



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

### Bitterroot National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Aerial Application of Fire Retardant</b> EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:08/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

#### Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

<b>Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction</b> EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2007	07/2007	Ray Smith 406-329-3381 raysmith@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Management guidelines for management of Canada lynx on certain lands under the authority of the Forest Service					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)</b>					
<b>Supplemental EIS Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Noxious Weed Treatment</b> EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/07/2004 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2007	Expected:08/2007	11/2007	Howard Lyman 208-839-2211 hlyman@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Supplement the August 1999 EIS for weed treatment in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness				
	<b>Location:</b> 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 .				

<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Continental Divide National Scenic Trail</b> CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests</b> CE	- Land management planning	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chuck Sperry 406-329-3848 csperry@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Plan Revision				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Invasive Plants EIS</b> EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/02/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2007	Expected:02/2008	06/2008	Chad Benson 406-942-3113 cwbenson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal is to treat invasive plants and noxious weeds with herbicides and biocontrols within the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bitterroot National Forest Motorized Recreation Planning EIS</b>  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 09/2007	Expected:06/2009	12/2009	John Walters 406-777-7450 or 406-777-5461 spmack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This effort will result in clear standardized designations of where motorized recreation is appropriate, sustainable and desirable on the Bitterroot National Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/projects/motorized_rec.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/projects/motorized_rec.shtml</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Region 1, Bitterroot National Forest.					
<b>Grazing allotments CE</b> CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Various allotments Forest wide.				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>North Zone TSI</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2007	Expected:02/2008	07/2008	Cheri Hartless 406-777-5461 chartless@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Noncommercial thinning, handpiling and pile burning. Approximately 1600 acres				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Various locations on the Stevensville and Darby Ranger Districts.				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Lost Horse Quarry Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department has requested to operate the Lost Horse Quarry for rock mineral material removal, for the purpose of crushing for gravel.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T4N, R21W, SW1/4, NW24/ and NW1/4, SW1/4 Sec.18. Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot national Forest, Lost Horse drainage.				
<b>Trapper Bunkhouse BEMRP Project</b> EIS	- Research - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/20/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:12/2007	04/2008	Sandrah Mack 406-777-7415 or 406-777-5461 spmack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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; research.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. All drainages between Trapper and Bunkhouse Creeks.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Weasel Creek Salvage</b> CE	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:12/2007	08/2008	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Commercial harvest (salvage) of trees killed by fire and bark beetles and non-commercial thin of young trees in past managed areas				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T. 4 N. R. 18 W. SECTIONS 3, 4; T. 5 N. R. 18 W. 32, 33, 34. Skalkaho and Weasel Creek drainages.				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Gash Fire Salvage and Reforestation</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 05/07/2007	08/2007	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Commercial harvest (salvage) of burned trees within the 2006 Gash Creek Fire area and reforestation of these burned lands.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Haacke Claremont Fuel Reduction</b> EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:03/2008	09/2008	Ken Hotchkiss 406-363-7187 khotchkiss@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Commercial and non-commercial thinning and prescribed fire.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Mill Lake Dam Access for Embankment Stability</b> EA	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/26/2007	08/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Mushroom Harvest Gash Fire</b> CE	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 03/26/2007	04/2007	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Analysis of commercial mushroom harvest in the 2006 Gash Creek fire area				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T8N, T 21 and 22W, PPM. Gash Creek Fire.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Hotsprings Fuels</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/09/2006	Expected:08/2007	12/2007	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmcalpine@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Fuel reduction around private lands near Lost Trail Hot Springs				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S R19W S 9, 16. National Forest lands around Lost Trail Hot Springs.				
<b>Jennings Non-Commercial Thinning Project</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/15/2007	07/2007	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Precommercial thinning 670 acres of young plantations for timber stand improvement purposes.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Lyman Creek, Guide Creek, Jennings Camp Creek, Colvert Creek.				
<b>Springer II Hazardous Fuels Reduction</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/03/2007	Expected:07/2007	10/2007	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmcalpine@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Defensible fuels protection zone (DFPZ) for the Springer-Bonanza community.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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. .				

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<b>Waugh/Andrews EA</b> EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/23/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	06/2008	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Range analysis for the reissuance of the Waugh/Andrews/Warm Springs grazing allotment.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>West Tolan Interface Project</b> CE	- Fuels management - Forest products	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmcalpine@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bill Mitchell Outfitters, Inc. permit reissuance</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/27/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	<b>Location:</b> 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 .				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Coal Creek Drift Fence</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2007	06/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construct 1,100 feet of post and rail fence along north side of Coal Creek to prevent livestock bank trampling.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Deep Creek Culvert Replacements</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/02/2007	08/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of 3 existing fish barrier culverts and removal of one culvert on small tributaries to Deep Creek.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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) .				
<b>Lookout Creek Bridge Replacement</b> CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/16/2007	07/2007	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of bridge on trail at Lookout Creek				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T29N. R14E, Sec.2 Boise Meridian. Lookout Creek Trail near Whitecap Creek.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Lower West Fork Watershed Projects</b> 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 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	08/2008	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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. .				
<b>Running Creek Bridge Replacement</b> CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of bridge on trail at Running Creek				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T30N, R13E, Sec 20 Boise Meridian. Running Creek bridge in Selway River corridor.				
<b>Salmon Mountain Trail # 705</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Kit Buell 406-821-1251 kbuell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Relocation of trail near Salmon Mountain Lookout				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Trollope-Hawkes Ditch Bill Easement</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2007	07/2007	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a Ditch Bill easement conditioned on rebuilding the existing diversion so it no longer blocks fish movement and installing a screen on the headgate to prevent fish from becoming trapped in the ditch				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 4, T.3 S., R.22 W.. Chicken Creek.				

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