



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- 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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.				

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).					

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

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Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Travel Management Plan EIS	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Cindy Christensen 541-962-8501 cjchristensen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Comprehensive plan for motorized recreation on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (except for HCNRA). Will include designated routes for all motorized vehicles except snowmobiles.				
	Location: UNIT - Wallowa Valley Ranger District, La Grande Ranger District, Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker, Grant, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa. Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.				

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest		Eagle Cap Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Lostine Falls Fish Entrapment Mitigation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:05/2020	09/2020	Alan Miller 541-820-3860 amiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Lostine Falls Entrapment Mitigation project is intended to reduce the mortality of bull trout and Chinook salmon at Lostine Falls. The project is proposing to move the boulders at the head of the falls that divert fish into the pocket pools.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57710				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Cap Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Wallowa. LEGAL - T2S, R43E, Section 15. The Lostine Falls Fish Entrapment Mitigation is located upstream from the Pole Bridge recreation site, approximately eight miles south of Lostine, Oregon.				

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest		Hells Canyon NRA (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Circle C Administrative Site Housing Facility EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/29/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Andrea Holmquist 541-426-5533 acholmquist@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to issue a special use permit which would provide terms and conditions under which Idaho Power Company could build and operate a housing facility on approximately 3.5 acres of National Forest Service lands at Circle C.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54261				
	Location: UNIT - Hells Canyon NRA. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Township 27N Range 1W Section 33. The project area is in the vicinity of the USFS Pittsburg Landing recreational access area within the HCNRA on the Idaho side of the Snake River, approximately 17 miles northwest of Riggins, Idaho.				

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Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Hells Canyon NRA (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Cold Elk Range Analysis EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/25/2019	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Shawn Mork 541-426-5593 smork@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to implement the direction of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Plan by providing grazing on National Forest System lands where suitable.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54613				
Location: UNIT - Hells Canyon NRA. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Wallowa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Cold Elk Range Analysis are is located approximately 48 miles north of Enterprise, Oregon.					
Hells Canyon NRA Private Land Use Regulations EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Dea Nelson 541-523-1316 dnelson09@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct a NEPA analysis on the Private Land Use Regulations (36 CFR 292.20-25) for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. On hold pending further direction.				
	Location: UNIT - Hells Canyon NRA. STATE - Idaho, Oregon. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Nez Perce, Baker, Wallowa. LEGAL - Portions of T5N-7S, R46E-51E WM; T27N-22N, R1W-3W and 1E BM. Hells Canyon National Recreation Area in Baker and Wallowa Counties in Oregon and Adams, Idaho and Nez Perce Counties in Idaho.				
Kirkwood Bridge Replacements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Sweyn Wall 541-426-5523 swall@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal includes two different bridges located at the Kirkwood Historic Ranch. The Kirkwood Pack Bridge and the Kirkwood Foot Bridge. The bridges are rotting and in need of replacement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57862				
Location: UNIT - Hells Canyon NRA. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T26N, R1W, Sec 30. The Kirkwood Historic Ranch is located approximately 18 air miles NW of Riggins, Idaho.					

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest La Grande Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

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Wallowa-Whitman National Forest La Grande Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
5125 Large Wood Stream Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:12/2020	07/2021	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanically place large wood and structures into 1 mile of the upper Grande Ronde River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57384				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T6S R36E S9, 10. 5125 Reach of the upper Grande Ronde River.					
7700 Blowdown Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/21/2020	06/2020	Lisa Laufenberg-Soward 541-962-8542 llaufenbergsoward@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercially remove downed trees that were killed during a 2019 wind event				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57458				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T6S R42E S6, 7, 11. 1/2 mi SW of Flagstaff Butte.					
Beaver Creek TSI CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	David Komlosi 541-962-8561 dkomlosi@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project has been cancelled due to a change in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest program of work priorities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53039				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T4S R36E Sections 21-35. Southern boundary: 4305 Rd to Park Saddle, Northern boundary: forest boundary adjacent to private lands, Eastern boundary: 4305 220 Rd, Western boundary: 5110 Rd.					

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Wallowa-Whitman National Forest La Grande Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Headwaters Initiative: Chicken Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	07/2020	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wood will be inserted into 2.5 miles of Upper Chicken Creek, 1.5 miles of West Fork Chicken creek and 0.5 miles of North Fork West Chicken Creek to promote floodplain interaction and create habitat complexity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56800				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T6S, R35.5E, Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 15, 23. Headwaters of Chicken Creek.					
Headwaters Initiative: Fly Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 02/25/2020	07/2020	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project intends to restore floodplain function and fish habitat through instream and floodplain wood placement on approximately 3.5 miles of Fly Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56796				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T4S, R35E, Sections 23, 27, 34 and T4S, R35E, Sections 1, 12, 13. Lower Fly Creek Subwatershed, a tributary to the Grande Ronde River.					
Hourglass Soil Rehabilitation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Mary Young 541-962-8510 maryyoung@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore user created routes by tree felling, decompacting soils, and installing berms. Actions would protect sites from illegal dumping and invasive species as well as enhance cultural resources, fish and wildlife habitat, and quiet recreation.				
	Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T5S R41E Sections 35 and 36. T5S R42E Sections 32 and 33. T6S R42E Sections 4, 5 and 6. Near NFS Road 7700.				

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Longley Meadows Fish Habitat Enhancement Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/21/2019	Expected:01/2020	06/2020	Sarah Brandy 541-962-8590 sbrandy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Phase II of the Bird Track Springs Fish Enhancement Project. The objective is to enhance 1.55 miles of fish habitat for salmonids by creating an active and available floodplain, relocating channels, enhancing riparian vegetation and wetlands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54798				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T3S, R36E, Sections 11,12, 14. Located along a portion of the Grande Ronde River, adjacent to Hwy 244 on national forest land and private lands, in the vicinity of Spring Creek and Longley Meadows.					
Longley Meadows Test Pit Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/25/2019	Expected:01/2020	07/2020	Sarah Brandy 907-826-1634 sbrandy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exploration effort to determine size gradations and quantities of materials along proposed channel alignments and at potential borrow sites to determine suitability for riffle construction in the Longley Meadows Fish Enhancement Project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55383				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T3S, R36E, Sections 11, 12, and 14. 10 air miles west of La Grande within the Upper Grande Ronde River watershed.					
Lower Limber Jim Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	07/2020	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to place large woody debris within the channel to improve habitat for summer steelhead, spring Chinook, bull trout and redband trout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57177				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T5S R35E S32. Limber Jim Creek, a tributary to the Grande Ronde River.					

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Riparian Livestock Exclusion by Wood II CE	- Grazing management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would exclude livestock from streams by placing wood within the riparian area, allowing the riparian area to recover and streambank stabilization. Listed fish species are present.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34479				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T4S, R36E, section 18 and 19. Little Beaver Creek within the Lower Beaver Creek subwatershed.					
Sheep Creek Vegetation Management EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020	Expected:02/2021	08/2021	Brianna Carollo 541-962-8588 briannacarollo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management using commercial harvest, non-commercial thinning, and prescribed burning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57625				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T 5&6S, R 35E. 22 miles SW of La Grande, OR.					
Smith Creek Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2019	Expected:01/2020	07/2020	Joe Platz 541-962-8571 jplatz@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project involves placing wood into a channel spanning log jam configuration using excavators within Smith Creek. Materials would be hand thinned from two precommercial thinning units within the project area. One culvert is proposed for removal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57176				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T3S R34E S17-20. Smith Creek, within the Starkey experimental forest.					

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Two Eagle Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/23/2019	Expected:01/2020	06/2020	Brianna Carollo 541-962-8588 briannacarollo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanical thinning, slash busting, prescribed fire, piling and burning to manage and improve vegetative health and sustainability and to treat fuels near wildland urban interface, private lands, and the Eagle Cap Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49749				
Location: UNIT - La Grande Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - T5-6S, R42-43E. Project area is from Flagstaff Butte and West Eagle Meadows to Eagle Creek, Two Color Guard Station and Tamarack Campground in the West Eagle, Upper Eagle, and Eagle-Bennett subwatersheds.					

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Beers Mine Exploration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Raymond Lovisone 541-523-1343 rslovisone@fs.fed.us
	Description: 1-year mining CE for exploration of 1000 cubic yards to locate locatable material in compliance with CFR 228.4.				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - Township 9 south, Range 37 East, Section 27. Beer Gulch.				
Eagle Telephone CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Raymond Lovisone 541-523-1343 rslovisone@fs.fed.us
	Description: East Eagle Fiber Optic Project: Maintenance of existing fiber optic cable, replacing with new cable for approximately 11.5 miles on National Forest Lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - Township 7, Range 43 East, Multiple Sections. National Forest System roads 7000, 7020, 7745, 7010, and 7010-125.				

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ODOT Summit Point Communication Site, SUP PIN201802 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/18/2019	Expected:05/2019	01/2020	Jay Moore 541-742-6701 jbmoore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of communication tower lease. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55440				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - T7S, R45E, Sec 5, WM. Approximately 10 miles northwest of Halfway, Oregon.				
ODOT Summit Ridge Communication Site SUP Renewal 100903 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/27/2019	Expected:07/2019	01/2020	Jay Moore 541-523-1383 jbmoore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue ODOT a new Communications Use Lease at the Summit Point Communication Site for a 20-year term, allowing ODOT to continue to maintain and operate the facility.				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. approximately 3 miles southwest of Halfway, Oregon on the Whitman Ranger District.				
O TEC Beaver Mountain Rebuild CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Raymond Lovisone 541-523-1343 rslovisone@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to replace existing power poles and overhead lines with buried fiber optic cable for approximately 2.5-3 miles on National Forest Lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - Township 11 south, Range 40 East, Sections 11,14,and 23. Near Beaver Creek.				
Patrick Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Roy Cuzick 530-523-1327 rdcuzick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health, the landscape's resiliency to disturbance, and increase the structural complexity and species diversity of vegetation to provide habitat for a wider range of wildlife species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55477 Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - 9S35 1/2E,9S36E,10S35 1/2E, 10S35E,10S36E, 11S35 1/2E, 11S36E,11S37E, 12S36E,12S37E . Approximately 3 air miles southwest of Sumpter, Oregon and approximately 21 air miles southwest of Baker City, Oregon.				

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Pine Valley Range Allotment Management Plans EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Adrian Cuzick 541-523-1340 alcuzick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Four grazing allotments on the Whitman Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48919				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker, Wallowa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pine Creek Watershed.				
Powder River Mining EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 03/23/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Raymond Lovisone 541-523-1345 rslovisone@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze proposed mining plans of operations within the Powder River watersheds. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45945				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - T 8,9,10S, R 36,37,38,39E. Powder River watersheds.				
Upper North Fork John Day Mining EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Raymond Lovisone 541-523-1345 rslovisone@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project has been cancelled due to a change in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest program of work priorities.				
	Location: UNIT - Whitman Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - T. 7S., R 36 E., sec 7, T 8S, R. 35 1/2 E., sec 11 and 12, T 8S, R 36 E., sec 7, T. 7 S., R 35 1/2E., sec 24, T. 7S., R. 36 E., sec 19. These mines are located in the Upper North Fork John Day River watershed off of road systems 7325, 7335, 7340.				

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