



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2009 to 06/30/2009

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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Helena National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Helena National Forest Hazardous Tree Removal EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/18/2008	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
	Description: Standing dead and dying trees would be felled and /or removed. Designated trees are approximately 75-175 feet (1.5 tree lengths) from the edge of the road surface or within/around the boundary of an administrative site.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Powell. Helena National Forest system roads, campgrounds, trailheads, and administrative site would be treated to reduce the public safety hazard of beetle killed and infested trees.				

Helena National Forest		Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
Clancy Grazing Allotment EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	01/2010	Dea Nelson 406-495-3865 dnelson09@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed reauthorization of grazing using an adaptive management strategy.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T8N, R 4 & 5 W, T7N, R4&5W. West of Jefferson City.				
Divide Travel Plan EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2009	Expected:08/2009	01/2010	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.				

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Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Haug Special Use Private Road permit renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2006	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	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 06/2009	Expected:08/2009	09/2009	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.				
Kingsberry Road Relocation EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	09/2009	Duane Harp 406-495-3924 dharp@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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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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.				
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	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/24/2008	Expected:01/2009	05/2009	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.				

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Sale of Helena Administrative Site EA	- Land ownership management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2009	Expected:09/2009	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 06/2009	Expected:07/2009	11/2009	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.				
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.				

Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Blackfoot - North Divide Winter Travel Planning EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/09/2006	Expected:10/2009	12/2009	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.				

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Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Marsh/Tarhead EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/01/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2009	Expected:09/2009	01/2010	Dea Nelson 406-495-3865 dnelson09@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	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 12/19/2008	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	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/27/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2009	Expected:06/2009	09/2009	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 (Douglas-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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Diamond City Queen Placer Sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	David Madden 406-449-5201 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of topsoil and sampling in an area that has been hydraulic mined. Reclamation would occur progressively. Equipment would be removed at the end of the sampling season.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T10N, R2W, Sec.25. Confederate Gulch.				
GGM&B Camas Creek placer gold sampling CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 01/05/2009	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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Ray Creek Grazing Allotment EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:08/2009	01/2010	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.				

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Sale of Townsend Administrative Site EA	- Land ownership management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:09/2009	01/2010	Larry Cole 406-495-3728 lcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of RAW 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:04/2009	09/2009	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.				
Teague Ranches Ditch Bill Easements CE	- Special use management - Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
VARK 10 Placer Sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	David Madden 406-495-3741 dmadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sampling undertaken in old placer tailings.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T11N., R2E., Sec. 25. Head of Beaver Creek on the east side of Big Belt Mtns.				

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