



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</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 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 .					

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
Middleman EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	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 in more than one District)	Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring	R1 - Northern Region
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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: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/29/2020	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.					
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.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
EHK Placer Mine CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/27/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57813				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. EI/2, sec. 9, T1 IN, R7W, Lewis and Clark County, MT.					

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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				
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.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest	Judith-Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Judith-Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
2020 HMO AML CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2020	08/2020	Hal Bobbitt 406-566-2292 hdbobbitt@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project represents an ongoing effort by the Region 1 forests Minerals and Geology Abandoned Mine Lands Program to address the physical safety hazards presented by mine openings on Forest System Lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58086				
Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Generally T14N R10E Sec 21, 32 (Setter TC, Power).					
Blue Nugget #4 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2020	07/2020	Hal Bobbitt 406-566-2292 hdbobbitt@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will conduct placer exploration activities on the Blue Nugget #4 Placer claim.				
	Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T13N R10E Sec.3,4.				
Warm Springs Basin CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2020	07/2020	David Kemp 406-791-7702 dkemp@fs.fed.us
	Description: White Bark Pine Restoration for wildlife habitat improvement.				
	Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - T13N R9E S2,3; T14N R9E. T13N R9E S2,3; T14N R9E.				

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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2020 Lincoln RD Ponderosa Pine Planting CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2020	06/2020	Matthew Voigt 406-791-7752 mvoigt@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is to plant ponderosa pine seedlings at a 12'x12' spacing (~303 trees per acre) across identified units, with the exception of the roadside fuel break which will be planted at a lighter density.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58094				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T I 5N R09W Sec. 27, 33, 34.					
Blackfoot Small Tracts Act Conveyance CE	- 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.				
Gold Heart Placer Plan of Operation Proposal CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2018	05/2019	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.				
Hogum Wildfire Resilience Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:12/2020	06/2023	Daniel Pliley 406-587-6892 Daniel.Pliley@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project is to help restore and maintain the structure, function, composition and ecological connectivity of the forest system in order to increase resiliency to future natural disturbance events like wildfire, insects, and disease.				
	Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Hogum Wildfire Resilience Project is located Lewis and Clark County located approximately 9 miles east of Lincoln, MT and borders a portion of the Continental Divide Trail near Flesher Pass.				

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Rogers Pass Trailhead Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/25/2020	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.					
Trenary 1 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/07/2019	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.					

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Townsend Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bigler Snowbank EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/27/2020	06/2020	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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