

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2004 to 12/31/2004

Lolo National Forest

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Projects Occurring on more than one Region										
Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS notice in FR 01/16/2004	Exptd:04/2005	05/2005	Joan Dickerson (406)329-3314 jdickerson@fs.fed.us					
	Description:Management Guidelines for Management of Canadian Lynx on certain lands under the authority fo the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html									
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Alberton Gorge land exchange EA	- Land acquisition	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 05/23/2004	Exptd:10/2004 Actual: 05/22/2004	01/2005	Janet Krivacek 406-329-3749 jkrivacek@fs.fed.us			
	(formerly Montana F	ong NFS, Montana Dept Fish, Wild Power) to get 7 miles of Clark For naged by the state of Montana. WE	k river corridor into pu	ublic ownership for	recreation,			
	STATE - Montana. C 538 ac in S35, T15N, R5W; 90 ac in S7, T35 on Lolo NF; NFS gain	nger District, Helena Ranger Distric OUNTY - Jefferson, Lincoln, Miner R25W; NFS gain 142 ac in S5, T6N 5N, R26W; 40 ac in S26, T3S, R12 142 ac near Tyser Lake & 95 ac P ai NF; 40 ac Natural Bridge on Gal	ral, Sweet Grass. LEC N & S31&32, T7N, R2 E; PMM, Montana. N ark Lake placer claim	GAL - NFS lose 34 2W; 95 ac in S13, 2 FS lose 34 + 538 a	ac in S34 + 2-24, T8N, c near Tarkio			
Avista Powerline Right-of- way Maintenance DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 08/09/2004	Exptd:10/2004	10/2004	Risa Devore (208) 265-6623 rdevore@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Special use permit renewal for maintenance of existing powerline corridor on portions of the Sandpoint Ranger District, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle NF and portions of the Kootenai and Lolo NF							
	Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District, Sandpoint Ranger District, Cabinet Ranger District, Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Sanders. Portions of the Sandpoint and Couer d'Alene River R.D. on the IPNF and portions of the Kootenai and Lolo NF.							
Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter Service- Day Allocation	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 03/2004	Exptd:01/2006	12/2006	Michael Munoz 406-466-5341 mamunoz@fs.fed.us			
EIS	Description: Outfitter-guide service-day allocation is being reviewed for the entire BMWC as part of Forest Plan revision on the Flathead and Lolo National Forests. Decision will result in amendments to Lewis & Clark and Helena National Forest Plans.							
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell. LEGAL - see location description. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex (Great Bear, Bob Marshall, and Scapegoat Wildernesses).							

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Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter-Guide Permit Reissuance	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:01/2005	04/2005	Kraig Lang 406-466-5341 klang@fs.fed.us	
DM		ers group proposes to reissue the 5 ewis & Clark, Flathead, Helena, an			orized within	
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell. LEGAL - See location description. Entire Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex (Great Bear, Bob Marshall & Scapegoat Wildernesses).					
DNRC land exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/28/2004	Exptd:10/2005	01/2006	Janet Krivacek 406-329-3749 jkrivacek@fs.fed.us	
		isolated, scattered school trust lan access, roadless & recreation lands				
	Mineral, Missoula, Pov FS lands in 42 parcels	District, Lolo National Forest Units. well, Sanders. LEGAL - Too large , mostly in Mineral county to exhar unties. Western Montana all dist RD of Kootenai NF.	an area for legal to be nge for 12,890 acres i	e meaningful; 11,74 in 38 parcels MT la	40 acres of nds, mostly in	
Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in FR 05/10/2002	Exptd:02/2006	02/2006	Lee Kramer (406) 329-3848 Ikramer@fs.fed.us	
EIS	Description:Forest Plan Revision	n. WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us	s/r1/wmpz/			
		nal Forest Units, Flathead Nationa Flathead, Granite, Lake, Mineral,				

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Greenough II land exchange EA	- Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping start 05/09/2001	Exptd:10/2004	12/2004	Janet Krivacek 406-329-3749 jkrivacek@fs.fed.us					
	Description:Exchange ~20 acres http://www.fs.fed.us	s of NFS land for ~10 acres of priva /r1/lolo/projects/	ate land to consolidat	e NFS ownership.	WEB LINK -					
	 Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District, Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Missoula. LEGAL - NFS land in T12N, R17W, Section 27; exchange for private land in T17N, R26W, Section 6; PMM, Montana. NFS land in Greenough Creek, east of Missoula, MT; exchange for private land in Keystone Creek, NW of Superior, MT. 									

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Lolo National Forest Units		Lolo National Forest		R1 - Northern	Region	
Lolo forest-wide weed EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/2004	Exptd:09/2005	05/2006	Janet Krivacek 406-329-3736 cgoffe@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Manage invasive plants 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/					
		Forest Units. STATE - Montana. (ers. southwestern Montana, entire			lissoula,	

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Missoula Ranger District		Lolo National Forest R1 - Northern Region						
Black Mountain fire salvage DM	- Forest products	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us			
	Description:salvage log dead &	dying trees. WEB LINK - http://ww	/w.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/pro	ojects/				
		er District. STATE - Montana. Co a. 3 miles west of Missoula, MT in o			, T13N,			
Blue Point PCTC access easement EA	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Road easement requested by PCTC in 1997 to access their holdings in Section 35, T14N, R18W in area of checkerboard ownership. About 1 mile new road would be built on NF lands in Section 2, T13N, R18W, on fairly 45-70% slopes & would be closed WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/							
		er District. STATE - Montana. Co a. 7 miles WNW Missoula, Montana						
Cox/Pattee Canyon winter range weed management EIS	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/2004	Exptd:07/2005	09/2005	Andy Kulla 406-329-3962 akulla@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Control weeds on 1,100 acres in the Cox land acquired during summer 2003 + the upper Pattee Canyon big game winter range. WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/							
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12 & 13N, R18 & 19 W, PMM, Montana. Pattee Canyon area adjacent to & east of Missoula, Montana.							
Mineral Fire salvage DM	- Forest products	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Salvage log burned trees remaining after fires of 2003 in 4 units totalling about 200 acres, along existing roads using tractor skidding on gentle slopes, in lands classified as MA 16 (suitable for sustained timber production). WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/							
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Sections 24, 25 & 30, T15N, R18W, PMM, Montana. NE of Missoula, Montana, in upper Gold Creek area, along W Fork Gold road #4323, close to Rattlesnake Wilderness boundary							

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Sally Ridge fuels reduction DM	- Forest products	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us	
	classified as MA 16,	s of dead & dying LP damaged or l lands suitable for continuous timbo d GT 14" dbh WEB LINK - http://v	er production. Constr	ruct 1/2 mile of tem		
		er District. STATE - Montana. CO a. 17 miles WSW of Missoula, MT,		EGAL - Section 2,	T11N,	
Sawmill Gulch fuels reduction	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/16/2004	Exptd:11/2004	12/2004	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995	
DM	American Forester +	onstration of partnership where FS conservationists, commercia VEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1	al foresters and public			
		er District. STATE - Montana. CC , Montana. just north of Missoula, N				
Upper Lolo watershed analysis EA	 Watershed management Road management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Recontour & decommssion existing roads to improve watershed conditions. WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/					
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - selected NFS lands in T10&11N, R22, 23 & 24W, PMM, Montana. 20 miles WSW of Missoula, Montana, close to State Highway 12 & in area of checkboard land ownership western boundary of project area is Idaho state line.					

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Ninemile Ranger District		Lolo National Forest						
Frenchtown Face Vegetation Management EIS	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Road management Recreation management Fuels management Forest products 	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 07/26/2004 Estimated availability of FEIS 12/2004	Exptd:12/2004	06/2005	Brian Riggers (406)329-3793 briggers@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Fuels management,	Timber Harvest, Weed Manageme	ent, Road Manageme	nt, Recreation Mar	nagement			
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Rang	er District. STATE - Montana. CC	DUNTY - Missoula. V	Vestern Montana.				
Johns/Garden Creek Maintenance Prescribed Fire DM	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping start 10/01/2003	Exptd:11/2004	05/2005	Laura Ward (406) 626-5422 Idward@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Ecosystem maintenance burning on approximately 400 acres in two areas within Garden Creek and Johns Creek that were previously treated with prescribed fire in 1985 and 1993.							
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. Lower portion of Johns Creek & Garden Creek drainages							
Nemote Maintenance Prescribed Fire DM	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping start 10/01/2003	Exptd:11/2004	05/2005	Laura Ward (406) 626-5422 Idward@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Ecosystem maintenance burning on approximately 1,500 acres in three areas within Sheridan, Bear, and Nemote drainages that were previously treated with prescribed fire in 1994/1995.							
		er District. STATE - Montana. CC			Nemote			

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Petty Creek Fuels Mitigation DM	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2004	Exptd:06/2005	07/2005	Dave Ramirez 406-626-5419 dramirez@fs.fed.us		
		fuels on approx 1000 acres in the v ling, and/or understory prescribed f residences.					
	T14N, R23W, S28; T1	ger District. STATE - Montana. C 3N, R23W, S13,14,24,25; T13N, R s, Petty Mtn trailhead #733T					
West Fork Petty and Eds Creek Fire Salvage DM	 Fuels management Forest products 	In Progress: Scoping start 02/12/2004	Exptd:10/2004	10/2004	Steve Slaughter (406)626-5416 sslaughter@fs.fed.us		
	Description:Salvage harvests of tractor or skyline yar	fire killed and bark beetle killed tim rding systems	ber from areas adjac	ent to open system	n roads using		
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Sec's 5-8,17,18, T13N, R23W; Sec's 1,12,13, T13N, R24W; Sec's 31&32, T14N, R23W; & Sec's 25,26,35,&36, T14N, R24W; PMM. Thompson Creek Fire, Fish Creek Complex of wildfires in 2003						
White Mountain Outfitters Camp Construction DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/2004	Exptd:06/2005	06/2005	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 screened site off main access road. Work involves 300 feet road construction on old skid trail, clearing 30x30 ft trailer pad, and temporary corral.						
		er District. STATE - Montana. CC Gentle bench off Montana Cr Road					

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Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger	District	Lolo National Forest		R1 - Northern	Region			
Blue Slide Range Allotment EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/15/2000 Estimated 215 comment 10/2004	Exptd:11/2004	02/2005	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Approval of the Terr	n Grazing Permit for the Blue Slide	e Allotment.					
		on Falls Ranger District. STATE - lorth of the Blue Slide road, 10 mile			L - T 23 N,			
District Wide Pre- commercial Thinning DM	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 04/26/2004	Exptd:10/2004	05/2005	Valerie Walker 406-826-4343 vwalker@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Precommercial thinning of stands within the suitable timber base.							
		on Falls Ranger District. STATE - on Falls Ranger District.	Montana. COUNTY	- Sanders. LEGA	L - District			
Eddy Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction DM	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us			
	Description:Reduce hazardous fuels within the wildland urban interface adjacent to the homes at the mouth of Eddy Creek.							
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T 21 N, R 27 W, Section 31. Mouth of Eddy Creek approximately 9 miles west of Plains, MT.							
Fishtrap EIS EIS	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Road management Fuels management Forest products 	In Progress: DEIS notice in FR 09/17/2004 Estimated availability of FEIS 11/2004	Exptd:12/2004	09/2005	Patricia Partyka (406)826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us			
		commercial Thinning, Road Recor ng, Road Decommissioning	nstruction, Allottment	Abandonment, Ecc	osystem			
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thomps R 28 W. Upper Fishtra	on Falls Ranger District. STATE - ap Drainage.	Montana. COUNTY	- Sanders. LEGA	L - T 24 N,			

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Swamp Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction DM	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/2004	Exptd:02/2005	07/2004	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us		
	Description:Treatment of hazarc and broadcast burni	lous fuels to reduce fire intensity.	Treatment will be prim	harily mechanical fu			
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T 20 N, R 27 W. Adjacent to Swamp Creek drainage approximately 6 miles west of Plains, MT.						
Thompson Falls Administrative Site Hazardous Fuels Reduction	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us		
DM	Description:Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health in the Thompson Falls Admin. Site immediately adjacent to homes and the community of Thompson Falls.						
		on Falls Ranger District. STATE - mediately north of Thompson Falls					

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Seeley Lake Ranger District		Lolo National Forest		R1 - Northern	Region	
Boles Meadow fire salvage DM	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 11/21/2003	Exptd:10/2004	11/2004	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us	
	Most acres is classif	e logging of trees killed during fires ied MA 16 (suitable for sustained t /ww.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/				
	T16N; and in Section 8	anger District. STATE - Montana. 8, T15N; both R17W, PMM, Monta bles Creek drainage, mostly along l	na. 15 miles NW of M			
Monture fuels reduction DM	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 09/29/2003	Exptd:11/2004	12/2004	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us	
	the canopy. Winter	of LP & DF on about 400 acres, to harvest is planned. Use existing ros.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/				
	T16N, R12W, PMM, M	anger District. STATE - Montana. Iontana. 40 miles ENE of Missoula SW of Scapegoat Wilderness Area	, MT;15 miles ESE of			
Seeley Lake Fuels EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 03/15/2004	Exptd:12/2003 Actual: 03/09/2004	06/2004	Bruce Higgins (406)329-3995 bdhiggins@fs.fed.us	
Description: Reduce fire hazard from fuels on National Forest land in the highway corridor and and private lands. WEB LINK - http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/seeley-fuels/ir					eational sites	
	Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - selected NF lands in T17N & T18N, R15W & R16W, PMM, Missoula County, Montana. Western Montana 1,663 acres of NF lands along the corridor of Montana Highway 83, south from NF boundary in town of Seeley Lake to about one mile north of Rainy Lake.					

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Superior Ranger District	Lolo National Forest			R1 - Northern Region			
Big Creek Waqtershed Restoration EA	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Road management 	Completed	Exptd:07/2004	09/2004	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us		
	Description:West Fork of Big Creek						
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T 19 N, R 30 & 31 W. West Fork of Big Creek Drainage, approximately three miles SW of Haugan, MT.						
Borax Salvage DM	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 08/13/2004	Exptd:05/2005	06/2005	Larry Svalberg 406-822-3971 ekstamm@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Propose to salvage, sanitation, and commercially thin stands of lodgepole pine. Objective is to salvage dead, sanitize infested, and thin live to further reduce the potential for future losses from mountain pine beetle attacks.						
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T 20 N, R 32 W, Sections 33 & 34 Approx. 1/2 mile east of Lookout Pass Ski Area, Exit 0.						
Mayo Gulch Fuels Reduction DM	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/22/2004 Estimated Scoping start 05/2004	Exptd:10/2004	03/2005	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310 Isvalberg@fs.fed.us		
	Description:Reduce hazardous fuels within the WUI adjacent to St. Regis, MT						
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T 18 N, R 28 W, sections 13 & 14. Approx. 1 1/2 miles north of St. Regis, Montana.						
Second Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 09/24/2004	Exptd:12/2004	03/2005	Larry Svalberg 406-826-4310		
DM	Description:Treatment is proposed immediately adjacent to DNRC and private lands. The surrounding community contains dozens of homes, and is considered to be within the wildland urban interface Isvalberg@fs.fed.us						
	GAL - T16N, R25V	V, Sections					

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Up Up Salvage DM	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 08/13/2004	Exptd:05/2005	06/2005	Larry Svalberg 406-822-3971 ekstamm@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Propose to salvage and sanitation cut stands of lodgepole pine. Objective is to salvage dead, sanitize infested, and thina where enough live remains to further reduce the future potential of losses from mountain pine beetle attacks.						
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T 18 N, R 29 & 30 W, sections5, 6, 7, 12, & 13. The area surrounding Up Up Lookout.						

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