



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

**Idaho Panhandle National Forest**

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- 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
	<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 & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<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> .				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
<b>Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan</b> EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 bpblanchard@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259">https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>IPNF Noxious Weed Treatment Project</b> EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Karl Dekome 208-765-7479 kdekome@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Management of non-native invasive plant species utilizing herbicides, biological control agents, cultural and mechanical methods for weed control.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36183">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36183</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Kaniksu Over-snow Vehicle Travel Plan</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Lynette Myhre 208-449-8067 lmyhre@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Designate routes and areas for over-snow vehicle use on the three northern ranger districts (Kaniksu)of the IPNF.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53091">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53091</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Bonners Ferry Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Northern Lights_Bussard Lake Rd</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	John Thompson 208-765-7385 john.thompson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Northern Lights is proposing to install a new buried powerline to service a private parcel off Bussard Lake Rd. The powerline would begin at an existing authorized Northern Lights powerline and travel 50 feet underground to the private property.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bonners Ferry Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boundary. LEGAL - T64N, R2E, Sec 10. 403 Bussard Lake Rd.				
<b>Westside Restoration Project</b> 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 08/2020	Expected:01/2021	09/2021	Jennifer Anderson 208-267-6749 jlanderson02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management activities including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning, tree planting and recreation improvements.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56888">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56888</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Fernan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>			
<b>Avista Fiber Optic Line Installation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/14/2020	07/2020	Joseph Holzinger 208-765-7279 joseph.holzinger@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Honey Badger Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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 08/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Kerry Arneson 208-769-3021 kerry.arneson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56220">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56220</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Priest Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>			
<b>Northern Lights_Thompson Rd</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/11/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	John Thompson 208-765-7385 john.thompson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Northern Lights has submitted a proposal to amend their existing special use permit and install a new buried powerline on the Priest Lake Ranger District. Specifically, they are proposing to install 4,365 feet of new buried powerline within the edge				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Priest Lake Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner. LEGAL - T58N, R4W, Sec 5 & 8. Thompson Rd.				

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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Priest Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Woodrat New Road Proposal</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2020	Expected:09/2020	06/2021	John Thompson 208-765-7385 john.thompson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed road would tie in with Forest Road 1048 (Woodrat Rd) and be approximately 300 feet in length.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Priest Lake Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner. LEGAL - T60N, R5W, Sec 24. South of E. Lakeshore Rd on Woodrat (1048).				

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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Sandpoint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Auxer Exploratory Drill Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2020	07/2020	Timothy Sadler 208-765-7206 tjsadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57049">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57049</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest Sandpoint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>			
<b>Buckskin Saddle Integrated Restoration Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<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>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/08/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2022	Douglas Nishek 208-267-6765 dnishek@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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 <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52563">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52563</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>			
<b>Emerald</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Chandra Neils 208-765-7248 cneils@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation and hazardous fuels management project to include: timber harvest, fuels reduction, watershed improvements, and roads management. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54817">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54817</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest St. Maries Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Homestead</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/12/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2021	Mary Reinhart 208-245-6034 mreinhart@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management activities, including timber harvest, road construction, prescribed burning and tree planting.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53049">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53049</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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