



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2008 to 06/30/2008

Flathead National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2008 10/11/2007	10/2007	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.					
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/15/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2008_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

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

Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests CE	- Land management planning	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sue Heald 406-363-7124 sheald@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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Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Bruce Creek to Alpine 7 to Napa Point Motorized Trail Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2008	Expected:05/2008	09/2008	Dale Luhman 406-387-3820 dluhman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Closing Bruce, 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.				
CHR Motorized Route and Area Designation Project EA	- Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2008	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdragoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restrict and designate a system of motorized roads, trails and areas that continue to provide access to the NF Flathead and MF Flathead Rivers and Hungry Horse Reservoir as well as manage motorized use adj. to Columbia Falls and Hungry Horse				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Hungry Horse and Glacier View Ranger Districts, Flathead National Forest.				
Recreation Residences Permit Re-Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/03/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:06/2008	12/2008	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7507 Andrew Johnson/R1/USDAFS@FSNOTES
	Description: Re-issuing 63 recreation residence special use permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. Hungry Horse Ranger District and Swan Lake Ranger District.				

Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

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Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Mud Lake Test Tree Plantation Thinning CE	- Research - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 02/25/2008	07/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning 15 acres in a test tree plantation				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Mud Lake area in the North Fork between the US/Canadian border and Trail Creek.				
Red Whale Project EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/07/2007	Expected:03/2008	07/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@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.				

Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Belton Fuels Reduction Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	10/2008	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 (includes some prescribed burning)				
	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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Firefighter Project EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2008	Expected:09/2008	07/2010	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project designed to improve elk forage, grizzly bear security, forest diversity, and watershed conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Firefighter Mountain located on the east-side of Hungry Horse Reservoir.				
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 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	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.				
Middle Fork Fuels Reduction Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:06/2009	10/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanical/hand fuels reduction activities within the wildland-urban interface area near the Middle Fork Flathead River (prescribed burning as well)				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Near Highway 2 and the Middle Fork Flathead River from Marias Pass to Nyack Flats.				

Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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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)	Completed	Actual: 02/15/2008	07/2008	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.				

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Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Blacktail Mountain Ski Area Snowmobile Connection Project CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/08/2007 11/06/2007 11/06/2007	06/2008	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T26N R22W Sections 13 and 24, T26N R21 Sections 18 and 19. Route would run from the parking lot of the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area to the Wild Bill Trail Head.				
Cooney McKay Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/14/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2008	Expected:03/2008	10/2009	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.				

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Hemlock Elk Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	01/2010	Sue Tebay (406)837-7521 stebay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal includes management activities on approximately 929 acres of NFS lands within the Project area. Approximately 411 acres of proposed activities are located within the WUI.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T21N R17W, T20N R17W & R18W, T19N R17W. Project is located in Montana's Swan Valley, west of Highway 83 and Condon Montana, in the Elk, Cold and Glacier Watersheds.				
North Patrick and Wild Bill Motorized Trails EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Additions to Swan Lake Ranger District ATV and OHV trail systems in the Island Unit portion of the Swan Lake Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T26N R22W. Island Unit of the Swan Lake Ranger District, southwest of Kalispell, Montana.				

Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Gregg & Plume Fish Habitat Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/08/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Beth Gardner 406-837-7508 bgardner@fs.fed.us
	Description: fish habitat structure placement and culvert replacements				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - upper Plume Creek in T31N, R25W, sections 30, 31 and 32; upper Gregg Creek in T31N, R25W, section 27. Tally Lake Ranger District.				

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Lemonade Springs and Island Meadows Range Allotments Project EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	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	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2007 11/30/2007	12/2007	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.				
Sheppard Creek Post Fire Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/16/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2008	Expected:09/2008	12/2008	Bryan Donner 406-863-5408 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: A proposed project to salvage merchantable wood products from the Brush Creek Wildland Fire Of 2007. The project is located approximately 20 air miles west of Whitefish, Montana. The proposal is to salvage wood products on approximately 6500 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - The township locations are T30N, R25W; T30N, R26W; T31N, R25W; and T31N, R26W; Principal Montana Meridian, Lincoln and Flathead Counties, Montana. The project area is in the Flathead National Forest portion of the Brush Creek Wildland Fire. This fire burned primarily in the Sheppard Creek drainage of the Tally Lake Ranger District.					

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Upper Stillwater Campground Renovation Project EA	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/15/2008	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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