



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Helena-Lewis and Clark 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
	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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Hawkeye Sterling Placer CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2020	08/2020	Lewis Hastings 208-392-3737 lewishastings@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is for a small 3 person placer operation that would screen remnant tailing piles for valuable minerals. The operator would excavate and process the top 2-3' of tailing piles. The mineral would then be processed through a trommel.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50667				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 14 R 9W Section 8 Northwest 1/4.					
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.					

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Middleman EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/06/2020	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 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	Completed	Actual: 08/31/2020	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.					

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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
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.					

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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.					
Priest Pass Small Tracts Act CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Kathryn Nash 4065876784 kathryn.nash@usda.gov
	Description: Erroneous Survey Encroachment under Small Tracts Act				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. .50 acre located along Priest Pass Road, west of Helena, MT.				

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Judith-Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Quartz Lode Mining Claim CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2020	08/2020	Hal Bobbitt 406-566-2292 hdbobbitt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal for a lode mine which includes re-opening and securing an existing adit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58510				
Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 29, TI4N, RI0E.					

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Vortex Mine Site Trenches CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/27/2020	08/2020	Hal Bobbitt 406-566-2292 hdbobbitt@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will complete two excavations with the intent of collecting Yogo Sapphire samples.				
	Location: UNIT - Judith-Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T13N R11E Sec. 20, 21.				

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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.				
Hogum Wildfire Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/10/2020	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.				
	Web Link: https://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=58399				
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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Supplemental EA for Elk Smith EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/18/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Frederick Godfrey 406-495-3719 fgodfrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the Elk Smith Project is to address fuel accumulation and continuity in the project area. The original EA for this project is project number 42680, which this analysis is supplementing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58765				
Location: UNIT - Rocky Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in the Elk and Smith Creek drainages on the southern end of the Rocky Mountain Ranger District.					

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