



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.				
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@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/2007_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.				

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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Aquatic Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:08/2008	01/2009	Don Gay 360-856-5700 dgay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of special use permits for outfitter and guides using the N.F. Nooksack, Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish, and Cispus Rivers.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District, Darrington Ranger District, Skykomish Ranger District, Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom. LEGAL - T40NR6E, T39NR6 and 7E, T39NR7E, T35NR8,9,10E, T36NR11E, T31-35NR10E, T32NR9E, T27NR9 and 10E, T11NR5,6,7, and 8E. N. F. Nooksack, Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish, and Cispus Rivers..				
Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatment -Gifford Pinchot NF and Columbia River Gorge NSA, Washington EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/08/2006 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2007	Expected:12/2007	02/2008	Virginia Kelly 541-308-1720 vkelly@fs.fed.us
	Description: Site-specific analysis of various methods of control of invasive weeds in the Gifford Pinchot NF and the Columbia River Gorge NSA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasiveplant-eis/site-specific-forests/GIP-CRGNSA-Washingtonside.htm				
Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit, Cowlitz Ranger District, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington, Oregon. COUNTY - Hood River, Multnomah, Wasco, Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania. Various, throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area..					
White Pass Ski Area Expansion EIS	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2007 06/14/2007	05/2008	Susan Ranger 509-653-1446 sranger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed expansion of White Pass Ski Area permit boundary for construction of up to two additional chair lifts, a warming hut and additional ski runs				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/projects/white-pass/				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District, Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Yakima. LEGAL - T13N, R11E, WM. White Pass Ski Area on State Highway 12 in the southwest portion of the Naches Ranger District and the Cowlitz Valley District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.					

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

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Sawtooth Huckleberry Restoration Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/12/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2008	Expected:06/2008	08/2008	Cheryl Mack 509-395-3421 cmack@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to enhance huckleberry production. A variety of methods for reducing tree canopy cover could occur, including lopping, girdling, firewood harvest, commercial timber harvest, and prescribed burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T7N, R8E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. The Sawtooth Berry Fields are located about 13 miles NW of Trout Lake, WA..				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest		Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Dry Burton Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 06/08/2007	09/2007	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 320 acres of mid-seral planted stands.Reconstruct approximately 2 miles of closed roads (to be closed again after completion of project).				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Smith Creek drainage, Upper Cowlitz Watershed.				
Lower Cispus Road Decommissioning EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	08/2008	Gery Ferguson 360-497-1136 gferguson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a road decommissioning package that would contribute to Stewardship and other Timber Sale projects.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Lower Cispus Watershed including roads in the Yellowjacket sub-watershed.				

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Packwood Facilities Disposal EA	- Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/17/2007	Expected:12/2007	07/2008	Gery Ferguson 360-497-1136 gferguson@fs.fed.us
Description: Disposal of facilities at Packwood Ranger Station, potentially including office, housing, outbuildings.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Packwood Ranger Station, Packwood, Washington.					
RAC Plantation Restoration Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:10/2007	07/2008	Kristie Miller 360-497-1105 klmiller@fs.fed.us
Description: A thinning project proposed by the Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Working Group to thin up to 1,200 acres of existing plantation stands.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Pierce, Skamania. LEGAL - Not yet available. Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, District Wide.					
Silverbrook Road Danger Tree Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/11/2007	09/2007	Gery Ferguson 360-497-1136 gferguson@fs.fed.us
Description: Fall danger trees along Silverbrook road which is a school bus route and trees are presenting a hazard.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T. 12 N., R. 7 E., Sections 9 and 10. The area is adjacent to Silverbrook Road just east of Randle, Washington..					
Woods Creek LSR Thinning EA	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:01/2008	07/2008	Gery Ferguson 360-497-1136 gferguson@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial thinning in LSR with restoration objective					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Lower Cispus Watershed.					

Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District)	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Canyon Thinning Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	06/2008	Mitch Wainwright 360-449-7857 mwainwright@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercially thin overstocked, dense timber stands within the Late-successional Reserve (LSR) and matrix allocations of the lower Canyon Creek and Lower Siouxon 6th field watersheds in the northwestern portion of the Wind LSR.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec. 4 6, T. 5N, R. 5E, Sec. 1 6, T. 4N, R. 5E, W.M.. Lower Canyon Creek and Lower Siouxon 6th field watersheds in the northwestern portion of the Wind LSR..				
Clear Creek Road Decommissioning Project EA	- Road management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/13/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2008	Expected:04/2008	06/2008	Amy Lieb 360-449-7841 alieb@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal would close or decommission 25.3 miles of roads within the Muddy River, Upper Lewis River, and White Salmon River fifth-field watersheds.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. The roads are located within the Muddy River, Upper Lewis River, and White Salmon River fifth-field watersheds, about 10 miles NE of Swift Reservoir..				
Copper Creek and Slide Creek Trail Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	William Uyesugi 360-449-7828 wuyesugi@fs.fed.us
	Description: Two trail bridges on the Lewis River Trail (#31) would be removed and replaced with laminated beam bridges. Both the Cooper Creek and Slide Creek Bridges were recommended for replacement during the 2003 Forest trail bridge inspection.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T8N, R7E, Section 24. Both bridges are on the Lewis River Trail, Trail #31. The Slide Creek Bridge is located at trail mile 11.7 and the Copper Creek Bridge is located at trail mile 12.3..				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

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Government Mineral Springs Summer Home Consistency/Continuance EA	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	03/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine whether each of the existing summer homes are consistent with the LRMP and if not, make recommendations for compliance.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - S. 31, T. 5 N, R. 7 E. Government Mineral Springs summer home tract.				
Ice Caves Cattle & Horse Allotment EA	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/21/2007	12/2007	Bruce Holmson (509) 395-3390 bholmson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop/update the management standards and mitigation measures (Allotment Management Plan) to assure cattle grazing is in compliance with the 1990 Gifford Pinchot National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T. 6N, R. 9E, W.M.. Ice Caves Cattle and Horse Allotment, 31,543 acres located located north of South Prairie, west of the 6035 road, south of Dead Horse Meadows, and east of the forest boundary..				
Paradise Thinning Wildlife Enhancement CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 02/07/2007	07/2007	Erin Black 509-395-3411 ekblack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Precommercial thin aprox. 1,000 acres in selected stands to provide a diverse broken habitat for wildlife in critical winter range area and to create multi-layered stands, increased growth.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T. 6N, R. 7E, W.M.. In the Paradise Hills vicinity, upper Wind River watershed..				
Smith Butte Research Natural Area Establishment EA	- Special area management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/01/2006	Expected:01/2008	01/2008	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
	Description: Establish RNA per LRMP.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - S. 20, T. 7 N, R. 11 E, W.M.. Smith Butte, southeast of Mount Adams.				

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Steamboat Lake Restoration CE	- Watershed management - Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3480 jnakae@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove and restore roads and wheel tracks adjacent to Steamboat Lake, while still providing access to the lake and opportunities for walk-in dispersed camping.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec 31&32, T.8N., R.9E, Sec 5, T.7N., R.9E., W.M.. Steamboat Lake, adjacent to FR 8854040..				
Steamboat Lake Restoration EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/09/2007	Expected:05/2008	05/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove and restore roads and wheel tracks adjacent to Steamboat Lake, while still providing access to the lake and opportunities for walk-in dispersed camping.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec 31 & 32, T.8N., R.9E, Sec 5, T.7N., R.9E., W.M.. Steamboat lake Campground. Located adjacent to Forest Road 8854040..				
Win-Thin Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:03/2008	10/2008	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
	Description: Win-Thin Timber Sale proposes a commercial thinning of up to 770 acres. The construction of temporary roads and landings is also proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. The planning area comprises four subwatersheds, including Compass-Crater, Upper Trout Creek, Layout Creek and Lower Trout Creek, which are located within the Wind River Watershed..				
Wind River Trail Bridge Replacements CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2007	10/2007	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace, construct, or demolish twelve recreational trail bridges in the Wind River Watershed.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T.5N., R.6E, T.5N., R.7E., T.6N, R.7. W.M.. Old Man Pass area ski trails, Lave Butte Trail, and Soda Peaks Lake Trail..				

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