



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

Flathead National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2002	Expected:09/2009	09/2009	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.					

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 to Alpine 7 to Napa Point Motorized Trail Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/08/2008	Expected:08/2008	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:10/2008	11/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggo@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 08/2008	Expected:08/2008	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)	R1 - Northern Region
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Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Red Whale Project EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/09/2008	09/2008	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdruggoo@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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Belton Fuels Reduction Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	07/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdruggoo@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).				
Doris Point Boat Launch Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	Paula Peterson 406-387-3818 pkpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Constructing a boat ramp on Hungry Horse Reservoir and associated facilities (parking log, vault toilet, widen existing road)				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. 4 miles south of Hungry Horse Dam on the Hungry Horse Reservoir.				

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Firefighter Project EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/17/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	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.				
Kalispell Line Valve 5 to 6 Loop Natural Gas Pipeline Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2008	Expected:02/2009	06/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: A proposal by Northwestern Energy to install 12 miles of buried 12" diameter natural gas pipeline near the existing line between the valve stations at Marias Pass and at Nimrod (near the junction of Bear Creek and the Middle Fork Flathead River)				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Highway 2 Corridor between Marias Pass and the junction of the Middle Fork Flathead R. and Bear Creek.				
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 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	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.				

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Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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 mdruggoo@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.				

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Cooney McKay Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 04/18/2008	10/2009	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@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.				
Hemlock Elk Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/28/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	01/2010	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal includes management activities on approximately 739 acres of NFS lands within the Project area. Approximately 321 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, Kraft, and Glacier Watersheds.				

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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.				
Swan Valley Minor Utility Service Extensions CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize utility companies to extend power and phone services to private inholdings.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T25NR17W Section 36; T24NR17W Section 7; T22NR17 Section 16. Swan Lake Ranger District, south of Swan Lake, 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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/08/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	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 406-758-3508 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.				
Sheppard Creek Post Fire Project EIS	- Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/16/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2008	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 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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