



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Flathead 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)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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.					
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
Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Chris Prew 406-758-3538 chrisprew@fs.fed.us
Description: Preparation of a river management plan for the Flathead River Wild and Scenic River system					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56536					
Location: 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.					

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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
Cowboys Film Permit Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/11/2019	09/2019	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56708				
Location: 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.					
Crystal Cedar EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2020	05/2020	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 - T.31N. R.20W Section 15, T.31N. R.19W. section 19, T.32N. R.20W. section 34,. 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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Flathead National Forest Glacier View Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Frozen Moose Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:11/2020	06/2021	Sarah Canepa 406-387-3827 sarah.canepa@usda.gov
	Description: A project to reduce fuel loading in the wildland-urban interface, improve resiliency of vegetative communities, improve aquatic ecosystems, and provide forest products in the North Fork.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57310				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T.36N. R.22W. Section 27. The project area is bounded to the north by the border, the west by the Kootenai National Forest, the east by the North Fork of the Flathead River, and the south by Red Meadow Creek.					

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Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Flathead Dirt Riders Hungry Horse Motocross Event CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Anthony Butterfield 406-387-3814 anthony.butterfield@usda.gov
	Description: Two-day High Country Motocross Association sanctioned motocross event hosted by Flathead Dirt Riders Association for up to 300 participants in the Hungry Horse Off Highway Vehicle Area April 25-26 2020, with limited camping in OHV Area parking lot.				
	Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hungry Horse Off Highway Vehicle Area, Hungry Horse, MT.				
Flathead Electric Line Replacement Nyack Flats CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacing an underground powerline (300 feet) to a BNSF railroad signal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56546				
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nyack Flats.					

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Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Glacier Electric Cooperative Shed 7 buried line CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Sadie Wehunt 406-758-5364 sadie.wehunt@usda.gov
	Description: Glacier electric cooperative wants to bury an existing overhead electric line that is in an avalanche run-out zone near Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad snowshed 7. The buried line will be 550 ft. from existing utility corridor.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57041				
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Section 26, T29N, R15W. The project is located in the railroad right of way in John F. Stevens canyon near BNSF snowshed 7.					

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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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
Hall Creek fish Barrier Removal Project CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/28/2019	Expected:12/2019	05/2020	Beth Gardner 406-837-7508 bgardner@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would remove a fish barrier on Hall Creek and restore the stream to its historical shape.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57081				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. located just south of Swan Lake.					

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Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 05/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Matthew Shaffer 406-885-3005 matthewshaffer@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.					

Flathead National Forest Tally Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Hellroaring Basin Improvements Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/03/2020	06/2020	Rita Bennett 4067583528 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	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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Journey to Wellness 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
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56244				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Tally and Swan Lake Ranger Districts.					
Salish Good Resource Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/20/2020	Expected:09/2020	05/2021	Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3528 tamara.mackenzie@usda.gov
	Description: A project to Improve forest stand conditions, reduce hazardous fuels, reduce sediment and improve water quality, 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.					
Whitefish Shuttle Livery and Guiding 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
	Description: Project will authorize Whitefish Shuttle to provide livery and guided biking and hiking opportunities in various locations of the Tally Lake Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56245				
Location: 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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