



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2009 to 06/30/2009

Flathead National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 jkrueger@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
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:04/2009	05/2009	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 05/2009	Expected:08/2009	11/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@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.				

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Whitebark Pine Daylight Thinning CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2008	Expected:04/2009	07/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Location: 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.				

Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Sekokini Springs Fish Hatchery Improvement Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2009	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would renovate the existing hatchery and outdoor facilities at the Sekokini Springs site for use as a westslope cutthroat trout experimental rearing and isolation facility.				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Middle Fork Flathead River (near Blankenship Bridge).				

Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Doris Point Boat Launch Project CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/19/2009	06/2009	Paula Peterson 406-387-3818 pkpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Constructing a boat ramp on Hungry Horse Reservoir and associated facilities (parking lot, 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 04/2009	Expected:07/2009	09/2010	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project designed to manage elk habitat, 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	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 Fuels Reduction Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2009 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2009	Expected:09/2009	07/2011	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.				
NorthWestern Energy Test Core Drilling Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2009	Expected:07/2009	09/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: To determine subsurface conditions for the use of horizontal directional drills associated with the proposed Kalispell Valve 5 to Valve 6 Pipeline Loop. Includes about 5 boring site on NFS lands adjacent to Highway 2 or Skyland Road.				
	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.				

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Flathead National Forest Spotted Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Reissuance of Diamond R and Wilderness Lodge Special Use Resort Permits CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2008	Expected:05/2009	05/2009	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use resort permits for 15 years				
	Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Near the Spotted Bear Ranger Station Compound.				
Soldier Addition EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2009	Expected:09/2009	07/2012	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. Battery Creek to Bunker Creek.				

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Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Blacktail Motorized Trails EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2009	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed 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.				

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Cilly Creek to Swan Lake Underground Power Line CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/22/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A proposal by Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc to retire existing overhead power line and replace it with underground power line along existing right-of-way of Highway 83 for an estimated 20, 413 feet. Line buried by plow; 12 new vaults installed.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T25N R18W Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36; T24N R17W Sections 6 and 7. Highway 83 Corridor between Cilly Creek and Swan Lake.				
Holland Lake Lodge Special Use Cabin Construction CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/29/2009	04/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of a request from a Special Use Permittee to add a caretaker's cabin.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T20N R16W Section 35. Holland Lake Lodge Resort.				
Holland Prescribed Fire CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/19/2009	05/2009	John Ingebretson 406-837-7518 jingebretson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning of 995 acres to restore fire dependent vegetation to the benefit of wildlife species and reduce the natural fuel buildups within treatment units within the Rumble, Barber, and Holland Drainages.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T20N R16W Sections 34 & 35; T20N R16W Sections 2, 3, 4, 25, and 36; T20N R15W Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32. Project located in Rumble, Barber, and Holland Drainages of Upper Swan Valley.				
Mid Swan Blowdown Salvage Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/15/2009	Expected:05/2009	07/2009	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project located in T23NR17W Section 17, T22NR17W Sections 8, 10, 14, 16, 17, and 18.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/nepa/nepa.htm				
Location: 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.					

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Rogers Lake Line Burial CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/08/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Andrew Johnson 406-837-7507 andrewjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposals by Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc and CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. to install single phase underground power cable and copper phone line at a depth of 36" to 40" for approximately 2100 feet along the right-of-way of Road 5373.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T27N R23W Section 28. Rogers Lake Road (Road 5373; approximately 2 miles south of Highway 2 west of Kalispell.				
Summit Mountain Pine Beetle Salvage Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/26/2009	Expected:09/2009	10/2009	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7510 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to salvage trees affected by the mountain pine beetle on an estimated 1331 acres of NFS lands. Project will utilize 1 mile of existing road, 0.5 miles of skid trails and 3.0 miles of temporary road construction to access affected timber.				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T19N R16W Sections 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, and 24; T19N R15W Section Section 18. National Forest System lands south of Holland Lake to the hydrologic divide adjacent to the Lolo National Forest in the Swan Valley; east of Highway 83 including areas adjacent to Pierce Lake.				

Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
A Trail Runs Through It CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/02/2009	08/2009	Becky Smith 406-758-3538 brsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T31N, R22W, Section 29. Tally Lake Ranger District.				

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Facility management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2009 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2009	Expected:08/2009	07/2010	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 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 Power Line Relocation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2009	Expected:08/2009	09/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Flathead Electric is proposing to relocate about 2130 feet of underground electric line to a more accessible location. The proposal also includes the installation of five underground concrete vaults to be used for cable pulling and conduit access.				
	Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Sections 25 and 36, T32N, R22W. Project is located on the Whitefish Mountain Resort five miles north of Whitefish, Montana.				
Ingalls Mountain Historic Connector Trail Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2008	Expected:08/2009	08/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

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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 05/2009	Expected:06/2009	08/2009	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.				
Sanko Creek Cutthroat Trout Refuge Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2009	Expected:07/2009	08/2009	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to modify stream crossings on Sanko Creek to create barriers to non-native fish migration.				
	Location: 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.				

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