

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

Lolo National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
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Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	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 Count	ies. Nation Wide	Э.			
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule	- Regulations, Directives Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@fs.fed.us			
EIS *NEW LISTING*		Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007						
	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/2007_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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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)										
Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals a - Land mana	nd Geology agement planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/28/2005 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Peter Gaulke 202-205-1521 pgaulke@fs.fed.us				
		Energy and Interior corridors on federal								
	Web Link:	http://corridoreis.an								
	Location:	Superior Ranger Di Thunder Basin Ran Williams Ranger Di Payson Ranger Dist Ranger District, Ely Mount Whitney Rar Cajon Ranger District Ranger District, Pai Elum Ranger District Ranger District, Me Ranger District, Me Ranger District, Tra District, Hayfork Ra District, Gunnison F Mt. Hood National F Ranger District, Dui (National Headquai Colorado, California Inyo, Lassen, Los A Shasta, Sierra, Sisk Montrose, Ouray, R Bow, Elko, Lyon, M Jefferson, Klamath, Kane, Millard, Piute King, Kittitas, Snoh	nger District, Butte Ranger District, Strict, Norwood Ranger District, Ouger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Tusayan Ranger District, Chitrict, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Fanger District, Spanish Fork Ranger District, Hat Creek Ranger District, Yolla Bolla Ranger District, Mt. St., Truckee Ranger District, Bend/Fsley Ranger District, Skykomish Ract, Ogden Ranger District, Silver Lasa Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Buco Ranger District, Mono Ranger District, American River Ranger District, American River Ranger District, Heber Ranger District Corest All Units, Entiat Ranger District, Corest All Units, Entiat Ranger District, Corest All	ray Ranger District, Yistrict, Sulphur Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger Dis Pine Valley Ranger Diger District, Los Angetrict, Big Valley Ranger District, Big Valley Ranger District, North Fanger District, North Falke Ranger District, North Ranger District, Bridger District, Goosenest Poistrict, Goosenest Poistrict, Santa Clara/Mojarict, Wenatchee Riverger District, Salida Ratton, Utah, Oregon, Narange, Placer, Riversia, Dolores, Grand, Guishoshone, Beaverheamas, Columbia, Crocaver, Carbon, Dagger Le, Uintah, Utah, Wasal - 11 Western State	rampa Ranger District, Nogales trict, Cave Creek Fastrict, Beaver Rangeles River, Descander District, Doubler of McCloud Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Descander District, Descander District, Descander District, Manger District, Manger District, Manger District, Manger District, Manger District, Wasney Mexico, Nevadio, Santa Cruz, Yade, San Bernarding Santa Cruz, Yade, San Bernarding Santa Cruz, Yade, San Bernarding Santa, Minesa, Emery, Garfield, Satch, Washington, es, excluding Alasker San Bernarding, Santa Cruz, Hook, Deschutes, Hook, Deschutes, Hook, Emery, Garfield, Satch, Washington, es, excluding Alasker San Bernarding, Santa Cruz, Yade, Santa Cruz, Yade	rrict, Douglas and Ranger District, Ranger District, ger District, Carson so Ranger District, nead Ranger District, nead Ranger District, property District, Cle strict, Lakeview ger District, Cle strict, Black Mesa rict, Ruby Mountains evils Garden Ranger Dillon Ranger rer Ranger District, lancos/Dolores shington Office a, Montana, Idaho, vapai, Humboldt, b, San Diego, lontezuma, eral, Missoula, Silver od River, Jackson, Grand, Iron, Juab, Weber, Chelan, ka & Hawaii. 11				

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring	in more than	n one Forest (exclu	ding Regionwide)				
Avista Powerline Right-of-way Maintenance CE	- Special us	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2004	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Risa Devore (208) 265-6623 rdevore@fs.fed.us	
-	Description:		renewal for maintenance of existing one River Ranger District of the Ida				
	Location:	STATE - Montana,	nger District, Sandpoint Ranger Dis Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner, Boun on the IPNF and portions of the Ko	dary, Sanders. Portic			
DNRC land exchange EA	- Land owne	ership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/25/2006	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	John Casselli 406-329-3787 jcasselli@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Lolo NF - Montana State DNRC land exchange State wants to trade isolated, scattered school trust lands surrounded by NFS lands; FS would consolidate ownership, acquire access, riparian, roadless & recreation lands & big game winter range. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/						
	Location:						
Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests		agement planning	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chuck Sperry 406-329-3848 csperry@fs.fed.us	
CE	Description:	Forest Plan Revisio	n				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/						
	Location:		ational Forest All Units, Flathead N COUNTY - Flathead, Granite, La				

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)									
Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Invasive Plants EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/02/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Chad Benson 406-942-3113 cwbenson@fs.fed.us				
	Wilderness Location: UNIT - Lochsa Rar Powell Ranger Distriction COUNTY - Idaho, I	invasive plants and noxious weeds nger District, Sula Ranger District, Norict, Stevensville Ranger District, Volumer Ravalli. Selway-Bitterroot Wilderned Roce, Lolo and Bitterroot National Force, Lolo and Bitterroot National Force,	Missoula Ranger Distr Vest Fork Ranger Dis ess, administering For	rict, Moose Creek F trict. STATE - Mo	Ranger District, ntana, Idaho.				

Lolo National Forest, Forestwide	Lolo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R1 - Northern Region								
Lolo NF Forestwide Integrated Weed Management Analysis EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/04/2004 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2007	Expected:12/2007	04/2008	Andy Kulla 406-329-3962 akulla@fs.fed.us				
	 Description: Manage weeds on entire forest, using integrated weed management approach, including aerial application of herbicides. Analyze representative site types, develop priority screening criteria & standardize resource protection methods. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/ 								
	Location: UNIT - Lolo National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Granite, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders. southcentral Montana, entire 2.1 million-acre Lolo National Forest.								
Table Top Salvage CE	- Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/12/2007	Expected:10/2007	06/2008	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us				
Description: Salvage and thinning of lodgepole pine stands currently being impacted by the Mountain Pine Beetle									
		onal Forest All Units. STATE - Mon CDrainage in the area of Table Top		nders. LEGAL - T	21N, R30W. South				

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Lolo National Forest Missoul	a Ranger District (excluding Proj	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
Butte Lookout Project EIS EIS	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/18/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2008	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us				
		function, integrity, and resilience; security; provide timber for harvest							
	Location: UNIT - Missoula R Butte Creek HUC.	anger District. STATE - Montana.	COUNTY - Missoul	a. LEGAL - T11N	R22W. West Fork				
Montana Snowbowl Ski Area Expansion EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/13/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2007	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us				
	Description: Third-party contract	or EIS to analyze the proposed ski	area expansion for M	lontana Snowbowl					
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - sections 27, 28,32, 33,T15N, R19W; and sections 4 and 5 T14N, R19W, PMM. Nine miles north of Missioula, MT. The area directly west of the existing Montana Snowbowl ski area								
South Fork East Fork Lolo Creek Grazing Permit Review CE	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 08/21/2007	08/2007	Andy Kulla 406-329-3962 akulla@fs.fed.us				
	Description: Review of the South Fork/East Fork Lolo Creek Grazing Allotment under authority of 2005 Consolidated Appropriateion Act (P.L. 108-447)								
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T10N, R23W/T11N, R21W/T11N, R23W, PMM. Generally south side of Lolo Creek from South Fork Lolo Creek Road west along US Hwy 12 to East Fork Lolo Creek Road.								

Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Lolo National Forest Ninemile	Ranger Distr	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Big Nugget Placer Claims EA	- Minerals a	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/20/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Lynda Pike 406-329-1070 lpike@fs.fed.us			
	Description:	Placer mining using Marilyn Miller - Clai	g heavy equipment. Re-open gold n mants.	nining on claims last v	vorked commercial	ly in 1980. Ken and			
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Montana. iinage, about 11 miles SE of Super		LEGAL - Section	24, T15N, R26W.			
Edith Sixmile Grazing Allotment Re-Issuance	- Grazing ma	anagement	Completed	Actual: 07/13/2007	01/2009	Ryan Domsalla 406-626-5404 rdomsalla@fs.fed.us			
	Description:	Description: Re-Issuance of a 10 year term grazing permit to Joseph Boyer, Jr Stocking would remain at 25 cow/calf pairs with a grazing season of June 15 to September 30.							
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Numerous sections in T16N, R21 & 22W and T15N, R21 & 22W On the Ninemile Ranger District in the Edith and Sixmile Drainages.								
Ellis Mountain Communication Site #2	- Special us	e management	Completed	Actual: 08/14/2007	06/2008	Ronald Schlader 406-822-3915 rschlader@fs.fed.us			
	Description:		t to upgrade the approved Ellis Mt. 20' self-support. steel tower and ne perty						
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Montana. R23W;P.M.MT. Unit: Ninemile Ran						
Re-issue outfitter-guide permits	- Special are	ea management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2005	Expected:11/2007	12/2007	Ryan Domsalla 406-626-5404 rdomsalla@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Re-issue 3 outfitter-guide permits in proposed wilderness, for Hole-in-Wall (Cataldo), Ruggs Outfitters (Ruggs/Parks) & White Mtn Outfitters (Earp)								
	Location:	T12N, R26W; Rugg	anger District. STATE - Montana. gs: Section 8, T13N, R26W; White I ttely 25 air miles west of Missoula,	Mtn: Section 17, T12N					

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Lolo National Forest Ninemile	Ranger District ((excluding Proje	cts occurring in more than one	District)		R1 - Northern Region
South Fork Fish Creek Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels manage	ment	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2007	Expected:01/2009	04/2009	Brandon Sheehan 406-626-5421 bsheehan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ve	getative treatmen	t for fuels reduction and forest hea	lth improvement		
			nger District. STATE - Montana. 7,21&22, T12N, R25W, Sec. 10,1			
South Fork of Fish Creek EA *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed ma - Fuels manager - Forest product - Recreation ma	ment s	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2007	Expected:03/2009	04/2009	Sheryl Meekin 406-821-2310 smeekin@fs.fed.us
	1	•	t proposal to reduce fuels and imp lity and aquatic habitat and enhan			
Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T40N, R24W 4,5,6,7,8,9,15,16,17,21 & 22; T41N, R24W, sec 32,33 & 34; T40N, R14E, sec 10, 11 & 12. The Sou Creek, Mineral County, Montana.						
White Mountain outfitters camp construction CE	- Recreation ma	inagement	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ryan Domsalla 406-626-5404 rdomsalla@fs.fed.us
Description: Replace current "end of road" camp at Cache Cr Trailhead at new location 0.5 mile away in visually scr off main access road. Work involves 300 feet road construction on old skid trail, clearing 30x30 ft traile temporary corral.						- 1
		4W, PMM. Gentle	nger District. STATE - Montana. e bench off Montana Cr Road #421			

Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Tl	nompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Regi							
Chippy Fire Salvage EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	Wanda Smith 406-822-3948 wpsmith@fs.fed.us			
NEW EIGTING		ect is salvage of a portion of the timl in 2007 on the Plains/Thompson Fa		t System lands tha	at burned in the			
	of Plains, Mt., portion	mpson Falls Ranger District. STAT ons of the following drainages: Littl g Rock Crk, tributary to the Thomps	e Thompson River; N					
Fishtrap SEIS EIS	 Road management Watershed management Fuels management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Forest products Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/21/2007	Expected:09/2007 Actual: 11/22/2005	07/2008	Patricia Partyka (406)826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us			
	1	ecommercial Thinning, Road Recor Fish Habitat Improvement	nstruction, Ecosystem	Management Bur	ning, Road			
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T 24 N, R 28 W. Upper Fishtrap Drainage.							
McGinnis-Cabin Hazardous Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	John Errecart 406-826-4316 jerrecart@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels on approximately 2320 acres through various methods. A combination of pre-comment and commercial thinning followed by underburning is proposed on approximately 1000 acres. Ecomaintenance burning is proposed on 1320 acres.							
		mpson Falls Ranger District. STAT Sanders County, Montana. The pro						

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Th	nompson Falls Ranger District (e	excluding Projects occurring in n	nore than one Distri	ct)	R1 - Northern Region
Shorty Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/19/2005	Expected:02/2007	09/2007	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thon	d, ladder and crown fuels adjacent mpson Falls Ranger District. STAT WUI in Prospect Creek Drainage S	E - Montana. COUN	NTY - Sanders. LE	

Lolo National Forest Seeley L	ake Ranger District (excluding F	Projects occurring in more than o	one District)		R1 - Northern Region
Dick Creek Fuel Management Project	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	03/2008	Scott Tomson 406-677-3925 stomson@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: This 1075 acre pres	scribed fire project is primarily fuels	s reduction which will a	lso benefit wildlife	habitat
		e Ranger District. STATE - Monta ce Ranger District (6-7 miles NE of			N, R12W, Sect 25
Seeley Lake Villa special use permit reissue	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/13/2007	12/2008	Karen Linford 406-677-3920 klinford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue 33 recreation	ion-residence special use permits v	with 20-year terms		
		e Ranger District. STATE - Monta T17N, R15W, Sec. 21, 28, 29, 33,		oula. LEGAL - T1	17N, R15W, Sec.

Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

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Lolo National Forest Superior	Ranger District (excluding Proje	ects occurring in more than one	District)		R1 - Northern Region	
Borax Salvage CE	Vegetation management (other than forest products) Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	Elisa Stamm 406-822-3971 ekstamm@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Salvage dead and t	thin live lodgepole pine stands.				
		anger District. STATE - Montana. ely 1/2 mile northeast of Lookout Pa				
DeBaugan Fuels Reduction EIS	- Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 02/22/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:07/2008	06/2009	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Hazardous Fuels re Montana	eduction project adjacent to the com	nmunities of DeBorgia	ı, Saltese, Haugan	in Mineral County	
		anger District. STATE - Montana. Saltese, DeBorgia, and haugan.	COUNTY - Mineral.	Along the I-90 co	rridor adjace to	
Up Up Salvage CE	Vegetation management (other than forest products) Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	Elisa Stamm 406-822-3971 ekstamm@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Salvage dead and thin live lodgepole pine stands.					
		anger District. STATE - Montana. Approximately 3 miles south of De				

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