. The section of the CDT between Gibbons Pass north to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness boundary on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.				
Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests CE	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2002	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Chuck Sperry 406-329-3848 csperry@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Plan Revision				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/				
Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Flathead National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Granite, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders. Western Montana					

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Invasive Plants EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/02/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2007	Expected:01/2008	06/2008	Chad Benson 406-329-3772 cwbenson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to treat invasive plants and noxious weeds with herbicides and biocontrols within the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness				
	Location: UNIT - Lochsa Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Missoula Ranger District, Moose Creek Ranger District, Powell Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Ravalli. Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, administering Forests in Idaho and Montana; Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests.				

Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Grazing allotments CE CE	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Categorical exclusion up to 6 vacant and 1 active grazing allotments. Propose closing 2 allotments and leaving the the others open as a grass bank or back up for active allotments in low feed, fire or rest year.				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Various allotments Forest wide.				

Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Greef Land Exchange- Ditch Creek - 3rd proposal EA	- Land acquisition	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to exchange Private land near Larry Creek, Stevensville Ranger District, for National Forest land near Ditch Creek, West Fork Ranger District				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - S1/2SE1/4 Sec.20 and SW1/4SW1/4 Sec.21, T10N, R20W PMM; S1/2SE1/4 Sec.11, E1/2SE1/4SW1/4 Sec.11 and W1/2SW1/4SW1/4 Sec. 12, T1S, R22W PMM. Larry Creek, Stevensville RD; and Ditch Creek, West Fork Fork RD.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Issuance of Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit-Two Bear Outfitters CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/08/2006	02/2007	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a priority Special Use Permit for a 10 year period				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Two Bear Meadows area.				
Trapper Bunkhouse BEMRP Project EIS	- Research - Road management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/21/2005 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2007	Expected:08/2007	12/2007	Sandrah Mack 406-777-7415 or 406-777-5461 spmack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manipulate forested vegetation to decrease the risk that a future wildland fire would develop into, or be sustained as, a stand-replacement or crown fire; support CWPP; salvage, thin to increase insect disease resistance; manage OHV use; research.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. All drainages between Trapper and Bunkhouse Creeks.				
Weasel Creek Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2007	Expected:09/2007	08/2008	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial harvest (salvage) of trees killed by fire and bark beetles				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T. 4 N. R. 18 W. SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; T. 5 N. R. 18 W. 32, 34. Skalkaho and Weasel Creek drainages.				

Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest	Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Cinnamon Bear Pine Restoration CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2007	06/2007	John Walters 406-777-7450 or 406-777-5461 jcwalters@fs.fed.us
	Description: To restore and/or maintain ponderosa pine by slashing, piling, under burning in three units (105 ac). To reduce the amount of encroaching Douglas-fir. There may be some commercial Douglas-fir or smaller pp that would be removed from 1 unit.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N R18W sections 15 and 16, PMM, Ravalli County, Montana. Just west of Cinnamon Bear Saddle on the Stevensville Ranger District.				
Gash Fire Salvage and Reforestation CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/10/2006	Expected:04/2007	08/2007	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial harvest (salvage) of burned trees within the 2006 Gash Creek Fire area and reforestation of these burned lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T35N, R21W, Sec 5, 6; T36N, R21W, Sec 16, 17, 20, 21, 29-31. Portions of the Gash, Sweathouse, and Smith Creek drainages.				
Haacke Claremont Fuel Reduction CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuel Treatments (non- activity fuels)				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N, R18W, Sec 32, T8N R18W, Sec 5,6,8. Stevensville Ranger District, Haake and Claremont drainages.				
Mill Lake Dam Access for Embankment Stability EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/19/2007	Expected:05/2007	08/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Mill Creek Irrigation District access to their easement at Mill Lake Dam, inside the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, with certain terms and conditions, so that they may make their facilities safe.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N, R23W, Sec. 1, PPM, Ravalli County, Montana. Mill Creek drainage, Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, Stevensville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest.				

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Mushroom Harvest Gash Fire CE	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2007	Expected:03/2007	04/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of commercial mushroom harvest in the 2006 Gash Creek fire area				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T8N, T 21 and 22W, PPM. Gash Creek Fire.				
Stevensville School Access CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2007	03/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to FFA/school property in Ambrose Cr Area				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N, R18W, Sec. 29, . Stevensville Ranger District, south of Ambrose saddle .				

Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Hotsprings Fuels CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/09/2006	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmc Alpine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuel reduction around private lands near Lost Trail Hot Springs				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S R19W S 9, 16. National Forest lands around Lost Trail Hot Springs.				
Jennings Non-Commercial Thinning Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/02/2007	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	Description: Precommercial thinning 670 acres of young plantations for timber stand improvement purposes.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Lyman Creek, Guide Creek, Jennings Camp Creek, Colvert Creek.				

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Springer II Hazardous Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/22/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2007	Expected:05/2007	08/2007	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmc Alpine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Defensible fuels protection zone (DFPZ) for the Springer-Bonanza community.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T.2N., R.19W., S. 19-21 & S.28-30 and T.1N., R.18W., S. 24-25.. West side of the Upper East Fork of the Bitterroot River, north of Meadow Creek. .				
Waugh Gulch Road Decommissioning EA	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mike Jakober (406) 821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decommission the end segment of road 13334, restore the stream channel where the road segment crosses Waugh Creek, and obliterate several non-system roads accessed by this segment of road 13334..				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1N, R19W, S 4, 5. Waugh Creek drainage.				
Waugh/Andrews EA EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/23/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Range analysis for the reissuance of the Waugh/Andrews/Warm Springs grazing allotment.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S, R19W, Sec. 4-9, 16-21, 28-32 and T1N, R19W, Sec. 18, 19, 29, 30, 25, 21, 36 P.M.M.. Waugh Gulch and Andrews drainages.				
West Tolan Interface Project CE	- Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:08/2007	11/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approximately 350 acres of hazardous fuels reduction treatments involving slashing of small diameter trees, prescribed burning, some commercial thinning, and some salvage harvest. Commercial material will be removed by helicopter.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T.1N.; R.19 W.; sections 13, 14, 23, 24. Western portion of Tolan Creek about 2.25 miles east of Sula, Montana..				

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Triple Creek Outfitter and Guide Permit CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2007	02/2007	Joe Butsick 406-821-1210 jbutsick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance to a ten year permit.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. West Fork Ranger District.				
Bill Mitchell Outfitters, Inc. permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/27/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Ravalli. LEGAL - T27N, R15E, Sec.4. The project area is existing permit area in parts of Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Selway Bitterrot Wilderness, Idaho and Blue Joint Wilderness Study Area in Montana .				
Coal Creek Drift Fence CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/12/2007	Expected:04/2007	06/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct 1,100 feet of post and rail fence along north side of Coal Creek to prevent livestock bank trampling.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T. 2 S.; R.22 W.; NW 1/4 OF SECTION 16. Between Coal Creek and Forest Service Road 5660.				
Deep Creek Culvert Replacements CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/12/2007	Expected:04/2007	08/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of 3 existing fish barrier culverts and removal of one culvert on small tributaries to Deep Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T.27 N.; R. 15 E.; sections 3, 4 and 6.. Deep Creek Forest Service Road 468 (in Idaho) .				

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Issuance of Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit-Dave Hettinger Outfitting CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a priority Special Use Permit for a 10 year period				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. Eakin Ridge area - Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area.				
Lookout Creek Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/19/2006	Expected:04/2007	07/2007	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of bridge on trail at Lookout Creek				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T29N. R14E, Sec.2 Boise Meridian. Lookout Creek Trail near Whitecap Creek.				
Lower West Fork Watershed Projects EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2007	Expected:10/2007	06/2008	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management to reduce fuels and improve forest health-diversity through commercial contract and prescribed fire. Additional projects may include forest pre-commercial thinning; road decommissioning; fisheries passage improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - sect 27-36-T2N, R21W; sect 5-8, 17-20, 29-32-T1N, R20W; sect 1-29, 34-36-T1N, R21W; sect 1, 12-15, 22-25-T1 N, R22W;sect 6-T1S, R20W; sect 1-4, 9-12, 14-16, 21, 22-T1S, R21W; Principal Meridian. The project location is about 7 to 15 miles southwest of Darby, Montana and includes National Forest Service lands on both sides of the west fork of the Bitterroot river. .				

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Running Creek Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of bridge on trail at Running Creek				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T30N, R13E, Sec 20 Boise Meridian. Running Creek bridge in Selway River corridor.				
Salmon Mountain Trail # 705 CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocation of trail near Salmon Mountain Lookout				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T26N, R13E, NE Sec. 3. Salmon Mountain Trail# 705, near Salmon Mountain Lookout.				

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