



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Salmon-Challis 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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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Salmon-Challis Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 06/2021	Expected:12/2025	12/2025	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.					

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Salmon-Challis National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Salmon-Challis Fuels Reduction and Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/15/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Christine Droske 208-756-5133 christine.droske@usda.gov
	Description: Forest-wide prescription burning for fuels reduction and habitat restoration.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58813				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide project.					
Salmon-Challis Rock Source Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	05/2021	Jeff Huntman 208-382-7400 jhuntman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expansion of four existing rock source pits and development of five new rock sources (approximately 90 acres) across the forest to facilitate road maintenance needs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59105				
Location: UNIT - Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Butte, Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located across the forest.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
North Zone Vegetation Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/15/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest District)	Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Salmon-Challis National Forest District)	Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Bayhorse ProjectV2 EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/15/2020	Expected:06/2021	08/2021	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 may also include commercial and non-commercial forest products.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58881					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bayhorse Watershed, near Challis, Idaho.					
Big Creek Vegetation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Riley Rhoades 208-879-4122 rbrhoades@fs.fed.us
Description: Implementation of prescribed fire by both hand and aerial techniques over some of the 71,203-acre project area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59062					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 26 air miles East of Challis, Idaho.					
Cow Camp Forest Products CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Erin Pierson 208-879-4155 erinpierson@fs.fed.us
Description: Allow public to harvest authorized forest products while reducing the stocking level of trees in the project area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59050					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 11 miles up Squaw Creek-Treelore and adjacent to the Cow Camp intersection.					
GC Silver Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	05/2021	Amanda Kriwox 208-879-4153 akriwox@fs.fed.us
Description: Decommissioning of up to 200 feet of unauthorized user-created access routes.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59121					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T.13N, R.18E, Section 21Boise Meridian. The project area is located in the Merrimac Gulch area approximately seven(7)air miles west of the city of Challis, in Custer County, Idaho.					

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Salmon-Challis National Forest District)	Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one			R4 - Intermountain Region	
IV Spring Exclosure Fence (MCPB 4th Spring) CE *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2017	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.				
Idaho Public Television and Teton Communications Site at Grouse Peak CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:01/2021	07/2021	Cassandra Kollenberg 208-756-5166 ckollenberg@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a backup generator and propane tank at an existing communications site located Grouse Peak.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59104				
	Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on Grouse Peak North. Township 14North, Range 20East,section 10.				
Lower Dredge Acclimation Pond CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Bart Gamett 208-588-2224 bgamett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Modification to lower dredge pond to allow the pond to serve as an acclimation area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59074				
	Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the Yankee Fork drainage about 28 miles southwest of Challis, Idaho.				
Mill Creek Fence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Bryce Jones 208/879-4130 bryce.jones@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of approximately 0.84 miles of barbed wire fence along Mill Creek. The fence will run alongside the 250 road for approximately one-half mile then contour to the nearest steep point to tie the fence off.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59093				
	Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Mill Creek on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District.				

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Morgan Summit Timber Stand Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	David Morris 208-879-4130 dmorris01@fs.fed.us
Description: Pre-commercial thinning of a 144-acre in eight units comprising 144 acres of lodgepole pine.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59063					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer, Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eight-plantation units are located on the divide between Panther Creek and Morgan Creek approximately 23 air miles north of Challis.					
Roadside Forest Products CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Jeff Huntman 208-382-7400 jhuntman@fs.fed.us
Description: Make available 69 acres of roadside products for permitting.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59064					
Location: UNIT - Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Yankee Fork and West Fork Mayfield drainages approximately 11 to 26 miles west of Challis in isolated units.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest	Leadore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Copper Queen Exploration Drilling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Amanda Kriwox 208-879-4153 amanda.kriwox@usda.gov
Description: Approve a plan to drill up to two holes per pad on four drill pads, use less than 1 mile of temporary closed user-created routes and less than 0.5 miles of overland travel for drill pad access, and draft water from Agency Creek.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59107					
Location: UNIT - Leadore Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lemhi Pass area approximately ten (10) air miles east of Tendoy, in Lemhi County, Idaho.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest	Lost River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
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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	Completed	Actual: 11/02/2020	12/2020	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.					
Bellas to Broad Connector Trail CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Bart Gamett 208-588-2224 bgamett@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction of a 1.3 mile long trail that connects the Bellas Canyon Trail (Trail # 4060) with the Jarvis Trail (Trail # 4247)					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59068					
Location: UNIT - Lost River Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bellas Canyon and Broad Canyon in the Pioneer Mountains approxiately 42 miles southwest of Mackay, Idaho.					

Salmon-Challis National Forest	North Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/19/2019	Expected:06/2021	09/2021	Wade Mcphetrige (208) 865-2733 wmcphetrige@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		North Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region
Stormy EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/15/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Nathan Meyer 406-821-4259 nmeyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore ecosystem diversity and through increasing forest resiliency to insect and disease agents.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58729				
Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeast of Salmon, Idaho on the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District.					
Stub Creek Bathroom CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Celina Moreno 509-522-6277 cmmoreno@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of bathroom facility at recreation site				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59049				
Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six miles downstream from Corn Creek on the North Fork Ranger District.					
Trail Creek Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Lawrence Vogel 928-402-6235 levogel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute of existing trail to move trail off of private land and onto National Forest System land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59048				
Location: UNIT - North Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the North Fork Ranger District approximately 2 miles from the mouth of Trail Creek, a tributary to Panther Creek.					

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:01/2021	02/2021	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.					

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Breccia Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 12/01/2020	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.				
Iron Creek Exploration Drilling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Robert Sherwood 208-756-5279 Robert.Sherwood@usda.gov
	Description: Assess plan to construct four drill pads for mineral exploration activities. Create design features to avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59109				
	Location: UNIT - Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Lemhi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. About 8 miles northwest of Elk Bend, Idaho.				
Panther Creek Habitat Enhancement Phase 2 CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.				

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Salmon-Challis National Forest	Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Rabbit Creek Mineral Exploration Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/20/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	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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