



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

### Flathead National Forest

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

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| <b>Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance</b><br><br>CE  | - Recreation management<br>- Special use management | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 03/29/2014                    | Expected:04/2015 | 04/2015 | Debbie Mucklow<br>406-758-6464<br>dmucklow@fs.fed.us |
| <b>Description:</b> Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.  |   |   |                  |         |  |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827</a>  |   |   |                  |         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> 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.   |   |   |                  |         |  |
| <b>FNF Plan Revision &amp; NCDE GBCS Amendment to the Lolo, Helena, Lewis &amp; Clark, and Kootenai NFs</b><br><br>EIS  | - Land management planning                          | In Progress:<br>Objection Period Legal Notice<br>12/14/2017 | Expected:05/2018 | 06/2018 | Joseph Krueger<br>406-758-5243<br>jkrueger@fs.fed.us |
| <b>Description:</b> 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.  |   |   |                  |         |  |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr</a>  |   |   |                  |         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> 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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| <b>Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan</b><br>EA   | - Recreation management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/01/2017<br>Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019 | Expected:11/2020 | 12/2020                 | Matthew McGrath<br>503-808-2405<br>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>Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>   |  |   |                  |         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                           |
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| <b>Tree Improvement Test Plantation Thinning</b><br>CE  | - Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Research and Development   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 06/2016 | Expected:06/2016 | 06/2016 | Michele Draggoo<br>406-387-3827<br>mdraggoo@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Implement removal (pre-commercial thinning)of selected trees in five test plantations on the Flathead National Forest. |   |                  |         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49561">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49561</a>                 |   |                  |         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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. |  |   |                  |         |   |

| <b>Flathead National Forest</b> | <b>Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b> |
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| <b>Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |   |  |                  |                         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                       |
| <b>Crystal Cedar</b><br>EA   | - Recreation management<br>- Forest products<br>- Fuels management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/15/2018<br>Est. Comment Period Public<br>Notice 02/2019 | Expected:08/2019 | 10/2019                 | Sarah Canepa<br>406-387-3800<br>scanepa@fs.fed.us |
|  | <b>Description:</b> 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. |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52844">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52844</a>  |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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. |   |  |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |  |         |     |     | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                        |
| <b>Patrol Ridge Radio Repeater Relocation</b><br>CE  | - Facility management  | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Eric Proctor<br>406-758-5270<br>eproctor@fs.fed.us |
|  | <b>Description:</b> 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. |         |     |     |  |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44782">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44782</a>   |         |     |     |  |
| <b>Location:</b> 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. |  |         |     |     |  |

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| <b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |  |  |  |  | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b> |
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| <b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |   |   |                  |                         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                                 |
| <b>Bug Creek Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project</b><br>EA<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Recreation management<br>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Forest products<br>- Fuels management<br>- Watershed management<br>- Road management  | On Hold   | N/A              | N/A                     | Matthew Shaffer<br>406-758-3508<br>matthewshaffer@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> 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. |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47327">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47327</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two miles south southeast of Bigfork Montana.  |   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Lindbergh Meadow Restoration</b><br>CE   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 06/06/2017  | Expected:09/2017 | 07/2018                 | Craig Kendall<br>406-758-6485<br>craigkendall@fs.fed.us     |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Re-establish and intermittent channel in Lindbergh meadow and fill in the current channel.  |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52190">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52190</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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. |   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project</b><br>EIS   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management<br>- Watershed management   | In Progress:<br>NOI in Federal Register 10/23/2018<br>Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2019 | Expected:03/2020 | 06/2020                 | Sandra Mack<br>406-329-3817<br>spmack@fs.fed.us             |
|   | <b>Description:</b> 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.                   |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54853">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54853</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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.     |   |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |  |   |                  |                         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                           |
| <b>Missoula Electric Coop Line Burial Project (T21N, R17W, Section 4)</b><br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 02/03/2016          | Expected:03/2016 | 07/2016                 | Joleen Dunham<br>406-837-7538<br>jdunham@fs.fed.us    |
|   | <b>Description:</b> 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. |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48678">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48678</a>   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R17W, Section 4; Approximately 6 miles north of Condon.                            |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Van Lake Project</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>   | - Recreation management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 02/2019 | Expected:06/2019 | 07/2019                 | Beth Pargman<br>406-837-7515<br>bethpargman@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> This project is needed because the popularity of dispersed recreation around Van Lake has increased, leading to increased effects to the surrounding area.             |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55481">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55481</a>   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Section 3 of T22N, R17W. The project area is adjacent to the south shore of Van Lake in the Swan Valley. |  |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |  |   |                  |                         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                        |
| <b>Beyond Boundaries Special Use Permit Reauthorization Project</b><br>CE   | - Recreation management<br>- Special use management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2016 | Expected:06/2016 | 06/2016                 | Hans Castren<br>406-758-5352<br>hcastren@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> A project to Reauthorize the special use permit for Beyond Boundaries to provide guided mountain bike experiences on NFS trails. |   |                  |                         |  |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49322">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49322</a>                           |   |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ashley Mountain, Bill Creek, and Reid Divide. |  |   |                  |                         |  |

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| <b>Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |   |   |                  |                         | <b>R1 - Northern Region</b>                                 |
| <b>Hellroaring Basin Improvements Project</b><br>EA<br><br>*UPDATED*   | - Recreation management<br>- Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/06/2018<br>Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019 | Expected:08/2019 | 09/2019                 | Rita Bennett<br>4068377521<br>ritalbennett02@fs.fed.us      |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Analyze possible opportunities to enhance the skiing experience in the Hellroaring Basin area within the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit boundary.   |   |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55012">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55012</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hellroaring Basin area of the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit area.   |   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Salish Good Resource Management Project</b><br>EA   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Forest products<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management<br>- Watershed management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 06/26/2015<br>Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2018 | Expected:09/2018 | 06/2019                 | Matthew Shaffer<br>406-758-3508<br>matthewshaffer@fs.fed.us |
|  | <b>Description:</b> 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. |   |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47257">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47257</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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. |   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Taylor Hellroaring</b><br>EA  | - Recreation management<br>- Forest products<br>- Fuels management  | In Progress:<br>Objection Period Legal Notice 05/21/2018                              | Expected:08/2018 | 08/2018                 | Michele Draggoo<br>406-387-3827<br>mdraggoo@fs.fed.us       |
|  | <b>Description:</b> 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.                              |   |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50518">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50518</a>  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Whitefish Montana in the Whitefish Range.   |   |   |                  |                         |   |

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