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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,

*Tod McKay*

For: JULIE K KING  
Forest Supervisor



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Bitterroot National Forest  
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July 2015**

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**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**

07/01/2015 to 09/30/2015

**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:	Expected:09/2015	12/2015	Chris Fox 406-777-5461 x7415 cfox@fs.fed.us	
		Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2015				
	<b>Description:</b> This effort will result in clear standardized designations of where motorized recreation is appropriate, sustainable and desirable on the Bitterroot National Forest.					
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=21183">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=21183</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bitterroot National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Region 1, Bitterroot National Forest.						

Bitterroot National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region	
Nez Daly Railroad Riparian Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2015	07/2015	Robert Brassfield 406-777-7425 rbrassfield@fs.fed.us	
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the activities proposed in this project is to restore disturbed areas along important fish-bearing streams. The project includes small sites along Nez Perce, Daly, and Railroad creeks.					
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46204">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46204</a>					
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Darby Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sites along Nez Perce, Daly and Railroad Creeks.					

Bitterroot National Forest	Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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<b>Bitterroot National Forest Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Como Forest Health Project (FHP)</b> EIS	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/14/2015	Expected:07/2015	09/2015	Sara Grove 406-821-3269 fs-comments-northern-bitterroot-darby@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=33829">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=33829</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Darby Lumber Lands Watershed Improvement and Travel Management Project</b> EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2010	Expected:07/2015	07/2015	Ed Snook 406-363-7103 esnook@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Road system management on acquired lands, including decommissioning and storage of roads, designation of OHV routes, and construction of OHV linking routes				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36615">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36615</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA</b> EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 02/14/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2016	Expected:06/2016	07/2016	Gilbert Gale 406-544-6321 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Analysis of the North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment for reissuance of grazing permits.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Cameron Blue Ecoburn CE</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2010	Expected:09/2015	11/2015	Sara Grove 406-821-1251 sgrove@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Prescribed burning to reduce natural fuels while maintaining the historic fire return interval. Small tree thinning will occur within plantations and around residual trees.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30739">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30739</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Meadow Vapor EA</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2015	Expected:12/2016	05/2017	Amy Fox 406-363-7120 amyvfox@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42988">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42988</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Bitterroot Outfitters Proposal EA</b>	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Add spring hunts to existing camp authorized for summer and fall hunts					
<b>Location:</b> 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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Relocation on Divide North Trail #16 CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2015	09/2015	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a 400' reroute to avoid steep grades on the trail.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42016">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42016</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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 on Hell's Half Mountain Trail #8 CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2015	09/2015	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a proposal for a relocation on Hells Half Acre trail #8.0. Reroute will be a 930', of new trail construction to avoid 500' of steep grades at 30%.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42011">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42011</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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 #10.0 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:10/2015	08/2016	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a proposal to reroute 565' of new construction to avoid 235' of existing trail at steep grades of 35%.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42017">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42017</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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	Completed	Actual: 02/19/2015	09/2015	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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%.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42019">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42019</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Routes on Shoup-Elk City #19</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2015	09/2015	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This is for a 1200' and 1300' reroute on the trail to avoid steep trail grades.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42013">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42013</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Selway-Wilderness Outfitters Proposal</b>	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Sec PB41, T30N, R13E. Running Creek Ranch.					
<b>Sheep Creek Culvert Replacement</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2014	Expected:08/2015	08/2017	Mike Jakober 406-821-3269 mjakober@fs.fed.us
<b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<b>Description:</b> Replace the existing culvert on NFSR 6223 with an aquatic organism passage structure. The existing culvert is a barrier to the upstream movement of fish and other aquatic organisms.				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T 29 N, R 14 E, Section 29, NW 1/4. NFSR 6223 crossing of Sheep Creek, tributary to the Selway River. Idaho County, Idaho.					
<b>Storm Creek Outfitters Proposal</b>	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Debra Gale 406-821-3269 ddgale@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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).					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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