



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Payette 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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Rapid River Ecosystem Maintenance Burn CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2019	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Russell Richards 208-347-0307 russell.richards@usda.gov
	Description: To restore wildlife habitat and improve ecosystem health in the Rapid River watershed through prescribed fire management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56471				
Location: UNIT - Salmon River Ranger District, 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)					
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	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.					

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
Forest-wide Programmatic Beaver Dam Analog Projects 2020 - 2029	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2020	Expected:01/2021	07/2021	Melanie Vining 208-253-0131 mlvining@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	<p>Description: This is a ten year project to install up to 100 beaver dam analogs on the Payette National Forest which mimic the hydrologic effects of natural beaver dam activity. Projects areas will be identified to meet the criteria set out in this analysis.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Payette National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley, Washington. LEGAL - T19N R2W, Sections 5 and 32, Boise Meridian, Adams County, Idaho for the first planned project on Lick Creek. . The first project is planned on Lick Creek on the Council Ranger District consisting of approximately 10 beaver dam analogs. Additional streams reaches would be identified in outyear planning.</p>				

Payette National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Granite Meadows	- 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	Rita Bennett 208-347-0325 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
EIS *UPDATED*	<p>Description: This is the fifth project within the forest's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. The project includes vegetation, watershed, transportation, and recreation management activities.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54029</p> <p>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.</p>				

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Payette National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/30/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Jennifer Blake 208634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will address both restoration and public & 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, 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.					

Payette National Forest	Council Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Calf Pen Progeny Plantation Thinning CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Charles Munden 208-253-0141 cmunden@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Project proposes to thin a 14 acre ponderosa pine progeny plantation with removal of the cut material. Removal of thinned trees and slash is necessary to reduce the loss of leave trees to the pine engraver beetle.				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NE 1/4 of Section 9; Boise Meridian, Adams County Idaho. The Project is located on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in Adams County, Idaho. Access is on Road 50073 approx. 1.75 miles west of its intersection with 50002.				
Cambridge Telephone Company New Line Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Rebecca Havens 907-789-6281 rahavens@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cambridge Telephone Company has submitted a proposal for the installation of approximately 0.2 mile of new fiber optic line along FS road 890 to provide communication services to a private property owner.				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19N R3W section 34; Boise Meridian, Adams County, Idaho. . Installation will be along FS road 50890 at T19N R3W section 34, on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest.				

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Cuprum Water Diversion CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2018	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	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.					
Evergreen Spring Range Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 10/09/2020	10/2020	Robert Bumgarner 208-549-4262 rbumgarner@fs.fed.us
Description: This project proposes the re-construction of an existing spring development. The decommissioning of an obsolete water system at Evergreen Campground will occur at the same time but is being authorized under a CE not requiring a Decision Memo.					
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - NWSW sec. 18 T18N R1E - UTM 548411 E 4971363 N. The project is located on the Council Ranger District in the Council Mountain C&H Allotment adjacent to Evergreen Campground.					
Graham Properties NW, LLC Private Road Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Rebecca Havens 907-789-6281 rahavens@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service is responding to a request for the issuance of a new special use permit to Graham Properties NW, LLC for use and maintenance of private road access on roads 50072 and 50040 with improved access beyond the end of 50040 for 20 years.					
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T20N, R4W sections 34 and 35. Roads requested for access would be 50072 (Windy Ridge, 3.2 miles), 50040 (Windy Wood, 2 miles), and 500407000 (Unnamed, 0.5 miles) on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest.					

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Little Weiser Forest Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/28/2020	Expected:01/2021	06/2021	Ronda Bishop 208-253-0100 rmbishop@usda.gov
	Description: The 14,150-acre Project area has experienced high insect activity and is at risk of subsequent tree mortality. Up to 3,000 acres of treatments will move vegetation toward desired conditions by increasing forest resiliency and promoting large trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58274				
Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T14N, R2E, Sec 1-33. The Project area is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Council Idaho in Adams County on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest. It is in the Little Weiser River watershed.					

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Payette National Forest Krassel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Big Creek Hazardous Fuel Reduction EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/17/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Jennifer Blake 208-634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
	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.					

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Brundage Communication Site Upgrades CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Jennifer Blake 208-634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
	Description: Permitting of new and/or replacement communication towers and support facilities within existing, permitted Brundage Communication Site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58393				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19N, R3E, sections 6 and 7, Boise Meridian. Existing Brundage Communication Site.					
McCall Ranger District 2021 Trail Reroutes CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:04/2021	07/2021	Michael Beach 970-827-5162 mjbeach@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve Willow Basket Creek Trail #142 & Bear Pete Trail #142 to reduce impacts to hydrologic resources by constructing a total of appx. 1.1 mile of new, more stable, trail & obliterating 0.5 miles of existing, saturated & oversteep, trail.				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T22N, R5E, sections 32 & 33; T22N, R4E, section 28.				
Sloans Point Forest Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/26/2020	12/2020	Jennifer Blake 208-634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@fs.fed.us
	Description: The McCall Ranger District proposes to manage forest structure and species composition to recover from insect and disease disturbances and improve forest landscape resiliency by implementing a suite of vegetation management treatments on <3000 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57337				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Sec 1 of T16N, R4E; Secs 5, 6, and 7 of T16N, R5E; Sec 25 of T17N, R4E; and Secs 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of T17N, R5E, Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho. The 2273 acre project area is in the Kennally Creek Subwatershed in and is accessed by the Paddy Flat Road east of Donnelly, Idaho.					

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South Fork - Main Salmon Private Land Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2019	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Jennifer Blake 2086340401 jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
	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.					
St. Helens Mine Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:02/2022	06/2022	Jenni Blake 208-634-0401 jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
	Description: Respond to a plan to mine 35,000 CY of volcanic rock/clay from appx 2.6 acres on unpatented mining claims on NFS lands and determine need for reasonable changes/additions to meet requirements of 36 CFR 228A, prior to approval.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58905				
Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19N, R2E, sections 23, 24, 25 & 26, Boise Meridian. 5.8 miles northwest of McCall, ID.					

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Payette National Forest New Meadows Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Rapid River Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/05/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Rita Bennett 208-347-0325 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: We propose this project to review the designated use of sections of National Forest System trails 177, 183, 184, 187, 188, and 362 within and immediately adjacent to the Rapid River Wild River corridor and to update the forest's MVUM.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36507				
Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 21 North, Range 1 West, sections 3-10; Township 21 North, Range 2 West, sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36; Township 22 North, Range 1 West, sections 2, 10, 11, 14-16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 31-34; Township 22 North, Range 2 West, sections 35-36. Within and adjacent to the Rapid River corridor on the New Meadows Ranger District, within Adams County, and approx. 15 miles NE of New Meadows, ID.					

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	Completed	Actual: 10/06/2020	10/2020	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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