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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the current schedule of proposed projects for the Bitterroot National Forest, along with a general location map and map key.

Please note that this report is our primary means to inform you about the proposed activities expected to be analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) during the next three months. Contact the individual listed with each specific project if you wish to provide comments, receive more detailed information including any environmental documents, or be notified of the final decision. This is our primary means for developing project mailing and contact lists.

I welcome your involvement in the development and review of these activities. This document, as well as the schedule of proposed actions for every National Forest, is available on the internet from one convenient location: <http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa> .

Sincerely,


JULIE K KING
Forest Supervisor

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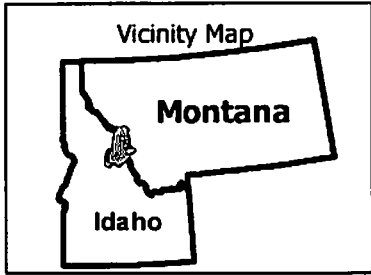
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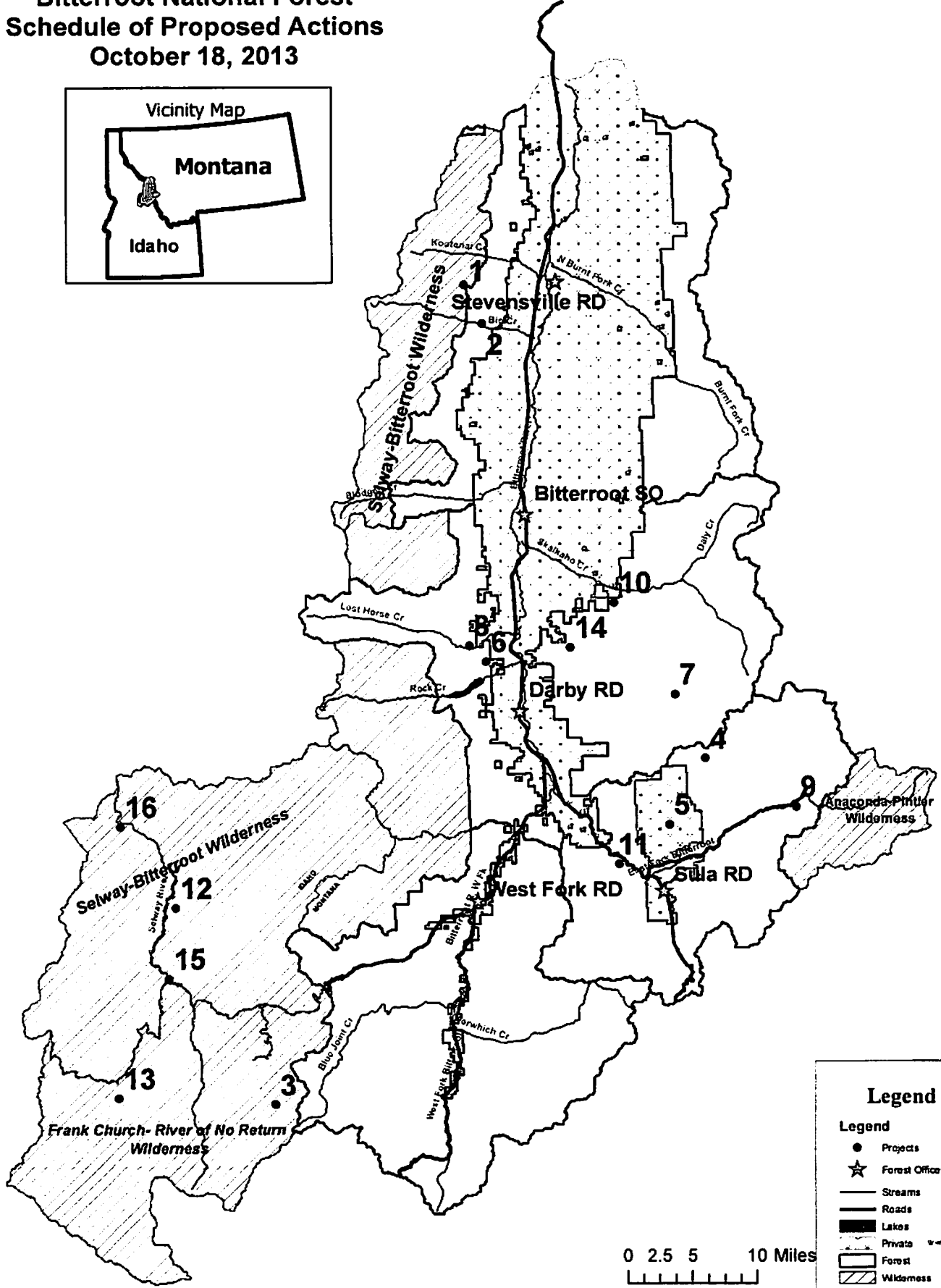
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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2013 to 12/31/2013

Bitterroot National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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Bitterroot National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Bitterroot National Forest - Foreswide TSI Project 2013 CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2013	09/2013	Cheri Hartless 406-777-5461 chartless@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest-wide timber stand improvement (TSI) thinning project to enhance growth and vigor, reduce competition through stocking reduction, provide more sunlight, water, and nutrients to residual trees by hand thinning, slashing, and pile burning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41246				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hand thinning of approximately 9,400 acres would take place in overstocked young conifer stands at various locations scattered across the Bitterroot National Forest. Approximately 559 acres on the Ste.				
Bitterroot National Forest Travel Management Planning EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/07/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2013	Expected:09/2013	11/2013	Chris Fox 406-777-5461 x7415 cfox@fs.fed.us
	Description: This effort will result in clear standardized designations of where motorized recreation is appropriate, sustainable and desirable on the Bitterroot National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=21183				
	Location: UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Region 1, Bitterroot National Forest.				

Bitterroot National Forest	Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Como Forest Health Project (FHP) EIS	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/17/2013 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2013	Expected:07/2014	09/2014	Sara Grove 406-821-3269 sgrove@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would address immediate and long-term vegetation concerns resulting from the mountain pine beetle, reduce fire hazard, increase age and species diversity in forested stand, and protect the visual integrity of the recreation area				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=33829				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - R22W,T4N - Sections 13, 24, 25 and 36; R21W, T4N - Sections 17, 18, 19,20, 21, 28, 29,30,and 31. The proposed project is located on Forest Service lands on the Darby Ranger District. The project area is located north of Lake Como, between Lake Como and Lost Horse Road.					
Darby Lumber Lands Watershed Improvement and Travel Management Project EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 08/2013	Expected:02/2014	05/2014	Ed Snook 406-363-7103 esnook@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road system management on acquired lands, including decommissioning and storage of roads, designation of OHV routes, and construction of OHV linking routes				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36615				
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Sleeping Child watershed, approximately 12 air miles East of Darby, on Darby Ranger District.					
Lost Horse Lodge 10-Year Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2011	Expected:11/2013	01/2014	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue existing permit as a 10-year term permit				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T4N, R21W, Sec 17, 18, 19, 20. Lost Horse, Darby RD.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2013	Expected:09/2014	06/2015	Gilbert Gale 406-544-6321 ggale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of the North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment for reissuance of grazing permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Sec 36 & portions of 35, T5N, R20W; Portions of Sec 31 & 32, T5N, R19W; Portions of Sec 1,2 & 3 T4N, R20W; Sec or portions of Secs 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, PB38, PB39, PB40 & PB41 T4N, R19W. Two Bear Creek on the Darby Ranger District.				
Reynolds Access CE	- Land ownership management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Darby Ranger District is proposing to authorize construction of a structure to allow vehicle passage across Little Sleeping Child Creek and approximately 100 feet of single lane road on Forest Service land, to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T4N R20W NW1/4Section 16. Bitterroot National Forest, Darby Ranger District, Little Sleeping Child Creek.				

Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
2012 Rehabilitation of St. Mary's Lookout CE	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Ballard 406-777-7421 eballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitation of St. Mary's lookout, a historical fire lookout located within the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. Work includes replacing or repairing damaged structural parts. Small power hand tools and generator are proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T9N, R21W, N1/2 Sec. 28. St. Mary's Mountain, Selway Bitterroot Wilderness.				

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Bitterroot National Forest Stevensville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Big Creek Face Boundary & Maintenance CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jacque Parks 406-821-4268 jmparks@fs.fed.us
Description: The purpose of the project is to revisit areas that have been previously treated with a combination of thinning and prescribed burning to maintain or improve those current stands adjacent to the Forest Boundary					
Location: UNIT - Stevensville Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T6N R21W Sec 4 (Mill Creek TH); T7N R21W Sec PB 37, PB38; T8N R21W Sec 3,10,11,15,21,22,P 28,29,PB 43, PB35. South of Mill Creek TH north along the Forest/private boundary to Silverthorn Creek/Larson Creek.					

Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cameron Blue Ecoburn CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/17/2013	Expected:10/2013	05/2014	Sara Grove 406-821-1251 sgrove@fs.fed.us
Description: Prescribed burning to reduce natural fuels while maintaining the historic fire return interval. Small tree thinning will occur within plantations and around residual trees.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30739					
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T3N, R 18W, Sections 31, 32, T2N, R18W, Sections 4-8, 16-22, 27-29 T2N, R19W, Sections 1, 12, 13, 24. Cameron Creek, Lyman Creek, Jennings Camp Creek, and Guide Creek.					
Cameron Creek Streambank Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/01/2013	Expected:10/2013	08/2014	Ruth Wooding 406-821-3269 mjakoer@fs.fed.us
Description: Rebuild seven collapsed stream banks along Cameron Creek using bio-engineering methods					
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T2N, R19W, Sec 27 NW of SW, French Basin Quad. Located on Bitterroot NF land on floor of French Basin directly downstream of the Shining Mountain Ranch.					

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Meadow Vapor EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 10/2013	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Amy Veirs 406-363-7120 abveirs@fs.fed.us
Description: The Meadow Vapor project proposes to treat accumulated fuels in the East Fork of the Bitterroot watershed in order to modify the potential for extreme fire behavior, especially along the National Forest boundary.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42988					
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T2N, R17W, Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 19-22, 28-30 and T2N, R18W, Sections 23-27. Project area is located approximately 11 mile NE of Sula, MT. Treatment units are located on National Forest land in close proximity to the Springer Bonanza subdivision on private land.					
Recreation Residence permits CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/18/2009	Expected:01/2011	01/2011	Kaye Olpin 406-821-4252 kolpin@fs.fed.us
Description: Issuance of existing 6 recreation residence special use permits within the Warm Springs tract					
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - SW1/4 sect 12 T1N R20W. Warm Springs Creek, Sula Ranger District.					

Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Bitterroot Outfitters Proposal EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/17/2012	Expected:02/2014	05/2014	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
Description: Add spring hunts to existing camp authorized for summer and fall hunts					
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Sec 15, T26N, R15E. On Selway River in Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness.					

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Paradise Pack Station 10-Year Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2011	Expected:11/2013	01/2014	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue existing permit as a 10-year term permit				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Paradise Base Camp ¿ T29N, R14E, Sec 9; Bad Luck ¿ T30N, R14E, Sec 4; Canyon Lake ¿ T29N, R16E, Sec 12; Cedar Saddle ¿ T30N, R14E, Sec 24; Cliff Creek ¿ T30N, R15E, Sec 12; Cooper Creek ¿ T29N, R15E,. West Fork Rd.				
Reroute on Hell's Half Mountain Trail #8 CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2013	Expected:02/2014	08/2014	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a proposal for two relocations on trail #8. Reroute one will be a 3500', and reroute two will be 1250' of new trail construction to avoid steep grades.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - R16E T27N Sec27 and R16E T27N Sec27. One and one half miles from the Hells Half Mountain trailhead.				
Reroutes on Shoup-Elk City Trail #19 CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2013	Expected:02/2014	08/2014	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is for a 1200' and 1300' reroute on the trail to avoid steep trail grades.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - R13E T26N Sec10 and R13E T26N Sec14. This project is 2 and 3 miles from the Salmon Base Camp trailhead.				
Selway Dispersed Campsite Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/17/2013	07/2013	Ruth Wooding 406-821-3269 mjako@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore riparian vegetation to seven dispersed campsites along the Selway River				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T28N, R14E, Sec 29 NW, Sec 18 NW, Sec 19 SE and T29N, R14E, Sec 16 SW, Sec 32 NW, Sec 29 SW, Sec 29 NW. Seven sites are along the Selway River adjacent to Forest Service Road 6223.				

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Selway-Wilderness Outfitters Proposal EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/17/2012	Expected:02/2014	05/2014	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to increase authorized service days associated with flights that ingress and egress the same day for purpose of day-use from 20 service days to 80 service days.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Sec PB41, T30N, R13E. Running Creek Ranch.				
Storm Creek Outfitters Proposal EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/17/2012	Expected:02/2014	05/2014	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange three existing fall hunt camp locations with no overnight stock containment for three new locations (two adding summer use and overnight stock containment and one adding spring bear hunts, summer and no overnight stock containment).				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Proposed camps: Sec 5, T26N, R14E; Sec 11, T25N, R14E; Sec 24, T27N, R14E; Kit Carson water line: Sec 4, T27N, R15E. Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness.				
Upper Nez Perce Landscape Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/26/2013	10/2013	David Fox 406-821-2331 dbfox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning on portions of a 15,755 acre area to reduce the amount and arrangement of fuels, improve winter range habitat that will affect behavior of future wildland fires at a landscape scale and increase the quantity and quality of forage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41353				
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. Areas of the Sheepshead, Watchtower and Flat Creek drainages within the Nez Perce Fork of the Bitterroot River drainage.					

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