



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Boise National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2023	Expected: 04/2023	05/2023	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	John ShiviK 801-625-5667 johnnashivik@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
	Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.				

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Stibnite Gold Project EIS EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/27/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2023	Expected:03/2024	03/2024	Brian Harris 208-634-0784 brian.d.harris@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is processing a plan of operations for open pit mining, processing, new road construction, utility upgrades, reclamation, and restoration at the Stibnite mine site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Stibnite mining district is located in Valley County Idaho, east of the community of Yellow Pine near the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.				

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Boise National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2023	Expected:12/2023	03/2024	Ryan Jones 208-253-0153 ryan.c.jones@usda.gov
	Description: A project to allow for annual prescribed burning to achieve restoration objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61880				
	Location: UNIT - Boise National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Ada, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boise National Forest.				

Boise National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
<div>2022 Trail Bridges Repair Project</div> <div>CE</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	<div>- Recreation management</div> <div>- Facility management</div> <div>- Road management</div>	<div>In Progress:</div> <div>Scoping Start 12/02/2022</div>	<div>Expected:05/2023</div>	<div>06/2023</div>	<div>Brian Lawatch</div> <div>208-590-3345</div> <div>brian.lawatch@usda.gov</div>
	<div>Description:</div> <div>Fully replace six existing trail bridges over Lime Creek, Elk Creek, Poison Creek, Johnson Creek, and Sand Creek as well as relocate and re-emplac an existing washed-out trail bridge over Roaring River and realign several segments of Roaring River.</div>				
	<div>Web Link:</div> <div>http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63267</div>				
	<div>Location:</div> <div>UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District, Idaho City Ranger District, Emmett Ranger District, Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise, Elmore, Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roaring River, Roaring River Trail; Lime Creek, Slickear Trail; Elk Creek, Buena Vista Trail; Poison Creek, Poison Creek Trail; Johnson Creek, Horse Heaven Trail; Sand Creek, South Fork Sand Creek tra.</div>				

Boise National Forest	Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Boise National Forest Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Burntlog Route Geophysical Investigation CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2020	Expected:07/2023	08/2024	Christopher Bentley 503-808-2636 christopher.w.bentley@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the investigation is to collect crucial geophysical data along the existing Burntlog road and proposed new alignment between Trapper Creek and Stibnite.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57593				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - The project is located in sec 12, T15N, R7E; sec 3, 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, T15N, R8E; sec 1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 22, 26, 27, 34, 35, T16N, R8E; sec 13, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36, T17N. R8E; sec 4, 5, 8, 17, 18, T17N. R9E; sec 13, 14, 24-26, 32-34 T18., R9E, Boise Meridian. Burntlog road.				
Horse Heaven Exploration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/20/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the of this Federal action is to respond to the operator's PoO for mineral exploration as necessary to meet Forest Service regulations within the context of federal mining laws				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62304				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project is accessible from road NF-456. In Sections 28 of Township 19 North, Range 8 East and Section 33 of Township 19 North, Range 8 East.				
Rice Creek Road Repair CE	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	James Mays 208-382-7420 jamesdmays@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to repair the Rice Creek. The work would include earthwork to regrade and reshape the existing road into a series of fords at all drainages.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59177				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T14N,R06E, Section13; T14N, R07E, Sections 17, 18, 20, 29, 30, and 31. National Forest System Road 478, approximately 8 miles south of Warm Lake.				

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Boise National Forest Cascade Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
South Fork Plunge Watershed Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Clayton Roehner 208-382-7482 clayton.roehner@usda.gov
	Description: The project would decommission NFSR 490; remove the old bridge, abutments, and road fill from the active floodplain of the South Fork Salmon River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61193				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Section 14 of Township 15 North, Range 6 East. South Fork of the Salmon River.				

Boise National Forest Emmett Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Reservoir Campgrounds Reconstruction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/27/2022	Expected:05/2023	08/2023	John Wallace 208-392-3754 john.d.wallace@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed improvements are designed to bring Antelope, Sage Hen Creek, Eastside, and Hollywood campgrounds in line with current Forest Service standards.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62293				
	Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 02 East. Campground are located on the north and eastside of Sage Hen Reservoir an estimated 19 miles from Ola, Idaho.				

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Sage Hen Integrated Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2023	Expected:09/2023 Actual: 04/14/2021	04/2024	John Wallace 208-392-3754 john.d.wallace@usda.gov
	Description: 4/14/2021 Decision withdrawn. Additional alternative being developed. Purpose of the project is to improve vegetation conditions to improve resiliency to uncharacteristic disturbances and restore watershed function to improve aquatic resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56701				
Shady Pines and Cartwright Ridge Campground Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Gem, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. HUC 1705012203 (currently in process of being renamed) watershed north of High Valley and on the westside of the Emmett Ranger District. Eastside of the project area includes a portion of the Snowbank Inventoried Roadless Area.				
	- Recreation management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 03/13/2023	05/2023	John Wallace 208-392-3754 john.d.wallace@usda.gov
	Description: Proposed improvements are designed to bring the campgrounds in line with current Forest Service standards, provide better accessibility to larger vehicle size classes, meet accessibility standards, while addressing resource impacts and user demand.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63699				
	Location: UNIT - Emmett Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - The project sites are located in Sections 35 of Township 12 North, Range 2 East. The Project is located in proximity to Sage Hen reservoir.				

Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Boise National Forest Idaho City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
2018 CuMo Exploration Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
	Description: Locatable minerals exploration. Proposal to drill 259 new exploratory holes to retrieve core samples. Project will construction of about 13.3 miles of new temporary road and use of about 4.7 miles existing unauthorized road as temporary roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52875				
	Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T8N, R6E, Sections 7,8,17,18,19,and 20. This project is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Grimes Pass in Boise County Idaho.				
Edna Creek Campground Reconstruction CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Everardo Santillan 208-392-6681 everardo.santillan@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest proposes to upgrade campground site features to meet Forest Service standards, national accessibility standards, and the demand of the public for high-quality recreational experiences on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60111				
	Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - T07N R 7E S35. Section 10. Edna Creek Campground, Management Area 7 (Crooked River).				
South Zone Critical Condition Bridge Replacements - NFSR 304 and FH-82 CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jeffrey.alexander2@usda.gov
	Description: PROPOSAL This project proposes to fully replace two existing bridges located on National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 304 and FH-82 (Pine Bridge and Granite Creek Road Bridge, respectively).				
	Location: UNIT - Idaho City Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T06N-R06E-Section16; T05N-R04E-Section 35; Idaho City Ranger District.				

Boise National Forest Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Boise National Forest Lowman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Kirkham Recreation Site Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2022	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Traci Zimmerlee 208-259-3361 x 7501 Traci.Zimmerlee@usda.gov
	Description: The project will include repair and modification to the Kirkham recreation site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61601				
Miller Exploration-Plan of Operations CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 32 of Township 9 North, Range 8E. The site is located approximately 3 miles east of Lowman, via Highway 21.				
	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2023	Expected:06/2023	07/2023	Ricky Wells 208-373-4136 ricky.wells@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the of this Federal action is to respond to the operator's PoO for mineral exploration as necessary to meet Forest Service regulations within the context of federal mining lawsa.				
Upper South Fork Payette River Community Protection Project EA *UPDATED*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62326				
	Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 8 East. Near the historic Miller Mtn. Mine (Magnolia Mine per USGS).				
	Description: The purpose of the project is to protect people, homes, and improve the safety of evacuation routes within the project area in the event of wildfire. Reduce the frequency, extent, severity, and intensity of uncharacteristic or undesirable wildfire.				
Upper South Fork Payette River Community Protection Project EA *UPDATED*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62722				
	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Climate Change Adaptation - Carbon Stewardship	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/05/2022	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Ryan Shannahan 208-259-3361 ext. 7521 ryan.shannahan@usda.gov
	Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 21 along the Upper South Fork Payette River.				

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Wapiti Creek Trailhead Relocation (Forest Trail 160) EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/08/2023	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Catharine Beverly-Bishop 208-365-7001 Catharine.Beverly-Bishop@usda.gov
	Description: Relocate the trailhead to better allow for multiple uses and provide safer parking and vehicle maneuverability.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62751				
	Location: UNIT - Lowman Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Boise. LEGAL - Section 32 of T10N,R11E. NFSR 525A and Trail 160.				

Boise National Forest		Mountain Home Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region
Boise River Basin Feasibility Study EIS	- Facility management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Alexander 208-373-4141 jeffrey.alexander2@usda.gov
	Description: Bureau of Reclamation has completed a Draft EIS for the Boise River Basin Feasibility Study. The USFS is a cooperating agency. To accomplish this project the USFS would need to modify a Forest Roads and Trails Act Easement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58545				
	Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Anderson Ranch Reservoir, 28 miles northeast of Mountain Home, Idaho.				
Silver Star Communications Moonshot Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2022	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Brian Lawatch 208-590-3345 brian.lawatch@usda.gov
	Description: Boise National Forest proposes to permit Silver Star Communications to install, maintain, and use a buried fiber optic line on the Boise National Forest along Highway 20 in a designated utility corridor.				
	Location: UNIT - Mountain Home Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Elmore. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along a designated utility corridor on ID-20 and National Forest System Road 152.				

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