



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

Helena National Forest

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Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Peter Gaulke 703-605-4796 tparker03@fs.fed.us
Description: The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service are preparing a joint Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the leasing of BLM and USFS administered lands with moderate to high potential for geothermal resources in 11 western states. Web Link: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/geothermal_nationwide.html					
Location: UNIT - Clearwater National Forest All Units, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, San Juan National Forest All Units, White River National Forest All Units, Carson National Forest All Units, Cibola National Forest All Units, Coronado National Forest All Units, Gila National Forest All Units, Lincoln National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Payette National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Uinta National Forest All Units, Cleveland National Forest All Units, Eldorado National Forest All Units, Lassen National Forest All Units, Los Padres National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Modoc National Forest All Units, San Bernardino National Forest All Units, Sequoia National Forest All Units, Tahoe National Forest All Units, Gifford Pinchot National Forest All Units, Malheur National Forest All Units, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest All Units, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest All Units, Umpqua National Forest All Units, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units, Willamette National Forest All Units, R10 - Alaska Region All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Rio Grande National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units, Wasatch-Cache National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Sierra National Forest All Units, Ochoco National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest All Units, Santa Fe National Forest All Units, Angeles National Forest All Units, Plumas National Forest All Units, Fremont-Winema National Forest All Units, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Shasta Trinity National Forest All Units, Deschutes National Forest All Units, Mt. Hood National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units, Inyo National Forest All Units, Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands All Units, Washington Office (National Headquarter). STATE - Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Texas, South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Idaho, District of Columbia, Colorado, California, Arizona, Alaska. COUNTY - Aleutians East, La Paz, Colusa, Denver, Douglas, Bonner, Columbia, Coos. 11 contiguous Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) and Alaska.					

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Blizzard Basin Water Developments CE	- Watershed management - Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2008	06/2008	Vicky MacLean 406-449-5490 vmaclean@fs.fed.us
	Description: Redevelop one old water development and develop one new one. Collect water in a conventional headbox and pipe water to a tank at each of two locations.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T7N, R1W, Sec.18. Developments would be on the Clancy Creek grazing allotment, west of MT Tunnels Mine.				
Divide Travel Plan EA	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Dave Carroll 406-495-3716 dcarroll@fs.fed.us
	Description: Travel management analysis covering summer and winter motorized use.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. Ten Mile drainage, Little Blackfoot drainage, and area towards Meyers Hill.				
Haug Special Use Private Road permit renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2006	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of an existing Road Use Permit that allows the permittee to access their private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. SE 1/4, Sec. 9, T 8 N, R 2 W.				
Holliday Private Access EA	- Special use management - Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application requesting access to private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements is possible, depending on alternative selected.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - T 8 N, R 6 W, Sec. 6. Little Blackfoot River/Telegraph Creek.				

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Kingsberry Road Relocation EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	Charlie McKenna 406-495-3729 cmckenna@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute about 2,000 feet of existing road from pvt. property across which there is no public ROW, to NFS lands immediately to the south west. The road would provide access from the Jimtown Road to the Oregon Gulch/Hedges Mountain area.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N,R1W, NW 1/4 Sec. 22. Kingsbury Road.				
Lewis and Clark County Hedges Mtn. Communications Use CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application for long-term occupancy of site on Hedges Mtn. for communications use.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 1 E, Sec. 6. Hedges Mtn.				
Little Blackfoot River Road Conveyance CE	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conveyance of ROW easement to Powell County of isolated segments of Forest Development Road #227. This conveyance will consolidate jurisdiction of the affected existing road.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - T9N, R6W, W 1/2 Sec.30 & Sec.36, T8N, R7W, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec.1. Little Blackfoot River area.				
MacDonald Pass Hazard Tree Removal CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/11/2008	10/2008	Timothy Lahey 406-495-3950 tlahey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove hazard trees within two recreational sites on MacDonald Pass. The trees are lodgepole pines primarily infested with mountain pine beetle.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - T9N,R6W, Sec. 1&2,. Cromwell Dixon Campground and Quigley Day Use/CDNST Trailhead - appx. 14 acres.				

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Ophir/Carpenter Drift Fence CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Shawn Heinert 406-362-4265 sheinert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Build a short drift fence to prevent cattle from traveling from the Carpenter Creek drainage over the ridge to Ophir Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N, R6W, Sec.20. Carpenter and Ophir Creeks.				
PPSR Private Access CE	- Special use management - Road management - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application requesting access to private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T8N, R2W, Sec.2. Elkhorn Mountains.				
Park Lake Hazardous Tree Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	11/2008	Kurt Cuneo 406-449-5490 kcuneo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of dead and dying lodgepole pine trees on approximately 30 acres in Park Lake campground and day use area.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Section 13. Park Lake Campground.				
Pike Aspen Improvement and Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/29/2008	09/2008	Denise Pengeroth 406-495-3736 dpengeroth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Appx. 4 acres of aspen will be fenced to promote aspen regeneration. Fence height is between 6 and 7 feet in order to exclude domestic and native ungulates. Small diameter conifers will be removed, lopped, and scattered.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N, R1W, Sec. 36. North Big Belt Mtn Range, in the vicinity of Indian Flats, near the former Pike Creek Campground.				

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Sale of Helena Administrative Site EA	- Land ownership management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2008	Expected:08/2009	01/2010	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of buildings, dwellings, and raw land comprising a portion of the Helena Administrative Site.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T10N, R3W, Sec.20, SE1/4. Helena, MT.				
Skelton Private Access EA	- Special use management - Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2003 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	03/2009	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application requesting private access to two separate tracts of private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements will be required, thus allowing the public access to adjacent NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 12 N, R 1 W, Sec. 31, T 13N, R 1 E, Sec. 19. Soup Creek, Elk Ridge.				
Snowshoe Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2008	07/2008	David Madden 406-449-5490 ext.3934 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to dig 12 test holes to bedrock and remove samples for testing.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N, R7W, Sec.23. Between Sonwshoe Creek drainage and Uncle Ben drainage.				
Telegraph Creek Road Conveyance CE	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conveyance of ROW easement to Powell COunty of isolated segments of Forest Development Road #495. This conveyance will consolidate jurisdiction of the affected existing road.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - N1/2 sec. 29 T9N R6W. Telegraph Creek.				

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ZHZ LLP/Forest Service exchange of Road Easements and New Road Construction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2008	12/2008	Stephen Wyatt 406-266-3425 swyatt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Easement exchange: Authority to construct, operate, and maintain a road to a year-round residence, in exchange for administrative and public access across existing roads.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - SE 1/4, Sec. 9, T9N, R4W. Park City Area.				

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Blackfoot - North Divide Winter Travel Planning EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/09/2006	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Mandy Alvino 406.362.4265 MAlvino@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a plan that will provide for a variety of motorized and non-motorized winter recreation opportunities.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. Lincoln Ranger District (except Scapegoat Wilderness) & appx. 30,000 acres nw of Helena RD.				
Hennesy Placer Sampling CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/12/2008	09/2008	David Madden 406-449-5490 ext.3934 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hand digging with pick and shovel and removal of fines for sampling. No milling on site. Shallow hand dug holes. Total volume per year would be around five cubic yards.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T15N, R9W, Sec.27. West side of Stonewall Creek and west of placer tailings rocks from earlier mining.				

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Marsh/Tarhead EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/01/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2008	Expected:01/2009	03/2009	Jan Fauntleroy 406-449-5201 jfauntleroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment management plan revision - maintain the current management and incorporate the adaptive management concept.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N, R7W, Sec. 25-27, 34-36, and T13N, R6W, Sec. 4,5 and T14N,R6W,Sec.16,20-22,25,29,31,32,34. E side of continental divide. Se of Granite Butee in the Marsh Creek & N. Fork Marsh Creek drainages. S. of Flesher Pass in the eino, Specimen, Trahead, & Trout Creel drainages.				

Helena National Forest Townsend Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Benton Gulch placer sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2008	Expected:12/2008	05/2009	David Madden 406-449-5201 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal would involve the removal of the top soil of the sample area and removal of gold bearing gravel to a trammel. It would then be washed and returned to the sample area, and the top soil would be replaced and seeded.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T11N, R3E, sec 32. Benton Gulch on the eastside of the Big Belt Mountains. .20 miles West of Watson on the South side of the road on a bench above the creek.				
Cabin Gulch Vegetation Management EIS	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/06/2005 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2008	Expected:03/2009	06/2009	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will address stand health and related fuel hazards in an area with expanding insect infestations (Doglas-fir beetle and pine bark beetle).				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. Big Belt Mountains - Cabin Gulch and North Fork Deep Creek drainages.				

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Crow Creek Recreational Suction Dredging CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2008	08/2008	David Madden 406-449-5490 ext.3934 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sampling of Crow Creek drainage for placer using hand tools, suction dredge, and a high banker.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T7N, R1W, Sec.32. Crow Creek/Hall Creek area east side of the Elkhorn Mtns.				
GGM&B Camas Creek placer gold sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2008	Expected:11/2008	06/2009	David Madden 406-449-5201 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: The operator proposes to sample for placer gold in a tailings area at the head of Camas Creek in the Big Belt Mtns. He would use a high banker, small pump, and atv to access and haul equipment.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T9N, R4E, sec 20 and 29. Big Belts, east of Canyon Ferry Lake, on the White Shulphur Springs side of the belts.				
Grassy/Deep Creek Cattle and Horse Allotment Management Plan Revision EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2008	Expected:06/2009	06/2010	Dea Nelson 406-495-3865 dnelson09@fs.fed.us
	Description: Revise AMP written in 1968 and 1969.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. Big Belt Mountains, Deep Creek drainage.				
Hay Peggy Fuels Reduction EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2008	Expected:05/2009	09/2009	Dea Nelson 406-495-3705 dnelson09@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce fuels on forest and grassland areas in the southern Big Belt Mountains - including areas in wildland urban interface adjacent to Grassy Mtn. subdivision.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Meagher. Big Belt Mountains, southern portion including Hay Creek, Dry Creek, and Greyson Creek.				

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Lodgepole Pine Test Plantation Thinning - Long Gulch CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 04/11/2008	10/2008	Amanda Milburn 406-495-3928 amilburn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning a 20-year old LP genetic test plantation to improve growing conditions for the most desirable individuals.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. Long Gulch.				
Ray Creek Grazing Allotment EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2008	Expected:01/2009	03/2009	Dea Nelson 406-495-3865 dnelson09@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed reauthorization of grazing using an adaptive management strategy.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T8N R4E and T7N R4E. Big Belt Mountains - North end of Deep Creek and Holloway Gulch drainages.				
Sale of Townsend Administrative Site EA	- Land ownership management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2008	Expected:08/2009	01/2010	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of ROW lands comprising a portion of the Townsend Administrative Site.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T7N, R3E, Sec.32, NE 1/4. Townsend, MT.				
Sale of Townsend Dwelling CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2007	Expected:01/2009	05/2009	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of home on administrative site within Townsend city limits.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T7N, R2E, Sec. 31, Lot 8, Block 22. Townsend, MT.				

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Teague Ranches Ditch Bill Easements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Regulations, Directives, Orders	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:01/2009	06/2009	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of easements for water storage and conveyances systems that qualify under authority of the Ditch Bill (P.L 99-545). Storage and conveyance systems are existing and in place; previously authorized by Special use Permit or terms of an AMP.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T9N, R4E; secs. 4,5,6 and T10N, R4E; sec. 32. 21 miles NE of Townsend, Montana; Pickfoot and Atlanta Creeks.				

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