



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

Bitterroot National Forest

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Bitterroot Outfitters LLC (Tom Henderson), permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years					
Location: UNIT - Red River Ranger District, North Fork Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Lemhi, Ravalli. LEGAL - T25N, R13E, BM; T26N R12E BM; T26N, 12E, BM; T24N, R13E, BM; T26N, 13E, BM. Frank Church River of No Return, North Fork, Red River, West Fork Districts.					

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Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Peter Gaulke 703-605-4796 tparker03@fs.fed.us
Description: The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service are preparing a joint Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the leasing of BLM and USFS administered lands with moderate to high potential for geothermal resources in 11 western states. Web Link: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/geothermal_nationwide.html					
Location: UNIT - Clearwater National Forest All Units, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, San Juan National Forest All Units, White River National Forest All Units, Carson National Forest All Units, Cibola National Forest All Units, Coronado National Forest All Units, Gila National Forest All Units, Lincoln National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Payette National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Uinta National Forest All Units, Cleveland National Forest All Units, Eldorado National Forest All Units, Lassen National Forest All Units, Los Padres National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Modoc National Forest All Units, San Bernardino National Forest All Units, Sequoia National Forest All Units, Tahoe National Forest All Units, Gifford Pinchot National Forest All Units, Malheur National Forest All Units, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest All Units, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest All Units, Umpqua National Forest All Units, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units, Willamette National Forest All Units, R10 - Alaska Region All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Rio Grande National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units, Wasatch-Cache National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Sierra National Forest All Units, Ochoco National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest All Units, Santa Fe National Forest All Units, Angeles National Forest All Units, Plumas National Forest All Units, Fremont-Winema National Forest All Units, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Shasta Trinity National Forest All Units, Deschutes National Forest All Units, Mt. Hood National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units, Inyo National Forest All Units, Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands All Units, Washington Office (National Headquarter). STATE - Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Texas, South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Idaho, District of Columbia, Colorado, California, Arizona, Alaska. COUNTY - Aleutians East, La Paz, Colusa, Denver, Douglas, Bonner, Columbia, Coos. 11 contiguous Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) and Alaska.					

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Bitterroot Outfitters LLC (Tom Henderson), permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District, Missoula Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula, Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N, R21W, PMM; T10N, R22W, PMM; T7N, R22W, PMM; T11N R22W, PMM; T6N R18W, PMM; T4N R18W PMM;. The project area is existing permit area in portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests.				
East Fork Outfitters CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District, Wisdom Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Beaverhead, Ravalli. LEGAL - T2N, R17W, PMM; T2N, R 16W, PMM; T1N, R16W, PMM; T1N, R17 W, PMM. The project area is the existing permit area in parts of the Sula Ranger District on the Bitterroot National Forest and the Wisdom Ranger District 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:09/2009	09/2009	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 jkrueger@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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/01/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2008	Expected:11/2008	04/2009	Chad Benson 208-942-0307 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
Bitterroot National Forest Travel Management Planning EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/01/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2009	Expected:12/2009	01/2010	Chris Fox 406-777-5461 x7415 cfox@fs.fed.us
	Description: This effort will result in clear standardized designations of where motorized recreation is appropriate, sustainable and desirable on the Bitterroot National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/projects/motorized_rec.shtml				
Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Region 1, Bitterroot National Forest.					

Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Lake Como Reconstruction project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	10/2009	Gary Richtmyer 406-777-7424 grichtmyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruction of Upper Como Campground and Como-Rock campsite, lake side erosion control along picnic area, beach and woods cabin.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec. 31 & 32, T4N R21W. Lake Como Recreation area, Darby Ranger District.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R1 - Northern Region			
Lightning Creek Outfitters permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T4N, R 23W, PMM. The project area is within the Darby and Stevensville Ranger Districts on the Bitterroot National Forest.				
Lost Horse Quarry Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2008	07/2008	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department has requested to operate the Lost Horse Quarry for rock mineral material removal, for the purpose of rip rap rock removal				
	Location: 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.				
Reynolds Access CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/18/2008	Expected:11/2008	01/2009	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Darby Ranger District is proposing to authorize construction of a structure to allow vehicle passage across Little Sleeping Child Creek and approximately 100 feet of single lane road on Forest Service land, to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T4N R20W NW1/4Section 16. Bitterroot National Forest, Darby Ranger District, Little Sleeping Child Creek.				
Schumaker Campground and trailheads reconstruction CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/16/2008	Expected:12/2008	09/2009	Amy Veirs 406-363-7120 abveirs@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruction of developed recreation facilities at Schumaker Campground, Twin Lakes trailhead, Baily Lake trailhead, and Bear Creek Saddle trailhead.				
	Location: 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.				

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
Bass Vegetation Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Recreation management - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:12/2009	07/2010	Sue Macmeeken 406-363-7151 smacmeeken@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore and maintain ponderosa pine in the Larry and Bass Creek drainages and the Charles Waters Memorial CG administrative site. Treatments will be designed to reduce stocking densities and the potential for a stand replacing crown fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T10N, R20W, Sections 29, 32. Charles Waters Campground and Larry Creek area.				
Big Creek Dam Rehabilitation EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:05/2009	06/2009	Dan Ritter 406-777-7410 dritter@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize access to the owners of Big Creek Dam, inside the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, with certain terms and conditions, so that facilities can be reahabilitated.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - R17E, T36N, Section34. Big Creek Lake Dam within the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness.				
Wildlife Adventures, Inc., permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a priority outfitter guide permit for a term of 10 years				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T8N, R22W, PMM; T9N R22W, PMM;. The project area is an existing permit area in portions of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, Bitterroot National Forest.				

Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest	Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Lost Trail Ski Area CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	David Graham 406-821-2335 ddgraham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Dropped from NEPA process				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi, Ravalli. LEGAL - Ravalli County, Montana T2S, R19W, Sec 4-5 and Lemhi County, Idaho T27N, R21E, Sec 10,11, 15. Lost Trail Ski Area, Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest.				
Recreation Residence permits CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/17/2008	Expected:01/2009	12/2009	Gary Richtmyer 406-777-7424 grichtmyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of existing 6 recreation residence special use permits within the Warm Springs tract				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - SW1/4 sect 12 T1N R20W. Warm Springs Creek, Sula Ranger District.				
Spring Gulch Campground accessible trail CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/15/2008	Expected:10/2008	05/2009	Gary Richtmyer 406-777-7424 grichtmyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continue accessible trail south of campground, repair existing trail and fishing platform				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec 1 T1N R20W. Spring Gulch Campground, Sula Ranger district.				
Swift Creek Plantation Thinning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:06/2009	10/2009	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmcalpine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanical and commercial thinning of terraced plantation. Treatments will be designed to reduce stocking densities, prevent further mortality from bark beetles, improve growth and reduce potential for a stand replacing, crown fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T2N, R18W, Section 30. Upslope from Swift Creek (tributary to Meadow Creek).				

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Bitterroot National Forest	Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Waugh/Andrews EA EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/04/2008	Expected:11/2008	06/2009	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.					

Bitterroot National Forest	West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Block Wood Ecoburn CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	David Fox 406-821-2331 dbfox@fs.fed.us
Description: Reduce natural fuels and reintroduce fire to the landscape through the use of prescribed fire.					
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T3S, R22W Sections 16-21 T3S, R 23W Sections 23, 26, 27 & PB 43 & 44. The project location is in the Woods Creek area approximately 10 miles SSW from Painted Rocks Reservoir.					
Coal Creek Grazing Allotment CE CE	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/26/2008	06/2009	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
Description: CE for Coal Creek Grazing Allotment. Continue current management.					
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29 T27N, R 22 W. Coal Creek - SW of Painted Rocks Lake.					

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Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Coulter Creek Outfitters LLC (Jack Howser), permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/07/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@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. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S, R20W, PMM;T2S, R20W, PMM. The project area is existing permit area in parts of the West Fork ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest.				
Lower West Fork Project EIS	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/20/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2008	Expected:02/2009	05/2009	Sara Grove 406-821-1251 sgrove@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.				
Shoup/Elk City Trail # 19 Waugh Mountain Relocation CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/12/2008	Expected:03/2009	08/2009	Nick Hazelbaker 406-821-1218 nhazelbaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approx 850 lf of trail relocation with 3 switchbacks to replace steep grade and eroding trail trench. Rehab and obliteration of original tread including checkdams.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T25N, R14E, NE Sec 24. Waugh Mtn Quad.				

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Bitterroot National Forest	West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Slate Creek Campground restoration CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/21/2008 07/21/2008	09/2008	Joe Butsick 406-375-2607 jbuticks@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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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