



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Malheur 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 .					

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)					
Forest Management Direction for Large Diameter Trees in Eastern Oregon EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/11/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Emily Platt 503-808-2970 SM.FS.EScreens21@usda.gov
	Description: The USFS will evaluate alternatives to the wildlife standard of the Eastside Screens that limits harvest of trees greater than 21 inches for the Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, Ochoco, Deschutes, and Fremont-Winema National Forests.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58050				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, Crescent Ranger District, Sisters Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Lakeview Ranger District, Paisley Ranger District, Malheur National Forest All Units, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Silver Lake Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest All Units, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Chiloquin Ranger District. STATE - Oregon, Washington. COUNTY - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests in Oregon, east of the Cascade Mountain Range.					
Ragged Ruby EIS	- 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:09/2020	10/2020	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

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Austin 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 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/08/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Renee Hollowell 541-575-3061 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.					

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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 11/2020	Expected:07/2022	12/2022	Bethany Parker 541-575-3031 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>					
Laycock Creek Firewise Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Bethany Parker 541-575-3031 bethany.parker@usda.gov
<p>Description: Hazardous fuels reduction on National Forest System lands adjacent to the Laycock Creek Firewise community.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58212</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Township 14 south, Range 30 east, sections 22, 25 through 27, and 33 through 36. Laycock Creek.</p>					

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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 12/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Ryan Falk 541-575-3037 ryan.falk@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.				
Verizon Solar Panel at Aldrich Communication Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2020	Expected:10/2020	06/2021	Stacia Kimbell 541-575-3349 skimbell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Verizon Wireless to add 65' X 9' of new solar panels (15 panel sections) to the existing communication sites solar power system. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58535				
	Location: UNIT - Blue Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Section 11, T. 14 S., R. 27 E., Willamette Meridian. Aldrich Mountain communication site.				

Malheur National Forest Emigrant Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Crow Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2020	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57288				
	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.				

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Neighbor Wildfire Resiliency CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2022	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private property on the Forest Service boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57290				
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2020	09/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57289				
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.					
South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/20/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Melissa Ward 541-573-4300 mward@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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Cliff Knox EIS *UPDATED*	<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 11/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Katherine Cueno 541-820-3890 katherine.cueno@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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