



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2019 to 03/31/2019

Flathead National Forest

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

Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2014	Expected:04/2015	04/2015	Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us
Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827					
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.					
FNF Plan Revision & NCDE GBCS Amendment to the Lolo, Helena, Lewis & Clark, and Kootenai NFs EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/14/2017	Expected:05/2018	06/2018	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 jkrueger@fs.fed.us
Description: The Flathead NF is revising their forest plan and preparing an amendment providing relevant direction from the NCDE Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy into the forest plans for the Lolo, Helena, Kootenai, and Lewis & Clark National Forests.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr					
Location: UNIT - Kootenai National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Flathead National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Sanders, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Flathead National Forest; portions of the Lolo, Kootenai, Helena, and Lewis & Clark NF found in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (grizzly bears).					

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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.					

Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Betty Baptiste EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	Completed	Actual: 12/10/2018	06/2019	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would provide vegetation, transportation, and recreation management in the project area on the Hungry Horse-Glacier View and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40128				
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is approximately 19,560 acres in size; bounded to the north by Paint Creek, to the south by South Dry Parks Creek, and to the east by the Great Bear Wilderness boundary.					

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Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Tree Improvement Test Plantation Thinning CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2016	Expected:06/2016	06/2016	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Implement removal (pre-commercial thinning) of selected trees in five test plantations on the Flathead National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49561				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R17W, Sec. 30, Sec. 25, T21N R18W, Sec. 4, T32N, R21W Sec. 23., T29 N, R17W Sec. 1 and Sec. 2.					

Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region	
Crystal Cedar EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2019	Expected:08/2019	10/2019	Sarah Canepa 406-387-3800 scanepa@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to reduce hazardous fuels in the wildland-urban interface, improve the health and diversity of forest vegetation communities, and provide a range of trail-based recreational opportunities near the community of Columbia Falls.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52844				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located north of the town of Columbia Falls and west of the Flathead River. The project area includes Crystal Creek, Cedar Flats, Spoon Lake, Blankenship, and Teakettle Mountain.					

Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region	
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Patrol Ridge Radio Repeater Relocation CE	- Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Eric Proctor 406-758-5270 eproctor@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to relocate the existing Patrol Ridge radio repeater from its existing site to approximately 1 mile southwest along Patrol Ridge to a better location for radio communication coverage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44782				
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T28N, R14W, SE 1/4 Section 14. Located west of Granite Creek in the Skyland-Challenge area, approximately 4 miles in on FS Rd 1651 from the junction of FS Rd 569 and FS Rd 1651 on NFS land 300 ft outside the Great Bear Wilderness.					

Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bug Creek Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/12/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2018	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Matthew Shaffer 406-758-3508 matthewshaffer@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will consider the following actions: Fuels reduction treatments, commercial timber sales, reclamation of roads, and installation and/or approval of existing mountain bike trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47327				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two miles south southeast of Bigfork Montana.					
Lindbergh Meadow Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2017	Expected:09/2017	07/2018	Craig Kendall 406-758-6485 craigkendall@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-establish and intermittent channel in Lindbergh meadow and fill in the current channel.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52190				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project is located immediately north of Lindbergh Lake Campground on the southern end of the Swan Lake District.					

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Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/23/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2019	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Sandra Mack 406-329-3817 spmack@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the Mid-Swan Project is to restore and maintain terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity in light of climate change, and reduce the risk from wildfire in the WUI.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54853				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lake, Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located just south of Swan Lake and extends down to the community of Condon, MT.					
Missoula Electric Coop Line Burial Project (T21N, R17W, Section 4) CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2016	Expected:03/2016	07/2016	Joleen Dunham 406-837-7538 jdunham@fs.fed.us
	Description: MEC has requested to bury 660 feet of new power line across National Forest System lands to private property located in Township 21 North, Range 17 West in Section 4.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48678				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R17W, Section 4; Approximately 6 miles north of Condon.					
Swan Valley Bottom Maintenance Burning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2018	06/2019	Jacob Jeresek 406-837-7518 jwjeresek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multiple prescribed burns in the lower elevations of the Swan Valley primarily east of Hwy. 83 extending from the Swan State Forest on the north to Holland Creek on the south.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51331				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake, Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Swan Valley.					

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Weed Lake Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 12/10/2018	06/2019	Matthew Shaffer 406-210-4754 matthewshaffer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project will reduce the risk or extent of, or increase the resilience to, insect and disease infestation, reduce risk of uncharacteristic wildfire, and move existing disturbance regimes towards natural disturbance regimes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51876				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lake. LEGAL - Sections 1-4, 10, 11, 14, 15 in T25N, R18W; Section 32, protraction blocks 48-50 in T26N, R18W (Principal Meridian, Montana). East of Swan Lake and adjacent to and north of the community of Swan Lake.					

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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Beyond Boundaries Special Use Permit Reauthorization Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2016	Expected:06/2016	06/2016	Hans Castren 406-758-5352 hcastren@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to Reauthorize the special use permit for Beyond Boundaries to provide guided mountain bike experiences on NFS trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49322				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ashley Mountain, Bill Creek, and Reid Divide.					
Hellroaring Basin Improvements Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2019	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Rita Bennett 4068377521 ritalbennett02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze possible opportunities to enhance the skiing experience in the Hellroaring Basin area within the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55012				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hellroaring Basin area of the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit area.					

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Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Salish Good Resource Management Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2018	Expected:09/2018	06/2019	Matthew Shaffer 406-758-3508 matthewshaffer@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to Improve forest stand conditions, reduce hazardous fuels, reduce sediment and improve water quality, maintain and improve wildlife species security and habitat, and provide commercial and personal-use wood products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47257				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lincoln. LEGAL - T31N R23W Sections 4-7;T31N R24W Sections 1-10,12,16-20;T31N R25W Sections 1-36;T31N R26W 1-3,10-16, 22-26;T32N R23W Sections 19,29-33;T32N R24W 8,9,15-36;T32N R25W Sections 13, 19-36;T32N R25W 26,27. This project is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Whitefish, MT.					
Taylor Hellroaring EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/21/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 mdraggoo@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to increase forest resilience, reduce fuels, and provide a range of non-motorized recreational experience by encouraging trail connectivity while maintaining terrestrial wild life habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50518				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Whitefish Montana in the Whitefish Range.					
Whitefish Mountain Resort Terrain Modifications CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/19/2018	06/2019	Hans Castren 406-758-5352 hcastren@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to authorize minor modifications of ski runs in five locations to improve skier experience by reducing grade reversals and to improve safety by increasing visibility and decreasing congestion and speed differences.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54971				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T32N, R22W, PB-Sections 53 and 58; and T32N, R21W, PB-Sections 45, 46, SN 30, and 31. Whitefish Mountain Resort: #1- Upper Momentum; #2- Russ's Street at One Grand Parade; #3- Inside Road at Big Creek; #4- North Fork at Forest Road 1696; #5- Big Creek at Forest Road 1696.					

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