



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

### Kootenai National Forest

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**R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)**

<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.					

**Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region**

<b>Dry Creek Sediment Reduction</b> EA	- Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46995">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46995</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Purple Marten</b> EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/15/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Kira Powell 4068270731 kirapowell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Increase resilience to insects/disease & wildfire through commercial harvest and fuel rx. Use natural fuels rx to increase forage for big game species. Trail access changes to create a safe sustainable trail system. Expand campground to match use.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54739">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54739</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T25N R32W. Seven miles NW of Trout Creek in Marten Creek drainage.					
<b>Vermilion River Restoration</b> EA	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> stream habitat restoration program proposed for 9 specific reaches on the Vermilion River over a 10 yr period				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>2020 Fun Run</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/18/2019	01/2020	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal for a one day snowmobile event for youth and adults in the Grave Creek and Therriault Lakes Area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57374">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57374</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grave Creek and Therriault Lakes.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Ten Lakes Travel Management Project</b> EIS	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Moira McKelvey 406-296-7137 mmckelvey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposed activities include designation of over-snow motorized use areas and non-snow trail management. For more info click here: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&amp;width=full">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&amp;width=full</a>				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289</a> .				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Airport Firearms Range Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55209">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55209</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Township 29N, Range 30W, Section 7. Libby Montana T29N, R30W, S7.					
<b>Coyote Improvement</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Seth Cole 479-667-2191 ext.2165 secole@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Harvest of approximately 240 acres to increase stand resiliency to Mountain Pine Beetles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41715">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41715</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T27N, R30W, Sections 13, 18. Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest</b>	<b>Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Good Medicine Placer modification</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 12, T27N, R31N, PMM. Libby Ranger District.				
<b>Libby District new mining operations - 2017</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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).				
<b>Libby Shooting Range expansion</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 7, T29N, R30W, PMM. Libby Ranger District, KNF.				
<b>Montanore Project</b> EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/28/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:04/2020 Actual: 02/12/2016	06/2020	Lynn Hagarty 406-283-7642 lhagarty@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Kootenai National Forest, in conjunction with Montana's Dept. of Environmental Quality will prepare an EIS for a proposal to permit the development of the Montanore silver/copper mine and associated power transmission line by Mines Management Inc				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5290833">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5290833</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln, Sanders. LEGAL - T26N, R29W, S 5, 8, 9; T27N, R29W, S 18-20, 29, 30, 32; T27, R30W, S 16-24; T28N, R30W, S19; T27N, R31W, S 1-3, 9, 11-15; T28N, R31W, S 13-15, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36; T27N, R31W, S 29. Approximately 18 miles south of Libby, MT adjacent to the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness.				

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<b>Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Rainbow Lake Enhancement</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Denise Beck 406-293-7773 x7504 dmbeck@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T33N, R31W, Sections 6, 7. Libby Ranger District.				
<b>Redemption Pit</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Creation of a stockpile area and future gravel source for Libby District projects in the Wolf Creek area.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Ripley</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/30/2019	Expected:03/2020	09/2020	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55001">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55001</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Sheldon Beetles</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Nathan Gassmann 406-283-7598 nathan.gassmann@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The primary purpose of this project is to reduce the potential for increased outbreaks of western pine beetle and pine engraver beetle by lowering the basal area below 40 square feet and trees per acre of the immediate surrounding area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57280">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57280</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Forest lands within; section 34, T31N R31W. Lincoln County Montana, one and a half miles north east of the city center of Libby, Mt and located within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). The project will occur on National Forest lands within; section 34, T31N R31W.					
<b>Skidale</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/25/2019	10/2019	Elizabeth Tichner 406-329-3480 elizabeth.tichner@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project involves non-commercial and commercial vegetation treatments to address concerns related to risk of insect and disease and fuels management within the 130-acre project area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56396">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56396</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T30N R31W Sect 9. Project area is a parcel of approximately 130 acres just west/southwest of the community of Libby, MT and is approximately 1 mile southwest of the intersection of US-Hwy 2 and MT-37.					
<b>Stimson Lumber Company Access</b> CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>2019 Outfitter and Guide Permits</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2018	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Marcy Butts (406) 296-2536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55261">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55261</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple locations across the Rexford and Fortine Ranger Districts, please see scoping letter.					
<b>Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction</b> CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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 Koocanusa Bridge to move trail off of HWY 37.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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 Koocanusa Bridge.					
<b>Pinkham Meadow Vegetation Management and Fuel Reduction</b> EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/30/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Moira McKelvey 406-296-2536 comments-northern-kootenai-rexford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation Management, Fuels Management, and Transportation Management in the Pinkham and Meadow Planning Areas of the Rexford and Fortine Ranger Districts.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52240">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52240</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region</b>					
<b>Big Eight Abandoned Mine Closure</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/18/2019	09/2019	Julie Hopkinson 406-295-7563 julie.hopkinson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Three Rivers Ranger District plans to install a metal bat grate over an abandoned mine opening in the Callahan drainage. The closure is scheduled to take place mid-September 2019.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56193">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56193</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 20, T31N, R34W, Principal Meridian of Montana. Callahan drainage.					
<b>Black Ram (Northwest Yaak)</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/10/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52784">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52784</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Townships 36 & 37 North,Ranges 30,31,32,&33 West. 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.					
<b>North Fork Callahan Abandoned Mine Closure</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/18/2019	09/2019	Julie Hopkinson 406-295-7563 julie.hopkinson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Three Rivers Ranger District plans to install a metal bat grate over an abandoned mine opening in the Callahan drainage. The closure is scheduled to take place mid-September 2019.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56189">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56189</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Bonner. LEGAL - Section 7 of T59N, R2E, Boise Principal Meridian of Idaho. Callahan drainage.					

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<b>Kootenai National Forest</b>	<b>THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 35, T36N, R32W, PMM; Lincoln County, MT. NE of Yaak, MT.				
<b>Yaak River Suction Dredging</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/20/2018	Expected:01/2020	07/2020	Julie Hopkinson 406-295-7563 juliegalloway@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54867">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54867</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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