



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Bitterroot National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
2017 Bitterroot Stand Improvement Thinning Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amy Campbell 406-777-7421 aacampbell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Non-commercial thinning of small trees in stands previously harvested, planted and are now densely stocked. Thinning will increase tree health and vigor, and reduce the risk of mountain pine beetle caused mortality and large fires in the future.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51131				
Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Units are scattered across the Bitterroot National Forest.					
Bitterroot Fly Company Shuttle Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2018	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Bill Goslin 406-777-7419. bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a revoked shuttle permit to another permittee for the remainder of 10 year period.				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FS river access sites along the West Fork of the Bitterroot River.				
Montana All Mountain Adventures Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of a special use permit for a 10-year period to allow day use hiking, mountain biking, interpretive walks, snowshoeing and skiing.				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Montana portion of the Bitterroot Forest on trails designated in the 5-year operating period.				

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Montana Wilderness School Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2018	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a 2-year transitional permit to allow for guided Leave-No-Trace backpacking trips for youth. This is a new outfitted use. After 2 years, reissue as a 10-year priority use permit provided performance is satisfactory.				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Idaho, Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness on Stevensville, Darby and West Fork Ranger Districts. Travel on and off-trail. Emphasis is on Leave-No-Trace camping and traveling practices.				

Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Canyon Lake Dam Access for Repairs 2018 EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/08/2019	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	Eric Winthers 406-821-4244 ewinthers@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Canyon Creek Irrigation District adequate access to their facilities at Canyon Lake Dam. CCID requests access to their easement to make their facilities safe as required under federal dam safety laws.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55165				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T6N, R22W, SE1/4 Sec. 27, PMM, Ravalli County, Montana. The proposed project is located approximately 8 air miles west of Hamilton, Montana, on trail No. 525 in the Canyon Creek drainage in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.					
Como Ridge Trail Construction CE	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2018	Expected:04/2019	06/2019	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Como Ridge Trail will be a newly constructed mountain bike designed trail. It will be 3.02 miles located on the ridge immediately south of Lake Como. Starting at the 550 and 13200 road junction and ending at the 550 and 550A road junction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54206				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - R21w, T4N, Sec 6. R21w, T4N, Sec 6. Lake Como.					

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Darby Lumber Lands Phase 2 EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/24/2019	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Eric Winthers 406-821-4244 ewinthers@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road system and vegetation management, commercial timber harvest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49700				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along the Forest boundary, east of Darby, from Robbins Gulch watershed at the south end to Little Sleeping Child in the north. Rye Creek and North Fork Rye Creek are the larger streams in the project area.					
North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gilbert Gale 406-544-6321 ggale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of the North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment for reissuance of grazing permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec 36 & portions of 35, T5N, R20W; Portions of Sec 31 & 32, T5N, R19W; Portions of Sec 1,2 & 3 T4N, R20W; Sec or portions of Secs 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, PB38, PB39, PB40 & PB41 T4N, R19W. Two Bear Creek on the Darby Ranger District.				

Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Gold Butterfly EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/16/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2019	Expected:10/2019	02/2020	Tami Sabol 406-777-7410 tjsabol@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project to harvest, thin, and prescribe burn forest stands to improve resilience to insects, disease, and wildfire and restore the fire return intervals. Move trailheads and manage roads to improve stream conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51486				
Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T.6N.R.18W. sec.1-12, 16-20, 29,30, T.6N.R.19W. sec. 1,2,10-15,22-27, T.7N.R18W.sec. 2-36,T.7N.R.19W. sec. 1,2,11-14,22-27,34-36, T.8N.R.18W.sec. 20,21,28-34. On the east side of the Bitterroot Valley, from Little Three Mile Creek south to Saint Clair Creek and from the Bitterroot Forest boundary east to the boundary with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF.					

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Mill Creek CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2020	Jeffrey Shearer 406-375-2608 jeffreyshearer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes a combination of commercial, non-commercial, and prescribed fire to treat vegetation stand conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - S04, T06, R21 W, NE NW SW N2SE. project area located immediately south of Mill Creek trailhead.				
Sawmill Undetermined Roads CE	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marilyn Wildey 406-363-7101 mwildey@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to decommission 12.1 miles and store 2.9 miles of unneeded, non-system roads that are grown in with vegetation and pose no resource concerns. No physical ground disturbance is proposed other than installation of one Kelly hump.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T8N R18W Sec(s)16, 17, 18, 20. Project located in the Sawmill Drainage, accessible from County Road 2700, the Burnt Fork Road, to NFSR 710 in the Sawmill drainage.				
Threemile Good Neighbor Authority CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2019	Expected:04/2019	06/2019	Melissa Christensen 406-777-7425 melissajchristensen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve overall forest health in the WUI by increasing resilience to disturbance (insects, diseases, and fire) and provide wood products. Projects would be conducted in conjunction with vegetation management carried out by Montana Fish Wildlife and P				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55246				
Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Township 10N, Range 19W, Sections 3,4,32, 34. Approximately 12 miles NE of Stevensville, MT.					

Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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East Fork Ditch Fish Screen Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/03/2019	Expected:06/2019	11/2019	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project proposes to install a fish screen on the headgate of the East Fork Ditch.				
	Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T2N, R17W, S20NW. The East Fork Ditch exits the north bank of the East Fork Bitterroot River at river mile 28.7, across from Bonanza lands subdivision 17 miles east of Sula, Montana.				
McCart Lookout Protection Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Erica Strayer 406-821-4298 estrayer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce the threat of wildfire and restore the viewshed around the lookout by creating a 500' buffer (approximately 10 acres). The project proposes to mechanically remove dead and dying trees around the lookout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55808				
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. McCart Lookout is located on the Sula Ranger District (T. 2 N., R. 17 W., Section 33).					
Schultz Saddle Prescribed Burn CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:11/2019	03/2020	Jacquie Parks 406-821-4271 jmparks@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Schultz Saddle Rx is approx. 6,300 acres within the 2000 Valley Complex fire. The intent of this burn would be to clean up the fuels, open corridors for winter range, rejuvenate the elk habitat and improve a grazing allotment conditions.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/bitterroot/landmanagement/projects				
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1N R18W Sec 22-24, 36,25-26,13-14 T1N R17W Sec 19, 29-30. Schultz Saddle Rx is located 7 air miles southeast of Sula, MT and 8 air miles east of Lost Trail Ski Area.					

Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest	West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Mud Creek Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:04/2020	09/2020	Jeffrey Shearer 406-375-2608 jeffreyshearer@usda.gov
	Description: Project purpose is to design and implement a suitable transportation system, improve landscape resilience to disturbances, provide timber products and related jobs, and reduce crown fire hazard potential within and adjacent to the WUI.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the Mud Creek watershed and portions of the Nelson Lake, Little West Fork, Lloyd Creek, Lower Blue Joint, and Painted Rocks watershed areas of the Bitterroot Mountains.				
Nez Perce Ranch Fuels Clean Up CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	David Fox 406-821-1226 dbfox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Small tree thinning, handpiling, and prescribed fire on approximately 5 acres within the Wildland Urban Interface. Proposed treatments will reduce ladder and surface fuels, and change potential fire behavior in the event of a wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56158				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1N, R22W, Sec 35. Montana Meridian. Located along the Nez Perce Road approximately 2 miles west of the West Fork Road. Project borders Nelson Creek and the Nez Perce Fork of the Bitterroot River.				
Selway Wilderness Outfitters permit renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO ALLOW OUTFITTING FOR OVERNIGHT HUNTING AND SUMMER DAY-USE				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SELWAY BITTERROOT WILDERENESS IN IDAHO.				

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Bitterroot National Forest	West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
West Fork Fishing Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of 29 special use permits for a ten year term to allow for day-use access to Forest Service fishing access sites on the West fork of the Bitterroot River. Sites include; Rombo, Marty's Bridge, West Fork, Applebury and Job Corps.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The following boat launch sites: Rombo, Marty's Bridge, West Fork, Applebury, Job Corps.				

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