



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Boise 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 .				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.					

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/18/2019	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Jennifer Blake 208634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will address both restoration and public and private access needs to determine the minimum road system, improve watershed condition, provide ATV and motorcycle trail opportunities, and provide dispersed camping and parking opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51257				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District, Cascade Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is the South Fork Salmon River corridor on the Payette NF with a short extension on the SFSR Rd on the Boise NF, located generally east of McCall, Idaho in Valley and Idaho Counties.					

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Stibnite Gold Project EIS EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/15/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Brian Harris 208-634-0784 bdharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest is processing a plan of operations for open pit mining, processing, new road construction, utility upgrades, reclamation, and restoration at the Stibnite mine site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516				
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Stibnite mining district is located in Valley County Idaho, east of the community of Yellow Pine near the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.					

Boise National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Trinity Fire Reforestation CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:04/2021	10/2021	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: This project would plant native tree species within the portions of the 130,000-acre 2012 Trinity Ridge Fire perimeter. The fire removed native tree species and their seed sources, making natural regeneration difficult.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58279				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District, Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - T 06 NR 09 E, T 06NR 10 E, T 05 NR 08 E, T 05 NR 09 E, T 04 NR 08 E, T 04 NR 09 E, T 03 NR 09 E, and T 03 NR 10 E. Trinity Ridge Fire Perimeter in Management Area 2 Rattlesnake Creek/Feather River, and Management Area 6 Middle Fork of the Boise River.					

Boise National Forest	Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Boise National Forest Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Burntlog Route Geophysical Investigation CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2020	Expected:12/2020	05/2021	Jake Strohmeyer 208-382-7400 jstrohmeyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the investigation is to collect crucial geophysical data along the existing Burntlog road and proposed new alignment between Trapper Creek and Stibnite.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57593				
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - The project is located in sec 12, T15N, R7E; sec 3, 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, T15N, R8E; sec 1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 22, 26, 27, 34, 35, T16N, R8E; sec 13, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36, T17N. R8E; sec 4, 5, 8, 17, 18, T17N. R9E; sec 13, 14, 24-26, 32-34 T18., R9E, Boise Meridian. Burntlog road.					
Fawn Tussock CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Stephanie Blumer 906-643-7900 x155 sblumer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the Fawn Tussock project is to capture the value of insect impacted timber, decrease secondary, ongoing, and future insect activity, and reduce the potential future fuel load being created by the current insect mortality.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58873				
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Township 12-North, Range 3-East, sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, and 15 Township 13-North, Range 3-East, sections 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, and 35 . 7 miles southwest of Cascade ID.					

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Boise National Forest Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Skunk Creek CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	James Bishop 208-382-7442 jjbishop@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the project is to improve stand conditions, increase resiliency to ongoing and future insect activity, reduce hazardous fuels, and reduce the potential future fuel load being created by the current insect mortality.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58699				
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Township 12-North, Range 4-East, sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, and 26 Township 12-North, Range 5-East, sections 5, 6, and 7 Township 13-North, Range 5-East, sections 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32. The project is located approximately 12 miles east-southeast of Cascade, in Valley County Idaho. The project area is within the wildland urban interface of the Clear Creek subdivision.					

Boise National Forest Emmett Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Idaho Department of Transportation Maintenance Facility Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/11/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Christopher Woras 208-382-7422 cworas@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue a new special use authorization for a new term to replace expired authorization EMT100131 which authorized the operation and maintenance of the Banks Maintenance Shed No. 3114				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57591				
Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Township 9 North, Range 3 East, Section 28. Intersection of Highway 55 and Highway 21.					
Meg #1 Plan of Operations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 rickywells@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service would approve a plan of operations for the exploration of pegmatite crystals on an established mining claim on National Forest System land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58695				
Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Gem. LEGAL - Section 4 of Township 10 North, Range 2 East. Along NFS road 644A, approximately 2.6 miles from the intersection with NFSR 644.					

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Sage Hen Integrated Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/15/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Mary Blackwell 208-373-4245 Mary.Blackwell@usda.gov
	Description: Improve vegetation conditions to improve resiliency to uncharacteristic disturbances, restore watershed function to improve aquatic resources, improve and manage recreational opportunities/use, and support local/regional economies.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56701				
Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Squaw Creek watershed north of High Valley and on the westside of the Emmett Ranger District. Eastside of the project area includes a portion of the Snowbank Inventoried Roadless Area.					

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Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
2018 CuMo Exploration Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 rickywells@fs.fed.us
	Description: Locatable minerals exploration. Proposal to drill 259 new exploratory holes to retrieve core samples. Project will construction of about 13.3 miles of new temporary road and use of about 4.7 miles existing unauthorized road as temporary roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52875				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T8N, R6E, Sections 7,8,17,18,19,and 20. This project is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Grimes Pass in Boise County Idaho.					

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Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
New Start - JaBob Minerals Proposed Plan of Operations Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/17/2020	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Travis Whitman 1-208-392-3719 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: A mining claimant has submitted a plan of operation for mineral exploration. The Forest service is mandated to act timely in processing Plans submitted under mining laws, including completion of an environmental review, as required under NEPA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49771				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T7N, R5E, sec 10. On National Forest System Lands, roughly one mile southwest of Pioneerville, Idaho, Boise County.					
The Saint Minerals Project Proposed Plan of Operations (Revised) CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/17/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Travis Whitman 1-208-392-3719 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: The proponent proposes exploratory mining over a 1-acre parcel of FS land. Holes would be dug by hand, mini excavator, or backhoe. Over the course of a 5-year period up to 25 holes may be dug down to bedrock, no more than 2 at a time.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57488				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T7N-R4E-Sec 15. Approximately 1 mile west of Placerville on FSR 343.					
Thorn Creek Butte Communications Site CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2020	04/2021	Brant Petersen 541-383-4766 bpetersen02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The CIO Land Mobile Radio Group, Idaho Department of Lands, and Boise County, propose building a new 80 foot tall radio comms building and tower at Thorn Creek Butte on an old concrete pad, providing line of site comms for safety along HWY 21.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58193				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T5-R6-Section 28. Thorn Creek Butte Lookout.					

Boise National Forest Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Bureau of Reclamation Weather Station Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:12/2020	04/2021	Katherine Hermanns 208-365-7026 katherine.hermanns@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service would issue a special use authorization for a new term to authorize operating and maintaining a 4ft. x 4ft x 39ft. concrete pad with meteorological, and river gauging equipment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58687				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - N1/2, SE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, Section 27, T9N, R7E. Approximately 1-mile NW of Lowman on Lowman Homes Road, off-of Highway 17.					
Deadwood Fault Study CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Katherine Hermanns 208-365-7026 katherine.hermanns@usda.gov
	Description: The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in collaboration with the Idaho Geological Survey (IGS) is conducting a study of the Deadwood-Reeves Creek fault system as part of a dam safety evaluation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58694				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Sections 30 and 31 of Township 12 North, Range 7 East. Deadwood Reservoir.					
Lowman Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/10/2020	10/2020	Ryan Shannahan 208-259-3361 rmshannahan@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes hazardous fuel reduction on approximately 9,400 acres within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Proposed treatments include both prescribed fire and mechanical understory thinning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41003				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located adjacent to the community of Lowman along the South Fork of the Payette River.					

Boise National Forest Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Boise National Forest Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Boise River Basin Feasibility Study EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/31/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:05/2021	01/2024	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: Bureau of Reclamation has completed a Draft EIS for the Boise River Basin Feasibility Study. The USFS is a cooperating agency. To accomplish this project the USFS would need to modify a Forest Roads and Trails Act Easement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58545				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Anderson Ranch Reservoir, 28 miles northeast of Mountain Home, Idaho.					
Lower Feather Maintenance Burn CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/24/2020	Expected:12/2020	04/2021	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposes prescribe within a 2,515-acre project area to reduce fuels and maintain a natural fire return interval. There would be a 752-acre primary treatment area within the project area. Click on "Project Detail" for more info.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58439				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - T4N R10E Sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34. Three miles north of Featherville, Idaho. Rattlesnake Creek / Feather River - Management Area 2. Feather River South Fork Boise River watershed.					
Sinker Creek - Boise Ridge Forest Health Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/09/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Joshua Newman 208-587-7865 joshua.newman@usda.gov
	Description: The forest proposes to implement vegetation treatments using timber harvest and prescribed fire to promote forest resiliency and address hazardous fuels within the wildland urban interface while responding to insect and disease outbreaks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56323				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Sinker Creek area is about 16 miles northeast of Boise via Bogus Basin Road. The Boise Ridge area is about ten miles northeast of Boise, via Eighth Street.					

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Boise National Forest Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
South Fork Boise River Bark Beetle Mitigation CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/24/2020	Expected:11/2020	02/2021	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: This project would implement sanitation harvest through mechanical removal of insect-infected ponderosa pine in the Dog Creek Campground, Elks Flat Campground, and Bronco Gulch Dispersed Recreation Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58278				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Township 2N, Range 10E, Sections 5, 7, 8. Four miles north of Pine, ID in Management Area 2: Rattlesnake Creek/Feather River.					

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