



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2008 to 06/30/2008

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2008 10/11/2007	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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/15/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@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/2008_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)

Aquatic Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:01/2009	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.				

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
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 03/2008	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Daniel Harkenrider 541-308-1706 dharkenrider@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.					

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Botanical Special Forest Products Harvest EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	Erin Black 541-352-6002 ext. 634 ekblack@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes to authorize and regulate the sustainable harvest of forest botanical products, including salal, fungi (including mushrooms), huckleberries, and beargrass, as well as less frequently requested botanical species.				
	Location: UNIT - Gifford Pinchot National Forest All Units. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Klickitat, Lewis, Skamania. Across the Forest within land allocations where harvesting is not limited or prohibited.				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Sawtooth Huckleberry Restoration Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/12/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	06/2009	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.				

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Kirk Thin Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	03/2009	Bonnie Allison 530-493-1758 ballison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 660 acres of stands within the Lower Cispus River watershed. The project will also include 0.3 miles of new specified road construction and about 0.5 miles of temporary road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T11N, R8E, Sec. 28, 29, 31-33, T10N, R7E, Sec. 1, T10N, R8E, Sec. 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 17-20, 29, 31, 32, T9N, R8E, Sec. 8. The project is located approximately 14 miles south of Randle, Washington.				
Lower Cispus Road Decommissioning EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:02/2009	03/2009	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@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.				
North Fork Campground Salvage CE	- Forest products - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage windthrown trees from the North Fork Campground so that facilities can re-open, and salvage blowdown on nearby FR 22 and FR 23 to provide economic recovery of downed material.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T11N, R8E, Sec. 10 & 11. North Fork Campground and FR 22 & 23, approximately 11 miles southeast of Randle, Washington.				
Packwood Facilities Disposal EA	- Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/17/2007	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@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. LEGAL - T 13 N, R 9 E, Sec. 22. Packwood Ranger Station, Packwood, Washington.				

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RAC Plantation Restoration Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	09/2008	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 Danger Tree salvage CE	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
	Description: A portion of the danger trees felled under a previous decision will be sold for commercial value due to merchantability of danger trees.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T12N, R7E, Sections 9 and 10. Silverbrook Road in Randle, Washington.				
Woods Creek LSR Thinning EA	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/24/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	09/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@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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Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District)	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Canyon Thinning Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2008	07/2008	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 05/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	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:05/2008	07/2008	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.				

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District)	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Precommercial Thinning, Pruning, and Bow Cutting CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2008	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	William Uyesugi 360-449-7828 wuyesugi@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would precommercial thin, prune, and authorize bow cutting in the Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds.				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
2008-2013 Young Stand Thinning, Pruning, and Bough Projects CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2008	Expected:04/2008	07/2008	Riley Dopler 509-395-3405 rdopler@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would reduce and control stand density by thinning ten to thirty-year old plantations, prune western white pine branches to mitigate western white pine blister rust infection, and allow the collection of special forest products.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Project sites are distributed throughout the Wind River, Big White Salmon, and Little White Salmon watersheds.				
Government Mineral Springs Summer Home Consistency/Continuance EA	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jknutson@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.				

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Smith Butte Research Natural Area Establishment EA	- Special area management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/01/2006	Expected:06/2008	06/2008	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.					
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	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2008	Expected:06/2008	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.					

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