



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Flathead National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- 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 apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- 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.					

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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.					
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	
Frozen Moose Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/08/2020	Expected:12/2020	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.					

Flathead National Forest	Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
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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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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				
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 Hungry Horse Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Montana Department of Transportation Essex Stockpile Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/23/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Sadie Wehunt 406-387-3814 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project to allow Montana Department of Transportation to construct a stockpile site and equipment storage area on National Forest System lands near Essex, MT.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58852				
Location: UNIT - Hungry Horse Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T29N, R16W, NE ¼ NW ¼ Sec. 3 and T30N, R16W, SE ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 34 (PB65). North of Essex, MT along Highway 2.					

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Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Anderson Road Access CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Sadie Wehunt 406-387-3814 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize landowners to access their private property over 3,660 feet of closed National Forest System Roads. Prior to the placement of a gate on road, the landowner used the roads to access their property and presently have no access.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58297				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T21N., R17W, SW 1/4, Sec. 2. North and east of Condon, MT. Along NFS Road #10324.					
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.					

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FAA Pumphouse Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Sadie Wehunt 406-387-3814 sadieawehunt@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed actions include removing the pumphouse structure and water storage tank at the upper site and removal of a pumphouse structure, buried cistern and pipe, and chain-link fence at the lower site.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58841				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - NE1/4 SE1/4 Sec 13, T26N, R22W and NE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 30, T26N, R21W. Top of Blacktail Mountain.					
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.					
March Madness Blowdown Salvage CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:08/2020	10/2020	Michele Mavor 406-837-7510 Michele.Mavor@usda.gov
	Description: A project to remove hazardous fuel loading in WUI created by extensive blown over timber stands from aggressive winter/spring winds. Area is in designated landscapes for reducing both wildfire risk/extent and future insect/disease infestations.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58128				
Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Patterson Creek: T25N R18W Sec PB42; Southeast of Swan Lake: T25N R17W Sec PB39, PB43 & T25N R18W Sec 12,13,24,36; Eastshore of Flathead Lake: T25N R19W Sec 4,9,16,28,33.					

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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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/28/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 joseph.krueger@usda.gov
	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
Salish Good Resource Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2020	09/2020	Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3508 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.					

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Stovepipe Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Tamara MacKenzie 406-758-3508 tamara.mackenzie@usda.gov
	Description: A project do reduce fuels, provide egress to local communities, improve diversity and resilience of vegetative communities, and contribute to the economy.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58217				
Location: UNIT - Tally Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead. LEGAL - T30N R23W Section 10. Project is located on the northwest side of the Flathead Valley. Primarily in Lost Creek and Cliff Creek of the Tally Lake Ranger District.					

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