



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Bitterroot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- 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 apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .					

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

R1 - Northern Region

Bitterroot Fly Company Shuttle Permit Issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Forest Plan Amendment - Elk Habitat Objectives EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020	Expected:05/2021	07/2021	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.					
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2020	01/2020	Bill Goslin 406-821-1222 bill.goslin@usda.gov
	Description: Renewal of a special use permit for a 10-year period to allow outfitting 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 *UPDATED*	<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 11/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Eric Winthers 406-821-4244 ewinthers@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57341				
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.					
Higgins Pipeline Special Use Permit Issuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Kristin Troop 406-363-7138 kristin.troop@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to allow landowners install a 2" buried water pipeline from Tin Cup Ditch to their property. The total length of buried line on NFS would be ~250 feet.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 650 Tin Cup Road, Darby, MT.				
Triple Creek Dogsled CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/10/2019	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 dogsled trips. No Road/snow grooming.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Ford Roads 468 & 5629. Darby Roads 75, 321, 5745, 73191, 369, 13256. December to March. No Road/snow grooming.				

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Two Bear Outfitters CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	Description: 10-year permit renewal for an overnight hunting outfitter in the Sapphire Mountains on the Darby Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two Bear Area north of Divide Creek in the Sapphire Mountains.				

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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 Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/24/2020	01/2021	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 billgoslin@usda.gov
	Description: Reissuance of a transitional special use permit as a priority 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.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Schultz Saddle Prescribed Burn CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Bitterroot National Forest	West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
High Plains Drifter CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a transitional special use permit as a priority special use permit for the remainder of a 10-year period to allow for day-use access to Forest Service access sites on the West Fork Bitterroot River				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FOREST SERVICE RIVER ACCESS SITES ALONG THE WEST FORK OF THE BITTERROOT RIVER.				
Hughes River Expeditions CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a transitional special use permit as a priority special use permit for the remainder of a 10-year term to allow for overnight whitewater rafting trips on the Selway River.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. ALONG THE SELWAY RIVER FROM PARADISE TO RACE CREEK.				
Mud Creek Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2019	Expected:04/2021	07/2021	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				
Selway River Adventures CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of a transitional special use permit as a priority special use permit for the remainder of a 10-year term to allow for overnight whitewater rafting trips on the Selway River.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. ALONG THE SELWAY RIVER FROM PARADISE TO RACE CREEK.				

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Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Selway Wilderness Outfitters Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/24/2020	03/2020	Bill Goslin 406-821-3269 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of a special use permit for a 10-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 Wilderness in Idaho.				

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