



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Kootenai National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
<p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions.</p>					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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

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
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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.					
Elk Lake Access Project EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/13/2020	Expected:01/2021	05/2021	Kira Powell 4068270731 kirapowell@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project improves motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunity within the Allen Peak Inventoried Roadless Area in the Vermillion River drainage and improves grizzly bear habitat in Bear Management Unit 8.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57864				
Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - sections 25 and 35 in T25N, R30W; sections 26, 34-35 in T25, R29W; and section 4 in T24N, R30W; PMM. Project is located in the southeast portion of the Cabinet Ranger District of the Kootenai National Forest, in the Vermillion River drainage, approximately ten miles east of Trout Creek, Montana.					
Purple Marten EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/15/2019	Expected:11/2020	05/2021	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	- 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
Grave Creek Blowdown CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2020	Expected:04/2021	07/2021	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage of windthrown timber in the lower Grave Creek and Williams Creek drainages				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59195				
Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T36N, R25W, Secs. 27, 28, 33. Lower Grave Creek and Williams Creek drainages.					
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.					

Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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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.				
Ripley EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/04/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mandy.rockwell@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55001				
	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.				

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Stargazing Mining Operation EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/30/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Jamison Smith 406-283-7556 Jamison.Smith@usda.gov
	Description: Operators of the Stargazing mine are proposing a mining operation that would remove approximately 100 tons of placer material from the mountainside and set up three core drilling sites to explore for minerals.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58940				
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This project consists of land in Section 28 of Township 29 North, Range 31 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The Stargazing mining claims, and proposed activity, are located on the south side of Little Hoodoo Mountain south of Libby, Montana, and off of the Cherry Creek Road.					
Stimson Lumber Company Access CE	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Swamped EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021	Expected:02/2022	06/2022	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mandy.rockwell@usda.gov
	Description: Use vegetation management treatments to improve forest conditions, hazardous fuels levels, and wildlife habitat; proposal may also include transportation management, watershed improvement, and noxious weed treatment in an area southeast of Libby, MT.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58810				
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This area consists of lands in all or portions of Townships 27, 28, and 29 North, Ranges 29 and 30 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The project area is southeast of Libby, MT, extending east from Highway 2 to the divide with the Fisher River. It ranges from the Elliot Creek drainage (north end) to lands near Arabian Lane.					

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Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
2021 Fun Run CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 rkomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize organized snowmobile event in the Grave Creek drainage				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59198				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 28, T36N, R25W, P.M.M. at the Birch Creek parking area and cover approximately 35 miles along the groomed trail in T37N, R24W and T37N, R25W. Grave Creek drainage.					
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.					
Pinkham Meadow Vegetation Management and Fuel Reduction EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/30/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.					

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Kootenai National Forest	Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Well to Wilderness Club Powerline project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Bryan Donner 406-758-3508 bdonner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allow replacement of temporary overhead electrical service with permanent installation of underground power across National Forest System lands to serve private development.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59284				
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Eureka, MT in the Douglas Hill area.				

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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: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/29/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	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.				
Dorr Skeels Campground Improvement project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/22/2020	10/2020	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Dorr Skeels campground improvement includes removing select lodgepole pine and cedar trees that have become a safety issue, stabilize the beach shoreline to provide resource protection, replace and upgrade site furnishings, and add a new tent site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58598				
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T29N, R33W, Section 20, PPM, Lincoln County, MT.				

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Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Knotty Pine EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020	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, PPM, Lincoln County, Montana.					
Ross Creek Nature Trail Boardwalk CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service would construct a long-term boardwalk on the Ross Creek Nature Trail #405 to improve accessibility for families, elderly and individuals with a disability and to reduce maintenance issues.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58136				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T28N, R34W, Section 12. Ross Creek Cedars area.					
Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE	- 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	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/20/2018	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	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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