



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

### 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:10/2007	10/2007	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.					
<b>National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule</b> EIS  *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

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

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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 10/2007	Expected:10/2007	02/2008	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	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.(18720 -Shultz Saddle East incorporated)				
	<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 12/2007	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	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 Travel Management Planning</b> EIS	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 09/2007	Expected:06/2009	12/2009	Sandra Mack 406-777-7415 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	Completed	Actual: 09/24/2007	10/2007	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	- 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>Lake Como Reconstruction project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2009	Mary Laws 406-821-4252 mlaws@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reconstruction of Upper Como Campground and Como-Rock campsite, lake side erosion control along picnic area, beach and woods cabin.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec. 31 & 32, T4N R21W. Lake Como Recreation area, Darby Ranger District.				
<b>Lost Horse Quarry Project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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>Schumaker Campground and trailheads reconstruction</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2007	Expected:03/2008	09/2009	Mary Laws 406-821-4252 mlaws@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reconstruction of developed recreation facilities at Schumaker Campground, Twin Lakes trailhead, Baily Lake trailhead, and Bear Creek Saddle trailhead.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sect 29, T5N R23W and Sec 5, T4N R23W. Upper Lost Horse drainage, Darby Ranger District.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<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	Sandra 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.				
<b>Weasel Salvage and Underburn Project</b> CE	- Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	05/2008	Sue Macmeecken 406-363-7151 smacmeecken@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Commercial harvest (salvage) of trees killed by bark beetles, non-commercial thin of young trees, slashing understory fuels, hand piling & underburning				
	<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 Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Haacke Claremont Fuel Reduction</b> EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2008	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>Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Continental Divide NST #9, Schultz East relocation</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Has been combined with 1635 - Continental Divide NST (Relocation of Continental Divide National Scenic Trail #9, Between junction with trail # 374 and #462.)				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1N, R17W, Sec 20. Continental Divide, Sula Ranger District, above Dense Creek.				
<b>Hot Springs Fuels</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/09/2006	Expected:10/2007	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>Recreation Residence permits</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2007	Expected:03/2008	11/2008	Mary Laws 406-821-4252 mlaws@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of existing 6 recreation residence special use permits within the Warm Springs tract				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - SW1/4 sect 12 T1N R20W. Warm Springs Creek, Sula Ranger District.				
<b>Spring Gulch Campground accessible trail</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	09/2008	Mary Laws 406-821-4252 mlaws@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continue accessible trail south of campground, repair existing trail and fishing platform				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec 1 T1N R20W. Spring Gulch Campground, Sula Ranger district.				

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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>Springer II Hazardous Fuels Reduction</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/03/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmc Alpine@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. .				
<b>Waugh/Andrews EA</b> EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/23/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	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 lmc Alpine@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 West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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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>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 Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Blue Joint Wilderness Study Area in Montana .				
<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 04/2008	Expected:08/2008	06/2009	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@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>Salmon Mountain Trail # 705</b> CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/04/2007	09/2007	Nick Hazelbaker 406-821-1218 nhazelbaker@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>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Slate Creek Campground restoration</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2007	Expected:03/2008	09/2008	Mary Laws 406-821-41210 jbutsick@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Reconstruction of upper loop in the Slate Creek Campground (parking spurs, picnic tables, and fire rings), replacement of wooden outhouse with SST vault, construction of new sites in lower loop, removal of pumphouse.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - NW1/4 Section 2, T2S R22W. Slate Creek, off Paint Rocks Lake, West Fork Ranger district.					

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