



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

### Flathead National Forest

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<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance</b>  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
	<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>  EIS  <span style="color: blue;">*UPDATED*</span>	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 12/24/2018 12/24/2018	01/2019	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 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, Helena-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> 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>Flathead National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Chris Prew 406-758-3538 chrisprew@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Preparation of a river management plan for the Flathead River Wild and Scenic River system				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56536">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56536</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North Fork Flathead River from the Canadian border to its confluence with the Middle Fork, the entire Middle Fork, and the South Fork from its headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir.					
<b>Tree Improvement Test Plantation Thinning</b> 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
	<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.					

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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>Cowboys Film Permit Request</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Feature film on National Forest System Lands including 3 actors, 25 production staff. Six days of filming between September 12-22, multiple locations on Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger Districts.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56708">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56708</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Belton Bridge, Desert Mountain, Great Northern Flats, Big Creek Work Center, Big Creek Road.					
<b>Crystal Cedar</b> EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/05/2019	Expected:08/2019	10/2019	Sarah Canepa 406-387-3800 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>Flathead Electric Line Replacement Nyack Flats</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacing an underground powerline (300 feet) to a BNSF railroad signal.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56546">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56546</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nyack Flats.					

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<b>Patrol Ridge Radio Repeater Relocation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Eric Proctor 406-758-5270 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>
<b>Bug Creek Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew Shaffer 406-758-3508 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>Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/22/2019	09/2019	Darlene Bridges 406-837-7538 darlene.bridges@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon would allow for approximately 13 miles of a marathon to be run on existing roads, and trails within and surrounding the Blacktail Mountain Resort area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56243">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56243</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located on the Swan Lake Ranger District.					

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<b>Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project</b> EIS	- 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 11/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Rachel Feigley 406-677-4158 rachel.feigley@usda.gov
	<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.					
<b>Missoula Electric Coop Line Burial Project (T21N, R17W, Section 4)</b> 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
	<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> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2019	07/2019	Beth Pargman 406-837-7515 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>Bootjack Century Link Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/23/2019	09/2019	Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3528 tamara.mackenzie@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the project is to provide fiber-optic telecommunication to Bootjack Lake Road (National Forest System Road 351) area residents. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56790">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56790</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Sections 35 and 36 of T31N, R23W. Bootjack Lake Road (National Forest Road 351).				
<b>Hellroaring Basin Improvements Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/03/2019	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Rita Bennett 4067583528 ritalbennett02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the Hellroaring Basin Improvements Project is to respond to a proposal by Whitefish Mountain Resort to provide additional winter recreation opportunities within the existing ski permit area 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>Journey to Wellness</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Julie Gerrior 406-758-3542 julie.gerrior@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Up to 15 trips for guided day hikes under the Journey to Wellness program with The Summit Health Club. Hikes would be approved on various open Forest system trails on the Tally Lake and Swan Lake Ranger District. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56244">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56244</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Tally and Swan Lake Ranger Districts.				

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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>Salish Good Resource Management Project</b> 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 06/2019	Expected:11/2019	05/2020	Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3528 tamara.mackenzie@usda.gov
	<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> EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Michele Draggoo 406-387-3827 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.					
<b>Whitefish Shuttle Livery and Guiding</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Julie Gerrior 406-758-3542 julie.gerrior@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project will authorize Whitefish Shuttle to provide livery and guided biking and hiking opportunities in various locations of the Tally Lake Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56245">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56245</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. on various trails and roads on the Tally Lake Ranger District.					

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<b>Whitefish Trails Ultra-Marathon Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		10/2019	Julie Gerrior 406-758-3542 julie.gerrior@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Scoping of a permit to allow a portion of an ultra-marathon to occur on up to 14 miles of existing roads and trails within the Whitefish Mountain Resort permit area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56201">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56201</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located within the permit boundary for the Whitefish Mountain Resort on the Tally Lake Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest.					

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