



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Kootenai National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 bpblanchard@fs.fed.us
Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259					
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.					

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

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
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 Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Dry Creek Sediment Reduction EA *UPDATED*	- 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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/15/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Kira Powell 4068270731 kirapowell@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54739				
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T25N R32W. 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
Vermilion River Restoration EA *UPDATED*	- 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.					

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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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Airport Firearms Range Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Fairview Instream Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project is additional in-stream restoration work on approximately 1.2 miles of Wolf Creek at Fairview. Restoration activities include floodplain grading, installation of large wood structures within the channel and channel banks.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T30N R27W Sec 22. The proposed project is additional in-stream restoration work on approximately 1.2 miles of Wolf Creek at Fairview.				
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.				
Libby Airport Firearms Range Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/16/2019	06/2019	Bonnie Geber 406-283-7502 bjgeber@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.				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 7, T29N, R30W, PMM. Libby Ranger District, KNF.				
Libby District new mining operations - 2017 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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
Montanore Project 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
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5290833				
	Location: 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.				
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 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/30/2019	Expected:05/2020	09/2020	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mrockwell@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55001</p> <p>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.</p>					
Sheldon Beetles CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Completed	Actual: 12/09/2019	06/2020	Nathan Gassmann 406-283-7598 nathan.gassmann@usda.gov
<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57280</p> <p>Location: 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.</p>					

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Stimson Lumber Company Access CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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.				

Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
2019 Outfitter and Guide Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/20/2020	02/2020	Marcy Butts (406) 296-2536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55261				
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.					
Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 mbutts@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260				
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.					

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Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Marston Bugs Insect and Disease Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat approximately 1,371 acres of Douglas-fir beetle National Forest System lands with timber harvest to reduce risk, recover economic value, and reduce fuels in the wildland urban interface.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57840				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 13 miles south and east of Eureka, MT in the Murphy Lake and Martin Lake area east of US Highway 93.					
Pinkham Meadow Vegetation Management and Fuel Reduction 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
	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.					
West Kootenai Greenbox Relocation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/03/2020	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Bryan Donner 406-296-2536 bryan.donner@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to consolidate two garbage collection sites to one area and provide additional measures to prevent wildlife habituation to garbage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57436				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4, Section 35, T37N, R28W, P.M.M. Approximately 7 air miles northwest of Eureka, Mt in the West Kootenai area. Approximately two miles south of Tooley Lake adjacent to the West Kootenai Road.					

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 *UPDATED*	- 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:06/2020	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 - 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.					
Knotty Pine EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Knotty Pine Project is located north and west of Troy, Montana and includes Pine Creek, Curley Creek, Lime Creek, Rocky Creek, and Red Top Creeks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57657				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area legal description includes all or portions of Townships 35, 36 and 37 North, Ranges 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 West, Lincoln County, Montana.					
Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Yaak River Suction Dredging EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/20/2018	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	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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