



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html .					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Aquatic Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:08/2007	01/2008	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..					
Outward Bound West Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2006	Expected:04/2007	05/2007	Anita Leach 541-367-3538 smonson@fs.fed.us
Description: Renewal of permit for institutional outfitting and guiding on the Willamette, Deschutes, Mt Hood, and Gifford Pinchot NFs					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, Sisters Ranger District, Zigzag Ranger District, Detroit Ranger District, McKenzie Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District, Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington, Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Lane, Linn, Marion, Adams. Middle Fork, McKenzie River, Detroit RDs, Willamette NF; Bend/Fort Rock, Sisters RDs Deschutes NF.					

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Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatment -Gifford Pinchot NF and Columbia River Gorge NSA, Washington EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/08/2006 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	Virginia Kelly 541-308-1720 vkelly@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..					
White Pass Ski Area Expansion EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/23/2004 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2007	Expected:04/2007	07/2007	Susan Ranger 509-653-1446 sranger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed expansion of White Pass Ski Area permit boundary for construction of up to two additional chair lifts, a warming hut and additional ski runs				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/projects/white-pass/				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District, Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis, Yakima. LEGAL - T13N, R11E, WM. White Pass Ski Area on State Highway 12 in the southwest portion of the Naches Ranger District and the Cowlitz Valley District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.					

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25 Road Heavy Maintenance and Repairs CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance and repair of asphalt, patching, reinforced fill, drainage facilities, 2 ditch relief culvert replacement etc. from Cowlitz Valley 25 Road to 90 Road at Swift Canal, and 26 Road.				
	Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Cowlitz Valley RD and Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, FR 25.				

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Cispus Center Garden CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management - Special use management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/30/2007	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@fs.fed.us
Description: Removal of a paved parking area and establishment of a native plant garden					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Cispus Learning Center.					
Cowlitz Thin Timber Sale EA	- Watershed management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	09/2007	Karen Thompson 360-497-1105 klmiller@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial Thinning of approximately 700 acres in matrix and LSR, mixture of young and older stands.					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. Upper Cowlitz Watershed.					
Lewis County PUD Carr Road Powerline SUP Decision Memo CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/05/2006 10/05/2006	10/2006	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@fs.fed.us
Description: Ten year SUP for 2360 feet of existing powerline, and 830 feet of new buried line within existing road bed					
Location: UNIT - Cowlitz Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Lewis. LEGAL - T12N R8E, Section 11 WM. Carr Road and unnamed spur through FS lands, Lewis County, WA near Cowlitz River.					
Lower Cispus Road Decommissioning EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:10/2007	08/2008	Karen Thompson 360-449-7841 alieb@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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Packwood Facilities Disposal EA	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2007	Expected:08/2007	07/2008	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@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. 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 08/2007	Expected:10/2007	07/2008	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.					
Woods Creek LSR Thinning EA	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	Karen Thompson 360-497-1136 karenmthompson@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
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Canyon Thinning Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2007	Expected:07/2007	06/2008	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3411 chenchell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercially thin overstocked, dense timber stands within the Late-successional Reserve (LSR) and matrix allocations of the lower Canyon Creek and Lower Siouxon 6th field watersheds in the northwestern portion of the Wind LSR.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec. 4 6, T. 5N, R. 5E, Sec. 1 6, T. 4N, R. 5E, W.M.. Lower Canyon Creek and Lower Siouxon 6th field watersheds in the northwestern portion of the Wind LSR..				

Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Gotchen LSR Density Reduction CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2006	Expected:06/2007	09/2007	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3390 bholmson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A 47-acre density reduction project, proposed under Title II. Proposed for stewardship contract.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania, Yakima. LEGAL - Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27, T. 7N, R.10E, W.M.. Along Forest Road 8040, approximately four miles north of Trout Lake, Washington..				
Government Mineral Springs Summer Home Consistency/Continuance EA	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Cynthia Henschell (509) 395-3411 chenchell@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.				

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Mt Adams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Ice Caves Cattle & Horse Allotment EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/18/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Bruce Holmson (509) 395-3390 bholmson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop/update the management standards and mitigation measures (Allotment Management Plan) to assure cattle grazing is in compliance with the 1990 Gifford Pinchot National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T. 6N, R. 9E, W.M.. Ice Caves Cattle and Horse Allotment, 31,543 acres located located north of South Prairie, west of the 6035 road, south of Dead Horse Meadows, and east of the forest boundary..				
Middle Wind Riparian Enhancement EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Land management planning	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 06/29/2006	Expected:03/2007	06/2007	Bengt Coffin 509-395-3425 bcoffin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore instream conditions, bank stability, and riparian habitat for the recovery of threatened Lower Columbia steelhead and to amend the LRMP for a portion of the proposed project area, which was recently acquired by the National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Sec. 10, T. 7N, R. 4 E, W.M.. Wind River, north of Stabler, Washington..				
Mowich Huckleberry Enhancement CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2006	Expected:01/2007	06/2007	Cynthia Henschell (509) 395-3411 chenchell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin conifers to a 30-40% residual canopy cover, reconstruct approximately 1.0 mile of road, yard tops attached to landings (machine pile landing slash), burn slash piles. Objective is to enhance huckleberry growth and production.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - S. 25 & 26, T. 4N, R. 6E, W.M.. Mowich Butte area, along Forest Road 41.				
Paradise Thinning Wildlife Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2006	Expected:01/2007	07/2007	Cynthia Henschell (509) 395-3411 chenchell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Precommercial thin aprox. 1,000 acres in selected stands to provide a diverse broken habitat for wildlife in critical winter range area and to create multi-layered stands, increased growth.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T. 6N, R. 7E, W.M.. In the Paradise Hills vicinity, upper Wind River watershed..				

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Smith Butte Research Natural Area Establishment EA	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/07/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2006	Expected:01/2007	03/2007	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.				
Steamboat Lake Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3480 jnakae@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, adjacent to FR 8854040..				
Steamboat Lake Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2007	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3480 jnakae@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..				
Wind River Trail Bridge Replacements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2007	Expected:06/2007	10/2007	Bruce Holmson 509-395-3480 jnakae@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace, construct, or demolish twelve recreational trail bridges in the Wind River Watershed.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt Adams Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T.5N., R.6E, T.5N., R.7E., T.6N, R.7. W.M.. Old Man Pass area ski trails, Lave Butte Trail, and Soda Peaks Lake Trail..				

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