



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Flathead 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.					

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter Service-Day Allocation EIS	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Michael Munoz 406-466-5341 mamunoz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter-guide service-day allocation is being reviewed for the entire BMWC as part of Forest Plan revision on the Flathead and Lolo National Forests. This project has been cancelled..				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell. LEGAL - see location description. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex (Great Bear, Bob Marshall, and Scapegoat Wildernesses).				
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					

Flathead National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Porter Mount Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:09/2007	03/2008	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Health Project on the Island Unit of the Swan Lake Ranger District, Flathead National Forest				
	Location: UNIT - Flathead National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T27N, R22W, Sections 26-28, 32-35, T26N R23W Sections 2-4; T26N R22W Sections 2-8, 17-20, 29-30. Island Unit.				

Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R1 - Northern Region
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Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Bruce Creek Trail Travel Management CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Dale Luhman 406-387-3820 dluhman@fs.fed.us
Description: Closing Bunker, Napa Point, and a portion of Alpine 7 trails to wheeled motorized use.					
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Bruce Creek Trail, Napa Point Trail, a portion of Alpine 7 (from Bunker-Alpine #101A (near Crevice Lake) to its intersection with the Napa Pt. Trail.					

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Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cedar Flats Travel Management Plan EA	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Paula Peterson 406-387-3818 pkpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: Designating OHV routes in the Cedar Flats area					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Cedar Flats area on the Glacier View Ranger District - a couple miles north of Columbia Falls, Montana.					
Coal-Mathias Stream Enhancement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Pat VanEimeren 406-387-3863 pvaneimeren@fs.fed.us
Description: Large woody debris enhancement in Coal/Mathias creeks					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Upper end of Coal/Mathias Creek on the Glacier View Ranger District.					
Red Whale Project EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggo@fs.fed.us
Description: Reducing fuels in the wildland urban interface thru precommercial and commercial thinning, improving habitat for wildlife thru prescribed burning, and improving security for grizzly bears by reducing motorized access					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Located on the Glacier View Ranger District between Whale Creek and Moran Creek in the North Fork Flathead River area.					

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Renewal of Flathead Snowmobile Association's Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Colter Pence 406-387-3849 cfpence@fs.fed.us
Description: Renewal of special use permit for a snowmobiling warming hut and grooming shed					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Canyon Creek Snowmobile Parking Lot and Upper Big Creek.					
Renewal of J&L Outfitting and Guide Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Colter Pence 406-387-3849 cfpence@fs.fed.us
Description: Renewal of outfitting and guiding services on specific snowmobile routes on the Glacier View Ranger District					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Designated snowmobile routes in the southern portions of the Glacier View Ranger District.					
Shorty Creek Watershed Restoration CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Pat VanEimeren 406-387-3863 pvaneimeren@fs.fed.us
Description: Removal of culverts on 7 miles of abandoned road					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Shorty Creek (headwaters of Whale Creek).					

Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Belton Fuels Reduction Project CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
Description: Mechanical fuels reduction within the WUI between the towns of Hungry Horse and West Glacier					
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Between the towns of Hungry Horse and West Glacier, MT (within the wildland urban interface).					

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Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Middle Fork Avalanche Hazard Reduction EIS EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/30/2006 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Service/Glacier National Park project to mitigate avalanche hazards to trains and personnel along a 12 mile section of track. Proposed activities include avalanche triggering, stability monitoring, and/or snowshed construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. In the John Stevens Canyon between mile post 180 and 192 on State Highway 2, adjacent to Glacier National Park..				

Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Silvertip Cabin Rental Project CE	- Facility management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2007	07/2007	Richard Stevens 406-387-3810 ristevens@fs.fed.us
	Description: Addition of Silvertip Cabin near the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the cabin rental program				
	Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Spotted Bear Ranger District - Silvertip Creek/Spotted Bear River drainage.				
Spotted Bear Roadside Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Forest products - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Richard Stevens 406-863-5414 ristevens@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage dead and dying trees along Spotted Bear River Road, South Creek Road, and Meadow Creek Road; also includes removal of dead/dying trees in the Meadow Creek Trailhead				
	Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Open roads on the Spotted Bear Ranger District; Meadow Creek Trailhead.				

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Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Spotted Bear Vista Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	11/2007	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Opening up views in selective spots along the southern portions of Hungry Horse Reservoir; includes selective removal of trees and vegetation				
	Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Along the southern portions of Road 895 (and possibly Road 38) adjacent to the Hungry Horse Reservoir.				

Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cooney McKay Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/22/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2007	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	Sue Tebay (406)837-7521 stebay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels reduction and forest health project located in the Upper Swan Geographic Unit.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake, Missoula. LEGAL - T21N R16W, T21N R17W. Project area lies north and east of the community of Condon, Montana.				

Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ashley-Herrig Resource Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Recreation management - Fuels management - Forest products - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:09/2007	06/2008	Becky Smith 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to improve forest tree structure and species composition, reduce hazardous fuels, maintain and improve wildlife habitat, improve recreation opportunities, and improve water quality and aquatic habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/ashley_herrig/index.htm				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T28N, R23W; T28N, R24W; T28N, R25W; T29N, R23W; T29N, R24W; T29N, R25W; . The project area is located in the vicinity of Ashley Lake and Herrig Creek on the south part of the Tally Lake Ranger District..					
Big Mountain Bicycle Trail Construction Project CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/20/2007	06/2007	Becky Smith 406-863-5438 brsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Big Mountain Resort proposes to construct a one-way mountain bike trail on existing ski runs to accomodate "downhill" or full-suspension bicycle riders.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T32N, R22W, Section 36. The Big Mountain Resort is partially located on National Forest System lands approximately five miles north of Whitefish, MT..				
Big Mountain Ski Resort Chair Two Realignment Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/20/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Becky Smith 406-863-5438 brsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace and realign Chair Two with a detachable chair (moved from Chair One on the summit) beginning near the bottom of existing Chair One and ending near the current Chair Two off ramp. This project includes the replacement of the Chair 1 cable.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T32N, R22W, Sections 25. The project is located at the Big Mountain Ski Resort north of Whitefish, MT.				

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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Lemonade Springs and Island Meadows Range Allotments Project EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	06/2008	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: An analysis to update the Allotment Management Plans for the two allotments consistent with forest plan goals and objectives while protecting natural resources.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T29N R25W (multiple sections). Approximately 20 air miles southwest of Whitefish, MT.				
Plum Creek Round Logan Easement Project CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of approximately 300 feet of new, high-standard road from the existing paved County road to Plum Creek Timber Company property.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T 31 N, R 23 W, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 18. Project is located in the Evers Creek area just off the Star Meadow Road west of Round Meadow..				
Sanko Creek Fish Passage Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2007	Expected:05/2007	08/2007	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed project to remove an existing culvert under an open road to allow for fish passage. Fish passage is currently blocked. Culvert would be replaced by a foot and horse bridge to access a nearby trailhead.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T 31 N, R 24 W, NW 1/4 Section 29.. Project is located near the head of Sanko Creek north of Star Meadow and below Swaney Ridge..				
Upper Stillwater Campground Renovation Project EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2007	Expected:07/2007	06/2008	Becky Smith 406-863-5438 brsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expansion of the Upper Stillwater Campground to include new campsites and other improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Upper Stillwater Lake on the Tally Lake Ranger District.				

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