



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009

### Flathead National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<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	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2002	Expected:09/2009	09/2009	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 jkrueger@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.				
<b>Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bruce Creek to Alpine 7 to Napa Point Motorized Trail Project</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/08/2008	Expected:01/2009	04/2009	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>CHR Motorized Route and Area Designation Project</b> EA	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2009	Expected:05/2009	09/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<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.				

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<b>Recreation Residences Permit Re-Issuance</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/26/2008	12/2008	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>Whitebark Pine Daylight Thinning</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2008	Expected:01/2009	07/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To maintain sites of whitebark pine (both planted and natural regen) that are showing significant resistance to whitebark pine blister rust, and are currently regenerating with potentially the same genetic resistance in the seedling/sapls of the area				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Hornet Mountain on the Glacier View Ranger District and Morrison Creek on the Hungry Horse 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> EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 10/30/2008	07/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Mechanical fuels reduction within the wildland urban interface 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).				

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<b>Doris Point Boat Launch Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2008	Expected:01/2009	07/2009	Paula Peterson 406-387-3818 pkpeterson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Constructing a boat ramp on Hungry Horse Reservoir and associated facilities (parking lot, vault toilet, widen existing road)				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. 4 miles south of Hungry Horse Dam on the Hungry Horse Reservoir.				
<b>Firefighter Project</b> 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 01/2009	Expected:04/2009	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>Kalispell Line Valve 5 to 6 Loop Natural Gas Pipeline Project</b> EIS	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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)				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Middle Fork Avalanche Hazard Reduction EIS</b> EIS	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.				

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<b>Middle Fork Fuels Reduction Project</b> EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:06/2009	10/2011	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>
<b>Reissuance of Diamond R and Wilderness Lodge Special Use Resort Permits</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2008	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissue special use resort permits for 15 years				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Near the Spotted Bear Ranger Station Compound.				
<b>Soldier Addition</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2012	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Treat stands susceptible to mountain pine beetle infestation (proactively and responsive). Additionally, promote release, growth, and regeneration of long-lived seral species to maintain and enhance forest resilience to future disturbances.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Battery Creek to Bunker Creek.				

<b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Hemlock Elk Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project</b> EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 11/21/2008	01/2010	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Holland Lake Lodge Special Use Cabin Construction</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	04/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Analysis of a request from a Special Use Permittee to add a caretaker's cabin.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T20N R16W Section 35. Holland Lake Lodge Resort.				
<b>Mid Swan Blowdown Salvage Project</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/16/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2009	Expected:05/2009	07/2009	Keith Konen 406-837-7516 kkonen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project located in T23NR17W Section 17, T22NR17W Sections 8, 10, 14, 16, 17, and 18.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T23NR17W, Section 17 and T22NR17W Sections 8, 10, 14, 16, 17, and 18, Lake County, Montana. The Project area extends from Goat Creek south to the Lion Creek Area in the Swan Valley, MT.					
<b>North Patrick and Wild Bill Motorized Trails</b> EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:07/2009	08/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@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.				

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<b>Flathead National Forest</b>	<b>Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Swan Valley Minor Utility Service Extensions</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2008	10/2008	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Authorize utility companies to extend power and phone services to private inholdings.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Flathead National Forest</b>	<b>Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>A Trail Runs Through It</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/08/2008	Expected:04/2009	08/2009	Becky Smith 406-863-5438 brsmith@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Development of a 1/4 mile portion of trail on the Tally Lake Ranger District as part of a trail that encircles the city of Whitefish, MT.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T31N, R22W, Section 29. Tally Lake Ranger District.					
<b>Ashley-Herrig Resource Management Project</b> EA	- Road management - Facility management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2009	Expected:08/2009	07/2010	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/ashley_herrig/index.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/ashley_herrig/index.htm</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Flathead National Forest</b>	<b>Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Ingalls Mountain Historic Connector Trail Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:08/2009	08/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A project to build 1.7 miles of non-motorized trail to connect the Star Meadow Guard Station Rental Cabin with the Ingalls Mountain trail #171. Some of the trail would be constructed on an historic tread and a stream crossing would be needed.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Section 7, T30N, R24W. The proposed trail would be located near Star Meadow on the Tally Lake Ranger District.				
<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 03/2009	Expected:05/2009	08/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 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>Sanko Creek Cutthroat Trout Refuge Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:04/2009	08/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A project to modify stream crossings on Sanko Creek to create barriers to non-native fish migration.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Sections 27 and 28 or T31N, R24W. The project is located in Sanko Creek, a tributary of Logan Creek on the Tally Lake Ranger District.				
<b>Sheppard Creek Post Fire Project</b> EIS	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 10/16/2008	11/2008	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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