



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2008 to 03/31/2008

### Flathead National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>					
<b>Aerial Application of Fire Retardant</b> EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2007	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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:02/2008	02/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@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.					
<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<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					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bruce Creek Trail Travel Management (Bruce Creek to Alpine 7 to Napa Point Motorized Trail Project)</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	06/2008	Dale Luhman 406-387-3820 dluhman@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Closing Bruce, Napa Point, and a portion of Alpine 7 trails to wheeled motorized use.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Hungry Horse and Glacier View Ranger Districts Travel Management Analysis</b> EA <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2008	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdragoo@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Travel management analysis for two ranger districts on the Flathead National Forest. Identifying the need for change as it relates to designating wheeled motor vehicle routes and areas in order to implement the 2005 Travel Management Rule.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Hungry Horse and Glacier View Ranger Districts, Flathead National Forest.					
<b>Recreation Residences Permit Re-Issuance</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7507 Andrew Johnson/R1/USDAFS@FSNOTES
<b>Description:</b> Re-issuing 63 recreation residence special use permits.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. Hungry Horse Ranger District and Swan Lake Ranger District.					

<b>Flathead National Forest</b>	<b>Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
---------------------------------	--	-----------------------------

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Mud Lake Test Tree Plantation Thinning</b> CE	- Research - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/15/2007	Expected:03/2008	07/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Thinning 15 acres in a test tree plantation				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Mud Lake area in the North Fork between the US/Canadian border and Trail Creek.				
<b>Red Whale Project</b> EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/07/2007	Expected:12/2007	07/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Renewal of J&amp;L Outfitting and Guide Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/30/2007	10/2007	Colter Pence 406-387-3849 cfpence@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Renewal of outfitting and guiding services on specific snowmobile routes on the Glacier View Ranger District				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Designated snowmobile routes in the southern portions of the Glacier View Ranger District.				

<b>Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Belton Fuels Reduction Project</b> CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/02/2007	Expected:12/2007	07/2010	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Mechanical fuels reduction within the WUI between the towns of Hungry Horse and West Glacier (includes some prescribed burning)				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Between the towns of Hungry Horse and West Glacier, MT (within the wildland urban interface).				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Firefighter Project</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:09/2008	07/2010	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A project designed to improve elk forage, grizzly bear security, forest diversity, and watershed conditions.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Firefighter Mountain located on the east-side of Hungry Horse Reservoir.				
<b>Middle Fork Avalanche Hazard Reduction EIS</b> EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/30/2006 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	04/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				
<b>Middle Fork Fuels Reduction Project</b> CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2008	Expected:04/2008	07/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Mechanical/hand fuels reduction activities within the wildland-urban interface area near the Middle Fork Flathead River (prescribed burning as well)				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Near Highway 2 and the Middle Fork Flathead River from Marias Pass to Nyack Flats.				

<b>Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
---	-----------------------------

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Spotted Bear Vista Project</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/08/2006	Expected:01/2008	07/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Opening up views in selective spots along the southern portions of Hungry Horse Reservoir; includes selective removal of trees and vegetation				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Blacktail Mountain Ski Area Snowmobile Connection Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/31/2007	Expected:11/2007 Actual: 11/06/2007 11/06/2007	12/2007	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7507 ajohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project to connect the Wild Bill OHV National Recreation Trail to the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area with winter motorized trail to provide public safety and reduce illegal snowmobile use on Blacktail Road.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T26N R22W Sections 13 and 24, T26N R21 1/2W Sections 18 and 19. Route would run from the parking lot of the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area to the Wild Bill Trail Head.				
<b>Cooney McKay Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project</b> EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/22/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:03/2008	10/2009	Sue Tebay (406)837-7521 stebay@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Fuels reduction and forest health project located in the Upper Swan Geographic Unit.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>North Patrick and Wild Bill Motorized Trails</b> EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Additions to Swan Lake Ranger District ATV and OHV trail systems in the Island Unit portion of the Swan Lake Ranger District.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T26N R22W. Island Unit of the Swan Lake Ranger District, southwest of Kalispell, Montana.				
<b>Porter Mount Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 12/07/2007	10/2008	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Health Project on the Island Unit of the Swan Lake Ranger District, Flathead National Forest				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. 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.				

<b>Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Lemonade Springs and Island Meadows Range Allotments Project</b> EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:10/2008	06/2008	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> An analysis to update the Allotment Management Plans for the two allotments consistent with forest plan goals and objectives while protecting natural resources.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T29N R25W (multiple sections). Approximately 20 air miles southwest of Whitefish, MT.				
<b>Plum Creek Round Logan Easement Project</b> CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2007	Expected:10/2007 Actual: 11/30/2007	12/2007	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of approximately 300 feet of new, high-standard road from the existing paved County road to Plum Creek Timber Company property.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Upper Stillwater Campground Renovation Project</b> EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	06/2008	Becky Smith 406-863-5438 brsmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Expansion of the Upper Stillwater Campground to include new campsites and other improvements.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Upper Stillwater Lake on the Tally Lake Ranger District.				

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.