



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Boise National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
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:12/2020	01/2021	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)					
Stibnite Gold Project EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/05/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Sitka Pence 202-322-9870 sitka.pence@usda.gov
	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.					

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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)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/29/2020	Expected:01/2022	09/2022	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
Burntlog Route Geophysical Investigation CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2020	Expected:03/2022	09/2022	Jake Strohmeier 208-382-7400 jstrohmeier@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.					

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Fawn Tussock CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/03/2021	08/2021	Stephanie Blumer 906-643-7900 x155 sblumer@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would utilize salvage, commercial thinning, non-commercial thinning and prescribed fire to project is to improve stand conditions, increase resiliency to ongoing and future insect activity, reduce existing hazardous fuels accumulations.				
	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.					
Rice Creek Road Repair CE	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	James Mays 208-382-7420 jamesdmays@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to repair the Rice Creek. The work would include earthwork to regrade and reshape the existing road into a series of fords at all drainages.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59177				
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T14N,R06E, Section13; T14N, R07E, Sections 17, 18, 20, 29, 30, and 31. National Forest System Road 478, approximately 8 miles south of Warm Lake.					
Skunk Creek CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/27/2020	Expected:10/2021	04/2022	James Bishop 208-382-7442 jbbishop@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.					

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Boise National Forest	Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Two Bit Creek Culvert Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/23/2021	Expected:03/2022	06/2022	James Mays 208-382-7420 jamesdmays@fs.fed.us
Description: The project proposes to replace the existing barrier culvert on Two Bit Creek with Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) structures which will re-establish unimpeded fish passage to all age classes of anadromous and resident fish species.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59175					
Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Section 3 of Township 15 North, Range 6 East. Two Bit Creek at National Forest System road 493.					

Boise National Forest	Emmett Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Payette Ola C Bull Trout Protection Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/13/2021	Expected:10/2021	05/2022	Katherine Wood 208-879-4125 katherinelwood@fs.fed.us
Description: Improve bull trout habitat by using fence to prohibit entry of cattle into riparian areas.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59756					
Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Gem. LEGAL - Sections 9, 10, 11, 22, 27, 34, and 35 of Township 13 North, Range 2 East. Sections 13 and 14 of Township 12 North, Range 2 East. Portions of Squaw Creek, Third Fork Squaw Creek, Rammage Creek, and Renwyck Creek.					

Boise National Forest	Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
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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.					
Boulder Mill Minerals Project Plan of Operations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Travis Whitman 1-541-427-5351 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: This project is for a proposed Plan of Operations for locatable minerals, as allowed by federal mining regulations (36 CFR 228A). The proponent proposes exploration of a placer deposit by digging up to ten test pits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60509				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 7N, Range 6E, Section 30 Boise Meridian. Management Area 8 - Mores Creek. Near the junction of NFS Roads 379 and 379A.					
Edna Creek Campground Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:11/2021	06/2022	Everardo Santillan 208-392-6681 esantillan@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes to upgrade campground site features to meet Forest Service standards, national accessibility standards, and the demand of the public for high-quality recreational experiences on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60111				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T07N R 7E S35. Section 10. Edna Creek Campground, Management Area 7 (Crooked River).					

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Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
FS Road 205 Improvements- Realignment CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Ciara Cusack 208-392-3734 ciara.cusack@usda.gov
	Description: Implement road work on FS Road 205 to re-establish public access and reduce impacts to an intermittent stream channel, as well as the downstream Queens River. Work includes realigning FS Road 206 to avoid crossing the intermittent stream.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60188				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 4 miles northwest of Atlanta, Idaho in the Upper Boise River Management Area 6.					
Forest Service Road 327 Realignment CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/30/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Brian Lawatch 208-587-7871 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: Realign approximately 1/2 mile segment of NFS Road 327 where a reoccurring, rotational landslide is located. This landslide is located at approximate milepost 31.5.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60189				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Road 327 MP 31.5, North-East of Idaho City.					
Hawley Mountain Communications Site CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/26/2021	Expected:09/2021	06/2022	Brant Petersen 541-383-4766 bpetersen02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USFS CIO Land Mobile Radio Group would like to install a new radio communication building and tower on Hawley Mountain.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60077				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On Hawley Mountain in the Harris Creek Management Area, Legal Description T8N R4E Sec31, Boise Meridian.					

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Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Idaho Pride Plan of Operations 2022 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Travis Whitman 1-541-427-5351 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: This project is for a proposed Plan of Operations for locatable minerals, as allowed by federal mining regulations (36 CFR 228A). The proponent proposes to explore three sites on two mining claims near Steamboat Gulch east of Idaho City.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60508				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 6N, Range 5E, Section 25, Boise Meridian. Two miles east of Idaho City, near Steamboat Gulch, Management Area 8 - Mores Creek.					
South Zone Critical Condition Bridges Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/30/2021	Expected:01/2022	06/2022	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to fully replace four existing bridges located on National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 236, 304, 329, and FH-82.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60109				
Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Roads 304, 329, 236, and FH82 in Management Area 8 (Mores Creek).					

Boise National Forest Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Bear Valley Borrow Source Development EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/04/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: There is a need to provide a cost-effective material source to facilitate road maintenance in the Bear Valley area. The proposal is to re-open and expand the existing borrow source located adjacent to Forest Road 579.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59728				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 2 Township 12 North, Range 9 East. The project is located 3/8 mile southwest of the intersection of Forest Road 582 and Forest Road 579.					

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Bear Valley Creek Chinook Salmon Abundance Monitoring Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/09/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Scott Brandt 208-259-3361 ext 7510 scott.brandt@usda.gov
	Description: Operation and maintenance of a fish counting station, rotary screw trap, and staff gauge. Also permits a campsite, bankside wall tent, and storage of a cargo trailer on-site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59173				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 29 of Township 13 North, Range 10 East. Bear Valley drainage adjacent to Fir Creek campground, about 44 miles northeast of Lowman, Idaho.					
Rock Creek Culvert Replacements CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 07/29/2021	09/2021	Matthew Robinson 208.259.3361 x7508 matthew.robinson@usda.gov
	Description: The project proposes to install three aquatic organism passage (AOP) structures to replace old culverts. This will improve aquatic organism passage and allow for natural channel flow.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59176				
Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lower Rock Creek, Lower Road Fork Creek, and Upper Rock Creek on FSR 594.					

Boise National Forest Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Boise River Basin Feasibility Study EIS	- Facility management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jeffrey.alexander2@usda.gov
	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.					

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Boise National Forest Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Clear Creek Forest Health Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/15/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2025	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=59217				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Clear Creek area is about 14 miles northeast of Boise, just west of Highway 21 via Clear Creek Road (NF-261).					
Cow Creek Pit Development Plan CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/09/2021	08/2021	Travis Whitman 1-208-392-3719 travis.whitman@usda.gov
	Description: The Mountain Home Highway District proposes to reopen an existing reclaimed aggregate pit on Forest Road 131. Approximately 288,000 cubic yards of material would be used for road improvements over five phases during a 30-year period.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60075				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Road number 131, alongside Cow Creek at steep switchback. Legal Description: Boise Meridian T 1S R 7E Sec. 12.					
Idaho Power Bogus Basin Underground Line Placement Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/19/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: Idaho Power proposes to install new underground power cables to the top of Shafer Butte and Deer Point at Bogus Basin. The existing cables that provide power to these two areas of critical facilities are deteriorating.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59950				
Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bogus Basin Recreation Area, 16 miles north of Boise via Bogus Basin Road.					

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