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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.

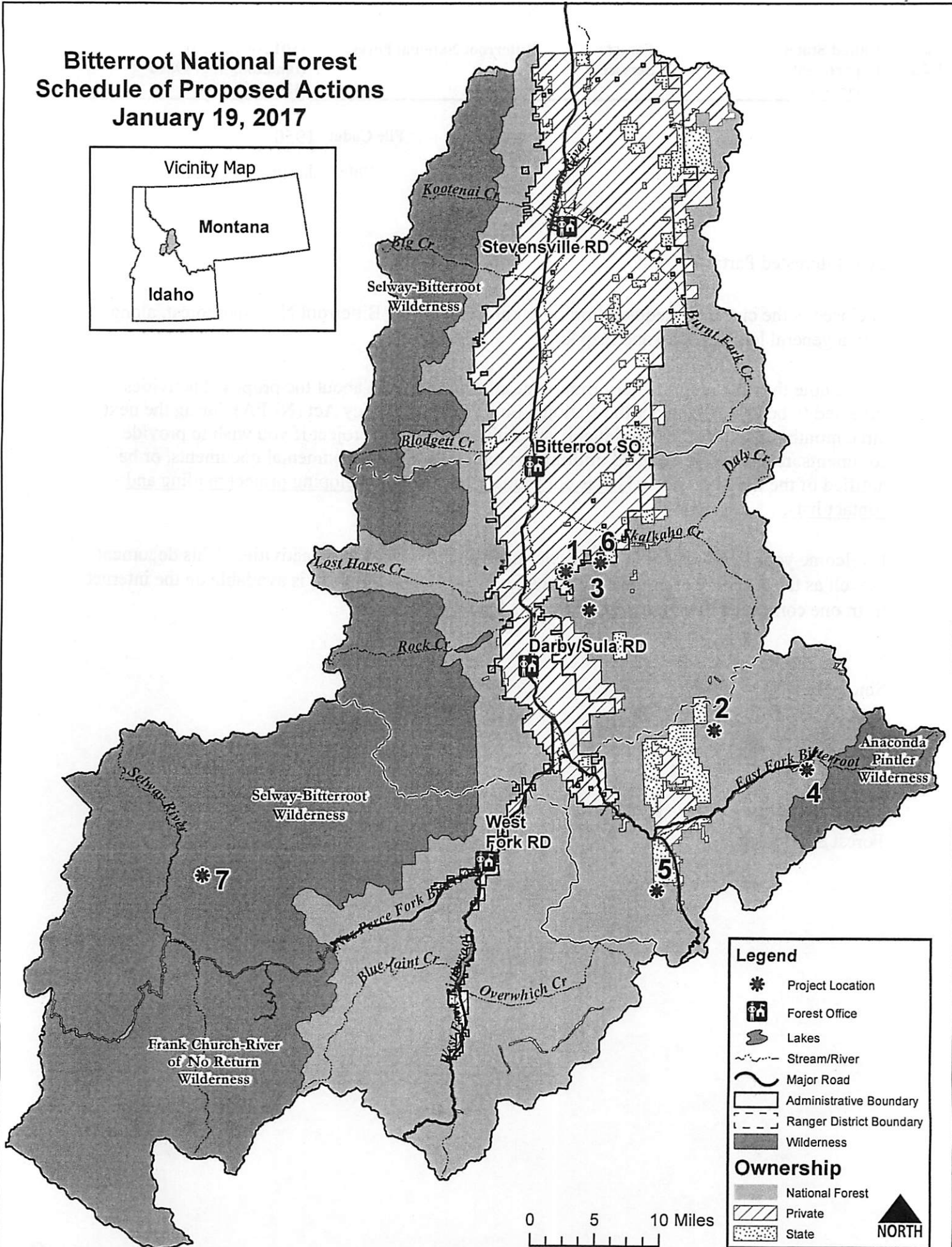
I welcome your involvement in the development and review of these activities. This document, as well as the schedule of proposed actions for every National Forest, is available on the internet from one convenient location: <http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa> .

Sincerely,


JULIE K KING
Forest Supervisor



Bitterroot National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions January 19, 2017



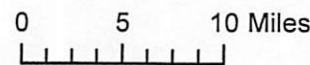
Legend

- * Project Location
- [House icon] Forest Office
- [Lake icon] Lakes
- [Wavy line icon] Stream/River
- [Thick line icon] Major Road
- [Solid line icon] Administrative Boundary
- [Dashed line icon] Ranger District Boundary
- [Shaded box icon] Wilderness

Ownership

- [Solid grey box icon] National Forest
- [Hatched box icon] Private
- [Dotted box icon] State

NORTH



**Map Index
Bitterroot National Forest
Schedule of Proposed Actions
January 2017**

Map Number	Project Name
1	Access Trail #505 Reroute
N/A	Bitterroot Mountain Holidays Permit Renewal
2	Cameron Blue Ecoburn
3	Darby Lumber Lands Phase 2
4	Meadow Vapor
5	Nee Me Poo/Waugh Fuels Reduction
6	North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA
7	Reroute on the Indian Ridge Trail #10.0
N/A	Spirit of the North Sled Dog Adventures Permit Renewal
N/A	Storm Creek Outfitters Permit Renewal



Draft Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

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	Darby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Access Trail #505 Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/14/2015	Expected:01/2017	09/2017	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
Description: This is a proposal to relocate 354 feet of existing trail that has grades over 40%, and is highly eroded. A reroute of 920 feet has been surveyed and staked with grades of 15% or less.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48190					
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail #505 is located on the Darby RD, access from Little Sleeping Child Road, 1.5 miles to trailhead. Reroute is 1 mile from trailhead.					
Darby Lumber Lands Phase 2 EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2017	Expected:02/2018	06/2018	Ed Snook 406-363-7103 esnook@fs.fed.us
Description: Road system management on acquired lands.					
Location: UNIT - Darby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along the Forest boundary, east of Darby, from Robbins Gulch watershed at the south end to Little Sleeping Child in the north. Rye Creek and North Fork Rye Creek are the larger streams in the project area.					
North Sleeping Child Grazing Allotment EA EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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
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Bitterroot National Forest Sula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cameron Blue Ecoburn CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2010	Expected:03/2017	04/2017	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.usda.gov/project/?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.					
Meadow Vapor EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/05/2016	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	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.usda.gov/project/?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.					
Nee Me Poo/Waugh Fuels Reduction CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	David Fox 406-821-1226 dbfox@fs.fed.us
Description: Small tree thinning, handpiling, and prescribed fire on approximately 320 acres within the Wildland Urban Interface. Proposed treatments will reduce ladder and surface fuels, and change potential fire behavior in the event of a wildfire.					
Location: UNIT - Sula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - T1S, R19W, Sections 4,5,9,16. Project is located approximately 5 miles south of Sula, MT near the Nee Me Poo Trailhead and in Waugh Gulch.					

Bitterroot National Forest West Fork Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Bitterroot Mountain Holidays Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2017	Expected:01/2017	01/2017	Bill Goslin 406-821-1222 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of special use permit for a ten year term to allow back country skiing tours.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trails 57,125,208,124,526,82,38,122,121,11,118,393.				
Reroute on the Indian Ridge Trail #10.0 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:01/2017	09/2017	Mark Smith 406-821-1218 marksmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a proposal to reroute 565' of new construction to avoid 235' of existing trail at steep grades of 35%.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42017				
Spirit of the North Sled Dog Adventures Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2016	Expected:01/2017	01/2017	Bill Goslin 406-821-1222 bgoslin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of special use permit for 10 year term to allow sled dog tours.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49028				
Storm Creek Outfitters Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2017	Expected:01/2017	01/2017	Debra Gale 406-821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	Description: 10-year permit renewal for over snow shuttle services on the West Fork District.				
	Location: UNIT - West Fork Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Ravalli. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Fork Ranger District.				

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