



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Payette National Forest

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Rapid River Ecosystem Maintenance Burn CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Dustin Doane 208-347-0336 dldoane@fs.fed.us
Description: To restore wildlife habitat and improve ecosystem health in the Rapid River watershed.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56471					
Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands among the northern portion of the New Meadow RD, west of Hwy 95 NFS lands among the southern portion of the Salmon River RD, west of Hwy 95 Private lands within and adjacent to NFS lands.					

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Idaho Sled Dog Challenge Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	Completed	Actual: 09/25/2019	01/2020	Jascha Zeitlin 208-549-4224 jzeitlin02@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forests propose to issue a Recreation Event Special Use Authorization to McCall Ultra Sled Dog Challenge LLC, to conduct a multi-day sled dog racing event on groomed snowmobile routes across 5 Districts on the Payette and Boise National Forests.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55981					
Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District, Council Ranger District, McCall Ranger District, Cascade Ranger District, New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Groomed snowmobile routes across 5 Districts on the Payette and Boise National Forests.					

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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:04/2020	04/2020	Anthony Botello 208-634-0601 abbotello@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.					
Stibnite Gold Plan of Operations EIS EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/05/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2019	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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.					

Payette National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R4 - Intermountain Region

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Payette National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Wildlife Conservation Strategy (Forest Plan Amendment) [101] EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/21/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Patricia Anderson Soucek 208-634-0812 psoucek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Short- and long-term management strategies and priorities for maintaining and restoring habitats associated with terrestrial wildlife species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28633				
Location: UNIT - Payette National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Payette National Forest.					

Payette National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Granite Meadows EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/31/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Phillip Graeve 208-253-0163 phillip.graeve@usda.gov
	Description: This is the fifth project within the Payette National Forest's Weiser River - Little Salmon Headwaters Project area and part of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54029				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District, New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - T18 N., R.2 E., S 2, 3; T.19 N., R.2 E., S 1-5, 9-16,21-28,34-36; T.19 N., R.3E. S 2-10, 15-22, 28-30; T.20 N., R.1 E., S 3-9, 13, 17-20, 24, 29-31; T.20 N., R.1 W., S 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36; T.20 N.,. The Granite Meadows Project is located North of New Meadows, Idaho and North and West of McCall, Idaho on the Boise Meridian.					

Payette National Forest Council Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Payette National Forest	Council Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Crooked River Road Decommissioning CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2019	08/2019	Melanie Vining 208-253-0131 mlvining@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Council Ranger District proposes to decommission approximately 3.7 miles of unauthorized routes in the Crooked River drainage. This work would be done in conjunction with implementing BMPs on Maintenance Level 1 closed roads causing erosion.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55903				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crooked River 6th Field HUC (Wildhorse River 5th Field HUC).					
Cuprum Water Diversion CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2018	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 dfcobb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a new special use permit to Cuprum Benevolent Preservation Society for use of 120 feet of metal corrugated pipe that diverts water from Indian Creek to the concrete water diversion for irrigation, domestic, and fire protection use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54071				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T20N, R3W section 10; Boise Meridian Adams County, Idaho. . The diversion is located in T20N, R3W section 10 at the end of the Cuprum town boundary on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest.					
Eastern Oregon University Recreation Event CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/14/2019	08/2019	Jascha Zeitlin 208-549-4224 jzeitlin02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes issuing a temporary Special Use Permit to Eastern Oregon University for an outdoor orientation program for 24 students and 6 instructors. This would include camping at Big Bar Rec Area, hiking, rock climbing, and paddle boarding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55978				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Camping will occur within Big Bar Recreation Area. Hiking would be on NFS Trails 514, 223, 225, and 222. Rock climbing would be on Flat Iron. Paddle Boarding would be on Hells Canyon Reservoir.					

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Huckleberry 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 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2019	Expected:02/2020	04/2020	Ronda Bishop 208-253-0100 rmbishop@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is the forth project within the Payette National Forest's Weiser River - Little Salmon Headwaters Project area and part of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. The Project area is approx. 67,000 acres on the Council RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50218				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear/Cuprum Area on the Council Ranger District.					
Steves Creek C&H Allotment Range Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2019	08/2019	Robert Bumgarner 208-549-4262 rbumgarner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action for this project is the maintenance or re-construction of four existing spring developments. All the projects are located on the Council Ranger District in the Steves Creek C&H Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55976				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All the projects are located on the Council Ranger District in Adams County, Idaho within the Steves Creek C&H Allotment.					

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Big Creek Hazardous Fuel Reduction EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/26/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Anthony Botello 208-634-0601 abbotello@fs.fed.us
	Description: Community protection for Edwardsburg/Big Creek area using commercial and noncommercial treatments and Rx fire to reduce hazardous fuels. Treatments are on USFS lands along public roads and adjacent to private property, outside of wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54260				
Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - T20N, R9E, Sections 2-4 and 10; and T21N, R9E, Sections 23, 26, 27, and 31 - 35; Boise Meridian. The project area is around the communities of Edwardsburg and Big Creek, Idaho, approximately 7 air miles northeast of the community of Yellow Pine, Idaho, and approximately 39 air miles NE of McCall.					
Dewey Mine Sediment Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/05/2019	08/2019	Anthony Botello 208-634-0601 abbotello@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a sediment stabilization project at the Dewey Mine to include installing check dams in a gully, excavating a drainage route to direct runoff from the mine around a breached settling pond, and improving drainage, road access, and mine closure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55927				
Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - The legal description is as follows: T19N, R11E, NW1/4 of Section 29, and the NE1/4 of Section 30; Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho. National Forest System lands located in Valley County approximately 17 miles west of Yellowpine, Idaho.					
Morgan Ridge Exploratory Drilling Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Anthony Botello 208-630-0601 abbotello@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Plan of Operations is being considered to conduct exploratory drilling for locatable minerals from four drill pads, including six 1500-ft core holes and the use/repair of 3.1 miles of existing routes as temporary road for motorized vehicle access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49889				
Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On Morgan Ridge in the Big Creek area, approximately 11 miles north-northeast of the community of Yellow Pine, ID at T21N, R9E, sec 19 S ½, 20 S ½, 29, 30, 31 N ½, 32 N ½.					

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Payette National Forest McCall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Sisters River Ranches Company Water System Special Use Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2018	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Lisa Klinger 208-634-0401 lklinger@fs.fed.us
	Description: The US Forest Service is proposing to issue a 20 year Special Use Permit (SUP) to Sisters River Ranches Company (Company) for an existing private water system, including spring box, settling box, and approximately 1500 feet of gravity-fed piping.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55179				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in T22N, R7E section 13, Boise Meridian, Idaho County, Idaho.					
South Fork - Main Salmon Private Land Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Lisa Klinger 208-634-0401 lklinger@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes to issue special use permits or long term easements for motorized access to private property owners near the confluence of the Main Salmon-South Fork Salmon Rivers with reciprocal easements to the USFS for public access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55787				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Township 23N, Range 8E, sections 5, 6, 7; Township 24N, Range 8E, sections 29, 32; Idaho County, Idaho . Trail 120/122 from the Mackay Bar Bridge on the Main Salmon River to the private land on the South Fork Salmon River including the South Fork Salmon River Bridge. Public access for Trail 108/126.					

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Little Red Goose Forest Resilience Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Erin Phelps 208-347-0301 erin.phelps@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Payette NF is conducting an analysis to address forest health and resilience on less than 3000 acres in Adams County, ID. Proposed treatments include commercial thinning and prescribe fire to manage for drought, insect, and fire disturbance.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56833</p> <p>Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located between New Meadows and McCall, ID in Goose Creek and SixMile Creek subwatersheds of the Little Weiser River watershed.</p>					
Lost Cr/Boulder Cr Landscape Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/20/2019	Expected:10/2019 Actual: 09/05/2014	10/2019	Erin Phelps 208-347-0301 ephelps@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Move forest vegetation, fuels / fire conditions toward historical range of variability to reduce wildland fire risk, improve wildlife habitat / watershed conditions, meet Forest Plan direction, by mechanical thinning / harvest and prescribed burning.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33830</p> <p>Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T18N, R1W; T19N, R2W; T20N, R1W; T20N, R2W; T21N, R1W. Western portion of New Meadows Ranger District.</p>					

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Rapid River Trails EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Phillip Burgess 208-634-0325 pburgess@fs.fed.us
	Description: Change trail use designation in and crossing Rapid R Wild River Corridor to non-motorized / -mechanized; investigate joining trails designated 2-wheel motorized to the W and E of the Corridor; and 2-wheel motorized access to Lick Cr Lookout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36507				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - R1W, T21N, Sec. 28, 29, 31, 32; R1W, T20N, Sec. 6, 7; R2W, T21N, Sec. 36. New trail construction and/or reconstruction in R2W, T20N, Sec. 1 and/or R1W, T30N, Sec. 6. Around the southern end of the designated Rapid River Wild River Corridor in the western portion of New Meadows Ranger District.				

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Payette National Forest	Weiser Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Robinson Timber Stand Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2019	Expected:11/2019	03/2020	David LaChapelle 208-549-4228 davidalachapelle@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to use a combination of non-commercial thinning and prescribed fire to manage a 12,660 acre project area within the Adams, Stacy, Fourth of July Creek, and Monroe Creek drainages.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55983				
	Location: UNIT - Weiser Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adams, Stacy, Fourth of July Creek, and Monroe Creek drainages on the Payette National Forest, Weiser Ranger District, Washington County, Idaho.				

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