



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@fs.fed.us
EIS	Description: The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2008_planning_rule.html				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Peter Gaulke 703-605-4796 tparker03@fs.fed.us
Description: The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service are preparing a joint Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the leasing of BLM and USFS administered lands with moderate to high potential for geothermal resources in 11 western states. Web Link: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/geothermal_nationwide.html					
Location: UNIT - Clearwater National Forest All Units, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, San Juan National Forest All Units, White River National Forest All Units, Carson National Forest All Units, Cibola National Forest All Units, Coronado National Forest All Units, Gila National Forest All Units, Lincoln National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Payette National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Uinta National Forest All Units, Cleveland National Forest All Units, Eldorado National Forest All Units, Lassen National Forest All Units, Los Padres National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Modoc National Forest All Units, San Bernardino National Forest All Units, Sequoia National Forest All Units, Tahoe National Forest All Units, Gifford Pinchot National Forest All Units, Malheur National Forest All Units, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest All Units, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest All Units, Umpqua National Forest All Units, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units, Willamette National Forest All Units, R10 - Alaska Region All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Rio Grande National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units, Wasatch-Cache National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Sierra National Forest All Units, Ochoco National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest All Units, Santa Fe National Forest All Units, Angeles National Forest All Units, Plumas National Forest All Units, Fremont-Winema National Forest All Units, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Shasta Trinity National Forest All Units, Deschutes National Forest All Units, Mt. Hood National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units, Inyo National Forest All Units, Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands All Units, Washington Office (National Headquarter). STATE - Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Texas, South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Idaho, District of Columbia, Colorado, California, Arizona, Alaska. COUNTY - Aleutians East, La Paz, Colusa, Denver, Douglas, Bonner, Columbia, Coos. 11 contiguous Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) and Alaska.					

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Aquatic Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Don Gay 360-856-5700 dgay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of special use permits for outfitter and guides using the N.F. Nooksack, Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish, and Cispus Rivers.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Baker Ranger District, Darrington Ranger District, Skykomish Ranger District, Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom. LEGAL - T40NR6E, T39NR6 and 7E, T39NR7E, T35NR8,9,10E, T36NR11E, T31-35NR10E, T32NR9E, T27NR9 and 10E, T11NR5,6,7, and 8E. N. F. Nooksack, Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish, and Cispus Rivers.				
Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatment -Gifford Pinchot NF and Columbia River Gorge NSA, Washington EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2008	05/2008	Daniel Harkenrider 541-308-1706 dharkenrider@fs.fed.us
	Description: Site-specific analysis of various methods of control of invasive weeds in the Gifford Pinchot NF and the Columbia River Gorge NSA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasiveplant-eis/site-specific-forests/GIP-CRGNSA-Washingtonside.htm				
Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit, Cowlitz Ranger District, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington, Oregon. COUNTY - Hood River, Multnomah, Wasco, Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania. Various, throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.					

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Botanical Special Forest Products Harvest CE	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	Erin Black 541-352-6002 ext. 634 ekblack@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes to authorize and regulate the sustainable harvest of forest botanical products, including salal, fungi (including mushrooms), huckleberries, and beargrass, as well as less frequently requested botanical species.				
	Location: UNIT - Gifford Pinchot National Forest All Units. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Klickitat, Lewis, Skamania. Across the Forest within land allocations where harvesting is not limited or prohibited.				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Sawtooth Huckleberry Restoration Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/12/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	06/2009	Cheryl Mack 509-395-3421 cmack@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to enhance huckleberry production. A variety of methods for reducing tree canopy cover could occur, including lopping, girdling, firewood harvest, commercial timber harvest, and prescribed burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T7N, R8E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. The Sawtooth Berry Fields are located about 13 miles NW of Trout Lake, WA.				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest		Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Kirk Thin Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	03/2009	Bonnie Allison 530-493-1758 ballison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 660 acres of stands within the Lower Cispus River watershed. The project will also include 0.3 miles of new specified road construction and about 0.5 miles of temporary road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T11N, R8E, Sec. 28, 29, 31-33, T10N, R7E, Sec. 1, T10N, R8E, Sec. 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 17-20, 29, 31, 32, T9N, R8E, Sec. 8. The project is located approximately 14 miles south of Randle, Washington.				
Lower Cispus Road Decommissioning EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:03/2009	06/2009	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a road decommissioning package that would contribute to Stewardship and other Timber Sale projects.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Lower Cispus Watershed including roads in the Yellowjacket sub-watershed.				

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
North Fork Campground Salvage CE	- Forest products - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
Description: Salvage windthrown trees from the North Fork Campground so that facilities can re-open, and salvage blowdown on nearby FR 22 and FR 23 to provide economic recovery of downed material.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T11N, R8E, Sec. 10 & 11. North Fork Campground and FR 22 & 23, approximately 11 miles southeast of Randle, Washington.					
Packwood Facilities Disposal EA	- Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/17/2007	Expected:09/2008	12/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
Description: Disposal of facilities at Packwood Ranger Station, potentially including office, housing, outbuildings.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T 13 N, R 9 E, Sec. 22. Packwood Ranger Station, Packwood, Washington.					
RAC Plantation Restoration Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	05/2009	Kristie Miller 360-497-1105 klmiller@fs.fed.us
Description: A thinning project proposed by the Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Working Group to thin up to 1,200 acres of existing plantation stands.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Pierce, Skamania. LEGAL - Not yet available. Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, District Wide.					
Silverbrook Danger Tree salvage CE	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 06/06/2008	08/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
Description: A portion of the danger trees felled under a previous decision will be sold for commercial value due to merchantability of danger trees.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T12N, R7E, Sections 9 and 10. Silverbrook Road in Randle, Washington.					

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Cowlitz Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Woods Creek LSR Thinning EA	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/15/2008	Expected:05/2008	09/2008	Kristy Boscheinen 360-497-1136 kboscheinen@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial thinning in LSR with restoration objective					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Lower Cispus Watershed.					

Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District)	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Clear Creek Road Decommissioning Project EA	- Road management - Watershed management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/10/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	Amy Lieb 360-449-7841 alieb@fs.fed.us
Description: This proposal would close or decommission 25.3 miles of roads within the Muddy River, Upper Lewis River, and White Salmon River fifth-field watersheds.					
Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. The roads are located within the Muddy River, Upper Lewis River, and White Salmon River fifth-field watersheds, about 10 miles NE of Swift Reservoir.					
Copper Creek and Slide Creek Trail Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/16/2008	07/2008	William Uyesugi 360-449-7828 wuyesugi@fs.fed.us
Description: Two trail bridges on the Lewis River Trail (#31) would be removed and replaced with laminated beam bridges. Both the Cooper Creek and Slide Creek Bridges were recommended for replacement during the 2003 Forest trail bridge inspection.					
Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T8N, R7E, Section 24. Both bridges are on the Lewis River Trail, Trail #31. The Slide Creek Bridge is located at trail mile 11.7 and the Copper Creek Bridge is located at trail mile 12.3.					

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest one District)	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Precommercial Thinning, Pruning, and Bow Cutting CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	William Uyesugi 360-449-7828 wuyesugi@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would precommercial thin, prune, and authorize bow cutting in the Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Upper Lewis, Middle Lewis, Muddy River and Kalama River watersheds.				
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
2008-2013 Young Stand Thinning, Pruning, and Bough Projects CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 04/25/2008	07/2008	Riley Dopler 509-395-3405 rdopler@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would reduce and control stand density by thinning ten to thirty-year old plantations, prune western white pine branches to mitigate western white pine blister rust infection, and allow the collection of special forest products.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. Project sites are distributed throughout the Wind River, Big White Salmon, and Little White Salmon watersheds.				
Government Mineral Springs Summer Home Consistency/Continuance EA	- Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/21/2008	Expected:07/2008	11/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine whether each of the existing summer homes are consistent with the LRMP and if not, make recommendations for compliance.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - S. 31, T. 5 N, R. 7 E. Government Mineral Springs summer home tract.				
Smith Butte Research Natural Area Establishment EA	- Special area management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/01/2006	Expected:11/2008	11/2008	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
	Description: Establish RNA per LRMP.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - S. 20, T. 7 N, R. 11 E, W.M. Smith Butte, southeast of Mount Adams.				

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Steamboat Lake Restoration EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2008	08/2008	Julie Knutson 509-395-3410 jcknutson@fs.fed.us
Description: Remove and restore roads and wheel tracks adjacent to Steamboat Lake, while still providing access to the lake and opportunities for walk-in dispersed camping.					
Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec 31 & 32, T.8N., R.9E, Sec 5, T.7N., R.9E., W.M. Steamboat lake Campground. Located adjacent to Forest Road 8854040.					
Win-Thin Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	05/2009	Andrea Ruchty 509-395-3414 aruchty@fs.fed.us
Description: Win-Thin Timber Sale proposes a commercial thinning of up to 770 acres. The construction of temporary roads and landings is also proposed.					
Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. The planning area comprises four subwatersheds, including Compass-Crater, Upper Trout Creek, Layout Creek and Lower Trout Creek, which are located within the Wind River Watershed.					

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