

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

Lewis And Clark National Forest

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Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement EIS	- Regulation Orders	s, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Peter Gaulke 703-605-4796 tparker03@fs.fed.us		
		Statement to analyz geothermal resource	I Management and Forest Service at the leasing of BLM and USFS ac es in 11 western states.	dministered lands with	n moderate to high			
	Web Link:		/wo/st/en/prog/energy/geothermal/g					
	Location:	Forest All Units, Lev Juan National Forest All Units, Bo Units, Fishlake Nati Units, Sawtooth Nat Units, Cleveland Nat Los Padres National Bernardino National Forest All Units, Rogue River-National Forest All Units, Rogue River-National Forest All Units, An Forest All Units, An Forest All Units, An Forest All Units, Units, Arapaho and National Forest All Units, Units, Arapaho and National Forest All Units, Arapaho and National Forest All Units, Arapaho and National Forest All Units Alaska. COUNTY	National Forest All Units, Beaverher wis And Clark National Forest All Ust All Units, White River National For Units, Coronado National Forest All Usise National Forest All Units, Bridge onal Forest All Units, Payette National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Totational Forest All Units, Humboldt-Totational Forest All Units, Bedorado National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Malheur National Forest All Units, Malheur National Forest All Units, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Geles National Forest All Units, Plunatilla National Forest All Units, Cosevelt National Forest All Units, Cosevelt National Forest All Units, Company Plunits, Shasta Trinity National Forest Units, Tonto National Forest All Units, Company Washington, Utah, da, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Id-Aleutians East, La Paz, Colusa, Idana, California, Colorado, Idaho, Idaska.	nits, Medicine Bow-Rorest All Units, Carsol Units, Gila National Porest All Units, Solyabe National Forest All Units, It Forest All Units, It Forest All Units, It Forest All Units, It Forest All Units, Mt Bak Umpqua National Forest All Units, Vall Units, Rio Grande National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Mand Gunnison National Forest All Units, Mandional Forest All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units, Inyo National Forest All Units, Texas, South Dakotal Grasslands All Units, Texas, South Dakotal Denver, Douglas, Bor	coutt National Forest A Forest All Units, Linest All Units, Dixie Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Uinta National Forest All Units, Wallow Willamette National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, All Units, Fremontunits, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Salt Units, Pike a standard Colorado, Calmer, Columbia, Colorado, Calmer, Cal	st All Units, San All Units, Cibola Incoln National National Forest All Itional Forest All Inits, San It All Units, Gifford Itional Forest All Itiowa-Whitman Forest All Units, I Units, Apache- Inal Forest All Units, Units, Helena Santa Fe National Itional Forest All Itional Fore		

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Lewis And Clark National Fores	Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)							
Central Montana Communications Permit Reissuance CE	- Special us	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.u s		
	Description:	The permit is to be	reissued is for 11 miles in a 20 foot	right-of-way of existing	ng phone line.			
	Location:	Montana. COUNT	nur Springs Ranger District, Mussel Y - Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagh e Little Belt Mountains.					
Conveyance and disposal of Harlowton & Stanford Forest Service houses, garage and	- Facility management		In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2007	Expected:11/2008	05/2009	Linda Brandvold 406-731-5329 Idbrandvold@fs.fed.us		
lots CE	Description: The Forest Service Facilities Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005 required the FS to divest of unneeded facilities through public sale, and to utilize proceed dollars to conduct needed backlog maintenance of existing Forest Service facilities.							
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District, Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin, Wheatland. LEGAL - Harlowton, MT Sec 21, T8N, R15E; Stanford, MT Sec 16, T16N, R12E. Harlowton FS houses (2), 1 attached garage and 1detached garage, and common lots located west end Harlowton; Stanford 1 house and lots in northcentral area of Stanford.						
Deadman-Memorial Way Road Reconstruction	- Road man	agement	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/26/2008	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Robert Korb 406-791-7737 rkorb@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Reconstruction of 16 miles of road to address resource and safety needs. Surface aggregate would be extracted from an existing pit. Approximately 5 segments on Memorial Way Rd, about 3.5miles, would be relocated to address grade & drainage issues.							
	Location:	Judith Basin, Meagl	nur Springs Ranger District, Mussel ner. LEGAL - T12N, R8E, Sec 12, 11, 12. Deadman Road #837 & Me	24 & 25; T12N, R9E,	Sec 7, 18, 19, 20,	27-30, 34 & 35,		

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	t, Occurring in more than one Di	strict (excluding Forestwide)			R1 - Northern Region					
New issue of Northwestern Energy (NWE) authorizations CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2004	Expected:12/2008	12/2008	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.u s					
		Scription: NWE authorization at 3 sites have expired or will expire soon, and will be evaluated for new 10 year authorization, including microwave site, access road, and 25 KV powerline in the Checkerboard - White Sulphur - Monarch areas.								
	Ranger District. ST Castles Microwave	nur Springs Ranger District, Belt Cr TATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cas site S32, T8N, R8E and S6, T7N, F astles to Monarch/Hughsville areas	cade, Judith Basin, M R8E. East L Belts Acc	leagher, Wheatland ess Rd S21, T11N	d. LEGAL - , R15E. 25KV line					
Permit Reissuance for 6 Pastures and 1 Fenceline - Castle, Crazy, and Big Snowies CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2008	Expected:12/2008	12/2008	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.u s					
	Pasture S23,T7N,F CRAZIES: JCM Ca	Pscription: CASTLES: Hereim Pasture S13 &23, T7N, R9E -Voldseth Pasture S13,T7N,R9E, S19 & 30,T7N,R10E - Rostad Pasture S23,T7N,R9E - IV Ranch Pasture S32,33,T9N,R9E CRAZIES: JCM Cattle Co S18,T6N,R11E BIG SNOWIES: Swanz Pasture S13, T11N,R18E								
		nur Springs Ranger District, Mussel Y - Cascade, Fergus, Judith Basin								

Lewis And Clark National Forest	t Belt Creek Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in n	nore than one District)	R1 - Northern Region				
Re-issuance of 10 year term outfitter guide permits on the Belt Creek Ranger District.	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/01/2007	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	John Metrione 406-236-5511 jmetrione@fs.fed.us				
CE	hunting, 44 servi	Description: Proposal to issue 10 year term outfitting and guiding permits to: Steve Fillinger Outfitters for day use deer and elk hunting, 44 service days; Limestone Kamp for day use deer and elk hunting, 30 service days and Belt Creek Outfitters, 240 ser days.							
		ek Ranger District. STATE - Montana ithin the existing boundaries of the Be							

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Belt Creel	Ranger District (ex	xcluding Projects occurring in m	ore than one Distric	t)	R1 - Northern Region		
Dry Fork Vegetation Restoration	- Fuels man - Forest pro	•	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Robin Strathy 406-791-7726 rstrathy@fs.fed.us		
	Description: This project proposes treatments, including timber harvest and prescribed fire, on approximately 3,400 acre Additionally, 4.9 miles of roads reconstruction, 1.7 miles of new road, and 20.6 miles of road decommission Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/							
	Location:	UNIT - Belt Creek I Creek in the Little B	Ranger District. STATE - Montana selt Mountains.	a. COUNTY - Casca	nde, Judith Basin.	Dry Fork of Belt		
Slide Rock Quarry CE	- Forest pro	ducts	Completed	Actual: 09/09/2008	10/2008	Robin Strathy 406-791-7726 rstrathy@fs.fed.us		
	Description: This decision will allow mining of decorative rock from the Slide Rock Quarry for an estimated 5 year period during the summer months.							
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Montana t, MT and within 1/2 mile of Hwy 89			N, R8E, Section		

Lewis And Clark National Forest	Judith Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region						
Ettien Ridge Fuels Reduction II	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/01/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:12/2008	03/2009	Matthew Plagenz 406-566-2292 mplagenz@fs.fed.us		
		scription: Use of mechanical (commercial and non-commerical) thinning and prescribed burning to reduce the Wildland-Urban Interface.					
		n Ranger District. STATE - Montana. C N, R11E, Sections 1 & 2. Ettien Ridge is a					

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Hoover Mountain Seed Production Area CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)										
	performance in grov	scription: A lodgepole pine seed production area would be developed in a natural stand with better than average performance in growth, quality, and seed production. The 14 acre stand would be precommercially thinned to retain 50-100 superior trees per acre.									
		jer District. STATE - Montana. C n, Little Belt Mountain Range.	OUNTY - Judith Bas	in. LEGAL - T11N	, R10E, Section						
Outfitters Special Use Priority Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2006	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Linda Casper 406-566-2292 lcasper@fs.fed.us						
		Description: Four outfitters on the Judith Ranger District will be having their special use permits expire as of 12/31/2006. These permits are designated to be reissued during 2007 for a 10 year period.									
	Location: UNIT - Judith Rang Fork areas of the Li	er District. STATE - Montana. Cttle Belt Mountains.	OUNTY - Judith Bas	in. Middle Fork, So	outh Fork and Lost						

Lewis And Clark National Forest	Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in I	more than one Distri	ct)	R1 - Northern Region			
Castles Small Tracts Act parcel exchange and ROW acquisition CE		Completed	Actual: 11/05/2007	08/2008	Douglas Dodge 406-632-4391 douglasdodge@fs.fed.u s			
	parcel S12 T8N R8	escription: Patent owner S&S Coal proposes exchange 17ac Princess patent S28 T8N R8E for isolated 17ac Forest Servic parcel S12 T8N R8E surrounded by S&S Coal, then S&S grant 2.5 mile road ROW Rd 581, 8884, 8886 thru S& patents presently w/o public easement.						
		I Ranger District. STATE - Montan 2 miles of acquired road right of wa			o exchange			

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Musselshe	ell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region
Fuels Treatments at Forest Admin and Investment Sites CE	- Facility management - Fuels management		In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2001 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	Douglas Dodge 406-632-4391 douglasdodge@fs.fed.u s
			is proposing to undertake direct full, campgrounds, heli-spots and wea		administrative sites	, summer homes,
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Montar Castle and Crazy Mountain Ranges		us, Meagher, Whe	atland. Little
Loco Ridge Repeater Building CE	- Facility mar	nagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2008	Expected:12/2008	05/2009	Jim Homison 406-566-2292 jhomison@fs.fed.us
	Description:	Radio repeater insta	allation			
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Montar			
Mud Creek Trail #648 Reroute and Retread CE	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2008	Expected:01/2009	08/2009	John Metrione 406-236-5511 jmetrione@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will reroute and spot retread Trail #648. This is a major connector between Daisy-Dean Trailhead and Mud Mountain Trail #608. The trail would be reconstructed to a single track tread (18").					
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Montar 7. Little Belt Mountains.	na. COUNTY - Whe	atland. LEGAL - T	10N, R11E,
Permit Reissuance for 8 pastures & new issues for 1 pasture, Little Belt Mtns CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2008	Expected:12/2008	12/2008	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.u s
	Description: Inclusion of adjoining NFS lands for convenience pastures for ease of fencing, use of natural barriers, spri developments & water gaps and not logical to include in grazing allotment.					
	Location:	LEGAL - Prince S10 S29,T10NR10E&S5	Ranger District. STATE - Montar 0-11,14-15,T9NR10E,Indreland S2 5,T9NR10E,Nelson S32,T10NR10E gler S21T11NR5E,Saylor S7T11NR	8,33-35,T10NR10E,G E,Brewer S21,T10NR	Sough 10E,Goodrich S4T9	9NR10E,Capser

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in I	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region					
Special Use permit renewal for water pipeline, off-boundary fence, and other small scale uses.	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Douglas Dodge 406-632-4391 douglasdodge@fs.fed.u s					
CE	lands, such as wate	cription: National Forest management allows Special Use permit authorizations for small scale convenience uses of Forest lands, such as water pipelines and off-boundary fence lines. Several such uses on the District have been requested to be renewed.								
	Location: UNIT - Musselshell	Ranger District. STATE - Montan wy Mountain Ranges.	na. COUNTY - Ferg	us, Meagher, Whea	atland. Crazy,					
Willow Creek permit for road and buried powerline CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2008 07/23/2008	09/2008	Douglas Dodge 406-632-4391 douglasdodge@fs.fed.u s					
	Description: A temporary special use permit to Sunlight Ranch for road access to the private property along Willow Creek. A permit to Fergus Electric to bury an electrical line parallel to the road which accesses private property.									
		Ranger District. STATE - Montan Mountains, Willow Creek.	na. COUNTY - Ferg	us. LEGAL - T12N	l, R21E, Sections					

Lewis And Clark National Forest	t Rocky Mountain Ranger Dis	strict (excluding Projects occurring	g in more than one D	District)	R1 - Northern Region			
Benchmark Fuels Reduction	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Russell Owen 406-562-3247 rowen@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Use of prescribed fire and mechanical fuels treatments to remove dead and diseased trees and ladder fuels to improve forest health, promote surface fire, retain mature fire-resistant trees, and protect homes and developments in the Benchmark area							
	1	.ocation: UNIT - Rocky Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T19N R9W S10,11,14,15 and T20N R10W S26,35,36,15,16,22. Ford Creek and Wood Lake drainages, Rocky						

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Benchmark Wilderness Ranch Resort Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use	e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Karen Horn 406-466-5341 khorn@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Reissue a 20-year permit to operate and maintain a public recreation resort on 17 acres of National Forest System lands. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/						
	Location: UNIT - Rocky Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T20 R10W Sec. 22 (SW 1/4, NE 1/4). Benchmark area; lower Fairview Creek drainage, Rocky Mountains.						
Gates Park Pack Bridge CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	lan Bardwell 406-466-5341 ianbardwell@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Repair existing bridge structure. Location: UNIT - Rocky Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T23N						
	Location.	R10W S5. North Fork Sun River Trail #110, Gates Park area, Bob Marshall Wilderness.					
Moose Creek Trail #131 Reconstruction CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	lan Bardwell 406-466-5341 ianbardwell@fs.fed.us	
	Description: The reconstruction will include repair and installation of drainage structures, turnpikes, and puncheon bridges. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/						
	Location: UNIT - Rocky Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T23N, R10W, sections 19,20,29,30 and T23N, R11W, sections 25, 26, and 34. Lower 1/3 of Moose Creek Trail beginning at junction with Trail 166; NF Sun River, Bob Marshall Wilderness, Rocky Mountains.						

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District)		

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Adams Creek Seed Production Area CE	(other than forest products)		N/A	N/A	Tanya Murphy 406-791-7753 temurphy@fs.fed.us	
OL .	Description: A lodgepole pine seed production area would be developed in a natural stand with better than average growth, quality, and seed production. The 8-acre stand would be precommercially thinned to retain 50-100 superior trees per acre.					
Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - R8E, Sections 5 and 8. Adams Creek, Little Belt Mountain Range.					EGAL - T12N,	
Grasshopper Creek Access CE	- Land ownership manageme	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2005	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Carol Hatfield 406-495-3860 chatfield@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Reciprical access grants to provide access to private inholdings and provide continued public access on Road 9211and Trails 716 and 723, across private lands.					
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T9N, R8E, Section 19. Castle Mountains.					
Mass Geis Fuel Reduction EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/15/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Jess Secrest 406-547-6015 jsecrest@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Reducing hazardous fuels and harvest mountain pine beetle affected trees on about 4400 acres using underburning, mechanical and hand piling of materials, pile burning, and constructing fuel reduction zones, including approximately 5 miles of new road					
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T11N, R7E, Sections 13, 14, 23-26, 35, 36, T11N, R8E, Sections 3, 4, 8-32, and T11N, R9E, Sections 7, 8, 17, 18-21, 29, 30,. approximately 15 mile NE of White Sulphur Springs, MT, in the Little Belt Mountains.					

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Lewis And Clark National Forest District)	t White Sulphur Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R1 - Northern Region	
Sheep Creek Aspen Restoration CE	- Research - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Gary Hanvey 406-547-6012 ghanvey@fs.fed.us	
	Description: This project would assess stand health within aspen stands in the Sheep Creek watershed and develop a plan to restore/enhance those stands.					
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. Sheep Creek watershed in the Little Belt Mountains.					
Taylor Hills Land Exchange EA	 Road management Land acquisition Land ownership management Watershed management Fuels management Grazing management Special area management Recreation management 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/12/2008	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Carol Hatfield 406-495-3860 chatfield@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Forest Service and landowner are proposing to exchange approximately 152 acre of private land and road/trail ROW, in return for 157 acres of National Forest System lands in order to greatly enhance land management for each owner.					
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. Little Belts Mountains, Tenderfoot Creek drainage, Meagher County, Montana.					
Trail 311-A Connector CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/01/2008	Expected:01/2009	08/2009	John Metrione 406-236-5511 jmetrione@fs.fed.us	
	Description: This trail connector was identified through travel planning as a critical connector to provide a seasonal single track of motorized access between July 16 - August 31 and connect Trail 311 to FS Road 263.					
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - T15N, R4E, Section 29. Deep Creek, Little Belt Mountains.					

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