



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

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	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/13/2019	Expected:05/2019	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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Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ninemile Divide Ecosystem Maintenance Burning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2019	04/2020	Jeffrey Hayes 406-626-5421 jeffreyhayes@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to apply prescribed fire to the landscape to address wildfire risk reduction and reduce fuels accumulations within the Lolo NF Community and General Wildfire Protection Zones.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55841				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T16N, R24W, Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, &36. T16N, R23W, Section 30. Stark MT Inventoried Roadless Area along the Ninemile Divide.					
Soldier-Butler Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/14/2019	Expected:11/2019	07/2020	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.					

Lolo National Forest	Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Northwestern Energy Power Pole Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2019	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.					
Plains/Paradise TV District Communications Facility SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2019	08/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorization of a lease to the Plains/Paradise TV District for construction, use, and maintenance of a 5 square foot concrete pad, a 50-foot tall tower and a 9x16 foot building at the Patrick's Knob communication site.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Patrick's Knob communication site. SW1/4, SW1/4, Section 25, T19N, R26W, P.M.M.				
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.					

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Young Creek 80 Non-cost Share Road project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 05/22/2019	07/2019	Catina McLean 406-329-3861 cmclean@fs.fed.us
	Description: Weyerhaeuser has requested to construct approximately 0.3 miles of road across National Forest System land to access their parcel in Section 29, T24N, R27W in the Young Creek drainage, about 15 miles north of Thompson Falls.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - New road would be constructed off the end of road #18790 in Section 32, T24N, R27W, P.M.M. Young Creek drainage, approximately 15 miles north of Thompson Falls and 7 miles southwest of the historic Ben Ranger Station.				

Lolo National Forest Seeley Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Center Horse Landscape Restoration Project EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.					

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Morrell Stream Restoration Project CE	- 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
AT&T FirstNet Communication Facility Upgrade CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/06/2019	06/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amend an existing communication site lease to AT&T FirstNet/New Cingular Wireless for the construction, use and maintenance of a 4x10 foot concrete pad, generator, and fuel tank at the Thompson Peak communication site.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Section 5, T16N, R26W, P.M.M. Thompson Peak communication site.				
Cruzane Mountain EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2019	Expected:04/2020	01/2021	Andrew Kies 406-329-3345 afkies@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing to implement commercial and non-commercial vegetation management, which includes fuel treatments, on approximately 1615 acres. Additionally, we are proposing to complete ecosystem maintenance burning over approximately 1160 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56156				
Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T19 R30 Sections 6- 8, 17-20 and T19 R31 Sections 1, 2, 11-14. The project area is approx. 3 miles west of Haugen and northeast of Saltese in Mineral County, MT. It is located between Interstate 90 and NFS Road 288. It is bounded by Packer Creek (W), East Fork Packer Creek (N), and McManus Creek (NE/E).					

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Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2018	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	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.				
Northwestern Energy Distribution Line - Deborgia Special Use Authorization Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/06/2019	07/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorization of an amendment to Northwestern Energy's existing special use permit for the construction, use, and maintenance of 1875 feet of new underground electric distribution line across NFS land to a private residence.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 30, T19N, R29W, P.M.M. Within the road right of way for NFSR 300-1.				
Summer Trails Motorized Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/11/2019	Expected:09/2019	06/2020	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Motorized recreation management including development and authorization of trails and roads for summer seasonal OHV use (ATV, UTV, motorcycle).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28845				
Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West end of the Superior Ranger District: St. Regis to Lookout Pass Ski Area.					

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Superior RD Campgrounds Vegetation Management Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Bruce Erickson 406-822-3957 berickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes the removal of trees that are hazards and those that are affected by or highly susceptible to insects and disease within 6 developed recreation sites to maintain public safety and long-term vegetation health.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56354				
Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Quartz Flats campground, Trout Creek campground, Slowey campground, Little Joe campground, Cabin City campground, and Savenac Historic Tree Nursery.					

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