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The Kootenai National Forest is involved in many programs and activities. Enclosed you will find a copy of the latest issue of the "Kootenai Highlights" and information about projects for which we have a specific proposal, and are in the process of analyzing as directed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The projects are arranged in a table format and are sorted by Ranger District, by type of project, and by date expected for each decision for each project. There are several points in the planning process during which you can be the most helpful and influential, but exact steps and timing may vary depending on the type and complexity of the project. For example, the whole planning process may only take a few days for small, non-complex projects, or several years for large complex projects such as a major mining proposal. Nevertheless, there are some basic steps we go through for every project. The enclosure labeled "Project Planning Process and Where You Fit In" describes these steps and identifies what you can do to be involved. It is important for you to understand this process so that you may receive the environmental documents in which you are interested. I want to stress that your participation in these activities, in a timely manner, can promote better decisions by helping us better understand alternatives to our proposals and to evaluate their implications on the land and the adjacent communities.

If you would like more information on a specific project, please contact the district or forest contact person listed for each project.

Sincerely,

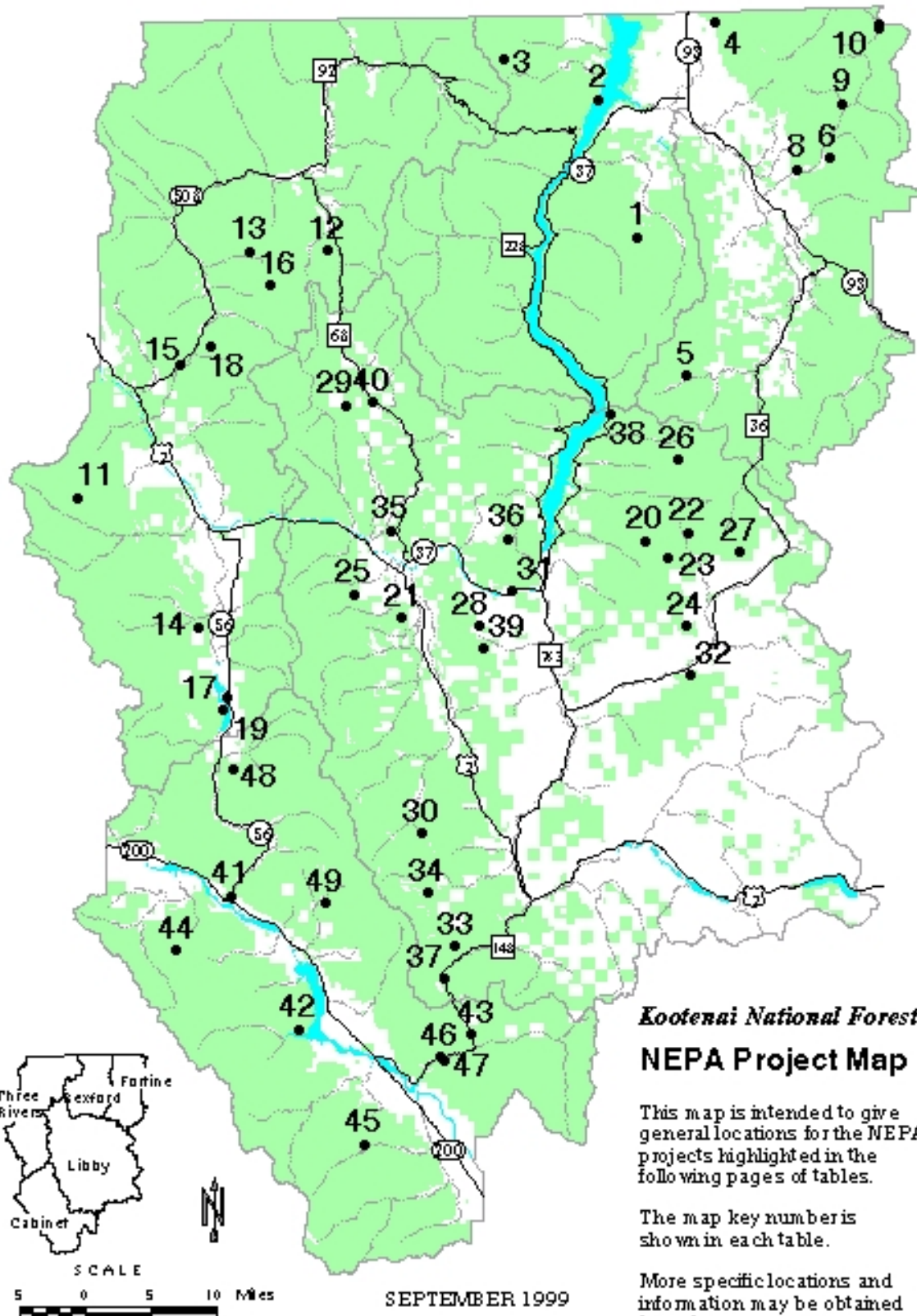
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THE PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS & WHERE YOU MIGHT FIT

ANALYSIS STEP	PARTICIPATION OPTIONS
Identify need for project - Forest Service, business or individual suggests a project	Bring need for a project to the attention of Forest Service
Develop detailed project proposal (Forest Service or other project proponent)	Develop project proposal
Scoping - solicit public comment on the proposal (how it might affect forest resources & uses; how the project could be done better). This defines the scope of environmental analysis needed and the range of alternatives that should be considered	Comment on proposal - suggest issues, alternatives or mitigation measures to reduce impacts on the environment
Develop range of alternatives based on the issues raised during scoping. One alternative is to stay with the status quo (No Action)	Suggest variations to the original proposal
Initiate public comment process which includes a 45 day comment period for Draft EIS's and 30 day comment period for EA's and timber sales that can be categorically excluded. A copy of the EIS or EA will be mailed to those who requested a copy and to those who have participated in the environmental analysis process. A legal notice, requesting comments, will be published in the Daily Interlake, Kalispell, MT, which is our newspaper of record (36 CFR 215.5)	Provide comments on the environmental analysis. See 36 CFR 215.6 for description of information to provide
Notice of decision will be published in the newspaper of record. Copies of the decision document will be sent to those who submitted comments on the proposed action either before or during the comment period identified above (36 CFR 215.9)	Review decision: exercise option to appeal through administrative process
Appeal period will be open for 45 days following legal notice of decision in the newspaper except if no one expressed interest and there is no change from the proposed action. (36 CFR 215.10)	File Notice of Appeal (see section 36 CFR 215.14 for contents of an appeal) NOTE: Only those who commented through the process described above or expressed interest will be able to appeal. (36 CFR 215.11)
Implement the project	Contribute labor, equipment or funding
Monitor & evaluate project results	Provide feedback on the project



QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS - September 1999

REXFORD RANGER DISTRICT, 1299 Highway 93 North, Eureka, MT 59917 - Phone: 406-296-2536, Fax: 406-296-2588 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD:** *DAILY INTERLAKE*, Kalispell, MT

MAP KEY	TYPE OF PROJECT	NAME OF PROJECT	LOCATION	NEPA STATUS	ANTICIPATED DECISION DATE	YEAR ACTIVITY TO START ON GROUND	CONTACT PERSON
1	Timber Sale	Pinkham Timber Sales and Associated Activities EIS; 59,530 CCF (24.4 MMBF)	T36N, R28W; T36N, R27W; T35N, R28W; T35N, R27W; T34N, R28W; T34N, R27W; T33N, R28W; T33N, R27W; Pinkham Creek area; Includes FP amendments and openings over 40 acres.	Decision Signed 6/16/99	Completed	1999	Annie Dueker
2	Timber Sale/Prescribed Fire	West Kootenai Ecosystem Rehabilitation; 8783 CCF (3.7 MMBF)	T36-37N, R28W; West Kootenai area	Decision Signed 6/15/99	Completed	1999	Chris Fox
3	Timber Sale	North Marias Houselogs; 4634 CCF (1.9 MMBF)	T37N, R29W, Sec 14-16, 21-23, 26-27. South Fork Young Creek area.	Seeking Public Comment	September 1999	2000	Phil Emery

FORTINE RANGER DISTRICT, P.O. Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918 - Phone: 406-882-4451, Fax: 406-882-4835 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD:** *DAILY INTERLAKE*, Kalispell, MT

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4	Timber Sale	Burma/Sinclair Management Project EA; 3700-5600 CCF (1.5-2.3 MMBF)	T37N, R26W, Sec. 5, 6, and 8; T36N, R26W, Sec. 3, 4, 10-14, and 24; Burma and Sinclair Areas.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Dellora Gauger
5	Timber Sale	Swamp Timber Sales and Associated Activities EIS; 29000 - 49000 CCF (12-20 MMBF)	T34N, R26W, Sec. 17-36; T33N, R26W, Sec. 1-11, 14-22, 28-32; T34N, R27W, Sec. 24-26, 33-36; T33N, R27W, Sec. 1-4, 8-17, 19-36; T32N, R27W, Sec. 2-11, 14-16; T33N, R28W, Sec. 36; T32N, R28W, Sec. 1-3, and 11-12; Swamp, Lake, and Edna Creek areas	Decision Pending	October 1999	1999	Rob Carlin
6	Range	Grave Creek/Tobacco Allotment Term Grazing Permits	T35N, R25-26W; T36N, R25W - Grave Creek Area T36N, R26W- Tobacco Siding Area.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Dellora Gauger
7	Special Uses	Frozen Lake Gravel Pit	T37N, R24W; Section 9, Frozen Lake Area	Analyzing Effects	September 1999	1999	Rick Kerr
*	Silviculture	Pre-commercial Thin 800-1000 ac.	District-wide	Decision Signed 6/2/999	Completed	1999	Scott Bates
8	Watershed Restoration	Grave Creek Channel Restoration	T35N, R25W, Section 6 - Grave Creek Area	Analysis completed Decision Pending	September 1999	1999	Don Tincher
9	Watershed Restoration	Stahl Creek Channel Restoration	T36N, R25W, Section 11-Stahl Creek near Road #7021.	Seeking Public Comment	September 1999	1999	Don Tincher
10	Watershed Restoration	Otter Creek Channel Restoration	T37N, R24W, Section 16 - Otter Creek near Road #7000	Seeking Public Comment	September 1999	1999	Don Tincher

THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT, 1437 N. Highway 2, Troy, MT 59935 - Phone:406-295-4693, Fax: 406-295-4142 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE, Kalispell, MT**

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11	Timber Sale, Burns, Thin, Watershed Rehab, Trail	Callahan 19,575 CCF (8 MMBF)	T31N, R34W, T32N, R34W, T32N, R35W, PMM, Lincoln Co, MT, T58N, R3E, T59N, R2E, T59N, R3E, PMM, Bonner Co, Idaho and T60N, R3E, PMM, Boundary Co, Idaho. Ecosystem burning activities proposed for Roberts Inventoried Roadless Area #691, Willard Inventoried Roadless Area #173	Decision Signed 6/18/99	Completed	1999	Michael Donald
12	Timber Sale, Thinning, Watershed Rehab	Clay-Beaver; 16,911 CCF (6.9 MMBF)	T36N, R31W; T35N, R31W; T35N, R32W; T34N, R32W, South Fork Yaak area. Includes openings greater than 40 acres and Forest Plan Amendments.	Decision Signed 6/18/99.	Completed	1999	Michael Donald
13	Timber Sale	Aspen Fizzle Sticks Salvage) 450 CFF (200MBF) (formerly listed under 1998 Small Sales as Fizzle Sticks Salvage, Districtwide)	T34N, R33W, Secs. 1, 2, & 3; T35N, R32W, Sec. 32; T34N, R32W, Sec. 5 & 6; Burnt Creek	Analyzing Effects	June 1999	1999	Mike Giesey
14	Timber Sale, Prescribed Burning, Thinning, Watershed Restoration	Spar and Lake Subunits Forest Health Projects EIS	T28N - T31N, R33W and 34W, PMM, Lincoln Co., MT; Iron, Keeler, Twilight, Stanley, Ross, Camp, Madge, Spring, and Noggle drainages. May include road decommissioning. Prescribed burning activities are proposed within the Scotchman Peaks Inventoried Roadless Area and/or proposed wilderness area. Includes Forest Plan Amendments.	Seeking public comments	April 2000	2000	Michael Donald
15	Timber Sale, Prescribed Burnng, Thinning, Watershed Restoration	Lower Yaak	Sections 27-35, T34N, R33W; Section 36, T34N, R34W; Sections 1 and 12, T33N, R34W; Sections 2-24, 26-32, T33N, R33W; and Section 2, T32N, R33W, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana. Lower Yaak River from 17 Mile Creek to Kootenai River confluence..	Developing Proposal, Seeking Public comments	April 2000	2000	Michael Donald
16	Prescribed Fire	Roderick Ecosystem Maintenance Burn	Sections 5 and 6, T33N, R32 W; Sections 7, 16-18, 19-21 and 27-30, T34N, R32W, Seventeenmile Area. Ecosystem burning activities proposed for Roderick Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area #684.	Decision Signed 7/21/99.	June 1999	1999	Charlie Hunter
17	Recreation	Dorr Skeels Recreation Area	T29N, R33W, Sec. 20, P.M.M. on Bull Lake	Decision Pending	October 1999	1999	Mark Mason
18	Wildlife	Sears Flat Wildlife Habitat Improvement	T33N, R33W, Sec. 30 and T33N R33W Section 18), PMM, Lincoln Co., MT. Sears Flat area.	Seeking Public comments	September 1999	1999	Kimberly Johnson
19	Easement	Bull Lake Estates Road Access	T29N, R33W Sec. 29, Bull Lake area	Decision Pending	October 1999	1999	Mark Natale

LIBBY RANGER DISTRICT:Canoe Gulch RS, 12557 HWY 37, Libby, MT 59923 Phone: 406-293-7773, FAX: 406-293-5758 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD:** *DAILY INTERLAKE*, Kalispell, MT

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20	Timber Sale	Canyon II; 5700 CCF, (2.6 MMBF)	T31N, R29W, Secs 25-27, T31N, R28W, Secs 29,30, 32-35, T30N, R28W, Secs 2-5, 9-11, Canyon Creek Drainage.	Decision Published 6/10/99	Complete	1999	Kirsten Kaiser
21	Timber Sale	Treasure Interface; 370 acres commercial thinning (240 MBF), 70 acres underburning, 50 acres slashing	T30N, R31W, Sections 22, 23, 27, 28, 33, 34; T29N, R30W, Section 30. Granite Creek area.	Decision Published 6/18/99	Complete	1999	Glen Gibson
22	Timber Sale	Dry Pocks Salvage; 11,000 CCF (5 MMBF)	T30N, R27W, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5; T31N, R27W, Sections 18, 27-29, 32-34; T31N, R28W, Sections 13-14, 23 and 24. Dry fork drainage. Includes FP amendments and over 40 acre openings.	Decision Published 6/25/99	Complete	1999	Tim Charnon
23	Timber Sale	West Dry III Salvage;4878 CCF (2.0 MMBF)	T31N, R27W, section 31; T31N, R28W, section 36; T30N, R28W, sections 1-2 and 11-12; T30N, R27W, sections 4-9 and 16-18; Dry Fork drainage.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Kirsten Kaiser
24	Timber Sale	Syrup Salvage; 2683 CCF (1.1 MMBF)	T29N, R27W, Sections 19-20 and 30-33 and T29N, R28W, Sections 13 and 24; Syrup Creek Drainage. Includes over 40 acre openings & FP amendments.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Tim Charnon
25	Timber Sale	Flower OSR; 350 CCF (140 MBF)	T30N, R32W, Section 13; T30, R31W, Sections 17, 19, 28 and 29. 4/30/99 Decision withdrawn, being re-worked.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Kirsten Kaiser
26	Timber Sale	South Fork Fivemile; 3750 CCF (1500 MBF)	T32N, R27W, Sections 30, 31 and 32. South Fork Fivemile drainage.	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	Kirsten Kaiser
27	Timber Sale	Sheppard 16 Salvage 4600 CCF (2.0 MMBF)	T31N, R27W, Section 36, T31N, R26W, Section 31, T30N, R26W, Sections 3,4,9,10, & 15. Sheppard Mtn. area. Includes Forest Plan ORD amendment.	Analyzing Effects	October 1999	2000	Kirsten Kaiser
28	Timber Sale	McSwede; 9020 CCF (3.7 MMBF)	T30N, R31W, Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24; T30N, R30W, Sections 6-8, 17-20 and 30-33; T29N, R30W, Sections 3-10 . Swede and McMillan areas. Includes a Forest Plan amendment & openings over 40 acres.	Analyzing Effects	December 1999	2000	Tim Charnon
29	Timber Sale	Upper Pipe incorporated into Pipestone landscape assessment	T34N, R31W, Sec 11,14,15,21-36; T33N, R31W, Sec 1-36; T32N, R31W, Sec 1-36; T31N, R31W, Sec 1-29,32-36; T30N, R31W, Sec 2,3; T34N, R32W, Sec 36; T33N, R32W, Sec 1,12,13,24,25,36; T32N, R32W, Sec 1,12,13,24,25,36; T32N, R30W, Sec 5-10, 15-21, 29-32; T31N, R30W, Sec 4-9,18-20,29-32. May include Regional Forester approval for openings greater than 40 acres.	Seeking Public Comment September 1999	May 2000	2000	Kirsten Kaiser

LIBBY RANGER DISTRICT:Canoe Gulch RS, 12557 HWY 37, Libby, MT 59923 Phone: 406-293-7773, FAX: 406-293-5758 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE**, Kalispell, MT; continued

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30	Recreation	Howard Lake Campground improvement	T27N, R31W, Section 13. Installation of a pump house for water treatment.	Dropped			Dick Harlow
31	Recreation	Rereg Boat Ramp	T30N, R30W, Section 9. Installation of a vault pit toilet. Construction of a 500 foot boat ramp and a parking lot for 12 vehicles.	Deferred	2003	2003	Dick Harlow
32	Minerals	Kavalla	T29N, R27W, Section 20. Wolf Creek area. Commercial building stone sale.	Seeking Public Comment	December 1999	2000	Bobbi Lacklen
*	Minerals	Mineral Material Sources	Expansion and reclamation of 79 existing gravel pits throughout Libby Ranger District.	Analyzing Effects	January 2000	2000	Bobbi Lacklen
33	Special uses	Bear Lakes access	T26N, R30W, Section 30-33. Bear Lakes area. Includes 1.5 miles of road construction.	Deferred			Dick Harlow
34	Special uses	Wayup Mine/Fourth of July Road Access EIS	T27N, R31W, Sections 33-34; T26N, R31W, Section 12; T26N, R30W, Sections 6-7. Along Fourth of July Trail. Includes Forest Plan amendments. Cabinet Face East Roadless Area #671.	FEIS Expected October 1999	October 1999	2000	Kirsten Kaiser
35	Special uses	Pipe Creek Private Road	T31N, R31W, Section 21. Pipe Creek area. Reconstruction of 1 mile of existing road on FS lands.	Decision Pending	December 1999	2000	Dick Harlow
36	Special uses	Bonneville Power Association (BPA) Road Access	T31N, R30W, Section 25. Alexander Creek area. Includes 1/4 mile road construction.	Analyzing Effects	March 2000	2000	Dick Harlow
37	Special uses	King Mine road use	T25N, R30W, Section 8. Silver Butte, King Mine area. Includes 500 feet road improvement work.	Seeking Public Comment	June 2000	2000	Dick Harlow
38	Special uses	Bloomgren road access	T32N, R28W, Section 5. Volcour Gulch area. Includes 1/4 mile road construction.	Seeking Public Comment	July 2000	2000	Dick Harlow
39	Cost share	Swede Mountain 33/Severn Gulch 21	T30N, R30W, Sections 21, 28 and 33. Cost share agreement with Plum Creek Timber Company which includes 0.15 miles of new road construction, allowing Plum Creek access to their lands in T30N, R30W, Sections 21 and 33.	Decision Published 7/24/99	Complete	1999	Jon Jerešek
40	Land Exchange	Tom Poole Land Exchange	T33N, R31W, Section 34. Tom Poole Lake; T33N, R31W, Sec. 33,34; T32N, R31W, Sections 5-6. Mt. Tom, Pipe Creek areas.	Decision Pending	September 1999	1999	Paul Kaiser

CABINET RANGER DISTRICT, 2693 Highway 200, Trout Creek, MT 59874 - Phone: 406-827-3533, Fax: 406-827-3203 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE, Kalispell, MT**

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41	Timber Sale	Bull Liber SSTS 270 CCF (125MBF)	T26N, R33W, Sec 3&4; Highway 200 and Highway 56 junction, Bull River Area	Decision Memo signed 6/14/99	Complete	2000	John Head
42	Timber Sale	Marten Roadside Salvage 90CCF (50MBF)	T25N, R32W, Sec 26, 27 and 28 Marten Creek Area	Decision Pending	September 1999	2000	John Head
43	Timber Sale	Lyn Lyon SSTS 100CCF (60MBF)	T25N, R30W, Sec 28 & 34: T24N, R30W, Sec 3 & 4 Vermillion River/Lyons Gulch	Analyzing Effects	September 1999	2000	John Head
44	Timber Sale	Real Lone Gem SSTS 50CCF (30MBF)	T26N, R34W, Sec 28,29,35&36 Gem Peak/Lone Cliff Area	Analyzing Effects	September 1999	2000	John Head
45	Timber Sale	Whitepine Creek Project EIS 33,000 CCF (15MMBF)	T22N, R32W, Sec 4,5: T23N, R31W, Sec 3-11, 14-24, 27-30: T23N, R32W, Sec 1-3, 10-17, 20-29, 31-34: T24N, 31W, Sec 31-33: T24N, R32W, Sec 24-26, 35, 36. Includes FP amendments of openings over 40 acres. NOI published April 23, 1999.	Developing Alternatives	June 2000	2000	Dave Clay
*	Pre-commercial Thinning	Cabinet District Pre-commercial Thinning; 311 acres	District Wide	Decision Memo signed	Complete	1999	Gene Newell
46	Roads	20-Odd Road #2211 Relocation	Rd #221; T24N, R30W, Sec 6,7: T24N, R31W, Sec 12 20-Odd Peak area.	Analyzing Effects	September 1999	1999	Chuck Williams
47	Minerals	Vermilion Suction Dredging	T24N, R30N, Sec 8 Vermilion River/ Cataract Creek area.	Analyzing Effects	September 1999	1999	Bruce Haflich
48	Watershed Restoration	Berray Creek Stream Restoration 1,800 lineal feet	T28N, R33W, Sec 21	Decision Memo signed 7/2/99	Complete	1999	Doug Grupenhoff

KOOTENAI SUPERVISORS OFFICE, 1101 US Hwy 2 West, Libby, MT 59923 - Phone: 406-293-6211, Fax: 406-293-6418 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE, Kalispell, MT**

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49	Minerals	ASARCO; Copper/ Silver Mine	T26N, R32W; Rock Creek. Includes FP amendments	Responding to Comments	December 1999	2000	Paul Kaiser
*	Land Exchange	Crown Pacific Land Exchange	Portions of all of; T29N, R33W, Section 19; t25N, R32W Sec 7; T32N R34W Sec 26; T33N R34W Sec 17 & 20; T31N R34W Sec 2; T26N R34W Sec 15	Analyzing Effects	December 1999	1999	Paul Kaiser
*	Fuels	Forestwide Fuels Reduction	Forestwide (site specific locations available upon request)	Responding to Comments	November 1999	1999	Leanne Marten
*	Travel Management/ Forest Plan Amendment	BLM and FS Off-Highway Vehicle Forest Plan Amendment / EIS for MT, ND and Portions of SD	All BLM and FS lands in MT, ND and portions of SD excluding lands administered by Region 2 of the FS.	Alternative Development	January 2000	2000	Dick Kramer USFS Lolo NF (406-329-1008) or Jerry Majerus BLM (406-538-1924)