



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2019 to 03/31/2019

Sawtooth National Forest

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/21/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2018	Expected:01/2019	02/2019	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, Beaverhead-Deerlodge 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, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, 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)

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Boise & Sawtooth Forest-wide Invasive Plant Species Treatments EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/30/2016 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Michael Haney 208-737-3200 comments-intermtn-sawtooth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze and disclose the effects of treating invasive and noxious weeds forest-wide on the Boise & Sawtooth National Forests.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47151				
Location: UNIT - Boise National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Utah. COUNTY - Ada, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Elmore, Gem, Oneida, Power, Twin Falls, Valley, Box Elder. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sawtooth and Boise National Forests.					

Sawtooth National Forest	Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region			
Faulkner Group 1 Allotment Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/06/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Renee Kehler 208-764-3202 rkehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of domestic sheep grazing on six allotments on the Fairfield Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47678				
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas, Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T2-4N R11-14E.					
Over-Snow Vehicle Travel Management in the Northern Portion of the Fairfield Ranger District EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/18/2018	12/2018	Steven Frost 208-764-3202 srfrost@fs.fed.us
	Description: Evaluate the revision of access restrictions to the winter backcountry areas of the northern portions of the Fairfield Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31915				
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - T 2-6 N and R 12-15 E, Boise Meridian. Road Corridor from Couch Summit to Fleck Summit and the Upper South Fork Boise River area.					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Shake Creek Mineral Exploration CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Heidie Torrealday 208-737-3224 htorrealday@fs.fed.us
Description: Plan of operations for one season (July to November 2018) of hand and bulk sampling of mineralized material from an existing underground adit on an unpatented mining claim. Previous sampling occurred at the site in 2012.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52998					
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately one mile up Shake Creek on the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest.					
Smokey Mountain Outfitter & Guide Special-use Permit Renewal CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2017	Expected:04/2018	05/2018	Jennifer Hulme 208-764-3222 comments-intermtn-sawtooth-fairfield@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service is proposing to re-issue a 10-year outfitter and guide special use permit to Smoky Mountain Outfitters for up to 200 temporary service days for deer, elk, goat, and grouse hunting, fishing, backpacking, and summer trail rides.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52302					
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - T4N, R12E, Sec 15; T3N, R16E, Sec 21; T5N, R14E, Sec 23; T7N, R12E, SW1/4, Sec 34. Skeleton Creek drainage, Poison Flat area, Cow Creek area, West Fork Big Smokey Creek, Middle Fork Boise River.					
Soldier Creek Recreation Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Steven Frost 208-727-5000 comments-intermtn-sawtooth-fairfield@fs.fed.us
Description: Trailhead improvements (parking area, toilet, etc.) at Free Gold and North/South Forks Soldier Creek Trailheads. Expansion of the Couch Summit Snowmobile Parking area and new trail between that parking area and up Soldier Creek.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51365					
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Free Gold Trailhead, North/South Forks Soldier Creek Trailhead, Couch Summit Snowmobile Parking Area (all up Soldier Creek in Camas County).					

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Sawtooth National Forest Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
South Fork Boise River Road Relocation EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2018	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	David Skinner 208-764-3475 dskinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate or rebuild Forest Road 227 at the large Bowns Washout in order to reconnect the road between Big Smoky and Featherville.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49740				
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Road 227 (Ketchum-Featherville Road) between Big Smoky and the confluence with the South Fork Boise River.					

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Sawtooth National Forest Ketchum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Eves Gulch - Fox Peak Connector Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Renee Catherin 208-622-0096 rcatherin@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would connect the top of Eve Gulch Tr. 146 to the Osberg Ridgeline Tr. 147 just east of Fox Peak. The proposed singletrack trail would be open to mountain bikes, equestrians and foot traffic only. Closed to all motorized use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45755				
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T4N, R17E, S6. Project area located northwest of Ketchum, Idaho on ridgeline between top of Eve Gulch Tr. 146/W. Fork Warm Springs to the junction with Osberg Ridgeline Tr. 147 East of Fox Peak.					
Sun Valley Ski Area (Cold Springs) Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/18/2018	06/2018	Zachary Poff 208-622-0087 zpoff@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to amend Sun Valley Company's 2007 Master Development Plan. Proposed projects include: replacement & realignment of the Cold Springs lift, tree thinning, expansion of snow making equipment & associated water pipeline, & slope re-contouring.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51689				
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T4N, R17E, sections 13, 14, 22-27, & 34-36. Cold Springs drainage of the Sun Valley Ski Area.					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region
Albion-Raft River Aspen Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2017	Expected:01/2019	07/2019	Stacy Smith 208-677-8302 stacysmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to restore aspen ecosystems in key wildlife habitats on the Minidoka Ranger District. Implementation of proposed treatments would progress towards meeting the Sawtooth National Forest Plan goals and IDFG habitat goals.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50756				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Utah. COUNTY - Cassia, Box Elder. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in two separate divisions of the Minidoka Ranger District; Albion and Raft River. The scoping report will contain detailed information about location of treatments.				
Black Pine Exploration Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/12/2018	03/2019	Heidie Torrealday 208-678-0430 comments-intermtn-sawtooth-minidoka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pilot Gold (USA), a subsidiary of Liberty Gold, plans to drill reverse circulation and/or core drill holes from 370 proposed drill sites for the purposes of exploring for gold mineralization at the former Black Pine Mine.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52175				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - Township 15 South, Sections 20, 21, 26-28, 33-35 and T16S, R29E, Sections 2-3. The Black Pine exploration project is located approximately 10 miles (6 air miles) southwest of Juniper, Idaho.				
Goose Creek Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/08/2018	Expected:01/2019	06/2019	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scottsoletti@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District, is proposing approximately 18,488 acres of hand thinning and 13,816 acres of mechanical treatment of juniper to maintain and improve sage-grouse habitat in the Goose Creek area of the Cassia Div				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48752				
	Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Goose creek watershed in the Cassia Division.				

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Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Johnson Creek Aquatic Habitat Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2017	Expected:02/2019	09/2019	Mark Dallon 208-678-0430 mdallon@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to reroute Forest Road 60002 to remain on the east side of Johnson Creek, eliminating the 2 stream crossings.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48699				
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Box Elder. LEGAL - The proposed activity is located on the north slope of the Raft River Range, 6 miles south of Yost, Utah in Box Elder County at T 14 N, R 15 W, Sections 27, 34. Johnson Creek in the Raft River Division.					
Magic Mountain Boundary Change CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2016	Expected:05/2019	09/2019	Darlene Bridges 208-677-8304 darlenebridges@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project involves changing the boundary to include previously used areas that are outside of the official map boundary of the ski area, the boundary change is approximately 2.5 acres and replacement of the existing lift.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48256				
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Magic Mountain Ski Area in the Rock Creek Recreational Complex.					

Sawtooth National Forest Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Big Wood Travel Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2018	08/2018	Robin Garwood 208-727-5014 rgarwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: To provide a system of roads and trails for public access in the Upper Wood River Valley drainage. To manage unacceptable resource impacts due to use and location of roads and trails. To rehabilitate non-system routes that are impacting resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49367				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Wood River watershed administered by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.					

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Meadow Creek Cattle/Horse Allotment analysis EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrea Cox 208-727-5000 comments-intermtn-sawtooth-nra@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorized continued livestock grazing on the Meadow Creek Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41097				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The 930 acre Meadow Creek allotment is located 2 miles southwest of Stanley Idaho.					
Redfish Recreation Complex Trails and Trailheads CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	Matt Phillips 208-727-5025 mmphillips@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop a 2-mile fully accessible, multi-purpose, non-motorized, public trail from the Redfish entry station to Redfish Lake within the popular Redfish Lake Recreation Complex.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46683				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Sections 26 & 35, T10N, R13E, B. M. The proposed trail will exist entirely within the Redfish recreation area complex-from the Redfish entry station (just south of Hwy 75 along the Redfish Lake Road) to the north shore of Redfish Lake.					
Replacement of Road 205 Crossing of Cabin Creek CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 12/11/2018	06/2019	Mark Moulton 208-727-5000 mmoulton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Return Cabin Creek to its historic channel to provide fish passage and natural channel functions, including constructing a new crossing structure at FS Road 205 and adapting existing recreation facilities in the vicinity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52923				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T7N, R14E, Sections 17, 19, and 20. Approximately 20 miles south of Stanley, ID, near Alturas Lake.					

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Warm Springs Creek Trail Relocations and Trailhead Construction	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/11/2017	Expected:04/2018	07/2018	Ed Cannady 208-727-5004 ecannady@fs.fed.us
CE	<p>Description: Proposal to construct a small trailhead facility at the north terminus of the Warm Springs Creek Trail on the Robinson Bar Ranch Road, as well as several short trail relocations in Warm Springs Meadow and along Warm Springs Creek.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50869</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T10N, R15E, Section 5. Warm Springs Meadow.</p>				

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