



# Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009

## Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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<b>Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> 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. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/geothermal_nationwide.html">http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/geothermal_nationwide.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Aquatic Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits</b> EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2009	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Don Gay 360-856-5700 dgay@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Issuance of special use permits for outfitter and guides using the N.F. Nooksack, Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish, and Cispus Rivers.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>				<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>Botanical Special Forest Products Harvest</b> CE	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2008	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Erin Black 541-352-6002 ext. 634 ekblack@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>				<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>Sawtooth Huckleberry Restoration Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/12/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	06/2009	Cheryl Mack 509-395-3421 cmack@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</b>	<b>Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>Kirk Thin Timber Sale</b> EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:02/2009	07/2009	Bonnie Allison 530-493-1758 ballison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Lower Cispus Road Decommissioning</b> EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	06/2009	Kurt Davis 541-902-6954 kjDavis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Create a road decommissioning package that would contribute to Stewardship and other Timber Sale projects.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Lower Cispus Watershed including roads in the Yellowjacket sub-watershed.				
<b>North Fork Campground Salvage</b> CE	- Forest products - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2009	Expected:08/2009	09/2009	Kurt Davis 541-902-6954 kjDavis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Packwood Facilities Disposal</b> EA	- Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/17/2007	Expected:03/2009	07/2009	Kurt Davis 541-902-6954 kjDavis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Disposal of facilities at Packwood Ranger Station, potentially including office, housing, outbuildings.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</b>	<b>Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>RAC Plantation Restoration Project</b> EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Kristie Miller 360-497-1105 klmiller@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A thinning project proposed by the Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Working Group to thin up to 1,200 acres of existing plantation stands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Pierce, Skamania. LEGAL - Not yet available. Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, District Wide.				
<b>Upper Cispus Thin</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/31/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:05/2009	09/2009	Kurt Davis 360-497-1136 kjDavis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Upper Cispus Thin proposes a timber sale of approximately 1020 acres within the Upper Cispus Watershed. Commercial thinning, treatments designed to address forest health issues, and treatments to retain or enhance wildlife are possible activities.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Cowlitz. The planning area is located in four sixth field watersheds in the Upper Cispus drainage of Cowlitz Valley: Cat Creek-Cispus River, Chambers Creek-Cispus River, Adams and Muddy Fork of Cispus River.				

<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</b>	<b>Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>Clear Creek Road Decommissioning Project</b> EA	- Road management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2008	09/2008	Amy Lieb 360-449-7841 alieb@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District) Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>					
<b>Muddy River Nurse Logs</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:02/2009	06/2009	Adam Haspiel (541) 471-6759 ahaspiel@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Place large wood along stream bank to stabilize the floodplain and create areas to plant conifer and hardwood seedlings				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Overall project area is seven miles on the Muddy River Floodplain.				
<b>Precommercial Thinning, Pruning, and Bow Cutting</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 08/05/2008	08/2008	William Uyesugi 360-449-7828 wuyesugi@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would precommercial thin, prune, and authorize bow cutting in the Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds.				
<b>Widcat Thinning</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:04/2009	06/2010	Ruth Tracy 360-891-5112 rtracy@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Thinning on Mount St. Helens in various land management types.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Clark. Planning area comprises all subwatersheds in the Muddy River Watershed, plus two additional adjacent subwatersheds, Pine Creek and Little Creek within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.				
<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>					
<b>Government Mineral Springs Summer Home Consistency/Continuance</b> EA	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 08/01/2008	11/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Determine whether each of the existing summer homes are consistent with the LRMP and if not, make recommendations for compliance.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</b>	<b>Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R6 - Pacific Northwest Region</b>	
<b>Smith Butte Research Natural Area Establishment</b> EA	- Special area management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Establish RNA per LRMP.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Win-Thin Timber Sale</b> EA	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 12/17/2008	05/2009	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Win-Thin Timber Sale proposes a commercial thinning of up to 770 acres. The construction of temporary roads and landings is also proposed.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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