



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

### Bitterroot National Forest

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**Projects Occurring Nationwide**

<b>Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach</b> EIS  <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.</p>					
<p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/</a></p>					
<p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.</p>					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> 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 &amp; proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020</p>					
<p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a></p>					
<p><b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a>.</p>					

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

**R1 - Northern Region**

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Forest Plan Amendment - Elk Habitat Objectives</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Amy Fox 406-363-7120 amy.fox@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Bitterroot National Forest is evaluating the need to conduct a programmatic amendment for elk habitat objectives under the 1987 Forest Plan.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57302">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57302</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bitterroot Front</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- 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 04/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Eric Winthers 406-821-4244 ewinthers@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57341">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57341</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>C. Ben White Trail Construction</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/19/2021	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The C Ben White - Stomberg trail proposal is Pack and Saddle designed, class 3 with 24" tread width and less than 15% grades. It involves new construction of 0.50 miles and 0.15 miles of road converted to trail.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59358">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59358</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. R21W, T2N, Sec 13.					
<b>Cold Spring Hill ATV Trail</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/20/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would construct 5 new connector trails (approximately 0.70 miles total)while also converting existing closed FS Roads to trail status. The trail would be constructed to Trail Class 3 with 60" tread width.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59360">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59360</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. R20W, T4n, Section 35W.					
<b>Fullerton Gulch Livestock Water Trough</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Grazing management - Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Cole Mayn 406-363-7155 colemayn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Development of water collection system and stock watering tank on the road shoulder to reduce livestock dependence on water from natural stream channel.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T5N R19W SE SE of S14 or 46.1838 -113.9261. Project located where tributary to Fullerton Gulch crosses FR 714.				

<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Gold Butterfly Project - Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/15/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Matthew Anderson 406-363-7121 matthew.anderson3@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This SEIS for the Gold Butterfly Project will analyze a project-specific forest plan amendment related to management of old growth within the project area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59262">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59262</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 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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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>East Fork Fishing Access Site Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would use boulders to create a parking area and prevent unauthorized, motorized access to a user-created route that is currently causing damage to a wetland along the East Fork Bitterroot River.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59533">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59533</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service land along the East Fork Bitterroot River at milepost 12.9 of the East Fork Highway.					
<b>Schultz Saddle Prescribed Burn</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021	Expected:04/2021	09/2021	Jacquie Parks 406-821-4271 jmparks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55156">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55156</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Tolan Firewood Sale</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/19/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Ryan Hughes 406-210-0869 ryan.hughes@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Harvest of dead and/or dying tress on approximately 85 acres along the Tolan Road (FS 5740 road) and Hilltop Road (FS 13343 road). Harvest activity would be confined to within 150 feet of each side of the road.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59310">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59310</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed units are in T1N &1S, R18W, Sections 16, 20, 21, and 28; Principal Meridian.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>High Plains Drifter and Missoula on the Fly Special Use Permits</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/23/2021	02/2021	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Hughes River Expeditions</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. ALONG THE SELWAY RIVER FROM PARADISE TO RACE CREEK.				
<b>Missoula on the Fly</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of a transitional special use permit as a priority special use permit for the remainder of a 10-year term to allow for day-use access to Forest Service access sites on the West Fork Bitterroot River.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fishing access sites on Forest Service along West Fork Bitterroot River.				

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<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>	<b>West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Mud Creek Vegetation Management Project</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/21/2021	Expected:09/2021	11/2021	Seth Carbonari 406-821-1212 scarbonari@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project purpose is to design and implement a suitable transportation system and to improve landscape resilience to disturbances, such as insects, diseases, and fire.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55744">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55744</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Selway River Adventures</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Shufelt 406-821-3269 rrshufelt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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