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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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Bitterroot National Forest
Schedule of Proposed Actions
July 2014**

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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2014 to 09/30/2014

Bitterroot National Forest

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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 Travel Management Planning EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/07/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2014	Expected:09/2014	01/2015	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. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Region 1, Bitterroot National Forest.				

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 07/2014	Expected:02/2015	05/2015	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.				

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Darby Lumber Lands Watershed Improvement and Travel Management Project EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 12/16/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2014	Expected:02/2015	04/2015	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.					
North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 02/14/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2015	Expected:06/2015	07/2015	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.				

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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Meadow Vapor EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 08/2014	Expected:06/2015	08/2015	Amy Fox 406-363-7120 amyvfox@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.					

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: Notice of Initiation 03/17/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2014	Expected:03/2015	05/2015	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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Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Hughes Creek Firewood Sale CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2014	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Tracy Anderson 406.821.4279 tlanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed activities of this project are to fell and remove beetle-killed pine trees (mostly lodgepole pine, a few ponderosa pine) from four small units totaling about 36 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S,R22WSec14(OW5) T1S,R22WSec15(OW4) T1S,R22WSec23(OW6) T1S,R22WSec23(OW3) T2S,R22WSec10(Hughes1) T2S,R22WSec10(OW1) T2S,R22WSec34(OW2) T2S,R21WSec33(Hughes3) T2S,R21WSec34(Hughes4) T3S,R21WSec5(Hughes2) . Approximately 3 miles SE of Painted Rocks Reservoir.				
Relocation on Divide North trail #16 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2013	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a 400' reroute to avoid steep grades on the trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42016				
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - R15E T28N SecPB42. The trail reroute will be located 5 miles north from the Nez Perce Pass trailhead.					
Reroute Selway River trail #4 at Magruder RS CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2013	Expected:07/2014	08/2014	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This will be a 100' reroute on the Selway River trail at the Magruder RS trailhead.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42018				
Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - R14E T27N Sec3. This is located at the Magruder Ranger Station, trailhead for the Selway River trail. It will relocate the trail behind the barn from the SST area.					

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Reroute on Hell's Half Mountain Trail #8 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2013	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42011				
	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.				
Reroute on the Indian Ridge trail #10 CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2014	Expected:07/2015	09/2015	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a proposal to reroute many locations on the trail to avoid steep grades. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42017				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T28N R13E Sec5 and T28N R15E Sec7. There many locations throughout the entire Indian Ridge trail #10. Access is from the Indian Creek trailhead.				
Reroute on the Saint Joe trail #392 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2013	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a 1200' trail reroute from the trailhead. It is to avoid steep sections on the existing trail, and bring the trail grade to 10%. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42019				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - R22W T10N Sec30. This will be a trail relocation from the Little Saint Joe trailhead.				
Reroutes on Shoup-Elk City Trail #19 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2013	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42013				
	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.				

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Selway-Wilderness Outfitters Proposal EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 03/17/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2014	Expected:01/2015	02/2015	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: Notice of Initiation 03/17/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2014	Expected:01/2015	02/2015	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 West Fork Woody Debris CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2014	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	Description: Directionally fell, with a hand crew, 50 to 150 beetle-killed lodgepole pine trees into two segments of the Upper West Fork Bitterroot River totalling 1.6 miles to increase and improve woody hiding cover for bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T 3 S, R 22 W, Sections 28 SE 1/4 to Section 28/21 boundary and T 3 S, R 22 W, Section 16 SE 1/4 to NE 1/4. Two segments of the Upper West Fork Bitterroot River totalling 1.6 miles: near Devil and Salt Cr (Salt Creek segment - 0.7 miles), and near Salt Block and Thunder Cr (Salt Block segment - 0.9 miles).				

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