



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2018 to 06/30/2018

### Helena National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<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  <div style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</div>	- 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
<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>Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan Revision</b> EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/01/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2018	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Deborah Entwistle 406-495-3774 dentwistle@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Plan revision for the Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/hlc/forestplanrevision">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/hlc/forestplanrevision</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland, Yellowstone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests.					

Helena National Forest	Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
<b>City of Helena Permit Change and Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The City of Helena proposed an increase right of way width from 7.5 feet to 100 feet on either side of the flume structure to reduce risk to wildfire and tree strikes. All other permit authorizations remain the same				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42061">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42061</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposal applies to upper Tenmile southwest of Helena, MT.					
<b>Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Road to Trail Conversion and Reroute</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Roy Barkley 406-495-3853 rbarkley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Helena Ranger District continues to implement the Divide Travel Plan by proposing to re-configure and improve the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) in 3 locations, existing roads 136-D1 and 1802-B2, and CDNST haul route re-route.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51764">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51764</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Legal location: 46.720498 -112.465862, (Faith Gulch, North) T. 11 N, R. 7 W., 46.595503 -112.298998 (Priest Pass, South), T. 10 N, R 6 W., 46.417960 -112.328979 (Telegraph, Northeast) T. 8 N, R 6 W. Legal location: 46.720498 - 112.465862, (Faith Gulch, North) T. 11 N, R. 7 W., 46.595503 -112.298998 (Priest Pass, South), T. 10 N, R 6 W., 46.417960 -112.328979 (Telegraph, Northeast) T. 8 N, R 6 W.					

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<b>Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Eakin Permit Re-issuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Kirk and Cathy Eakin have a portion of their Garage and driveway on NFS lands. The area of the permit is directly off of Rimini Road. No authority exists to perform suitable land adjustment and no known survey error exists. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45742">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45742</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - RSW, T9N, Sec. 33. Rimini Road.				
<b>Elliston Creek Fence</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/02/2018	Expected:03/2018	06/2018	Megan Dawson 406-495-3933 mbdawson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to build 1.5 miles of barbed wire fence on the hillside of the Elliston Creek Road. The purpose and need for the fence is to better manage the riparian conditions in Elliston Creek for bull trout. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53304">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53304</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 9N R 7W Section 11 and 12.				
<b>Holiday Private Access</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/01/2016	09/2016	Mark Hunting 406-495-3912 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use application requesting access to private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements is possible, depending on alternative selected.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - T 8 N, R 6 W, Sec. 6. Little Blackfoot River/Telegraph Creek.				
<b>Lewis and Clark County Hedges Mtn. Communications Use</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/13/2016	09/2016	Mark Hunting 406-495-3912 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use application for long-term occupancy of site on Hedges Mtn. for communications use.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 1 E, Sec. 6. Hedges Mtn.				

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<b>Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Little Blackfoot Dispersed Site Mitigation and Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2016	08/2016	Kyle Whelan 406-495-3942 kylerwhelan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project will mitigate resource damage and manage dispersed recreational sites per the Divide Travel Plan Record of Decision, to restrict motorized use from impacting riparian areas, and restore damage to the watershed.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49604">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49604</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Township 9 North Range 6 West, Township 8 North Range 7 West and Township 8 North Range 6 West. The proposed project is located in the Little Blackfoot Headwaters 5th Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) in the Helena Ranger District.					
<b>North Divide Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/15/2016	06/2017	Kyle Whelan 406-495-3942 kylerwhelan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Helena Ranger District proposes to improve the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) system and restore land impacted by redundant routes in the northern Divide between Mullan Pass and the northern Greenhorn face.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48909">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48909</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N R6W, T11N R5W, T10N R6W, T10N R5W. Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) system between Mullan Pass and the northern Greenhorn face.					
<b>Northwest Divide Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2016	Expected:12/2018	02/2019	Erin Fryer 406-547-6013 efryer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Divide Travel Plan closed numerous travel routes within the project area. In order to fully implement the travel plan decision closed routes will be obliterated and rehabilitated in addition hazardous mines within the area will be closed				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52807">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52807</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Highway 12 near the Dog and Sweeney Creek drainages.					

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<b>PPSR Private Access</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Scott Johnson 406-495-3795 sbjohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use application requesting access to private land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T8N, R2W, Sec.2. Elkhorn Mountains.				
<b>Red Mountain Cabin Removal</b> CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Permittees will move cabin off the Forest to private land. Road use permit issued afterward for private property access.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47544">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47544</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the Upper Tenmile Municipal Watershed about 10 air miles southwest from the city of Helena.				
<b>Skelton Private Access</b> EA	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use application requesting private access to two separate tracts of private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements will be required, thus allowing the public access to adjacent NFS lands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 12 N, R 1 W, Sec. 31, T 13N, R 1 E, Sec. 19. Soup Creek, Elk Ridge.				
<b>Spotted Dog Southwest Divide Restoration 2017</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2017	Expected:04/2018	06/2018	Timothy Olson 406-495-3738 taolson@fs.fed.us
<b>*UPDATED*</b>	<b>Description:</b> This project would implement a portion of the Divide Travel Plan by closing and/or decommissioning up to 100 miles of non-system routes and dispersed recreation sites. This project would not include any new travel decisions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51906">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51906</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spotted Dog/Southwest Divide area of the Helena Ranger District, west of the Little Blackfoot River.				

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<b>Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Tenmile - South Helena Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/27/2017	Expected:06/2018	07/2018	Allen Byrd 406-495-3903 allenbyrd@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal is to conduct fuel treatments for the purposes of maintaining consistent water quantity-quality within Helena's municipal watershed and improving conditions for public and firefighters safety across the landscape in the event of a wildfire				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45725">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45725</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located within the Upper Tenmile watershed, the primary source of municipal water for the City of Helena, and extends east through Colorado Gulch and the South Hills area of Helena.					

<b>Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Arrastra Trail #482 Re-Route</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/25/2017	10/2017	Forest Moulton 406-362-7007 forestwmoulton@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Arrastra Trail #482 is a popular trail for accessing the Scapegoat Wilderness for both hikers and stock parties. The proposed reroute would move the trail from the valley bottom to the sidehill for a approx. 0.25 miles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49596">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49596</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Continental Divide Trail # 440 at Stemple Pass.					
<b>Copper Creek Wildlife Enhancement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/30/2014	Expected:03/2018	04/2018	Jarel Kurtz 406-362-7031 jkurtz@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project is proposing to treat aspen and whitebark pine in the Snow/Talon fire burn scar.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45048">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45048</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T15N, R9W, Sections 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15. T15N, R8W, Sections 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,22,26,27. Copper Creek Project is located approximately 5 miles north east of Lincoln, running adjacent to FS road #330. Project area lands are situated in the Copper Creek drainage in the 2003 Snow/Talon Fire scar.					

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<b>Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Davis Fire Restoration and Replanting</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/19/2016	10/2016	Riley Dopler 509-395-3405 rdopler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replanting of White Bark Pine in a fire rehab area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48625">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48625</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Davis Fire complex near Helena, MT.					
<b>Granite Butte WBP Test Plantation</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Riley Dopler 509-395-3405 rdopler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Helena National Forest would like to host the whitebark pine cycle 5 performance test plantation on the Lincoln Ranger District (15 to 20 acres). The intent of the tests is to evaluate white pine blister rust resistance, seed zones, and cold.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48665">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48665</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 13 N R 7 W S 23 & 26. Near Lincoln, MT.					
<b>Lincoln Non-Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/30/2017	01/2017	Josh Lattin 208-839-2108 joshlattin@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln Ranger District has a need to reissue an existing Outfitter and Guide Permit. Mike McCormick of the Sunset Guest Ranch currently has a valid permit that expire on 06/03/2015.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46915">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46915</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rittle and McCormick Outfitter and Guide Permit Areas.					
<b>Poorman Creek Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2016	Expected:04/2018	04/2018	Katherine Condon (406) 495-3724 kcondon@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln Ranger proposes to restore a section of Poorman Creek which lacks floodplain connectivity and a properly functioning riparian area, due to channelization caused by historic placer mining activity.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49327">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49327</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N R08W S22-23. The stream segment is approximately 1500 feet in length and is located south of Lincoln along Stemple Pass Road.					

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<b>Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Poorman Willow Stocktank</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/10/2017	Expected:03/2018	03/2018	Erin Fryer 406-547-6013 efryer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal is to install a short pipeline an a 350 gallon stocktank in the Poorman/Willow Allotment in order to better distribute livestock throughout the allotment and reduce grazing pressure along the bottom-lands.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52806">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52806</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 13N R 9W Section 21.					
<b>Rogers Pass Trailhead Improvement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/31/2016	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Josh Lattin 208-839-2108 joshlattin@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln Ranger District is looking to improve the trailhead at Rogers Pass in order to reduce resource impacts to Pass Creek, increase safety to motorists and CDNST users, increase the visibility of the site, and improve the visitor experience.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49567">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49567</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T15N R6W Sec 9. The site is adjacent to Pass Creek near Rogers Pass.					
<b>Stonewall Vegetation Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2016	09/2016	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Be responsive to mountain pine beetle outbreaks, maintain and improve viable mature habitat structure to support big game and other wildlife, promote resiliency with a mosaic of species, reduce fire hazard and potential, and provide timber products.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30355">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30355</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 6 miles northwest of Lincoln in the Lincoln Gulch drainage.					

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<b>Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Willow Creek Vegetation</b> CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2018	Expected:04/2018	06/2018	Michael Stansberry 406-362-7000 mstansberry@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A project being developed through a diverse collaborative process for forest restoration within a designated landscape to reduce the risk and extent of insect or disease infestations and to promote increased resilience of forest stands.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51837">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51837</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Helmville, MT and South of Lincoln, MT within the Willow Creek watershed and tributaries of the Buffalo Creek watershed near Dalton Mountain.					

<b>Helena National Forest Townsend Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Benign Solar</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2017	07/2017	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Operator proposes to use common placer sampling, excavation, and processing methods to explore for potential placer gold deposits located on a bench feature adjacent to Needham Gulch.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 11N, R 2E Section 16.				
<b>Bigler Snowbank</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/19/2018	Expected:06/2018	07/2018	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project would continue the mining related activities at the Bigler Mine site and would begin excavation of a prospect trench to expose an inferred gold-bearing mineralized vein at the Snowbank Mine site for a term of 10 years.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53188">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53188</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 9N R 4E Section 28.					

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<b>Deep-Dry-Grassy AMP Revision</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tracy Schilling 406-495-3870 tschilling@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continue to authorize livestock grazing on the Deep Creek, Grassy Mountain, Dry Creek, and Timber cattle and horse (C&H) grazing allotments.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52461">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52461</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Meagher. LEGAL - T6N, R4E. These allotments are located south of Highway 12 in the Big Belt Mountains, approximately 17 miles east of Townsend. This project encompasses Greyson, Carl, Cedar Bar, Hay, and Dry creek drainages.				
<b>Edith Whitebark Pine Test Plantation</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2018	Expected:05/2018	06/2018	Riley Dopler 406-495-3920 rdopler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to test the resistance of 3-year old whitebark pine seedlings from multiple seed zones for seed transfer, cold hardiness and drought tolerance.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53305">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53305</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 8N R 4E Section 36.				
<b>FS-NRCS Cooperative Allotment Water and Fence Improvement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/23/2016	10/2016	Tracy Schilling 406-495-3870 tschilling@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This proposal will improve the water access and fencing on the Ray Creek, North fork, and Deep Creek/Grassy Mountain Allotments while protecting riparian areas until a new allotment plan is approved.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49289">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49289</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ray Creek, North fork, and Deep Creek/Grassy Mountain Allotments on the Townsend RD of the Helena-Lewis & Clark NF.				

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<b>Gipsy Lake Dam Restoration</b> CE	- Land ownership management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Rehabilitation of a low-head dam to maintain a consistent water level and ensure the structural integrity of the dam.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47547">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47547</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Gipsy Lake near Townsend, MT.					
<b>JVM Placers-Upper Montana Bar</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/16/2016	10/2016	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The permittee wants to use common placer sampling, excavation and processing methods to explore for potential placer gold deposits between Greenhorn and Montana Gulches in the Confederate Gulch vicinity of the Big Belt Mountains.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49686">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49686</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The divide between Greenhorn and Montana Gulches in the Confederate Gulch vicinity of the Big Belt Mountains.					
<b>Johnnies Gulch Tunnel (Exploration)</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/07/2016	09/2016	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Permittee would utilize subsurface core drilling techniques to explore for valuable metallic minerals (e.g., gold) associated with, and generated by emplacement mechanisms similar to, those associated with the Miller Mountain Mine Complex.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49687">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49687</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Johnnies Gulch Tunnel Project site exists in an unnamed tributary to Johnnies Gulch and ultimately Whites Gulch located in the Big Belt Mountains.					

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<b>Johnny's 1 &amp; 2</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/02/2017	Expected:05/2018	06/2018	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A Plan of Operations was received for common placer sampling, excavation and processing methods to explore for potential placer deposits. Operator would use a mechanized hoe, all excavations would occur in a 20 foot by 30 foot area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52795">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52795</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 10N R2E Sections 11, 14.					
<b>Lundborg Cabin Disposal</b> CE	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Reid Stovall 406-495-3766 reidstovall@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Through a Quit Claim in 2005, the FS inherited ownership of the Lundborg Cabin and associated structures; outhouse and pumphouse. The original cabin dates back to around 1900, but has been completely encased in modern siding.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46913">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46913</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T7N, R4E, Section 28. Site can be accessed by vehicle right off of highway 12 between Townsend and White Sulphur. It is located a few hundred yards west of the Rillway Cabin.					
<b>Magpie Stock Tank</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/20/2016	06/2016	Anthony Smith 406-266-3425 amsmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose is to install a short pipeline ( -200ft) and one stock tank in the Magpie Allotment. This tank will help distribute livestock in the uplands and reduce grazing pressure on bottomlands. The headbox will be excavated and fenced.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48140">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48140</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - 12N 1 E Section 35 (46%u02DA45.372, 111%u02DA34.080). Magpie Allotment, Magpie Gulch in the North Belts.					

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<b>Ray Creek Neild Property Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2016	05/2016	Kyle Whelan 406-495-3942 kylerwhelan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Helena NF watershed group proposes to decommission non-system routes in the southern Big Belt mountain range in the vicinity of Ray Creek. This project is located on land recently acquired from the Neild Family.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46914">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46914</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T08N R04E Section 29 & 31, T07N R04E Section 6 Government Lot 2 . Neild Family property land aquisition.					
<b>Teddy Bar 1</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/07/2018	Expected:05/2018	06/2018	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Operator is looking at mineral excavation from a dry bench in the Thomas Creek drainage for an inferred placer gold deposit.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53504">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53504</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 11N R 3E Section 35.					

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