



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Salmon-Challis National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- 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.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Salmon-Challis Conifer Encroachment CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 04/20/2020	06/2020	Jeff Hunteman 208-756-5246 jhunteman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project would reduce conifers encroaching into sage steppe greater sage-grouse habitat. The project would authorize approx. 199,500 acres and treat roughly 3,000 acres per year. Trees would be hand felled, lopped, and/or piled for burning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53657				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Butte, Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located on the North Fork, Salmon-Cobalt, Leadore, Challis-Yankee Fork, and Lost River Ranger Districts. Twenty two Idaho Roadless Areas are in the project area.					

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Salmon-Challis Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2020	Expected:08/2021	10/2021	Joshua Milligan 208-756-5560 jmilligan@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Salmon-Challis National Forest is revising and updating the 1987 Challis and the 1988 Salmon Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49464				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Butte, Clark, Custer, Idaho, Lemhi, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Salmon-Challis National Forest.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Crystal Springs Hatchery Program Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Karryl Krieger 208-756-5102 kkrieger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed permanent facilities include chinook salmon trapping, holding and acclimation facilities including weirs at Pole Flat Campground site on the Yankee Fork River and at the Cobalt Ranger Station on Panther Creek. In cooperation with BPA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44200				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pole Flat Campground area on the Yankee Fork River and Cobalt Ranger Station on Panther Creek.					
North Zone Vegetation Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2021	Wade Mcphetridge (208) 865-2733 wmcphetridge@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct a variety of vegetation enhancement treatments across the North Zone of Forest including whitebark and aspen restoration, fuels reduction, and prescribed fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56749				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, North Fork Ranger District, Leadore Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities would be conducted across the North Zone of the Salmon-Challis National Forest.					

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Salmon-Challis National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Recreation Events Special Use Permit Issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2020	05/2020	April Barron 208-756-5192 april.barron@usda.gov
	Description: The proposal is to authorize five (5) non-motorized recreation events on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Each event would be authorized under individual special use permits for up to a five (5) year term.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57365				
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District, Leadore Ranger District, Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed recreation events would occur on the Leadore, Middle Fork, Challis-Yankee Fork, and Lost River Ranger Districts on the Salmon-Challis National Forest.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest District)	Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one	R4 - Intermountain Region			
Bayhorse Project CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2020	Expected:09/2020	03/2021	David Morris 208-879-4130 dmorris01@fs.fed.us
	Description: A variety of hazardous fuels reduction treatments over approximately 9,000 acres. Treatment types may include prescribed fire, hand thinning, and pile burning and may also include non-commercial and non-commercial forest products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56996				
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bayhorse Watershed, near Challis, Idaho.					
Bonanza Flat Timber Stand Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Erin Pierson 208-879-4155 erin.pierson@usda.gov
	Description: Precommercial thinning of lodgepole pine as part of continued rotational activities to keep the stand on track to reach culmination.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57142				
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hand thinning of lodgepole stand to achieve 170 desirable trees per acre.					

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Daugherty Gulch Vegetation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 04/07/2020	05/2020	Riley Rhoades 208-879-4122 rbrhoades@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed Actions include implementing prescribed fire by both hand and aerial ignition over portions of the 2,242 acre project area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55126					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Daugherty Gulch Vegetation Project is located approximately 6 air miles West Southwest of Challis, Idaho on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District; in Township 13 North and Range 18 East.					
Eightmile Creek Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/17/2020	05/2020	Bart Gamett 208-588-2224 bgamett@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed action would restore Eightmile Creek to a more natural condition by placing large wood in the stream channel and eliminating impacts to the stream associated with an adjacent road.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57119					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Yankee Fork Watershed approximately 20 air miles west of Challis, Idaho.					
IV Spring Exclosure Fence (MCPB 4th Spring) CE *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2017	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Barry Dopp 208-879-4161 bdopp@fs.fed.us
Description: The Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District is proposing to construct an exclosure fence approximately 4.5 acres in size around Fourth Spring within Unit 1 of the Morgan Creek-Prairie Basin Allotment					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51173					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T16N, R18E, SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 36, Boise Meridian. The project is located about 15 air miles northwest of Challis, Idaho in Custer County.					

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Wino Basin Vegetation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Riley Rhoades 208-879-4122 rbrhoades@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed Actions include implementing prescribed fire by both hand and aerial over some of the 17,000 acre project area. Desired fire effects will be a patchy mosaic of burned vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses across the landscape.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55128					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Wino Basin Vegetation Project is located approximately 16 air miles Southeast of Challis, Idaho on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest	Leadore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Elk Mountain Fence CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2020	05/2020	Ingrid Fulstone 208-768-2516 ifulstone@fs.fed.us
Description: Extending an allotment fence by 500 feet to decrease grazing pressure.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57155					
Location: UNIT - Leadore Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Elk Mountain near the Montana border between the Hawley Creek and Grizzly Hill grazing allotments.					
Gilmore Water Tank CE *NEW LISTING*	- Heritage resource management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Ingrid Fulstone 208-768-2516 ifulstone@fs.fed.us
Description: Install a 10,000 gallon water holding tank along the Gilmore pipeline near the water trough. Tank would be buried adjacent to the road above the trough.					
Location: UNIT - Leadore Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Leadore off Hwy 28, near Gilmore Summit on FS road #60251.					

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Soapstone Springs Enclosure Expansion CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ingrid Drieling 208-768-2516 idrieling@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project will expand the enclosure around a developed headbox at Soapstone Springs on the Grizzly Hill C&H Allotment, protecting the spring source.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43474				
	Location: UNIT - Leadore Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 36, T. 17N, R. 26E. The project is located on the Grizzly Hill C&H Allotment, approximately 6 miles northwest of Leadore, Idaho.				

Salmon-Challis National Forest	Lost River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Alder Creek Fence CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Mayson Southwick 3411 msouthwick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of cattle guard and fence to improve livestock distribution on a grazing allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57150				
	Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off of Alder Creek Road, approximately 6.5 air miles south of Mackay, Idaho.				
Bear Creek Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2020	07/2020	Bart Gamett 208-588-2224 bgamett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repairing the Bear Cr road by removing 1 mile of damaged road and constructing a new 1.1 mile section of road along the east side of Bear Creek				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55129				
	Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Bear Creek Stream Restoration Project is located in the Bear Creek drainage within the Big Lost River basin approximately 16 air miles southwest of Mackay, Idaho within Custer County.				

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Bonneville Power Administration Windy Devil Annex Communication Site CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/19/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Cassandra Kollenberg 208-756-5166 ckollenberg@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of new 80-foot self-supporting tower/structure and attached whip-style antenna, 20X50-foot building, and two 3,000 gallon propane tanks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55772				
	Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Windy Devil Communication Site, 2.5 miles northeast of Mackay, Idaho.				
South Lost River Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Jason Dungan 907-772-5917 jdungan02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use prescribed burn to restore historic timber stand structure characteristics to increase resiliency to disturbances such as insect infestations, disease, and fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57139				
	Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is 112,214 acres on the Lost River Mountain Range south of the Pass Creek Road (Forest System Road 40122), east of Mackay, Idaho and northeast of Arco, Idaho.				
Wet Creek Bull Trout Protection Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Bart Gamett 208-588-2224 bgamett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install small barrier in Wet Creek to prevent invasive brook trout from moving upstream into bull trout habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57136				
	Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is in the Little Lost River basin approximately 11 miles northeast of Mackay, Idaho.				

Salmon-Challis National Forest	North Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
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Salmon-Challis National Forest		North Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region
Carmen Creek Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/13/2020	06/2020	April Barron 208-756-5192 april.barron@usda.gov
	Description: Improve public access to Carmen Creek drainage and better enforce vehicle restrictions on non-motorized portion of the Carmen Creek Trail. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57040				
	Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carmen Creek Road Trailhead and Forest Roads 069 and 069B.				
Hoodoo Meadows Airstrip Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 05/07/2020	08/2020	April Barron 760-924-5532 abarron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove encroaching vegetation from an existing airstrip, restore the airstrip's runway surface and install other items needed to return the airstrip to a usable state. Other items include windsocks, and tie-down blocks. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53822				
	Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hoodoo Meadows, west of Yellowjacket Lake at the end of Forest Service Road 114. Project area is near the towns of North Fork and Salmon, Idaho.				
Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Wade Mcphetridge (208) 865-2733 wmcphetridge@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use prescribed fire and mechanical fuels reduction to improve timber stand health, vigor, and resiliency, as well as improve wildlife habitat. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55181				
	Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area comprises 41,931 acres adjacent to and east of the community of North Fork, Idaho.				

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Salmon-Challis National Forest	Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Bonanza Drilling CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Glenwood Brittain 208-756-5169 gbrittain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Minimize adverse environmental impact to surface resources by regulating the functions, work, and activities connected with the operators plan to explore locatable minerals on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57796				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bonanza Flat area.					
Breccia Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Glenwood Brittain 208-756-5169 glenwood.brittain@usda.gov
	Description: The Breccia Project proposes a gold drilling and exploration operation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57489				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southwest of Salmon, Idaho in the Moyer Basin near Musgrove and Porphyry Creek.					
Panther Creek Habitat Enhancement Phase 2 CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Kelly Schade 208-756-5229 kellyschade@fs.fed.us
	Description: Phase II of a multi-phased project to address limiting factors for fish habitat in a low-gradient meandering stretch of Panther Creek. Installation of in-stream structures to improve habitat and hydraulics and collection of trees for restoration work				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57166				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Panther Creek below Musgrove and Moyer Creeks.					
Rabbit Creek Mineral Exploration Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Deanna Stever 208-756-5283 dstever@fs.fed.us
	Description: Revival Gold LLC proposes to conduct mineral exploration drilling on 27 sites, accessing the sites with a helicopter and 6 miles of new, temporary road, and drafting water from Napias Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55063				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T22N R20E sections 20, 21, 28, 29 and 32 and T21N R20E sections 5 and 6 Boise Prime Meridian.					

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