



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009

Lewis And Clark National Forest

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Geothermal Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	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
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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Lewis And Clark National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Central Montana Communications Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2008	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: The permit is to be reissued is for 11 miles in a 20 foot right-of-way of existing phone line.				
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Musselshell Ranger District, Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagher. Running Wolf, Dry Wolf, Spring Creek, Forest Green, Newlan Creek in the Little Belt Mountains.				
Conveyance and disposal of Harlowton & Stanford Forest Service houses, garage and lots CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2007	Expected:02/2009	05/2009	Linda Brandvold 406-731-5329 ldbrandvold@fs.fed.us
	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: 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 EA	- Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/26/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	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: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin, Meagher. LEGAL - T12N, R8E, Sec 12, 24 & 25; T12N, R9E, Sec 7, 18, 19, 20, 27-30, 34 & 35, T11N, R9E, Sec 2, 11, 12. Deadman Road #837 & Memorial Way Road #487, Little Belt Mountains.				

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Lewis And Clark National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
New issue of Northwestern Energy (NWE) authorizations CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2004	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Belt Creek Ranger District, Musselshell Ranger District, Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagher, Wheatland. LEGAL - Castles Microwave site S32, T8N, R8E and S6, T7N, R8E. East L Belts Access Rd S21, T11N, R15E. 25KV line extends 23 miles Castles to Monarch/Hughsville areas. Little Belt, Castle, and Crazy Mountain Ranges.				
Permit Reissuance for 6 Pastures and 1 Fenceline - Castle, Crazy, and Big Snowies CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2008	Expected:02/2009	02/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Musselshell Ranger District, Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade, Fergus, Judith Basin, Meagher. Castle, Crazy, and Big Snowies Mountains.				

Lewis And Clark National Forest	Belt Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Re-issuance of 10 year term outfitter guide permits on the Belt Creek Ranger District. CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/01/2007	Expected:01/2009	04/2009	John Metrione 406-236-5511 jmetrione@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Location: UNIT - Belt Creek Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade. LEGAL - See other information. All permits are within the existing boundaries of the Belt Creek Ranger District in the Little Belt Mountains.				

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Belt Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Blankenship Vegetation Treatment Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2009	Expected:05/2009	06/2009	Jennifer Woods 406-791-7765 jjwoods@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation conditions in the Dry Fork drainage have deviated from desired conditions. This project will treat approximately 560 acres mechanically requiring about 4 miles of temporary road building and 0.5 miles of new road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Belt Creek Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Cascade. Little Belt Mountains, Dry Fork of Belt Creek Drainage.				

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Judith Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Ettien Ridge Fuels Reduction II EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/01/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Matthew Plagenz 406-566-2292 mplagenz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use of mechanical (commercial and non-commercial) thinning and prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuel in the Wildland-Urban Interface.				
	Location: UNIT - Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - T13N, R11E, Sections 34 & 35, T12N, R11E, Sections 1 & 2. Ettien Ridge is approximately 15 miles south of Utica, MT.				
Middle Fork Judith Vegetation Maintenance and Restoration EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:11/2009	03/2010	Matthew Plagenz 406-566-2292 mplagenz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improvement of elk wintering habitat and reduce the risk for intense wildfire effects in the area between Yogo Cr. & Middle Fork Judith River. The project would prescribed burn portions of the project area & slash nonmerchantable small diameter trees				
	Location: UNIT - Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. Little Belt Mountains in the area of Yogo Creek and Middle Fork Judith River.				

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Judith Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Oti Park Trail Re-route and Obliteration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	07/2009	Stan VanSickle 406-791-7743 svansickle@fs.fed.us
Description: An abandoned portion of Trail 732 will be obliterated. This will include scarification, recontouring, restoring spring crossings, spreading slash and debris, and seeding.					
Location: UNIT - Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. Little Belt Mountains.					
Outfitters Special Use Priority Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2006	Expected:02/2009	03/2009	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 Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. Middle Fork, South Fork and Lost Fork areas of the Little Belt Mountains.					
South Fork Judith Road Obliteration 2009 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	07/2009	Stan VanSickle 406-791-7743 svansickle@fs.fed.us
Description: The decommissioning/obliteration of roads found in the Oct. 2007 Travel Plan ROD, that included the upper SF Judith River Watershed. This project will restore healthy soil & water conditions by reducing or mitigating factors that are impacting them.					
Location: UNIT - Judith Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. Little Belt Mountains.					

Lewis And Clark National Forest	Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				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.us
Description: Musselshell District is proposing to undertake direct fuels reduction around administrative sites, summer homes, radio repeater sites, campgrounds, heli-spots and weather stations.					
Location: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Fergus, Meagher, Wheatland. Little Snowy, Little Belt, Castle and Crazy Mountain Ranges.					

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Musselshell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Loco Ridge Repeater Building CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2008	Expected:02/2009	05/2009	Jim Homison 406-566-2292 jhomison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Radio repeater installation				
	Location: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. LEGAL - NW, SE, Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 11 East. North end of Crazy Mountains, approximately 15 south of Martinsdale, MT.				
Mud Creek Trail #648 Reroute and Retread CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/31/2008	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: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Wheatland. LEGAL - T10N, R11E, Sections 7, 8, and 17. Little Belt Mountains.				
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:02/2009	02/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: Inclusion of adjoining NFS lands for convenience pastures for ease of fencing, use of natural barriers, spring developments & water gaps and not logical to include in grazing allotment.				
	Location: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin, Meagher, Wheatland. LEGAL - Prince S10-11,14-15,T9NR10E,Indreland S28,33-35,T10NR10E,Gough S29,T10NR10E&S5,T9NR10E,Nelson S32,T10NR10E,Brewer S21,T10NR10E,Goodrich S4T9NR10E,Capser S3T10NR13E,Gaugler S21T11NR5E,Saylor S7T11NR15E. Little Belt Mtns, Musselshell Ranger District.				
Special Use Permit renewal for Water Pipelines CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:02/2009	03/2009	Tessa Donahue 406-791-7710 tessadonahue@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit renewal of Voldseth Water Transmission Line, Mauws Ranch Stockwater Pipeline, and MacDonald Cabin Pipeline.				
	Location: UNIT - Musselshell Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Judith Basin. LEGAL - NW < NE < Section 9, T8N, R9E. SW < Section 16, T11N, R15E. E1/2 NW < Section 2, T11N, R17E. Little Belt Mountains.				

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Lewis And Clark National Forest	Rocky Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Benchmark Fuels Reduction EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	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				
	Location: 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 Mountains.				
Benchmark Wilderness Ranch Resort Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use 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	Ian 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 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	Ian 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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Lewis And Clark National Forest District)	White Sulphur Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R1 - Northern Region
Grasshopper Creek Access CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2005	Expected:02/2009	02/2009	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 03/2009	Expected:05/2009	07/2009	Jess Secrest 406-547-6015 jsecrest@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reducing hazardous fuels and harvest mountain pine beetle affected trees on about 2124 acres using underburning, mechanical and hand piling of materials, pile burning, and constructing fuel reduction zones, including approx. 0.5 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.				
Outfitter Guide Permit Re-issuance for a 10 year permit on the White Sulphur Springs RD CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/15/2007	Expected:01/2009	03/2009	John Metrione 406-236-5511 jmetrione@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of 6 hunting, 1 fishing and 1 rock climbing to 10-year permits. All permits are for existing number of use days and only existing permitted activities may be authorized. Other changes not permitted/				
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Meagher. White Sulphur Springs Ranger District.				
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 03/2009	Expected:05/2009	06/2009	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.				

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Taylor Hills Land Exchange EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Land acquisition - Land ownership management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Grazing management - Special area management - Recreation management 	Completed	Actual: 10/09/2008	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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