



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Lolo 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.					

Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R1 - Northern Region

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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.					
West Fork Lolo Road Decommissioning CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2020	07/2020	Dustin Walters 559-246-7012 dwalters@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approx. 2 mi. of road would be stored (i.e., culverts are pulled at crossings to reduced sediment inputs but the roads remain on the Forest's transportation system inventory for anticipated future forest management) and 10 mi. would be decommissioned				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57630				
Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Township 10N, Range 24W, Sections 1, 3, & 11; Township11N, Range 24W, Sections 13, 24, 25, 35, & 36; Township 11N, Range 23W, Sections 29 & 30; and Township 12N, Range 23W Sections 25, 32, & 35. Approx. 25 miles west of Lolo, MT in the W Fork Lolo Creek and Upper Lolo Creek watersheds. Major streams in these watersheds include W Fork Lolo Creek, Lee Creek, Cloudburst Creek, and Mud Creek.					

Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Familias Doradas gold exploration project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	David Gerwe 406 329 3775 dgerwe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Includes excavating up to twenty trenches, and two sediment retention ponds with an excavator. Material from the trenches would be processed through a recirculating wash plant recovering any gold.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58321				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Two mining claims in the Little McCormick and Kennedy Creek areas on the Ninemile Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.					
Frenchtown Face vegetation management EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 06/01/2007 02/23/2006	08/2007	Brian Riggers (406)329-3793 briggers@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels management, timber harvest, manage weeds, roads & recreation				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=923				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T15N, R21W, PM-MT. 20 miles northwest of Missoula, Montana.					
Sawmill-Petty Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/04/2020	Expected:01/2021	07/2021	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed treatments to accomplish the project objectives include tree thinning and slashing, prescribed fire, weed treatments, and road treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57030				
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Missoula. LEGAL - SE 1/4 , NE 1/4, S 34, T14N, R 23W, MT Meridian. South of I-90 and Alberton and Huson, MT in Sawmill, Reservoir, Petty, Peppard, Tank, and Corral Creek drainages.					

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Tungsten Holdings Access Special Use Permit CE	- 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.					

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
A-BLT Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2020	Expected:01/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposal includes vegetation, road, and watershed management activities to address multiple resource objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57645				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sections 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, and 34-35, T21N, R31W, P.M.M. Project is located about 10 miles west of Thompson Falls in the Antimony, Cox, Everson, Buster Brown, Lucky Boy, and Therriault drainages, which are tributary to Prospect Creek.					

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BMU 22 Compliance EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/12/2020	Expected:01/2021	07/2021	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.					
Falls Flats Connector Trail Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2020	09/2020	Michael Church 406-826-4319 michael.church@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of 3 miles of seasonal, non-motorized trail to connect the River Trail #223 near Ferry Landing to the Iron Mountain Wagon Road Trail #242 by Cascade Campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57294				
Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sections 14, 23, 24, 25, T18N, R25W, P.M.M. South of Highway 135, approximately 6 air miles southwest of Paradise, MT.					

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 *UPDATED*	<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 	Completed	Actual: 07/23/2020	07/2020	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.					
Westside Bypass Wildfire Resiliency Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:12/2020	07/2021	Elizabeth Tichner 406-329-3480 elizabeth.tichner@usda.gov
	Description: This project is being developed to address forest fuels concerns on the western/northwestern side of Seeley Lake while improving species composition and forest structure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58877				
Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T17N R15W Sects. 5-8, 18-20, 28-33. This project area is about 2 miles northwest of Seeley Lake, MT, along the western side of Seeley Lake, accessible by County Rd 77 and NFS Rd 2190.					

Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Cruzane Mountain EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/28/2020	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Elizabeth Tichner 406-329-3480 elizabeth.tichner@usda.gov
	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 1136 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).					
Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE	- 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 *UPDATED*	<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: Comment Period Public Notice 06/29/2020	Expected:01/2021	09/2022	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 - T17 and 18N, R28 and 29W, P.M.M. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.					

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