



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

Kootenai National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
FNF Plan Revision & NCDE GBCS Amendment to the Lolo, Helena, Lewis & Clark, and Kootenai NFs EIS	- 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
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr				
Location: 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).					
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.					

Kootenai National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R1 - Northern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Kootenai National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Kootenai Forestwide Young Growth Vegetation Management Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/25/2017 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Quinn Carver 406-283-7695 qcarver01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management via precommercial and commercial harvest, & burning of activity fuels only within previously managed, second growth stands across the Forest. The project is part of the Montana Governor's Forest in Focus Initiative.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47372				
Location: UNIT - Kootenai National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln, Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Lands across the Kootenai National Forest.					

Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Dry Creek Sediment Reduction EA	- Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us
	Description: rehabilitation of deteriorating road system which is currently closed to all public motorized use, and prevent future mass wasting, sediment delivery and erosion from the road system to Dry Creek and related minor tributaries.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46995				
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T28N;R33W;S30;T28N;R33W;S24,25,36; Sanders County, PMM. Dry Creek, a tributary to the Bull River.					
Purple Marten EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/28/2018	Expected:10/2018	11/2018	Kira Powell 4068270731 kirapowell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Increase resilience to insects and disease and wildfire through commercial harvest and fuel rx. Use natural fuels rx to increase forage for big game species. Reroute unsafe motorized trail to create a safe loop trail. Expand campground to match use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54739				
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Seven miles NW of Trout Creek in Marten Creek drainage.					

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Kootenai National Forest	Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Snow Gulch Reforestation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/13/2018	05/2019	Kira Powell 406-827-0731 kirapowell@fs.fed.us
Description: Hand planting of early seral tree seedlings (w. larch, w. white pine, Englemann spruce) to promote accelerated development of desirable species composition within the Miller-Deep Fire perimeter.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54991					
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Miller-Deep Fire perimeter, on Kootenai National Forest lands.					
Vermilion River Restoration EA	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us
Description: stream habitat restoration program proposed for 9 specific reaches on the Vermilion River over a 10 yr period					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702					
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - S31-33; T25N; R29W; and S1-4, T24N; R30W; Sanders County; PMM. Vermilion River reaches approx. 3.6 miles in an area beginning ~0.5 miles below Vermilion Falls and downstream to about Lyons Gulch.					

Kootenai National Forest	Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
2019 Fun Run CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/23/2019	01/2019	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
Description: A proposal to issue a temporary special use permit to allow a one day recreation event on the Fortine Ranger District.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55194					
Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grave Creek Drainage.					

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Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ten Lakes Travel Management Project EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/14/2015 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2019	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Moira McKelvey 406-296-7137 mmckelvey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed activities include designation of over-snow motorized use areas and non-snow trail management. For more info click here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&width=full				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289 .				
Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana.					

Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Airport Firearms Range Project CE	- Recreation management - Special area management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2018	Expected:02/2019	05/2019	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve safe operations to the visiting public on 4.9 acres not currently authorized under existing special use permit. Allow for increased parking and construction of berms, targets, benches & additional safety operations including reduced noise.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55209				
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Township 29N, Range 30W, Section 7. Libby Montana T29N, R30W, S7.					
Black Gold Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2018	Expected:04/2019	08/2019	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage of approximately 208 acres of dead and dying lodgepole pine burned as part of the Gold Hill Fire suppression effort. Salvaged material would contribute to a supply of post and pole materials for a local market.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54985				
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T33N, R30W, S19, 20, 30; T33N, R31W, S24. The project area is located approximately 15 miles north of Libby, Montana in the Schafer Creek drainage, northwest of Gold Hill.					

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Kootenai National Forest	Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Coyote Improvement EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Seth Cole 479-667-2191 ext.2165 secole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest of approximately 240 acres to increase stand resiliency to Mountain Pine Beetles.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41715				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T27N, R30W, Sections 13, 18. Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest.				
Good Medicine Placer modification CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	Description: A modification to the existing Plan of Operations on the Good Medicine Placer claim. Expanding project area to 300 feet x 200 feet and including onsite processing.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 12, T27N, R31N, PMM. Libby Ranger District.				
Hoodoo Wildfire Resiliency Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/27/2018	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Andrew Kies 406-329-3345 afkies@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Hoodoo Vegetation Management Project to address forest health and hazardous fuel concerns in the Granite, Snow, No, Deep, Smearl, and Big Cherry drainages in Lincoln County, Montana.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54980				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located approximately 20 miles south of Libby, Montana in T29N R32W Sections 2,3,4,8,10,11,13,14,15,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30,33,34,35, and T28N R31W Section 2.				
Libby District new mining operations - 2017 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/27/2017	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Paul Gennett 406-293-6211 pgennett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Libby Ranger District has received two new proposals for prospecting activities. The Autumn Gold Claim proposes prospecting with hand tools and the 50/50 Claim proposes in stream sluicing.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Libby Ranger District. Autumn Gold Claim (SW1/4 Sec. 12, T27, R31W), 50/50 Claim (E1/2 NW1/4, Sec. 9, T28N, R30W).				

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Kootenai National Forest	Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Libby Shooting Range expansion CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expansion of the existing permitted area of the Libby Shooting Range, under permit to Lincoln County. Expansion would be for approximately 4.9 acres and would include additional enclosed shooting bays and a parking area.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 7, T29N, R30W, PMM. Libby Ranger District, KNF.				
Rainbow Lake Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Denise Beck 406-293-7773 x7504 dmbeck@fs.fed.us
	Description: Increase depth of Rainbow Lake to provide winter habitat for trout, increase wetland productivity by building a dam and re-introducing beavers, and improve existing undeveloped camping area.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T33N, R31W, Sections 6, 7. Libby Ranger District.				
Redemption Pit CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	Description: Creation of a stockpile area and future gravel source for Libby District projects in the Wolf Creek area.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 17, T29N, R27W north of NFS road # 2358. Libby Ranger District.				

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ripley EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:03/2020	09/2020	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Potential project activities would focus on forest health issues including insect and disease, hazardous fuels reduction, and restoration activities and may include vegetation and road management, watershed improvements, and noxious weed treatments.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T29N, R30W, S2-11,14-23,26-27; T29N, R31W, S1,12-13; T30N, R30W, S5-10,14-23,27-34; T30N, R31W, S1-3,11-14,24-25,36; T31N, R30W, S29-32; T31N, R31W, S35-36. The project area is located east of Libby, Montana and Highway 2. It extends from the Kootenai River to the McMillan drainage, and includes Swede Mountain and a portion of the Farm to Market corridor.				
Stimson Lumber Company Access EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Provide management access to Stimson Lumber Company lands through National Forest land. This includes construction and use of approximately 900 feet of new road to connect existing road 655 with National Forest System Road 14485.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T32N, R31W, S18-19. Northwest of Libby, Montana in the Bobtail Creek drainage off of National Forest System Road 14485.				
West Surprise CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Completed	Actual: 02/15/2019	03/2019	Matthew Bienkowski 406-293-6211 mbienkowski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trend vegetation species composition, structure, and distributions toward desired conditions described in the Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54716				
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 20 miles south east of Libby on the Libby Ranger District.					

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West Surprise Vegetation Management Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2018	Expected:12/2018	06/2019	John Carlson 406-283-7634 jwcarlson01@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Approximately 2,996 acres of vegetation management, fuels treatment, and roads management activities in accordance with Title VI, Section 602, of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA), as amended by Section 8204 of the 2014 Farm Bill.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54942</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - 20 miles SE of Libby, MT see scoping letter for full legal description. Tamarack, Deer, Marl, Kavalla, and Tensaw drainages in Lincoln County, Montana 20 miles south east of Libby, Montana.</p>					

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Kootenai National Forest	Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
2019 Outfitter and Guide Permits CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2018	Expected:03/2019	03/2019	Marcy Butts (406) 296-2536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Includes requests for renewals of six outfitter and guide special use permits and eleven new outfitter and guide special use permits on the Rexford and Fortine Ranger Districts.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55261</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple locations across the Rexford and Fortine Ranger Districts, please see scoping letter.</p>					
Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2018	Expected:03/2019	04/2019	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Construct a 6.6 mile segment of the PNT between Abayance Bay Marina and the north side of the Pinkham Creek canyon and another 0.8 mile segment between the sound side of Pinkham Creek canyon and the Kooconusa Bridge to move trail off of HWY 37.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Sections 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, and 33, T36N, R28W; and Sections 4, 5, and 6, T35N, R28W. From Abayance Bay Marina to the Kooconusa Bridge.</p>					

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Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Pinkham Meadow EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Moira McKelvey 406-296-2536 comments-northern-kootenai- rexford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management, Fuels Management, and Transportation Management in the Pinkham and Meadow Planning Areas of the Rexford and Fortine Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52240				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - All or portions of Townships 33, 34, 35 and 36 North and Ranges 26, 27, and 28 West. South and West of Eureka, MT along Pinkham Ridge.					
Tenmile Sterling Fire Salvage EA	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/12/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage dead and dying trees, and plant tree seedlings in portions of the Tenmile and Sterling Complex fire areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55079				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - all or portions of T34 N, R28W, Sections 34, 35, and T33N, R26W, Sections 6 and 7 and T33N, R27W, Sections 1-5, 8-17, 19-23, 27-30, and 31-34 and T33N, R28W, Sections 22-24, 25-27 and T32N, R28W, Sections 1, 2, 12, P.M.M. The project area is located 16-23 miles southwest of Eureka, Montana and immediately south and west of the communities of Trego, Fortine, and Stryker, Montana.					

Kootenai National Forest	THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Black Ram (Northwest Yaak) EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/13/2018	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing timber harvest; mechanical and hand piling of fuels; wildlife and aquatic habitat improvement such as prescribed burning and stream restoration work; and trail and other recreation improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52784				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project area includes Northwest Yaak from the Canadian border west to the Idaho border, south to the ridge line between Spread Creek and Pete Creek and east to the Yaak River.					
Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2007	Expected:06/2015	07/2015	Dick Harlow 406-295-4693, dharlow@fs.fed.us
	Description: The conveyance of a parcel of land that is 0.19 acres in size that is completely surrounded by a single private landowner. To be implemented by a direct sale through the Forest Service Facilities and Realignment Act.				
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 35, T36N, R32W, PMM; Lincoln County, MT. NE of Yaak, MT.				
Yaak River Suction Dredging EA	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Julie Hopkinson 406-295-7563 juliegalloway@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to analyze the potential environmental effects of proposed small scale suction dredging operations on approximately 1.5 miles of the Yaak River and respond to the claimants' Plans of Operations submitted to the KNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54867				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 19, T33N, R33W, P.M., MT. Suction dredging is proposed to occur on an approximately 1.5 mile stretch of the Yaak River below Yaak River Falls on the Three Rivers Ranger District.					

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