



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

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 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 12/24/2018 12/24/2018	01/2019	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, Helena-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).					

Lolo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R1 - Northern Region

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Lolo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Yellowstone Pipe Line Pipe Abandonment EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/18/2019	Expected:12/2019	06/2020	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
Soldier-Butler Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	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.					
Tungsten Holdings Access Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/17/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special-use permit to re-construct, use, and maintain approximately 0.78 mi. of permanent road across NFS land to access a private parcel				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56416				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The road would be re-constructed off of NFSR 5563 in Secs. 17 & 18, T14N, R22W between Petty Creek and Southside Rd.					

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
BMU 22 Compliance EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	David Wrobleski 406-826-4321 dwrobleski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes management actions on specific roads and trails to comply with Forest Plan access standards for wheeled motorized vehicle use within the portion of the Cabinet-Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone that overlaps the Lolo National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56661				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Thompson Falls.					
Dish Network Communication Facilities - Clark Mountain CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2019	08/2019	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a communication site lease to Dish Network for the construction, use, and maintenance of a 5 x 7 foot concrete pad and platform to house equipment at the established Clark Mountain electronic site.				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clark Mountain electronic site, about three miles south of Thompson Falls.				
Swamp Eddy EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/14/2019	Expected:01/2020	06/2021	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated project that includes vegetation and road management activities to restore resilient vegetative conditions, 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.					

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	<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.					
Liberty II Fire Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/23/2019	Expected:10/2019	12/2019	John Slown 406-329-3749 jslown@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes harvesting dead, dying, insect infested, and diseased trees on 484 acres. The proposed activities would likely begin in winter of 2019-2020, with harvest and associated activities completed within one year.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56887				
Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. he project is located on the Seeley Lake Ranger District 13 miles southwest of Seeley Lake, MT.					
Morrell Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management 	Completed	Actual: 08/02/2019	08/2019	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.					

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Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cruzane Mountain EA	- 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).					
Hard Times No. 3 Mineral Exploration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/15/2019	09/2019	David Gerwe dgerwe@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project involves excavating trenches and a sediment retention pond to help define placer gold resources on a mining claim. Operations would be completed in about a month.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Oregon Gulch.				
Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Redd Bull EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:11/2020	08/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated restoration project that includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to address multiple resource objectives. Project also includes forest plan amendment to change the management area allocation on approx. 198 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574				
Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.					
Summer Trails Motorized Management EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 09/30/2019	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.					
Superior RD Campgrounds Vegetation Management Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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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