



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Idaho Panhandle 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.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 bpblanchard@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.					

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Matthew McGrath 503-808-2405 mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
IPNF Noxious Weed Treatment Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Karl Dekome 208-765-7479 kdekome@fs.fed.us
	Description: Management of non-native invasive plant species utilizing herbicides, biological control agents, cultural and mechanical methods for weed control.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36183				
Location: UNIT - Idaho Panhandle National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Shoshone, Lincoln, Sanders, Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations across the forest.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R1 - Northern Region
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Kaniksu Over-snow Vehicle Travel Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Lynette Myhre 208-449-8067 lmyhre@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate routes and areas for over-snow vehicle use on the three northern ranger districts (Kaniksu)of the IPNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53091				
Location: UNIT - Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Lincoln, Sanders, Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, and Priest Lake Ranger Districts on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Bonners Ferry Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bog Creek Road Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 01/28/2020	07/2020	Kim Pierson 208-765-7220 kpierson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Providing safe east-west access across the Selkirk Mtns for U.S. Border Patrol agents by repairing and maintaining portions of the Bog Creek Road (Forest Roads 1013 and 2450).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41296				
Location: UNIT - Bonners Ferry Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boundary. LEGAL - T65N, R4W, Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19 and T65N, R5W, Section 24, B.M. Selkirk Mountains of northern Idaho within 2 miles of the Canadian border.					
Northern Lights new distribution line - Forest Road #2503 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/20/2020	05/2020	John Thompson 208-765-7385 john.thompson@usda.gov
	Description: Northern Lights is proposing to install a new buried powerline to service a parcel of private property owned by Highmark Construction Inc. This proposal will be authorized by an amendment to their current special use authorization.				
	Location: UNIT - Bonners Ferry Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boundary. LEGAL - T63N, R2E, Sec 11. The proposed powerline would be in the west ditch line of Forest Road #2503.				

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Idaho Panhandle National Forest Bonners Ferry Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Westside Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:11/2020	04/2021	Jennifer Anderson 208-267-6749 jlanderson02@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation management activities including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning, tree planting and recreation improvements.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56888					
Location: UNIT - Bonners Ferry Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boundary. LEGAL - Numerous Sections in T62N, R1W and T62N, R2W; also T61N, R1W Sections 2-11, 14 and 15; T61N, R2W Sections 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14-16 and 22; and T60N, R2W Sections 2, 11, 12, 13 and 24 B.M. Includes the Cascade, Myrtle, Snow, and Caribou Creek drainages from Burton Peak to Roman Nose, as well as lands in the vicinity of Dodge Peak and White Mountain.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Avista Fiber Optic Line Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2020	Expected:05/2020	07/2020	Joseph Holzinger 208-765-7279 joseph.holzinger@usda.gov
Description: Proposal includes installation of a buried fiber optic line on the north side of Canyon Creek Road within the existing right-of-way. Approximately 975' of this line would cross National Forest System lands.					
Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - Township 48 North, Range 5 East, Section 11, Boise Meridian. Adjacent to Canyon Creek between Sawmill Gulch and Sonora Gulch.					
English Point Forest Health Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2020	03/2020	Kyla Berendzen 208-769-3027 kberendzen@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial and non-commercial timber harvest, fuels reduction, tree planting, and trail maintenance/repair activities would occur to restore sustainable forest conditions and improve trail conditions in the English Point Recreation Area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56148					
Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Kootenai. LEGAL - T51N, R3W, Section 9, Boise Meridian. English Point Recreation Area, 8 miles northeast of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.					

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Honey Badger Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Kerry Arneson 208-769-3021 kerry.arneson@usda.gov
	Description: Project will be designed to improve ecological/social conditions, including but not limited to improved forest health, reduced potential for high-intensity wildfires, improved watershed conditions, and sustainable recreation opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56220				
Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Kootenai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is situated in the frontage country east of the Highway 95 corridor through Kootenai County, from northeast of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to just southeast of Bayview, Idaho.					
Lone Mountain Administrative Site Land Sale EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2020	04/2020	Kim Pierson 208-765-7220 kpierson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Idaho Panhandle National Forests proposes to sell approximately 136 acres of undeveloped lands within the Lone Mountain Seed Orchard administrative site, approximately 20 mi. north of Coeur d'Alene, no longer needed for seed orchard development.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47431				
Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Kootenai. LEGAL - E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2W1/2NE1/4 Section 27, T. 53 N., R. 4 W., Boise Meridian. Lone Mountain Seed Orchard.					

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Sandpoint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Auxer Exploratory Drill Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2020	Expected:04/2020	07/2020	Timothy Sadler 208-765-7206 tjsadler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Purpose is to further delineate a known mineral deposit. Two temporary drill pads would be constructed. Drill pads would be 100' X 100' in size and contain a 20 X 30 foot sump. Proponent would drill a total of 14 drill holes between the 2 pads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57049				
Location: UNIT - Sandpoint Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner. LEGAL - T57N, R2E, Section 20, BM. Located along Forest Service Trail 2240 in the Auxor Basin.					

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Buckskin Saddle Integrated Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/08/2020	Expected:07/2020	11/2020	Douglas Nishek 208-267-6765 dnishek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management activities including timber harvest, fuel reduction, road construction, improvement, storage & decommissioning, prescribed burning, trail mtce and improvement, tree planting, and potential travel management for elk security Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52563				
	Location: UNIT - Sandpoint Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner. LEGAL - T54N R3E Sec: 3-6, 7-10 and 16-18. T55N R3E Sec: 31-32. T54N R2E Sec: 1-4 and 9-14. T55N R2E Sec: 6-8, 15-23 and 25-36. T55N R1E Sec: 1 and 7-36. T54N R1E Sec: 1-11 and 15-16. T55N R1W Sec: 13, 23-26 and 34-36. T54N R1W Sec: 1-3. The following tributaries to the Clark Fork River: Dry Cr., Twin Cr., Derr Cr. and Johnson Creek. The Green Monarch Mountain area and the Granite Creek drainage.				

Idaho Panhandle National Forest St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R1 - Northern Region			
Emerald EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Chandra Neils 208-765-7248 cneils@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation and hazardous fuels management project to include: timber harvest, fuels reduction, watershed improvements, and roads management. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54817				
	Location: UNIT - St. Maries Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Latah, Shoshone. LEGAL - All or part of Sections 1, 2, 10-15, 22-24 in Township ID T42N R1W and Sections 4-10, 16-21, 29, and 30 in Township ID T42N R1E, Boise Meridian. The project area is located within Latah County, but extends slightly into Shoshone County west of Clarkia, ID.				

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Homestead EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/12/2020	Expected:08/2020	10/2021	Mary Reinhart 208-245-6034 mreinhart@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management activities, including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning and tree planting.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53049				
Location: UNIT - St. Maries Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Shoshone. LEGAL - T44N, R3E, Sec 9, 13-16, 20-24, 25-29 BM. T44N, R4E, Sec 17-20, 28-33 BM. The project area lies south of the St. Joe River in the Marble Creek drainage around Marble Mountain. The project area includes Little Daveggio Creek, Shearer Creek, Davies Creek, and Homestead Creek.					

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