



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

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Gallatin National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Aspen restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2013	Expected:09/2013	05/2014	Jodie Canfield 406-587-6739 jecanfield@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to restore aspen through a variety of tools across the entire forest as funding and opportunity permits				
	Location: UNIT - Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass. forest wide.				
Gallatin Forest Plan Amendment to Remove or Replace Outdated Management Direction (Clean Up Amendmen EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/25/2009 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2013	Expected:08/2012	09/2012	Steve Christiansen 406-587-6750 schristiansen@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal would remove outdated, ineffective and/or unclear standards and other direction from the Gallatin National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (i.e. Forest Plan)				
	Location: UNIT - Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin, Madison, Meagher, Park, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - All forest. Amendment would apply to the entire Gallatin National Forest.				
Northwestern Energy Master Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/18/2012	Expected:12/2013	01/2013	Frank Cifala 406-587-6713 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: renew existing special use permit				
	Location: UNIT - Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin, Madison, Meagher, Park, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - forestwide. Gallatin Forestwide.				

Gallatin National Forest	Big Timber Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Gallatin National Forest Big Timber Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Miminagish Organization Camp CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/11/2012	Expected:07/2013	07/2013	Jane Ruchman 406-587-6966 jruchman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Master Plan development and conversion of obsolete Special Use Permit to current format for the Miminagish Organization Church Camp in the Main Boulder canyon, Yellowstone Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38106				
Location: UNIT - Big Timber Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - T5S, R12E, Section 26. Main Boulder Road.					
Renfrow Water Transmission Line CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2011 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2013	Expected:04/2013	05/2013	Frank Cifala 406-587-6713 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorization of an existing historic water transmission line				
	Location: UNIT - Big Timber Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Unsurveyed, Section 13, T5S, R12E. Main Boulder Drainage, vicinity of Miller Creek.				
Sweet Grass Integrated Resource Resiliency and Restoration EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2013 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2013	Expected:05/2014	06/2015	Barb Ping 406-522-2558 bping@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use of mgmt tools:planned fire,wildland fire use,hand/mechanical thinning,pile burning,conifer/shrub planting \$ seeding of native grasses and forbs to enhance/maintain resiliency of vegetative /ecological conditions in areas burned by 2006 Derby Fire				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41100				
Location: UNIT - Big Timber Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. 10-20 miles Southeast of Big Timber within National Forest lands burned in the 2006 Derby Fire (Deer Creeks, Derby, West Bridger Drainages).					

Gallatin National Forest Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**R1 - Northern Region**

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Gallatin National Forest Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Aspen Enhancement Bozeman District CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2012	Expected:10/2012	06/2013	Bev Dixon 406-522-2541 bdixon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Aspen enhancement through removal of live/dead conifers, using a combination of mechanical and Rx burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T7S, R4E, Sec. 21 (Porcupine) and T2N, R7E, Sec. 30 (Fairy Lake). Between Porcupine Creek and Twin Cabin Creek and off Fairy Lake Road.				
Bridger Ridge Communication Site - Lease Reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2010	Expected:07/2013	08/2013	Frank Cifala 406-932-5155 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue lease for use of existing communication facilities.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. Bridger Ridge north of Bozeman MT.				
Millie Fire Salvage CE	- Forest products - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/17/2013	05/2013	Teri Seth 406-522-2539 tseth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage fire killed trees within 2 tree lengths of forest rds in and adjacent to the Millie Fire perimeter to reduce hazards to rd users & rd maintenance. Roadside salvage is estimated <300 acres. Salvage may also be considered on another 200 ac.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41089				
Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T5S, R5E, Sections 3, 9-12, 15, 16. Within or adjacent to the Millie Fire up Storm Castle Creek.					
Montana Opticom Special Use Application EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2012 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2013	Expected:05/2013	06/2013	April Heesacker 208-756-5147 aheesacker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install buried fiber-optic cable capable of providing broadband technologies to underserved areas of Gallatin County, Montana.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. Gallatin Canyon along US191 corridor to Big Sky turn-off then along State Highway 64 on NFS Lands.				

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NorthWestern Energy Jackrabbit - Big Sky 161 kV Transmission Line Upgrade EIS	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/29/2013	05/2013	Amy Waring 406-255-1451 alwaring@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to upgrade the existing 69kV line to a 161 kV line				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=26619				
Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - within Townships 4, 5, 6 South and Range 4 East. Gallatin Canyon along Highway 191 between Four Corners and the Big Sky Meadow Village.					
South Bridger Interface CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/21/2012	Expected:05/2013	06/2013	Amy Waring 406-255-1451 alwaring@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin approximately 250 acres of mature/over mature forest vegetation on NFS lands adjacent to Bridger Bowl to a basal area ranging between 80 and 100 square feet per acre. Approx. five acres of shelterwood regeneration harvest are also proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40676				
Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 7 East and Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 7 East, Gallatin County, Montana. The project is geographically located within and immediately south of Bridger Bowl in the vicinity of Slushman Creek.					
South Fork Sixteenmile Creek Westslope Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2013	Expected:03/2013	09/2013	Bruce Roberts 406-522-2544 broberts@fs.fed.us
	Description: GNF/MT FWP jointly propose restore native westslope cutthroat trout to headwaters of the S FK. Sixteenmile Cr. drainage. Project is three phases:1) construction of an upstream migration barrier to isolate area streams from the future invasion of non-				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T3N, R6E, Section 21. The proposed barrier would be located along the main stem of the South Fork Sixteenmile Creek approx. 23 air miles north of Bozeman, MT; just east of Flathead Pass.				

Gallatin National Forest Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**R1 - Northern Region**

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Gallatin National Forest Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Backcountry Hut Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2012	Expected:06/2012	07/2012	Pamela Brown 406-823-6066 psbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Operation and maintenance of a backcountry hut (yurt) for backcountry skiing in the Cooke City area, Gardiner Ranger District				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - T9S, R14E. Cooke City vicinity.				
Cooke City Solid Waste Disposal Facility CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/18/2012	Expected:02/2013	03/2013	Frank Cifala 406-587-6713 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renew existing special use permit				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - NE 1/4 SE1/4, Sec. 25, T9S, R14E. Cooke City, Gardiner Ranger District.				
Shooting Star Ranch Water line and Road CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/18/2012	Expected:04/2013	06/2013	Frank Cifala 406-587-6713 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue two new special use permits for an existing water transmission line and access road that was previously permitted and erroneously terminated after the holder applied for and received a Ditch Bill easement for a related irrigation ditch.				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - SW 1/4 Section 32, T8S, R. 7 E., P.M., MT. near Shooting Star Ranch, Gardiner MT.				

Gallatin National Forest Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Fall River electric cooperative Inc. storage yard expansion CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/01/2012	Expected:04/2013	04/2013	Frank Cifala 406-932-5155 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: amendment to existing special use permit				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - S1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 29, T. 13 S., R. 5 E. A minor expansion of an authorized facility located on Hebgen Lake RD.				

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Gallatin National Forest	Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Rendezvous Trail Forest Thinning Project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Susan Lamont 406-823-6976 slamont@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tractor logging, skid trails, burn slash piles				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T13S, R5E, Sec. 34; T14S, R5E, Secs, 4 and 8. Rendezvous Trail System.				
South Fork and Watkins Allotment Management Plan Update EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/21/2011	Expected:09/2013	12/2013	Susan Lamont 406-823-6976 slamont@fs.fed.us
	Description: Update the allotment management plan for South Fork and Watkins Allotments. Analyze issues associated with cattle grazing (69 cow/calf pair). Currently there are 15 pair in the South Fork Allotment and 55 pair in the Watkins Allotment 7/1-9/30				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T12 S., R4E., Sections 7, 8, 17, 18; T12 S, R 5E. Sections 12, 13, 24 and T 13 S., R4 E., Sections 3, 10. West side of hebgen lake, 5-10 miles northwet of West yellowstone, MT.				

Gallatin National Forest	Livingston Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
East Paradise Range Recession EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 05/10/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2014	Expected:09/2014	06/2015	Andrew Kelher 406-823-6-65 akelher@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is to study six open grazing allotments and determine if reauthorization of grazing is warranted				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41485				
	Location: UNIT - Livingston Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Yellowstone Ranger District, south of I-90 each of Hwy. 89 S. Grazing allotments: Suce Cr C&H, 6-Mile Cr S. C&H, Mill Creek C&H, Pine Cr C&H, Elbow C&H.				

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Gallatin National Forest Livingston Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Montana Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, Montana State University Pit Tag Reader, Special Use Perm CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management - Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2012	Expected:06/2012	07/2012	Pamela Brown 406-823-6066 psbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Apply fixed PIT tag readers at mouth Lodgepole Cr & at mouth of Dugout Cr. in the Upper Shields River basin. Fixed PIT tag reader stations will consist of a 10 foot T-bar post in the ground with 8 feet exposed upon which will be two solar panels				
	Location: UNIT - Livingston Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - T5N, R11E, Sec, 8,9,10. Shields River basin, mouth of Lodgepole Creek and dugout Creek.				
Park Electric Cop CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2013	Expected:03/2013	06/2013	Frank Cifala 406-932-5155 fcifala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install buried power distribution line in E. Fork Mill Creek roadway. Remove overhead line.				
	Location: UNIT - Livingston Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - E 1/2 Section 13, T6S., R9E., NW 1/4 Section 17 and Section 18, T6S., R10E., PM., MT. East Fork Mill Creek, Yellowstone Ranger District.				
Suce Creek Aspen Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2013 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2013	Expected:06/2013	09/2013	Rachel Feigley 406-222-1892 rfeigley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescription for treatment includes stages with monitoring further need for additional disturbance to produce desired results. Individual stands would be marked such that buffer distances are defined, no treatment would occur between stands unless t				
	Location: UNIT - Livingston Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. Suce Creek, Yellowstone Ranger District.				

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