



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

Malheur National Forest

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Regionwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Region)

Regional Aquatic Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 12/18/2019	01/2020	James Capurso 503-808-2847 jcapurso@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USFS is proposing a suite of aquatic restoration activities for Region 6 to address ongoing needs, all of which have completed consultation, including activities such as fish passage restoration, wood placement, and other restoration activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53001				
Location: UNIT - R6 - Pacific Northwest Region All Units. STATE - Oregon, Washington. COUNTY - Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman, Yakima, Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project will span all national forests in Region 6.					

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gene Yates 541-523-1290 gyates@fs.fed.us
	Description: The revised Land Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests (Blue Mountains) provide an updated framework to guide the management of approximately 5.5 million acres of National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainForestPlanRevisionComments				
Location: UNIT - Malheur National Forest All Units, Wallowa Valley Ranger District, Eagle Cap Ranger District, La Grande Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon, Washington. COUNTY - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, Baker, Grant, Harney, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide for Malheur, Umatilla, & Wallowa-Whitman (except for the HCNRA).					

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Ragged Ruby EIS *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/25/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Renee Hollowell 541-575-3345 renee.hollowell@usda.gov
	Description: The project includes a suite of activities to restore forest resiliency and function, including: upland restoration activities; watershed, fisheries, and wildlife restoration; prescribed burning; road activities; and recreation system changes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49392				
Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District, North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T10S, R33E, sec 7-10, 13, and 15-36; T10S, R34E, sec 9-24 and 27-33; T11S, R33E, sec 1-5, 9-15, and 23-26; and T11S, R34E, sec 5-9, 16-21, and 28-30, W.M. The planning area is located in Grant County approximately 9 miles north of Prairie City, Oregon.					

Malheur National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
2019 Issuance of New Road Access Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Stacia Kimbell 541-575-3349 skimbell@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the project is to issue two new road access special use permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District, Prairie City Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 12 South, Range 34 East, sections 1 and 2; Township 11 South, Range 35 ½ East, section 25; Township 11 South, Range 36 East, section 30.				

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Malheur National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Austin EIS *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/08/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Renee Hollowell 541-575-3345 renee.hollowell@usda.gov
	Description: This project includes a suite of activities to restore forest and watershed resiliency, including: upland, riparian, and wildlife restoration, and associated road system changes; fuels treatments and prescribed burning; and recreation system changes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53678				
Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District, Prairie City Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Various sections in T10S, R35E; T 10S, R35-1/2E; T11S, R35E; T11S, R35-1/2E; T11S, R36E; T12S, R34E; T12S, R35E; T12S, R35-1/2E; T12S, R36E; T13S, R35E; T13S, R35-1/2E; Willamette Meridian. The project is located approximately 9 miles northeast of Prairie City, Oregon and borders the Wallowa Whitman National Forest.					

Malheur National Forest	Blue Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Bark EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 04/2020	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Bethany Parker 541-575-3187 bethany.parker@usda.gov
<p>Description: This project includes a suite of activities to restore forest and watershed resiliency, including: upland, riparian, and wildlife restoration, and associated road system changes; fuels treatments and prescribed burning; and recreation system changes.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56089</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T14SR28E,S21-22,26-35;T14SR29E,S20-22,26-29,31-35;T15SR27E,S1,12-14,22-27,34-36;T15SR28E,S1-36;T15SR29E,S2-24,26-32;T15SR30E,S7-8,17-19;T16SR27E,S1-3,10-15,22-25;T16SR28E,S1-35;T16SR29E,S5-8,17-19,30. The planning area encompasses the Upper, Middle, and Lower South Fork John Day River, Murderers Creek, Laycock Creek, & Fields Creek Watersheds, & Silvies River headwaters.</p>					
Camp Lick EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sasha Fertig 541-575-3061 sashafertig@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The Camp Lick Project includes a suite of activities to restore forest resiliency, including silviculture and fuels treatments, riparian restoration, range improvements, recreation site development, and associated road activities.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46219</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T.10 S., R.32 E., sec. 19-36; T.10 S., R.33 E., sec. 18, 19, and 30-32; T.11 S., R.32 E., sec. 1-36; T.11 S. R.33 E., sec. 4-10, 15-22, and 28-32; T.12 S., R.32 E., sec. 1-5 and 8-12, Willamette Mer. The project planning area is located in Grant County approximately 10 miles northeast of John Day, Oregon.</p>					

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Malheur National Forest Blue Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Murderers Creek Wild Horse Joint Management Area, Herd Management Area Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Marion Mahaffey 541-575-3302 marion.mahaffey@usda.gov
	Description: Establish a Herd Management Area Plan including appropriate management level. Objectives are to guide progress toward attaining the proposed population and habitat objectives, along with monitoring and adaptive measures to adjust management over time				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44570				
Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Township, Range and Section information is available by calling 541-575-3302. The area lies between Dayville, Seneca, & Mt. Vernon, Oregon covering approximately 143,000 acres of National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife & private lands.					

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Malheur National Forest Emigrant Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Crow Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Lori Bailey 541-573-4300 labailey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hazardous fuels reduction and associated activities including road maintenance and prescribed burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Harney. LEGAL - T19S R26E, T19S R27E, T20S R27E, T20S R28E. Located in Harney and Grant County, in the Emigrant Creek Watershed.				
Frost Wildfire Resiliency CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hazardous fuels reduction in areas that have been heavily impacted by insect and disease infestations creating residual hazardous fuels.				
	Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Harney. LEGAL - T 16 S R 33 E, T 16 S R 33.5 E, T 17 S R 32 E, T 17 S R 33 E, T 17 S R 33.5 E, T 18 S R 32 E, T 18 S R 33 E, T 18 S R 33.5 E, T 19 S R 32 E, T 19 S R 33 E, T 19 S R 33.5 E. Located entirely on Emigrant Creek Ranger District, near Forest Road 15.				

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Malheur National Forest	Emigrant Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Gold Hill Mine CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2019	Expected:02/2020	04/2020	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
Description: Allow the excavation of material from an existing mining trench and existing pit with the use of a 6,000 lb mini excavator, Polaris ranger, trommel and highbanker sluice box.					
Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Harney. LEGAL - NWSE of T18S, R31E, Section 30. Gold Hill, Emigrant Creek Ranger District.					
Loco Wildfire Resiliency CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
Description: Hazardous fuels reduction in areas that have been heavily impacted by insect and disease infestations creating residual hazardous fuels.					
Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Harney. LEGAL - T 17 S R 30 E, T 17 S R 31 E, T 18 S R 29 E, T 18 S R 30 E, T 18 S R 31 E, T 19 S R 29 E, T 19 S R 30 E, T 19 S R 31 E. Located on Emigrant Creek Ranger District, West of Hwy 395, near Forest Road 31, centered near the Grant and Harney County line.					
Neighbor Wildfire Resiliency CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
Description: Reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private property on the Forest Service boundary.					
Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Harney. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Around the Forest Service boundary where private land borders, along a 200 foot buffer where previous treatments have not been completed.					
OTEC Bury Overhead Powerlines CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
Description: Bury two existing overhead distribution lines for the reduction of fire start risk on ECRD.					
Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Harney. LEGAL - T. 20 S., R. 31 E., Sections 13 and 23. Two locations off 69 kV line to Crow Flat Guard Station and private property.					

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South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Marion Mahaffey 541-575-3302 marionmahaffey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Evaluation of livestock grazing on three existing allotments: Big Sage Hen, Bridge Creek, and Silvies.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52366				
Location: UNIT - Emigrant Creek Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Harney. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The South Silvies planning area is located about 22 miles north of Burns, Oregon and includes approximately 38,759 acres of National Forest System lands.					

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Malheur National Forest Prairie City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Cliff Knox EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/20/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Kenneth Boucher 541-820-3403 kenneth.boucher@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation management, wildlife habitat improvement, and watershed restoration activities including timber harvest and fuels treatments and associated road activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50433				
Location: UNIT - Prairie City Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Harney. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is 40,000 acres in size and is located about 30 miles southeast of Prairie City, Oregon.					

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