



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Bitterroot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.				

Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R1 - Northern Region

Bitterroot Fly Company Shuttle Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2018	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	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.				
Forest Plan Amendment - Elk Habitat Objectives EA	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:05/2020	07/2020	Jeffrey Shearer 406-375-2608 jeffrey.shearer@usda.gov
	Description: The Bitterroot National Forest is evaluating the need to conduct a programmatic amendment for elk habitat objectives under the 1987 Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57302				
Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Idaho, Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The programmatic forest plan amendment would cover the entire Bitterroot National Forest.					

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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.				
SKALKAHO LODGE - outfitter permit renewal CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Bill Goslin 406-821-1222 bill.goslin@usda.gov
	Description: RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO ALLOW OUTFITTERING FOR DAY-USE HUNTING.				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. ALL OF THE MONTANA PORTION OF THE BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST.				

Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest	Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Bitterroot Front EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:04/2020	01/2021	Eric Winthers 406-821-4244 ewinthers@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: This project aims to increase forest resiliency by addressing insect and disease risks, reducing risk of high severity wildfire, maintaining/improving wildlife habitat and watershed conditions, as well as maintaining/improving recreation and roads.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57341</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula, Ravalli. LEGAL - Multiple sections in: T10N/R20W-R21W, T11N/R20W-R21W, T2N/R21W-R22W, T3N/R21W-R22W, T4N/R21W-R23W, T5N/R21W-R23W, T6N/R21W-R22W, T7N/R21W-R22W, T8N/R21W-R22W, T9N/R20W-R21W. Project area includes Forest Service lands on the eastern front of the Bitterroot Range from Darby, MT (Trapper Creek area) to Florence, MT (McClain Creek area) on the Darby and Stevensville RDs.</p>					
Buckhorn GNA Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/02/2019	Expected:02/2020	07/2020	Jeffrey Shearer 406-375-2608 jeffrey.shearer@usda.gov
<p>Description: Project would address current, and increase resilience to future, insect and disease issues in the project area as well as reduce hazardous fuels conditions.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56927</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located along Forest System Road 714 (Gird Point Road) at the headwaters of Coffee, Tenderfoot, and Fullerton Gulches.</p>					

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Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Canyon Lake Dam Access for Repairs EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/22/2020	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	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.					
Lake Como Recreation Area - South Trails CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:02/2020	06/2020	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 mark.r.smith@usda.gov
	Description: To create a network of trails from existing single-track trails (2.8 miles), existing trails routes on road beds (4.5 miles), and proposed new single-track construction (8.0 miles).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57299				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T 3N, R 21W, Sec 5,6,7. Lake Como Greater Recreation Area, south side of the Lake.					
TRIPLE CREEK DOGSLED CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 billgoslin@usda.gov
	Description: REISSUANCE OF A TRANSITIONAL SPECIAL USE PERMIT AS A PRIORITY USE PERMIT FOR THE REMAINDER OF A 10-YEAR TERM TO ALLOW FOR OUTFITTED DAY-USE DOGSLED TRIPS.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. WEST FORK ROADS 468 & 5629. DARBY ROADS 75, 321, 5745, 73191, 369, 13256. DECEMBER TO MARCH. NO ROAD/SNOW GROOMING.				

Bitterroot National Forest	Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest	Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 billgoslin@usda.gov
	Description: REISSUANCE OF A TRANSITIONAL SPECIAL USE PERMIT AS A PRIORITY USE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE REMAINDER OF A 10-YEAR TERM TO ALLOW FOR YOUTH DAYTRIPS (HIKING, BIKING, XC SKIING AND SNOW SHOEING)AND BACKPACKING.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. STEVENSVILLE RD TRAILS: BIG CREEK, FRED BURR, SWEATHOUSE, GASH POINT DARBY RD TRAILS: CANYON CREEK LITTLE ROCK CREEK, COYOTE COULEE.				

Bitterroot National Forest	Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Schultz Saddle Prescribed Burn CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Jacque 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2019	Expected:05/2020	09/2020	Jeffrey Shearer 406-375-2608 jeffreyshearer@usda.gov
Description: Project purpose is to design and implement a suitable transportation system and to improve landscape resilience to disturbances, such as insects, diseases, and fire.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55744					
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.					
Piquett Creek Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/16/2019	Expected:01/2020	06/2020	David Fox 406-821-1226 david.fox@usda.gov
Description: Improve landscape resilience to disturbances (such as fire, insects and diseases) by diversifying forest structure and composition, and reducing fuels. Improve habitat diversity, forage quality and quantity for mule deer elk and bighorn sheep.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56774					
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1N, R21W Sections 1-3, 9-12 & 15. The project is located about five miles southwest of Conner, MT within the Piquett Creek and West Fork Bitterroot River-Lloyd Creek watersheds.					
Selway Wilderness Outfitters permit renewal CE	- 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 Highway, MP 9.1 Unauthorized Route Rehabilitation	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Sam Cook 406-821-4298 swcook@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: This project proposes to obliterate about 360 feet of user-created 2-track road. The road crew would use a backhoe to decompact the driving surface and spread slash on the decompact prism.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. MP 9.1 along West Fork Highway.				

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