



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2019 to 03/31/2019

Lolo National Forest

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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.					
FNF Plan Revision & NCDE GBCS Amendment to the Lolo, Helena, Lewis & Clark, and Kootenai NFs EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/14/2017	Expected:05/2018	06/2018	Joseph Krueger 406-758-5243 jkrueger@fs.fed.us
Description: The Flathead NF is revising their forest plan and preparing an amendment providing relevant direction from the NCDE Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy into the forest plans for the Lolo, Helena, Kootenai, and Lewis & Clark National Forests.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr					
Location: UNIT - Kootenai National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Flathead National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Sanders, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Flathead National Forest; portions of the Lolo, Kootenai, Helena, and Lewis & Clark NF found in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (grizzly bears).					

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Yellowstone Pipe Line Pipe Abandonment EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2018	Expected:02/2019	05/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of and/or abandonment-in-place of approximately 9,693 feet of out-of-service pipeline located on three separate sites within Missoula and Sanders Counties on the Missoula and Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger Districts				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43167				
Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula, Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Site 1: NW of Missoula in OKeefe Creek (Missoula County); Site 2: 6.5 miles west of Plains (Sanders County); Site 3: islands in the Clark Fork River east of Thompson Falls (Sanders County).					

Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:05/2015	06/2015	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of a 2 year Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding to provide hiking, biking, and Nordic skiing services on the Missoula Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue mountain recreation area, Pattee canyon Recreation Area, Lolo Creek, and Montana Snowbowl.				
Sapphire Crest Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trail construction and reconstruction to connect existing trail segments, creating a 100-mile long non-motorized trail across the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead National Forests on the Sapphire Divide.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247				
Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12N, R19W, Sections 12,13; T12N, R18W, Sections 18, 19, 20,21,27,28 and 24; T11N, R18W, Sections 3,10,15,22,27,26 and 36 and T10N, R18 W, Section 2. Sapphire Divide.					

Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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Burdette Ecosystem Maintenance Burn Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 12/07/2018	04/2019	Jeffrey Hayes 406-626-5421 jeffreyhayes@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use prescribed fire (primarily aerial ignition) on about 7,300 acres to: restore wildlife habitat and reduce the risk of high severity wildfire within the project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54498				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is between Fish and Petty Creeks in Mineral County.					
Soldier-Butler Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2016 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2017	Expected:03/2018	09/2018	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treatments to accomplish the project objectives include using tree thinning and slashing, prescribed fire, weed treatments, and road treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50777				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. About 7 miles northwest of Huson, MT. Extends from the East Fork of Burnt Fork Creek southwest to Butler Creek and from the Ninemile Road #412 to the Reservation Divide.					

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Clark Hinchwood Livestock Area Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/15/2018	06/2019	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit to allow cattle to cross National Forest System land between grazing leases on State and private lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clark Hinchwood area, approximately 8 miles northeast of Plains.				

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Knowles Creek Prescribed Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/23/2018	Expected:12/2018	04/2019	Travis Pfister 406-826-4331 tpfister@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project includes prescribed burning on approximately 2500 acres to improve bighorn sheep habitat and reduce hazardous fuels.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54376				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Five miles east of Paradise in the Knowles Creek area near the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary.					
Native Fish Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/10/2018	Expected:10/2018	07/2019	Jonathan Hanson 360-374-1236 jrhanson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of large wood and other aquatic improvements in Graves Creek, Crow Creek, Cooper Gulch, Fishtrap Creek, and upper Prospect Creek to enhance habitat for native fish.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54323				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Graves Creek, Crow Creek, Cooper Gulch, upper Prospect Creek, and Fishtrap Creek.					
Northwestern Energy Power Pole Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2018	Expected:03/2019	06/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation clearing and pole replacement would be conducted within the Northwestern Energy's Thompson Falls to Burke A & B 115kV power line corridor to comply with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54917				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Power line corridor from Thompson Falls to the Antimony substation then up Cooper Gulch to Cooper Pass.					

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Swamp Eddy EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated project that includes vegetation and road management activities to restore resilient vegetative conditions, improve elk forage, support communities, and maintain a suitable transportation system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49096				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located across the Clark Fork River from Plains in the Swamp and Combest Creek drainages.					
Thompson Falls Administrative Site Sale CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 12/03/2018	03/2019	Corrine Kegel 406-829-7339 clkegel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of property consisting of 4 buildings on approximately 5 acres, located just north of Thompson Falls in Sanders County, Montana				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53828				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Section 5, a portion of the SE1/4, SW1/4, T21N, R29W, P.M.M. Property is located just off Columbia Street on the north end of Thompson Falls.					

Lolo National Forest	Seeley Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Lolo National Forest Seeley Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Center Horse Landscape Restoration Project EIS	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Collaboratively developed integrated ecosystem management including restoration of fire adapted ecosystems, soil productivity, watersheds and aquatic habitat, and management of recreation opportunities and motor vehicle access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36806				
Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula, Powell. LEGAL - T16N, R11W, S 19,20,29-32; T16N, R12W, S 2,7,11-15,17-20,22-36; T16N, R13W, S 1-27; T16N, R14W S 1-5,9-15,22-24,26,27; T17 R12W S18,19,30,31; T17N, R13W S 3,4,7,9-36; T17N, R14W S 12-14,23-27, 34-36. The 61,000 acre Center Horse Project area is about 14 miles north of Ovando and includes the N. FK. Cottonwood and Spring Ck drainages on the west and the McCabe ck drainage on the east.					
Morrell Stream Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/02/2018	Expected:01/2019	07/2019	Shane Hendrickson 406-329-3727 shendrickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore and stabilize approximately 5,000 linear feet of stream channel, streambanks, and associated floodplains to more natural conditions and reduce downstream impacts to bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55026				
Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located about 7 miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT in the upper reaches of the Morrell Creek watershed.					

Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2018	Expected:03/2019	07/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit request from Idaho Forest Group (IFG) to construct, use, and maintain approximately 0.6 miles of new permanent road across National Forest System land to access their isolated 40-acre parcel in Section 31, T19N, R29W, P.M.M.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 1, T18N, R29W, P.M.M. Deer Creek drainage, approximately 1.5 miles south of DeBorgia.				
Mattox Water Transmission Line CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Carole Johnson 406-822-3911 cajohnson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit request for a waterline using the following existing facilities: 1) 2' dia. by 900' of above ground black plastic pipe; 2) A water collection device consisting of a perforated plastic barrel in the stream channel				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Beginning in the NW 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Sec. 16; through the very NE corner of Sec. 17 and ending where it enters private property in the SE 1/4, SE1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec. 8 T16N, R26W; P.M.MT. An unnamed tributary NE of Upham Creek, in the Cedar Creek drainage SE of Superior.				
Summer Trails Motorized Management EA	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Kennedy 406-822-3954 ekennedy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Motorized recreation management including development and authorization of trails and roads for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) use, and closure and restoration of areas damaged by unauthorized Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28845				
Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T17 - 19N, R28 - 32W. West end of the Superior Ranger District from Twomile Creek to Lookout Pass Ski Area.					

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