



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Colville 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 .					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- 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.					

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Colville National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
West Zone Managed Timber Stand Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	William Bedient 509-775-7443 william.bedient@usda.gov
	Description: Hand thinning and piling of small conifers in overstocked stands previously harvested or regenerated. Non-commercial thinning will reduce young conifer density, reduce ladder-fuels, increase residual stem growth and increase stand health.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58711				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry, Stevens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Republic and Three Rivers Ranger Districts.					

Colville National Forest	NEWPORT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Boulder Park Ecological Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/15/2020	09/2020	Theresa Mathis 936-639-8586 tjmathis@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52276				
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 34 Range 42.					
North Baldy Mountain Radio Communications CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57126				
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).					

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Colville National Forest NEWPORT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Pend Oreille Valley Meadow Maintenance Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Michael Borysewicz 509-446-7500 mborysewicz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintain meadows by removing encroaching conifers and maintaining infrastructure (e.g., exclosures, boulders).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58534				
Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Small meadows throughout the Pend Oreille Valley managed by National Forest Service.					
RTI Fiber Optic Line Installation CE	- 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.					
Sweet-lone Integrated Resources Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	<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 08/2020	Expected:11/2020	03/2021	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<p>Description: This is a multi-faceted project focusing on restoring healthy forests, connecting lands and people, improving watershed function, and providing economic stability.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54315</p> <p>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.</p>					
Wolf Trails CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Katharine Napier 559-877-2218 knapier@fs.fed.us
<p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57130</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Newport Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Pend Oreille. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North side of Newport WA. Area is bisected by Hwy 20.</p>					

Colville National Forest Republic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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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	- 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.					
Sanpoil EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/27/2020	Expected:07/2020	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			
Leclerc Creek Grazing Allotment Management Planning EIS	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gayne Sears 509-447-7300 gssears@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.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/05/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	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.					
Dollar Mountain EA	- 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 hollyhutchinson@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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Colville National Forest Three Rivers Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Sherman Highway Aquatic Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:11/2020	07/2022	Holly Hutchinson 509-522-6009 hollyahutchinson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project activities will include replacing culverts, installing fish passage structures, bridge work, and reconstructing sections of the historic channel for Sherman Creek. These activities will occur on and along State Highway 20.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58832				
Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Ferry. LEGAL - T36N R35E Sec 23-24; T36N R36E Sec 19 and 30; and T36N R37E Sec 29. This project is located west of Kettle Falls, WA on the Sherman Pass Scenic Byway.					
South Fork Mill Creek Drift Fence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Holly Hutchinson 509-522-6009 hollyahutchinson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project activities include installing a drift fence that attaches to the cattle guard on County road 4954 near Aladdin Road. The fence is to prevent cattle from gaining access to Aladdin road.				
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Stevens. LEGAL - T36N R40E Sec 24. This project is located northeast of Colville, WA on South Fork Mill Creek Road (County Road 4954).				

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