



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

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: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	John ShiviK 801-625-5667 johnshiviK@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.				

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 12/23/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	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.					

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Sawtooth National Forest Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Hearn Vegetation Management Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2019	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	John Pine 208-764-3476 jnpine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to conduct controlled harvest activities to reduce high intensity infestation of dwarf mistletoe and reduce competition in high density Douglas-fir stands.				
	Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - T 1 N, R 12 E, Sections 17,18,19. Approximately 12 miles west of Fairfield, Idaho. Adjacent to state, BLM and private lands. Project areas are from Thompson Creek to Hearn Creek to Chimney Creek drainages. Accessible by 007 Rd.				
Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permit for Predator Hunting CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Steven Frost 208-727-5000 srfrost@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit to outfit and guide bear and cougar hunting, bear and cougar photography and dog training.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56900				
Location: UNIT - Fairfield Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Camas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southwest portion of the Fairfield Ranger District. Big game hunting units 43 & 44.					
Smokey Mountain Outfitter & Guide Special-use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/03/2019	10/2019	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.					

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Sawtooth National Forest Fairfield Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Soldier Creek Recreation Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	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, new trail connecting it with Soldier Creek trailhead, and construct a warming hut.				
	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, and watershed divide between Salt Creek Corrals and N.Fork Soldier (all in Camas County).					
South Fork Boise River Road Relocation EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	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.					

Sawtooth National Forest Ketchum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Bald Mountain Stewardship EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Zachary Poff 208-622-0087 zachary.poff@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing treatments on Bald Mtn. Ski Area to remove dead and infected trees, thin stands to promote forest health and plant trees in areas where there are insufficient natural seed sources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57171				
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sun Valley, Idaho.					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Ketchum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
CenturyLink Fiber Optic CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Zachary Shull 208-423-7555 zachary.shull@usda.gov
Description: CenturyLink has an installation request for a residential customer approximately 7.5 miles west of the city limits of Ketchum, Idaho. If the installation occurs, other individuals along Warm Springs Rd would have the option to upgrade to fiber optic.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57182					
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T4N, R17E, NE1/4 of section 15 paralleling Warm Springs Rd. through Sections 10,16,20,21,29,30,31, ending T4N, R16E, NE1/4 of section 36. Along Warm Springs Road West of Ketchum, Idaho. Starting at Sawtooth Forest boundary sign and ending 7.5 miles West of Ketchum, Idaho.					

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Sawtooth National Forest	Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Black Hills Habitat Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2019	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scottrsoletti@fs.fed.us
Description: The Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District is proposing a 12,927 acre prescribed fire project to restore mountain brush communities, aspen stands and mixed conifer communities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56795					
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Shoshone Basin and Fifth Fork area of the Cassia Division in Twin Falls County, Idaho beginning at the top of Deadline Ridge and extending west.					

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Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R4 - Intermountain Region			
Magic Mountain Boundary Change CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2016	Expected:04/2020	08/2020	Allison Sweeney 208-677-8303 allison.sweeney@usda.gov
	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.					
Raft River Riparian and Meadow Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/23/2019	Expected:04/2020	07/2020	Jessica French 208-678-0430 jessica.french@usda.gov
	Description: The Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District (MRD), is proposing multiple range water developments and fencing projects to improve aspen stands and improve riparian conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56797				
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Box Elder. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Raft River Division in Box Elder County Utah in the Rosette and West End Allotment in T14N, R16W, Sec. 25 T14N, R15W, Sec. 1, 5, 19, 20, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, 36 T13N, R15W, Sec. 9, 10, 11, 15, 22.					
South Hills (Cassia Division) Seasonal Closure Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2021	Scott Soletti 208-677-8292 scott.soletti@usda.gov
	Description: This project is to remove the Winecup seasonal closures and replace them with other routes that would be seasonally closed. Routes selected for the new seasonal closures would be selected after public scoping and outreach.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56837				
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia, Twin Falls. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cassia Division with potential locations at Langford Flat, Badger Mountain, McMullen Basin and Tunnel Hill.					

Sawtooth National Forest	Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Sawtooth National Forest Sawtooth National Recreation Area (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Region					
Grandjean Vegetation Management Project CE	- Recreation management - Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/09/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	John Pine 208-764-3202 john.pine@usda.gov
	Description: Use a mix of silvicultural methods and prescribed fire to restore and maintain Ponderosa pine communities. Reduce fuel loading and potential for uncharacteristic fire behavior. Provide for sustainable recreation opportunities in the Grandjean area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56780				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T9N R11E Section 2 and T10N R11E Sections 34 and 35. Along FR 524 & 824 off Hwy 21 in Boise Cty, area is Canyon Ck S. Fk Payette River 5th HUC watershed in generally flat lands outside the flood plain of river from Boise NF border to wilderness boundary.					
MTE Communications Fiber Optic Installation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/14/2019	07/2020	Brian Anderson 208-774-3034 brian.t.anderson@usda.gov
	Description: Amendment of existing SU permit to authorize MTE to install/maintain telecommunications line/infrastructure extending from existing fiber optic lines adjacent to ID Hwy 75, in Fisher Ck, Cabin Ck (Valley View Tr), Valley Rd, Pettit Lk & Smiley Ck.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55940				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Custer. LEGAL - T9N, R14E Sections 3,4,9,16,21, 22, 27,31, 33 T10N R13E sec 22, 27, 36 T7N, R14E sec 5,6,7,27. Fisher Creek, Valley Road, Pettit Lake, Cabin Creek, Smiley Creek - see Other Project Information.					
Outfitter and Guide Program Management EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Susan James 406-522-2520 sljames@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to gain an understanding of the type, amount, location, and timing of outfitter/guide services needed on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and how that need supports agency objectives and management plans.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57197				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Boise, Custer, Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sawtooth National Recreation Area.					

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Pettit Lake Creek Weir EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Whitney Burgess 208-727-5008 whitney.n.burgess@usda.gov
Description: The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall have requested authorization from the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to construct a weir fish trap to replace the existing, inadequate weir that was build in 1995, along with a 20 year special use permit.					
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T. 8 N., R. 14 E., Section 31. Boise Meridian. .2 miles east of Pettit Lake, Idaho.					
Redfish Recreation Complex Trails and Trailheads CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:08/2020	06/2021	Matt Phillips 208-727-5025 mmpillips@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.					
Warm Springs Creek Trail Relocations and Trailhead Construction CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/11/2017	Expected:04/2018	07/2018	Ed Cannady 208-727-5004 ecannady@fs.fed.us
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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50869					
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T10N, R15E, Section 5. Warm Springs Meadow.					

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