



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- 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.				

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

Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance 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
	Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827				
Location: 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.					

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Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/08/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Deborah Entwistle 406-495-3774 dentwistle@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Plan revision for the Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/hlc/forestplanrevision				
Location: UNIT - Helena-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-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
KFBB, Cowels Media Communication Sites CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2018	03/2018	Erin Fryer 406-547-6013 efryer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cowels Media submitted an application to authorize an existing tower located at an existing communication site. No ground disturbing work will be required and no changes to the existing site are proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52797				
Location: UNIT - Judith Ranger District, Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Chouteau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 19N R 9E Section 6.					

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Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Middleman EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed activities are designed to address the components of developing, maintaining and improving forested conditions across the landscape by improving resiliency to disturbances while improving conditions for public and firefighter safety.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57506					
Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District, Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located within the Northern Big Belt Mountains northeast of Helena, MT. This proposal describes activities on NFS lands primarily within the Avalanche, Magpie, & Trout creeks.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Belt Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Neihart Cemetary Conveyance CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Beth Ihle 406-266-3425 office: 495-3863 voicemail bihle@fs.fed.us
Description: This project may proceed in the future and will be added back onto the Forest's program of work if the opportunity becomes available. The project is to convey less than 10 acres of NFS land to the town of Neihart for cemetery purposes.					
Location: UNIT - Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Belt Creek Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. PB 54 T14N, R8E NE ¼ SW 1/4.					

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Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Horsefly Vegetation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/10/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	John Casselli 406-791-7723 jcasselli@fs.fed.us
	Description: This vegetation project would improve forest health and landscape resiliency, reduce wildfire hazards, and provide wood products to local and regional economies.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53578				
Location: UNIT - Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Meagher County, MT on the Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District within the Miller Gulch and Newlan Creek Drainages.					
Mac White Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2020	01/2020	Carol Hatfield 406-547-3361 chatfield@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use authorization to Macfarland White to construct and use approx. 0.6 miles of road for access to his isolated inholdings. Ground disturbance for road construction is expected to be approx. 1 acre within a 14' prism built to Forest Standards.				
	Location: UNIT - Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Sec. 8,18 &20, T5N, R12E and Sec. 24, T5N, R11E. activities located in the Northeastern portion of Crazy Mountains.				
Northwestern Energy - Porphyry Peak Communication Site CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/21/2018	Expected:04/2018	05/2018	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use communication lease to NorthWestern Energy to authorization construction, use and maintenance of a shelter, tower and propane tank to house communication equipment at the existing communication site located on Porphyry Peak.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53615				
Location: UNIT - Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Sec 33, T.13N., R.10E., P.M.M. Sec 33, T.13N., R.10E., P.M.M.					

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Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Spring Creek Road Obliteration CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Stan VanSickle 406-791-7743 svansickle@fs.fed.us
	Description: Spring Creek Road Obliteration Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48627				
	Location: UNIT - Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spring Creek Road.				

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
City of Helena Permit Change and Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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 Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42061				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposal applies to upper Tenmile southwest of Helena, MT.				
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Road to Trail Conversion and Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Roy Barkley 406-495-3853 rbarkley@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51764				
	Location: 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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EHK Placer Mine CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Due to heritage concerns we re-consulted on a past placer mining project.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. E1/2, sec. 9, T11N, R7W, Lewis and Clark County, MT.				
Helena Ranger District AML Closures for 2018 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Closure methods selected are specific to each HMO feature and intended to address the appropriate level of action required to protect the public from physical safety hazards and prevent or limit resource damage.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - T8N, R6W; T11N, R7W; T9N, R4W. T8N, R6W; T11N, R7W; T9N, R4W.				
Hogback Lookout Disposal CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/10/2018	Expected:11/2018	03/2019	Mark Hunting 406-495-3831 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hogback Lookout has not been used in several years resulting in a deteriorated structure. A determination was made that Hogback Lookout is excess to Forest Service. This will include the relocation of the electrical service to a nearby radio tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54666				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T12N, R1W, Section 3.					
Northwest Divide Restoration CE	- 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
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52807				
Location: 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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Spruce Hills Water Tank CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 11/06/2019	01/2020	Megan Dawson 406-784-2344 mbdawson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a pipeline (300-500 feet) and 800 gallon stock tank in the Big Buffalo Allotment in the Spruce Hills area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57565				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spring Hills area.					
Strawberry Butte Front Country Trail Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Heather Degeest 406-495-3851 hdegeest@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Helena Ranger District is proposing a non-motorized trail system in the North Elkhorn Mountain Range.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54963				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 8 North Range 2 West.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Judith-Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Highwoods Goat Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	David Kemp 406-791-7702 dkemp@fs.fed.us
	Description: Open ridge tops in the Highwood Mountains provide valuable habitat and travel corridors for mountain goat, mule deer, and elk. This projects seeks to enhance and preserve these habitats and travel corridors through the removal of encroaching conifer.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46999				
Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Chouteau, Judith Basin. LEGAL - : T20N, R9E, S 36, 25; T20N, R10E, S 31; T19N, R9E, S 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23; T19N, R10E, S 6, 7, 8, 9 . Highwood Mountains.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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Blackfoot Small Tracts Act Conveyance CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/13/2018	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Michael Stansberry 406-362-7002 mstansberry@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to convey of approximately 0.70 acres of federal land to Lincoln Properties LLC under the encroachment category of the Small Tracts Act.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 14 North Range 9 West Northeast 1/4 Section 29.				
Copper Creek Wildlife Enhancement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jarel Kurtz 406-362-7031 jkurtz@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is proposing to treat aspen and whitebark pine in the Snow/Talon fire burn scar.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45048				
Gold Heart Placer Plan of Operation Proposal CE	- Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Timothy Olson 406-495-3738 taolson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Lincoln District Ranger has received a plan of operation from Ron Peaslee to complete mine related activities on the District.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T12N, R8W, Section 7 in the southeast quarter.				
Rogers Pass Trailhead Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/31/2016	Expected:03/2020	07/2020	Josh Lattin 208-839-2108 joshlattin@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49567				
Location: 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.					

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Trenary 1 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2019	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Lewis Hastings 208-392-3737 lewishastings@fs.fed.us
	Description: Minerals exploration and reopening of an adit at a previously producing copper mine. Proposal would include construction of 130 access road off an existing route, no tree removal or water use is required.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55901				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 13 North, Range 7 West Section 19 NW 1/4.					
Wasson Creek Commercial Thinning CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2020	06/2020	William Schroeder 406-362-7030 wschroeder@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Lincoln Ranger District is proposing to treat 63 acres through commercial thinning of overstocked stands in order to increase improve forest health. Thinning would be implemented through mechanical harvest and ground based skidding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55902				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 13 North, Range 10 West Section 9 and 16.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Townsend Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bigler Snowbank EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/04/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53188				
Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 9N R 4E Section 28.					

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Deep-Dry-Grassy AMP Revision EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tracy Schilling 406-495-3870 tschilling@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continue to authorize livestock grazing on the Deep Creek, Grassy Mountain, Dry Creek, and Timber cattle and horse (C&H) grazing allotments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52461				
Location: 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.					
Teddy Bar 1 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Hans Oaks 406-266-3425 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Operator is looking at mineral excavation from a dry bench in the Thomas Creek drainage for an inferred placer gold deposit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53504				
Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 11N R 3E Section 35.					

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