



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Sawtooth National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.					

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:08/2020	08/2020	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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Hearn Vegetation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2019	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	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				
Soldier Creek Recreation Improvements CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	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).					

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South Fork Boise River Road Relocation EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/28/2020	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.					

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Sawtooth National Forest Ketchum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Bald Mountain Stewardship EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/17/2020	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.					
Trail Creek Path Extension CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Kurt Nelson 208-622-5371 kjnelson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The City of Sun Valley is seeking authorization to extend the Trail Creek Pathway. Approximately 500 feet of 10-foot wide asphalt path will be on NFS lands. Construction will include a portion of retaining wall and a bike parking area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58125				
Location: UNIT - Ketchum Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine. LEGAL - T 5 N, R 18 E, Section 33. Trail Creek along Forest Road 408. Starting at Sawtooth NF boundary, ending near Boundary Campground.					

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Black Hills Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2020	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.					
Black Pine Exploration Drilling Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/20/2020	Expected:08/2020	10/2020	Heidie Torrealday 208-423-7566 heidie.torrealday@usda.gov
	Description: The Sawtooth National Forest (Forest Service) has received a proposal from Pilot Gold (USA)(Pilot) to expand mineral exploration drilling operations within their project area at the former Black Pine mine site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57685				
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 6 miles southwest of Juniper, Idaho.					
Cave Canyon Fuelwood CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Scott Wagner 970-264-1511 swagner04@fs.fed.us
	Description: To allow removal of standing and down dead trees in the Cave Canyon Fire area to provide public fuelwood. The proposed areas for public fuelwood removal are located outside of the current allowable personal use fuelwood gathering areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57611				
Location: UNIT - Minidoka Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Cassia. LEGAL - T. 13 S., R. 19 E., section 36; T. 13 S., R. 20 E., sections 31-32; T. 14 S., R. 19 E., sections 1, 12, 13; T. 14 S., R. 20 E., sections 5-8,17,18. Cassia Division of the Minidoka District. Approximately 28 miles southwest of Burley, Idaho.					

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Magic Mountain Boundary Change CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 Range and Riparian Projects EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/28/2020	Expected:07/2020	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:10/2020	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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Alturas-Pettit Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:04/2021	08/2021	Thomas Stewart 208-423-7556 thomas.stewart@usda.gov
	Description: Project designed to reduce risk of wildfire to improvements and infrastructure, to improve forest health, and increase the ability of forest and sagebrush meadow ecosystems to resist and recover from disturbance like wildfire and insect outbreaks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58415				
Location: UNIT - Sawtooth National Recreation Area. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Blaine, Custer. LEGAL - Township 8 North and Range 13 East, T. 8 N., R. 14 E., T. 7 N., 4 13 E., and T. 7 N., R. 14 E. The project area is located in Blaine and Custer County approximately 15 miles south of Stanley, Idaho and includes Alturas and Pettit lakes and surrounding areas.					
Grandjean Vegetation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	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.					
Outfitter and Guide Program Management EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/24/2020	Expected:08/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57096				
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 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.					
Warm Springs Creek Trail Relocations and Trailhead Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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