



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Colville 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.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 bpblanchard@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.					

Colville National Forest NEWPORT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

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Colville National Forest	NEWPORT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Boulder Park Ecological Restoration Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/19/2019	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	Theresa Mathis 936-639-8586 tjmathis@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Activities are proposed to make forest vegetation more resilient, contribute to the local economy, improve watershed conditions, address road issues, and improve the existing motorized trail.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52276</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 34 Range 42.</p>					
Lorelei Diamond Ranch FLPMA Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7189 knooney@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Applicant has purchased property and asked to re-construct a 600 foot long by 15 foot wide, low standard road to access the east side of their parcel to manage timber. Their parcel is bisected by a large pond that prevents roaded access east of pond.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41835</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - SW1/4SW1/4 sec. 19, T.32N., R.44E., W.M. Off Forest Road 1914 in Management Area 8.</p>					
Lousen Amateur Radio North Baldy CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7000 knooney@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: To locate an amateur radio facility at North Baldy including a small equipment cabinet, solar panel, mast support and antennas.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44183</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - T35N, R45E, SE 1/4 Sec. 7. North Baldy Mountain.</p>					

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North Baldy Mountain Radio Communications CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Anna Lowell 702-839-5551 ablowell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a radio repeater on North Baldy Mountain to provide radio coverage along the international border between Canada and the US to accomplish national security objectives and officer safety.				
	Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - T40N;R44E;S7. North Baldy Mountain accessed via N Baldy Mtn Rd (FSR 1920306).				
Pend Oreille PUD #1 Permit Amendment to add Fiber Optic Cable CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7184 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment of an existing special use permit to authorize installation, use and maintenance of fiber optic cable.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34442				
RTI Fiber Optic Line Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Anna Lowell 702-839-5551 ablowell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install 38 miles of fiber optic cable and conduit within Hwy 20 and county road rights of way in Pend Oreille County, WA to provide high speed phone and internet services to rural RTI customers. Seven miles is on NFS land, 31 on other ownership				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57122				
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within State Hwy 20 and Pend Oreille County Roads in the Blueslide area.					

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RTI Fiber Optic Project - Pend Oreille County CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 559-877-2218 ext. 3197 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rural Telephone Inc. (RTI) proposes to install 6.66 miles of fiber optic cable and conduit (FO) on National Forest System (NFS) lands within state highway and County Road right of ways. The new FO will be amended to their existing permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Portions of Sec., 21, 22, 27, 28 and 34 T. 34 N., R 43 E., W.M. and portions of Sec. 3, 5, 8-11, 15, and 16 T.35 N., R 43 E., W.M., Pend Oreille County, WA. The Fiber Optic shall be installed within the State Highway 20, Tacoma Creek, Calicoma, and Ruby Creek road right-of-ways.				
Sweet-lone Integrated Resources Improvement Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Theresa Mathis 936-639-8586 tjmathis@fs.fed.us
	Description: forest health project				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54090				
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located approximately 2 miles west of lone.					

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Colville National Forest	NEWPORT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Sxwuytn 'Trail' - Kaniksu Connections Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020	Expected:11/2020	06/2021	Theresa Mathis 936-639-8586 tjmathis@fs.fed.us
Description: This is a multi-faceted project focusing on restoring healthy forests, connecting lands and people, improving watershed function, and providing economic stability.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54315					
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located in Pend Oreille County in northeastern Washington State, four miles north of Newport.					
Wolf Trails CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Katharine Napier 559-877-2218 knapier@fs.fed.us
Description: Remove dead and dying trees within the Wolf Trail area to increase sunlight and space between trees and improve tree growth and vigor and increase forb and shrub growth					
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North side of Newport WA. Area is bisected by Hwy 20.					

Colville National Forest	Republic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Ferry County PUD #1 Power line Maintenance Trail - San Poil Section CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2016	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Karen Nooney 559-877-2218 ext. 3197 knooney@fs.fed.us
Description: Ferry County PUD #1 proposes to construct a motorized access trail within the San Poil Power line ROW authorized under permit. The trail access would improve service reliability, maintenance, worker safety, veg. management, and fire suppression.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46086					
Location: UNIT - Republic Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - E1/2E1/2 sections 24 and 36, T.35N., R.32E., W.M., in Ferry County. Located to the east and west of Highway 21 in Ferry County. Project is located between the 10 Mile Creek Campground and the northern border of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.					

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Colville National Forest	Republic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Fire Mountain Proposed Research Natural Area EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kathleen Ahlenslager 509-684-7178 kahlenslager@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed action is to establish Fire Mountain RNA. Vegetation includes Douglas-fir/pinegrass community, ponderosa pine/pinegrass community, and subalpine fir/huckleberry community snowberry phase. Establish the RNA				
	Location: UNIT - Republic Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T35N R34E Sections 28-33. Upper Hall Creek, Thirteenmile Creek-Sanpoil River, and Seventeenmile Creek.				
Halls Pond Proposed Research Natural Area EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kathleen Ahlenslager 509-684-7178 kahlenslager@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hall Ponds Proposed RNA was recommended to replace Thirteenmile Ponds Proposed RNA, which was proposed in the 1988 CNF Forest Plan, but later determined that it didn't meet RNA criteria. _				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46006				
	Location: UNIT - Republic Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T35N R34E Sections 15-16, 21-22. Included in watersheds: Upper Hall Creek and Ninemile Creek.				
Sanpoil EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/07/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2021	Christy Merritt 509-738-7737 christymerritt@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project promotes forest health, improves or maintains water quality, and provides forest products to the local economy by thinning, prescribed burning, and roadside treatments of key ingress and egress routes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50741				
	Location: UNIT - Republic Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T36N R33E sec. 17, 20-21, 25-29, 32-36; T36N R34E sec. 27-30, 31-35; T35N R34E sec. 4-9, 16-21, 28-35; T35N R33E sec. 1-36; T35N R32E sec. 25, 36. The project lies north of the Colville Indian Reservation, south of the town of Republic, and the Sherman Scenic Byway runs east west along the northern edge of the project area.				

Colville National Forest	SULLIVAN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Colville National Forest	SULLIVAN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Leclerc Creek Grazing Allotment Management Planning EIS	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gayne Sears 509-447-7300 gsears@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze the options for management of grazing in the LeClerc Creek drainage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41517				
	Location: UNIT - Sullivan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. LeClerc Creek drainage.				
Pend Oreille PUD: buried electric line to private property CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7189 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Pend Oreille PUD has submitted an application to bury 50 lineal feet of single phase electric cable from an existing utility pole to provide service to a private parcel. The width of the right-of-way would be 20 feet.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42986				
	Location: UNIT - Sullivan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The power line would be located on the east side of Flume Creek Road (FR6200350), T39N, R43E, SW 1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 4, WM.				
Seattle City Light Power Line Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7189 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of permit for existing power transmission line.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38778				
	Location: UNIT - Sullivan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - T40N, R43E, Sec. 10, SW1/4 Sec. 15, NW1/4 SW1/4 Sec 22; T39N, R43E, E1/2 Sec. 4. Boundary Dam Road.				
Vaagen Bros. Private Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7000 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit authorizing construction of approximately 50 feet of new road to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34444				
	Location: UNIT - Sullivan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - NW1/4 SW1/4 Sec 20, T38N-R42E, WM. North of Huckleberry Mountain.				

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Colville National Forest SULLIVAN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
YZN Exploratory Trenching CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karen Nooney 509-684-7189 knooney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal from mining operator to conduct exploratory mining operations. Access to YZN claim blocks are over National Forest System Roads 3155000 and 3155200. Proposal is to trench in three discrete locations to expose mineralization and take samples.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51411				
Location: UNIT - Sullivan Lake Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. %u2022 Legal location: T. 40 N., R. 44 E., section 1, W1/2W1/2; section 2, E1/2; section 10, E1/2E1/2; and section 11, NE1/4 and W1/2W1/2.					

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Colville National Forest Three Rivers Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Bulldog Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/11/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Lisa Larsen 509-775-7454 lisalarsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restoration activities would move forest conditions towards historic range of variability, reduce fuels in Ferry County CWPP area; restore aquatic ecosystems, and improve recreation opportunities to better align with desired public uses				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54007				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T 37N, R34E, sec 1,2,11-4,24,25; T 37N R34E, sec 1-10,16-19,30; T 38N, R 34E, sec 12,13,24-26,35,36; T 37N, R35E, sec 1-36; T 37N, R 36E, sec 1-1,5-11,13-23,27-34. Approximately 15 miles northwest of Kettle Falls, WA. Generally located west of highway 395, south of the Boulder-Deer Highway, and north of South Fork Boulder Creek.					

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Colville National Forest	Three Rivers Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Dollar Mountain EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Holly Hutchinson 509-738-7737 hollyahutchinson@fs.fed.us
Description: Restoration activities would move forest conditions towards historic range of variability, reduce fuels in Ferry County CWPP area; and restore aquatic ecosystems.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57360					
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T35N R34E Sec 1-2, 11-12, 25, 36; T35N R35E Sec 1-36; T35N R36E Sec 1-23, 26-35; T35N R37E Sec 5-7; T36N R34E Sec 25, 36; T36N R35E Sec 27-36; T36N R36E Sec 29-33; T36N R37E Sec 31-32. North of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, south of the Sherman Pass Scenic Byway, west of the Inchelium highway and east of the Hall Creek road.					

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