



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Umatilla 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.					

Umatilla National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)
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Umatilla National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Ellis Integrated Vegetation Project EIS	- Recreation management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/16/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2020	Expected:07/2021	09/2021	Elizabeth Berkley 541-278-3814 elizabethberkley@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Ellis Project is being developed to improve wildlife habitat, restore resiliency against insect/disease and wildfire, protect values at risk, provide timber products, and enhance public and traditional land uses.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41350				
Location: UNIT - Heppner Ranger District, North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Morrow, Wheeler. LEGAL - Township 4S, Range 28E, 29E, and 30E; Township 5S, Range 27E, 28E, 29E, and 30E; Township 6S, Range 2EE, 29E, and 30E; & Township 7S, Range 28E and 29E. Willamette meridian. Approximately 15 miles south east of Heppner and 7 miles west of Ukiah, Oregon. Within Upper Butter, Upper Willow,Rhea, Lower Camas, and Potamus Creek-North Fork John Day River 5th field watershed.					

Umatilla National Forest Heppner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Madison Butte Communication Site Renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Amy Linn 541-308-1712 ajlinn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to renew the expired permit held by the Sheriffs Office and an expired permit held by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for communications equipment currently located on Madison Butte Lookout.				
	Location: UNIT - Heppner Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Morrow. LEGAL - Township 5 South Range 27 East Section 28. Madison Butte Lookout Tower on Heppner Ranger District.				
Mallory Blowdown CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Katelynn Bowen 541-427-5356 katelynn.bowen@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposes harvesting up to 250 acres of dead and dying trees from a blowdown event that happened earlier this spring (2020). Logging operations will include ground-based logging systems with whole-tree yarding in proposed cutting units.				
	Location: UNIT - Heppner Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Morrow. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T5S, R28E, Sections 26 & 35; T6S, R29E, Sections 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 28.				

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Umatilla National Forest	Hepppner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
West End Farm Bill CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2020	09/2020	Diane Shirley 541-427-5315 dshirley@fs.fed.us
Description: Project within area designated in section 602(b)/(c) of HFRA, within WUI, and Condition Class 2 or 3 Fire Regime Groups I or III. Project would reduce the risk and extent of insect/disease infestation, and increase forest stand resiliency.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56315					
Location: UNIT - Hepppner Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Wheeler. LEGAL - T. 7 S., R. 23 E., Sections 11-14; R. 24 E., Sections 4-5, 7-9, E.W.M. 28 miles southwest of Hepppner, Oregon.					

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Umatilla National Forest	North Fork John Day Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Battle Bruin EA	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:06/2023	09/2023	Jeffrey Kalin 920-733-1575 x.123 jeffrey.kalin@usda.gov
Description: Project is in early developmental stages and was initially identified as potential project area because of forest health issues related to insect and disease. Objective would be to increase forest resilience to large-scale wildfire, insect and diseases					
Location: UNIT - North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Less than one mile east of Dale, Oregon. Project extends southeast along the 10 road.					
Columbia Power Special Use Authorization for a New Term CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Janel Lacey 541-427-5394 jlacey@fs.fed.us
Description: Use and maintenance of the existing utility corridor.					
Location: UNIT - North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Umatilla. LEGAL - T2-5S R32E, T5-8S R31-33E, and T4-5S R31-35E (Willamette Principal Meridian). Powerline corridors that cross FS lands: (1) near Albee, (2) east of Ukiah near Hwy 244 and (3) near Dale along Hwy 395 and FS road 3980.					

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Umatilla National Forest North Fork John Day Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Davis Farm Bill CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/13/2020	Expected:11/2020	03/2021	Wendy Eddy 541-427-5387 wendy.eddy@usda.gov
	Description: Project within area designated in section 602(b)/(c) of HFRA, within WUI, and Condition Class 2 and 3 Fire Regime Group I and III. Project would reduce the risk and extent of insect/disease infestation, and increase forest stand resiliency.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56316				
Location: UNIT - North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T. 7 S., R. 35 E., Sections 1, 2, 11-13; T. 7 S., R. 35 E., Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, E.W.M. 11 miles north of Granite, Oregon and 34 miles southeast of Ukiah, Oregon.					
Summit Camp EA	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Jeffrey Kalin 920-733-1575 x.123 jeffrey.kalin@usda.gov
	Description: Project would reduce tree densities and fuel loadings; increase forest resilience to large-scale wildfire, insect/disease; and provide benefits to local and regional economy. Commercial, small diameter thinning, and prescribed fire will be considered				
	Location: UNIT - North Fork John Day Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Township 8 South, Range 34 East, Sections 29-33; Township 9 South, Range 34 East, Sections 3-10, 15-21, 28-33; Township 10 South, Range 34 East, Section 4. southern most boarder of NFJD District located between the North Fork John Day Wildness (Greenhorn Unity) and the Malheur National Forest.				
Umatilla National Forest Pomeroy Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
10-Year Pomeroy Roadside Vegetation Maintenance CE	- Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2019	Expected:05/2020 Actual: 03/19/2020	06/2020	Tara Hanger 509-843-4676 thanger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning, pruning, and/or prescribed burning within 100 feet of either side of select roads to reduce ladder fuels, thereby reducing potential fire severity and facilitating suppression actions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57180				
Location: UNIT - Pomeroy Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Roads 40, 4016, 4018, 4022, 4030, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 4620, 4625, 4600300, 4600301.					

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Umatilla National Forest Pomeroy Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
10-Yr Pomeroy Non-Commercial Thinning and Prescribed Fire Maintenance CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/30/2020	Expected:07/2020	03/2021	Tara Hanger 509-843-4676 thanger@fs.fed.us
	Description: NCT and Prescribed fire will be used in areas of previous treatment and/or wildfire in order to maintain vegetation characteristics and disturbances that would be expected to occur under natural disturbance regimes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57189				
Location: UNIT - Pomeroy Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield. LEGAL - T9N R43E S 4, 5, 6, 7, 6, 9, 17. T7N R43E S 8, 9, 16, 17, 21, 22. T9N R41E S 32, 33, 34, 35. T8N R41E S 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12. T9N R42E S 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19. T8N R41E S 12. T9N R42E S 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24. T9N R43E S 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18. West Patit: in the Maloney Mtn. area. Mt. Horrible: east of Saddle Spring & south of Mt. Horrible. Tucannon: so. of Willow Springs between Salter Trail & Sheep Cr. Ables: in the Ables Ridge area. Charley: between Iron Springs Rd & Charley Cr. Rd.					
Tallow Flats EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:09/2021	07/2022	Lindsay Lockard 509-522-6043 lindsay.lockard@usda.gov
	Description: Commercial thinning, noncommercial thinning, and fuels reduction to create healthy and resilient stands.				
	Location: UNIT - Pomeroy Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Columbia. LEGAL - Portions of T. 7N R. 40E, T. 7N R. 41E, T. 8N R. 40E, T. 8N R. 41E, T. 9N R. 40E, and T. 9N R. 41E. ¿The project area is located in the northwest corner of the Pomeroy Ranger District. Private properties surround two sides and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife borders part of the third.				

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Umatilla National Forest Walla Walla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Corporation Historic Barn Damage CE *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Andrew Steele 541-962-8543 andrewsteele@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tree damaged historic barn that is part of an organizational camp on the Walla Walla Ranger District during a storm.				
	Location: UNIT - Walla Walla Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Umatilla. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Organization Camp at Corporation.				

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Umatilla National Forest	Walla Walla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Elbow Insect and Disease Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2019	Expected:07/2020	05/2021	Joseph Sciarrino 509-522-6283 joseph.sciarrino@usda.gov
	Description: Thinning of over dense stands by commercial harvest and non commercial thinning to lower potential risk of insect mortality.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57017				
	Location: UNIT - Walla Walla Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Wallowa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 9 miles west of Troy, Oregon.				
High Buck Vegetation Management EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/05/2020	Expected:02/2021	10/2021	Holly Harris 509-522-6267 holly.harris@usda.gov
	Description: Timber harvest, non-commercial thinning, and prescribed burning in the vicinity of Horseshoe Prairie, Ninemile Ridge, and Buck Mountain.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53033				
	Location: UNIT - Walla Walla Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Umatilla, Union. LEGAL - Portions of T3N R37E Sec 36, T3N R38E Sec 21-23,26-34, T2N R37E Sec 1,2,11,12, T2N R38E Sec 3-10,15-16,21,22. West of Andies Prairie off of OR-204 (Tollgate Highway) and Forest Road 31 (Summit Road).				

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