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**Subject:** Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

**To:** Interested Public

Enclosed is a copy of the Schedule of Proposed Actions for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. This document provides early notice of Forest Service activities and proposals. The schedule is updated and sent out four times a year.

We invite your active participation in project planning for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. Contributing your comments, suggestions and site-specific information about these project areas early in the planning process can help our forest make better decisions.

Here is how the quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions can be best used:

1. Look through the schedule to see which projects you would like to know more about.
2. Let the contact person know if you are interested. The phone number for that person is at the top of the page where the project is listed. If you are viewing the schedule on our website and would like to contact a person on a particular project, you can now click on the contact person's name and e-mail your comment.
3. We will place your name on the mailing list for that project. You will then be notified about opportunities for public participation and will receive additional information concerning that project as it is developed.

\*\*\* You may be on the mailing list for as many individual projects as you like, but please ask to be on the list only for the individual projects in which you are sincerely interested. This will save paper and reduce duplication and mailing costs.

We will continue to provide this quarterly report unless you ask us to remove your name from our mailing list. If you are tracking projects from one quarter to another and notice some are missing, this is because the project was dropped for the time being, or a decision has been issued. Please call the contact person listed on the report if you have questions.

The Idaho Panhandle now has the Schedule of Proposed Actions posted on the FS web at:  
[www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/quarterlynepa/](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/quarterlynepa/)

If you have comments or suggestions on making this schedule more useful, please contact Karl Dekome at (208) 765-7479.

/s/ Ranotta K. McNair  
RANOTTA K. MCNAIR  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures



## **Explanation of Forest Service Jargon**

### **CE - Categorical Exclusion:**

Documentation provided for actions where neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. Actions covered under these do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on human environment.

### **CFR - Code of Federal Regulations:**

Formal regulations that implement the Federal Law.

### **Decision Document & types of NEPA documentation:**

A document explaining the decision the Forest Service made. These can be (1) a Record of Decision (ROD) for an EIS, (2) a decision notice (DN) for an EA, and a decision memo (DM) for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). The types of decision documents and NEPA documentation listed are what we believe will be necessary based on past experiences in similar situations but are subject to change depending on the results of scoping and analysis.

### **Environmental Analysis:**

An investigation of a proposed action and alternatives to that action and their direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on the environment. The process provides the necessary information to reach an informed decision and provides the information needed for determining whether a proposed action may have significant environmental impacts.

### **EA - Environmental Assessment:**

A public document for which a Federal agency is responsible that serves to: (1) Provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement or a finding of no significant impact; (2) Aid an agency's compliance with the Act when no environmental impact statement is necessary; (3) Facilitate preparation of a statement when one is necessary. An environmental assessment includes brief discussions of the need for the proposal, alternatives as required by NEPA, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a listing of agencies and persons consulted.

### **EIS - Environmental Impact Statement:**

A detailed written statement as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

### **NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act:**

A law that directs Federal agencies to perform environmental analysis.

### **Scoping:**

A term from the NEPA regulations which requires the Forest Service to notify the public and ask for public comment.

### **Implementation:**

Actually doing the project work, including design and preparation.

### **T48N, R4E, Section 36:**

Commonly known as a "legal description," this information is on Forest Service maps and can be used to locate a project: T = Township (north and south), R = Range (east and west), Section = one mile square units of land numbered from 1-36.

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Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District**

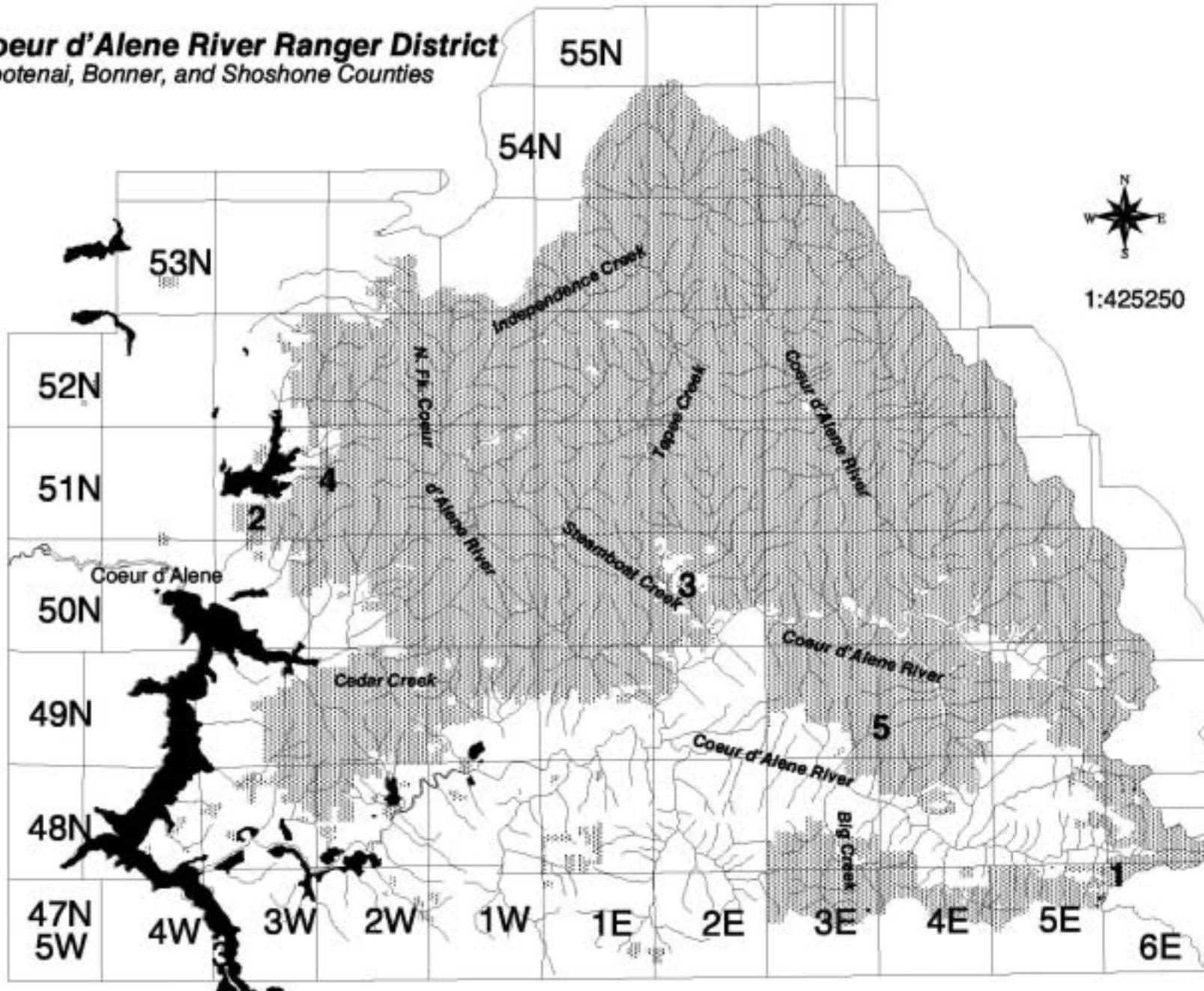
**Silverton Office** (Shoshone County): P.O. Box 14, Silverton, ID 83867-0014, Phone: 208-556-6100, FAX: 208-556-5154

**Fernan Office** (Kootenai County): 2502 E. Sherman Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899, Phone: 208-664-2318, FAX: 208-765-3062

**Please send project-related requests to Kerry Arneson (NEPA Coordinator) at [karneson@fs.fed.us](mailto:karneson@fs.fed.us) or the Fernan Office above.**

<i>Map Key</i>	<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Anticipated Decision Date</i>	<i>Scoping Begin/Current Status</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>
1	Recreation area (ski resort) expansion	Lookout Pass Recreation Project EIS/ROD	T47N, R6E; T20N, R32W	October 2002	April 2000/In progress	Glenn Truscott
2	Fuels reduction	Nettleton-Canfield Natural Fuels Reduction Project CE/DM (270 acres, no new road construction or reconstruction)	T51N, R3W	October 2002	January 2001/In progress	Sarah Jerome
3	Watershed improvement	West Fork Steamboat Creek CE/DM (no new road construction or reconstruction; no commercial timber harvest)	T50N, R2E, T51N, R1 & 2E	September 2002	December 2001/Decision Issued	John Ruebke
4	Vegetative restoration	P-Pine (Deerfoot Ridge) Project EA/DN (possible road construction and/or reconstruction; estimated 1,000 ccf timber volume)	T51 & 52N, R2 & 3W	March 2003	December 2001/In progress	Sarah Jerome
5	Vegetative restoration	P-Pine (Two-Mile) Project EA/DN (possible road construction and/or reconstruction; estimated 1,000 ccf timber volume)	T48 & 49N, R3 & 4E	May 2003	November 2002	Sarah Jerome
~~~	Timber salvage	Hither & Yon Beetle EA/DN (no new road construction, 0.1 mile road reconstruction; estimated 1,650 ccf timber volume)	Multiple areas	October 2002	January 2002/Decision pending	Bob Rehnborg
~~~	Grazing allotments	Grazing EA (Iron-Mokins, Hayden, Lancaster, and Searchlight-Alder Allotments)	District-wide	November 2002	October 1997/In progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~~	Access management	Annual review and revision of the District Travel Plan	District-wide	October 2002	February 2002/In progress	Don Garringer

**Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District**  
*Kootenai, Bonner, and Shoshone Counties*



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**South Zone (Avery) Projects in Shoshone/Clearwater County**

HC Box 1, Avery, ID 83802-9702 - Phone 208-245-4517, Fax 208-245-6246

**South Zone (St. Maries) Projects in Shoshone/Benewah Counties**

P.O. Box 407 St. Maries, ID 83861-0407 - Phone: 208-245-2531, Fax 208-245-6052

**Please send initial request to ATTEN: Kimberly Johnson at the St. Maries address above.**

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1	Trail Reconstruction and Restoration	<b>North Bound Trail Project (Trail #111)</b>	T42N R7E	<b>Summer 03</b>	Scoping has not started	Tracy Gravelle (Avery) <a href="mailto:tgravelle@fs.fed.us">tgravelle@fs.fed.us</a>
2	Ecosystem Management	<b>Hidden Cedar EIS</b> Timber Sale, Road Construction, Watershed Restoration, Access Management,	T42N R1,2 E, T43N R1,2 E	Decision signed 6/27/02	<b>Decision appealed 8/20/02. Decision to Implement the Hidden Cedar Project affirmed on 9/27/02 by the Regional Office</b>	Kimberly Johnson (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:kimberlyjohnson02@fs.fed.us">kimberlyjohnson02@fs.fed.us</a>
3	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>A-W Outfitting DM</b>	T43,44N, R7,8E	<b>December 2002</b>	January 1997 /analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:mprice@fs.fed.us">mprice@fs.fed.us</a>
4	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>Panhandle Outfitter DM</b>	T45,46N, R6E	<b>November 2002</b>	January 1997 / analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:mprice@fs.fed.us">mprice@fs.fed.us</a>
5	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>St. Joe Hunting/Fishing Lodge, DM</b>	T42N,R9E,S18	<b>Decision signed 8/29/02</b>	April 1997 /decision signed	Mary Price (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:mprice@fs.fed.us">mprice@fs.fed.us</a>
7	Development of a Decorative Rock Source and Removal	<b>Marble Creek Decorative Rock Removal Project</b>	T44N R3E Sec 32 and 33	Summer 2003	Scoping has not started	Tracy Gravelle (Avery) <a href="mailto:tgravelle@fs.fed.us">tgravelle@fs.fed.us</a>
8	Grazing Allotment Management	<b>St. Maries Basin Grazing Allotment Plan EA</b>	NF lands in St. Maries River Basin	December 2002	Pre-decisional comment period ended 2/2000 and analysis is in progress	Suzanne Digiacomo (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:sdigiacomo@fs.fed.us">sdigiacomo@fs.fed.us</a>

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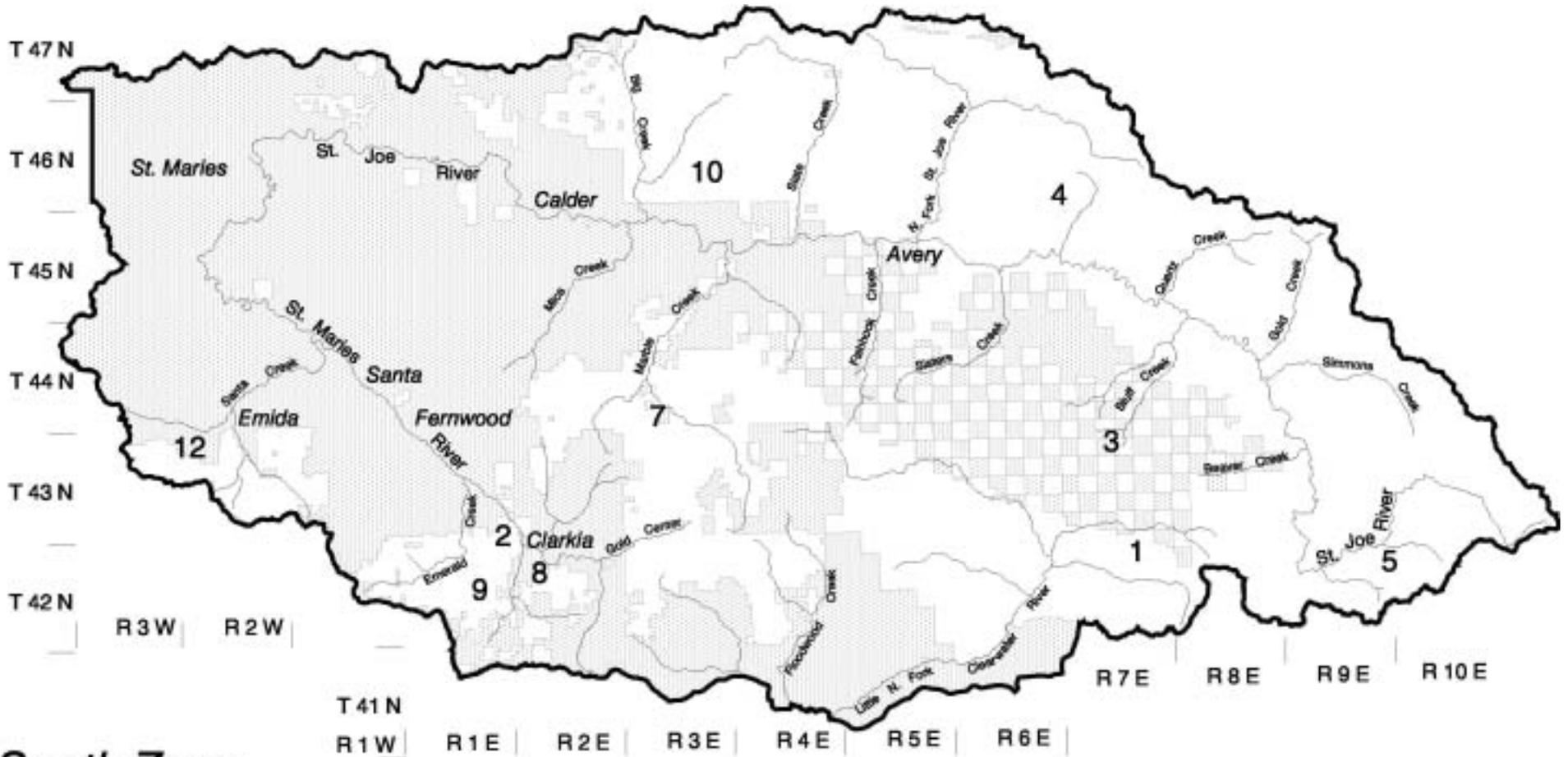
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9	Recreation and commercial garnet extraction	<b>Garnet Stars and Sands (new name)</b> Formerly called -Emerald Creek Garnet Resource Management Plan EA	T42N, R1E, Emerald Creek Drainage	2003	February 2001 / DEIS issued 9/28 and published in Federal Register. Responding to comments to the DEIS <b>Decision Memo signed July 2002 authorized exploration activities. The Decision and FEIS for Garnet Stars and Sands is dependent on results from exploration. Limited exploration will take place in October 2002 and the remainder in Spring 2003.</b>	Tracy Gravelle (Avery) <a href="mailto:tgravelle@fs.fed.us">tgravelle@fs.fed.us</a>
	Reforestation- plantation protection	<b>Pocket Gopher Control Project</b>	<b>Various locations</b> on St. Maries District	July 2002	<b>Decision signed July 29, 2002</b>	Jim Skranak (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:jskranak@fs.fed.us">jskranak@fs.fed.us</a>
10	Timber Harvest on Nat. Forest Land and Access Request	<b>Black Prince Project</b>	Black Prince Drainage T46N R3E		<b>Project is on hold.</b> Will not go to contract until 2003	Peter Ratcliffe (St. Maries) <a href="mailto:pratcliffe@fs.fed.us">pratcliffe@fs.fed.us</a>
12	Changing approximately 1.2 miles of overland powerline to Underground powerline.	<b>Clearwater Powerline Reroute</b>	T43N R3W, Sec. 12 and 13 and R2W Sect. 7 & 18	Winter 2003	<b>Scoping has not started</b>	Tracy Gravelle (Avery) <a href="mailto:tgravelle@fs.fed.us">tgravelle@fs.fed.us</a>

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**South Zone  
St. Joe Ranger District**

*Shoshone, Benewah, and Clearwater Counties, Idaho  
(Private and Non-National Forest lands are shaded)*



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**North Zone Projects in Priest Lake, Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry Ranger Districts**

Priest Lake Ranger District  
32203 Highway 57  
Priest River, ID 83856  
Phone: 208-443-2512, Fax: 208-443-6845  
(includes Bonner County and Pend Oreille County, WA)

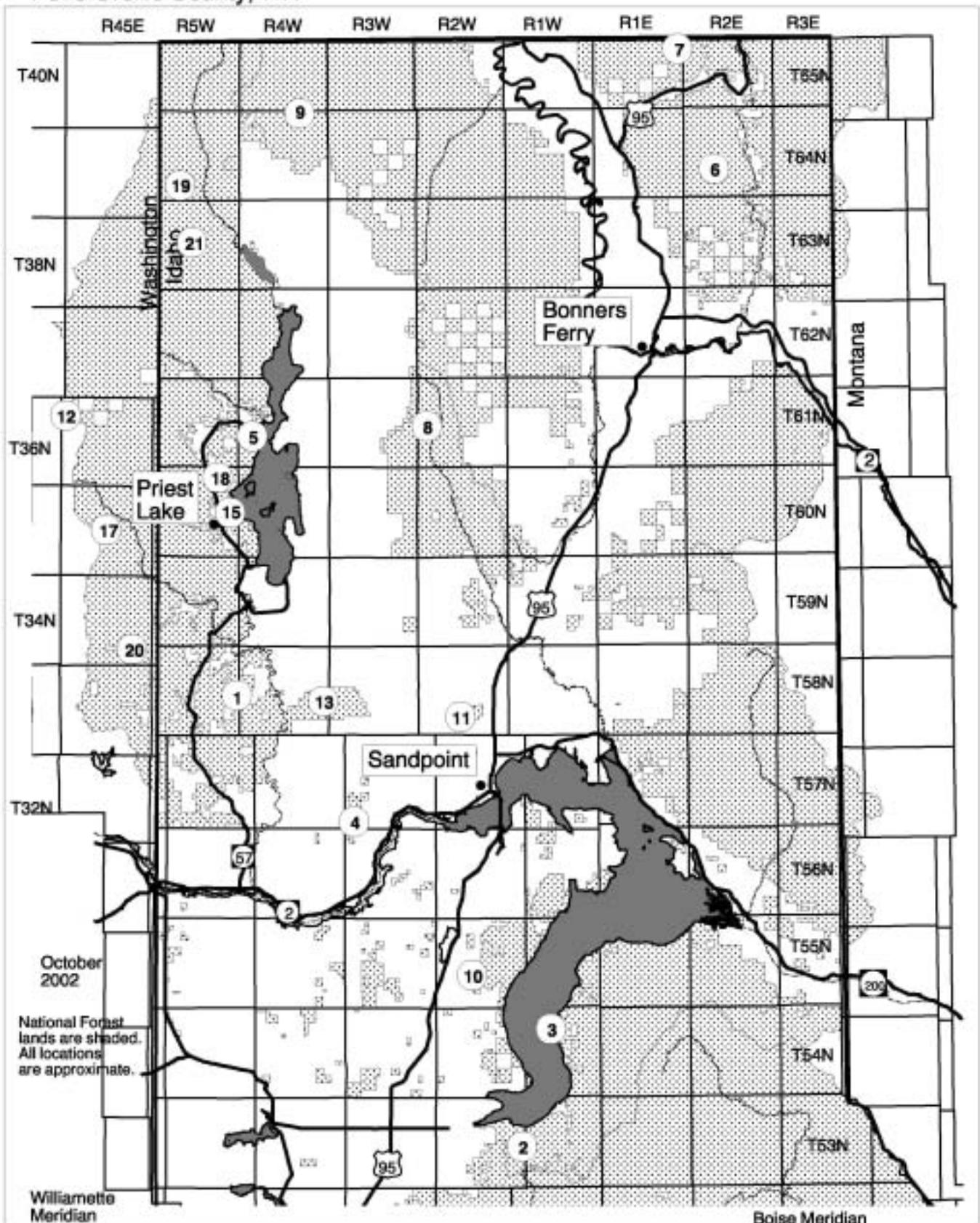
Sandpoint Ranger District  
1500 Highway 2, Suite 110  
Sandpoint, ID 83864  
Phone: 208-263-5111, Fax: 208-265-6670  
(includes Bonner and Boundary Counties)

Bonners Ferry Ranger District  
Route 4, Box 4860  
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805  
Phone: 208-267-5561, Fax: 208-267-6754  
(includes Boundary County)

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N/A	Amendment to the Forest Plan	Grizzly bear Amendment to Lolo, Kootenai, & Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plans	North Zone of the Idaho Panhandle: All Bear Management Units within the Selkirk & Cabinet Yaak Recovery Zones	November 2002	May 11, 2001/ FEIS released March 15, 2002	Kirsten Kaiser Kootenai NF, MT 406-293-6211 <a href="mailto:kkaiser@fs.fed.us">kkaiser@fs.fed.us</a>
N/A	Salvage of dead & down timber (in various locations)	Bonners Ferry Ranger District Salvage Sales EIS	Bonners Ferry District Various roadsides and previous harvest areas	Spring 2003	May 2000/Analysis	Barry Wynsma 267-6751 <a href="mailto:bwynsma@fs.fed.us">bwynsma@fs.fed.us</a>
N/A	Ecosystem Restoration and Natural Fuels Reduction	White Bark Pine EA	Bonners Ferry District Selkirk Mtns, 8 sites total about 2,500 acres	Winter 2003	June 2000/Analysis	Patrick Cooley 267-6757 <a href="mailto:pcooley@fs.fed.us">pcooley@fs.fed.us</a>
N/A	Juvenile Tree Thinning	North Zone Thinning CE	Various Locations, North Zone	Decision signed 6/28/02	January 2002/Decision signed	Jeff Pennick 265-6678 <a href="mailto:jpennick@fs.fed.us">jpennick@fs.fed.us</a>
1	Road Maintenance	Quartz/Cottonwood Road Maintenance EA	Priest Lake District T58N R4W T57N, R4&5W	Spring 2004	Scoping Beginning Winter 2002/2003	Diane Hodel 265-6619 <a href="mailto:dhodel@fs.fed.us">dhodel@fs.fed.us</a>
2	Ecosystem Restoration Vegetation and wildlife habitat restoration, fuels reduction, watershed improvements and road mgt.	West Gold EIS	Sandpoint District T53N, R2W, S 13,14,23-26, 35-36; T53N, R1W, S 8-10, 16-17, 20-21, 29	November 2002	NOI - July 2000/DEIS released May 2002	Judy York 265-6665 <a href="mailto:jjork@fs.fed.us">jjork@fs.fed.us</a>
3	Boat Launch Reconstruction	Whiskey Rock Boat Launch CE	Sandpoint District T54N, R1W, S3	October 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Greg Hetzler 265-6603 <a href="mailto:ghetzler@fs.fed.us">ghetzler@fs.fed.us</a>
4	Ecosystem Restoration/Trail Development	Wrenco Loop EA	Sandpoint District T57N, R3W, S. 19, 30, 31	Fall 2003	November 1995/Project was deferred and is resuming	Nancy Kertis 265-6616 <a href="mailto:nkertis@fs.fed.us">nkertis@fs.fed.us</a>
5	Special Use Permit	Granite Reeder Sewer Lines & Facility EA	Priest Lake District T61N, R4W, S. 17&20	January 2003	July 2002/Analysis	David "Norgy" Asleson 443-6825 <a href="mailto:dasleson@fs.fed.us">dasleson@fs.fed.us</a>

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6	Dry Site Forest Restoration	Dry Wall EA	Bonnors Ferry District T63N, R2E	Winter 2002/2003	May 2002/Analysis	Pat Behrens 267-6743 <a href="mailto:pbehrens@fs.fed.us">pbehrens@fs.fed.us</a>
7	Ecosystem Restoration Vegetation and wildlife habitat restoration, fuels reduction, watershed improvements and road mgt	Mission Round Prairie EIS	Bonnors Ferry District T65N, R1&2E	Spring 2003	September 1998/NOI published in Federal Register 1/15/02. DEIS anticipated to be released in January 2003.	Doug Nishek 267-6765 <a href="mailto:dnishek@fs.fed.us">dnishek@fs.fed.us</a>
8	Bridge Replacement	Pack River Bridges CE	Sandpoint District T61N, R2W S8 T61N, R2W, S19, 20, 25	October 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Greg Hetzler 265-6603 <a href="mailto:ghetzler@fs.fed.us">ghetzler@fs.fed.us</a>
9	Plan for continuation of existing Grazing Allotment	Grass Creek Allotment Management Plan EA	Bonnors Ferry District T65N, R2-3-4W	Winter 2003	Alternative Development & Analysis	David "Norgy" Asleson 443-6825 <a href="mailto:dasleson@fs.fed.us">dasleson@fs.fed.us</a>
10	Special Use Permit	Lofthus Private Road Access CE	Sandpoint District T55N, R2W, S21	Decision signed June 2002	Non-appealable Decision Memo	Risa Devore 265-6623 <a href="mailto:rdevore@fs.fed.us">rdevore@fs.fed.us</a>
11	Trail Construction	Mik n Nik Trail Construction	Sandpoint District T57N, R2W, S. 4, 5, & 6	Winter 2003	Scoping beginning October 2002	Mary Ann Hamilton 265-6624 <a href="mailto:mhamilton@fs.fed.us">mhamilton@fs.fed.us</a>
12	Road Access	Stimson Access EIS	Priest Lake District T36N, R45E, S8	November 2002	October 1997/FEIS and ROD to be released November 2002	David "Norgy" Asleson 443-6825 <a href="mailto:dasleson@fs.fed.us">dasleson@fs.fed.us</a>
13	Research	Priest River Experimental Forest Canyon Creek EA	Priest Lake District T58N, R4W, S23-27, T58N, R3W S19, 20, 29, 30	November 2002	January 2001/Environmental Assessment released 9/27/02	Dave Cobb 443-6854 <a href="mailto:dcobb@fs.fed.us">dcobb@fs.fed.us</a>
15	Special Use Permit Reissuance	Hills Resort EA	Priest Lake District T60N, R5W, S24	Winter 2003	February 2002/Analysis	Debbie Butler 443-6822 <a href="mailto:dabutler@fs.fed.us">dabutler@fs.fed.us</a>
17	Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction	Squaw Valley Trail CE	Priest Lake District T35N, R45E (Wilamette Meridian)	N/A	Trail work was not as intensive as anticipated. NEPA documentation not required.	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 <a href="mailto:dschrempp@fs.fed.us">dschrempp@fs.fed.us</a>
18	Boat Dock Construction	Bonner County/ FS Administrative Dock CE (Kalispell Launch)	Priest Lake District T60N, R5W, S12	Decision signed 8/16/02	Decision Memo signed	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 <a href="mailto:dschrempp@fs.fed.us">dschrempp@fs.fed.us</a>
19	Trailhead Development	Jackson Creek Trailhead CE	Priest Lake District T64N, R5W, S32-33	Winter 2003	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 <a href="mailto:dschrempp@fs.fed.us">dschrempp@fs.fed.us</a>
20	Snowmobile Trail Reroute	Consalus Snowmobile Trail CE	Priest Lake District T59N, R5W, T34N,R45E (Wilamette Meridian)	Winter 2002/2003	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 <a href="mailto:dschrempp@fs.fed.us">dschrempp@fs.fed.us</a>
21	Trail Reconstruction	Trail 291 Reconstruction	Priest Lake District T63N, R5W	Winter 2002/2003	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 <a href="mailto:dschrempp@fs.fed.us">dschrempp@fs.fed.us</a>

**North Zone - Priest Lake, Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry Ranger Districts**  
 Bonner and Boundary Counties, ID; Lincoln and Sanders Counties, MT;  
 Pend Oreille County, WA



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**LAND EXCHANGE PROJECTS**

Contact for all Land Exchange Projects: **Dave O'Brien** [dobrien@fs.fed.us](mailto:dobrien@fs.fed.us) (208) 765-7319

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Location (District)</i>	<i>Scoping Begin</i>	<i>Anticipated Decision Date</i>	<i>Federal Acres</i>	<i>Non-Fed Acres</i>
Land Exchange (EA)	Grandmother Mountain Patriot Investments	St. Joe CDA River	Ongoing	Spring 2003	663 <u>565.38</u>	2,109.50
				<b>TOTAL</b>	1228.38	2109.50
Land Exchange	Granite Creek/Reeder Bay Sewer District	Priest Lake	Winter 2001	Spring 2003	80	Undecided

**ABANDONED MINE CLOSURES**

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Scoping Begin</i>	<i>Anticipated Decision Date</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>
<u>Abandoned Mine Closures</u> Closure of multiple mine adits for public safety CE/DM's	Forest-wide	Ongoing	Spring 2003	North Zone: <a href="mailto:jnieman@fs.fed.us">jnieman@fs.fed.us</a> (208) 265-6634  South Zone: <a href="mailto:tgravelle@fs.fed.us">tgravelle@fs.fed.us</a> (208) 245-6207  Central Zone: <a href="mailto:jkjohnson@fs.fed.us">jkjohnson@fs.fed.us</a> (208) 765-7442

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**NORTHERN ROCKIES LYNX AMENDMENT**

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Anticipated Decision Date</i>	<i>Scoping Begin</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>
Amendment to the Forest Plan	Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment	Forest-wide	2003	October 2001	<a href="mailto:jhaber@fs.fed.us">jhaber@fs.fed.us</a> (404) 329-3399

**FOREST PLAN REVISION**

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Anticipated Decision Date</i>	<i>Scoping Begin</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>
Forest Plan Revision	Kootenai & Idaho Panhandle National Forests Forest Plan Revision	Forest-wide	Spring 2005	April 2002	<a href="mailto:jldeherrera@fs.fed.us">jldeherrera@fs.fed.us</a> (208) 765-7235