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Dear Interested Party

Enclosed is the current schedule of proposed actions for the Bitterroot National Forest, along with a general location map and map key. These are proposed projects the Forest is analyzing pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Please contact the individual listed with each specific project if you have questions, would like more information, or if you wish to provide comments. I welcome your involvement in the development and review of these activities.

If you have been involved in the Forest Plan revision process, please note that we are currently reviewing the comments we received on the proposed action. We will use those comments to help develop alternatives to the proposal. Additional information is available on page 2 of the enclosed schedule of proposed action table and on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/>.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Bitterroot National Forest.

Sincerely,

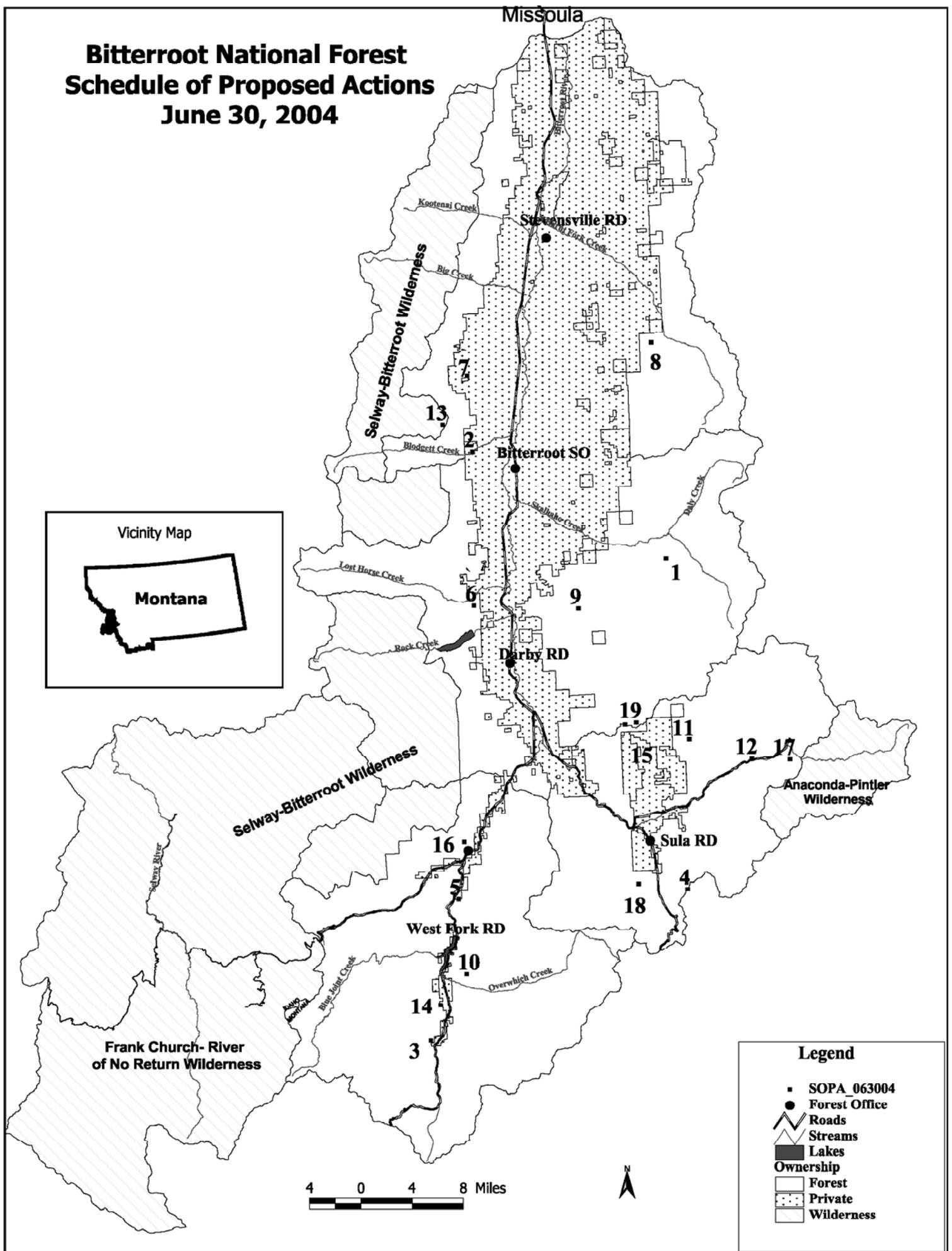
For DAVID T. BULL  
Forest Supervisor



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# Bitterroot National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions June 30, 2004



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# Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01-JUL-04 to 30-SEP-04

## SOPA: Bitterroot National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time the data was published. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Projects Occurring on more than one Region</b>					
<b>Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment EIS</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS notice in FR 01/16/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	02/01/2005	Joan Dickerson (406)329-3314 jdickerson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Management Guidelines for Management of Canadian Lynx on certain lands under the authority fo the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Weblink: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Idaho Panhandle National Forest Units, Wallace Ranger District, Fernan Ranger District, St. Maries Ranger District, Sandpoint Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest Units, Palouse Ranger District, North Fork Ranger District, Lochsa Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Units, Wise River Ranger District, Butte Ranger District, Madison Ranger District, Jefferson Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest Units, Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Beartooth Ranger District, Sioux Ranger District, Ashland Ranger District, Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Glacier View Ranger District, Tally Lake Ranger District, Big Timber Ranger District, Livingston Ranger District, Bozeman Ranger District, Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Townsend Ranger District, Helena Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest Units, Libby Ranger District, Cabinet Ranger District, Lewis And Clark National Forest Units, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, White Sulpher Springs Ranger District, Missoula Ranger District, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Superior Ranger District, Salmon River Ranger District, Red River Ranger District, Moose Creek Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest Units, Powder River Ranger District, Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District, Clarks Fork Ranger District, Greybull Ranger District, Washakie Ranger District, Ashley National Forest Units, Vernal Ranger District, Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest Units, Kemmerer Ranger District, Greys River Ranger District, Jackson Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest Units, Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Challis Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District, North Fork Ranger District, Palisades Ranger District, Teton Basin Ranger District, Belt Creek Ranger District, Pintler Ranger District, Custer National Forest Units, Musselshell Ranger District, Tensleep Ranger District, Lost River Ranger District, Avery Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Powell Ranger District , Wisdom Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District, Flathead National Forest Units, Gallatin National Forest Units, Helena National Forest Units, Fortine Ranger District, Judith Ranger District, Ninemile Ranger District, Clearwater Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District, Wapiti Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Big Piney Ranger District, Yankee Fork Ranger District, Lewis And Clark Interpretive Center, Buffalo Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District, Dillon Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District, Gardiner Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District, Lolo National Forest Units, Nez Perce National Forest Units, Shoshone National Forest Units, Pinedale Ranger District, Leadore Ranger District, Caribou-targhee National Forest Units, Three Rivers Ranger District, Wind River Ranger District, Dubois Ranger District, Ashton/Island Park. STATE- Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho. COUNTY- Idaho. LEGAL- Various. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah.					



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<b>Projects Occurring on more than one Forest</b>					
<b>Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Travel Management</b> EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004			Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> For the section of CDT between Gibbons Pass north to the Anaconda Pintler boundary, analyze the travel management objectives. The decision will be whether or not to allow motorized use on portions of the trail.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Sula Ranger District, Wisdom Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Beaverhead, Ravalli. LEGAL- T1S, R19W, Sec 11, 14 and T1N, R17W, Sec 20 P.M.M.. The section of the CDT between Gibbons Pass north to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness boundary on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.				
<b>Forest Plan Revision, Lolo, Bitterroot and Flathead National Forests</b> EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in FR 05/10/2002	Exptd:02/01/2006	02/01/2006	Lee Kramer (406) 329-3848 lkramer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Plan Revision. Weblink: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz/</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Bitterroot National Forest Units, Flathead National Forest Units, Lolo National Forest Units. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Flathead, Granite, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders. Western Montana .				



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<b>Projects Occurring on more than one District</b>					
<b>Forest Range Improvements DM</b>	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:11/01/2004	06/01/2005	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Water developments on grazing allotment on the Sula and West Fork Ranger Districts				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. Grazing allotment on Sula and West Fork Ranger Districts.				
<b>Miscellaneous Weed Treatments EA</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:05/01/2005	06/01/2005	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Treat noxious weeds on various roads and trails.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. Various roads and trails forest-wide.				
<b>Roadside Hazard Reduction and Salvage DM</b>	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Jim McCormack (406) 821-3913 jmccormack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove or fell hazard trees along open portions of certain forest roads. Most of the road segments are within areas burned over in the last several years.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. All or portions of forest roads numbered 75, 106, 273, 311, 321, 640, 725, 729, 1319, 1321, 5660, 5732, and 8112. .				
<b>Seed Production Area Roguing EA</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 03/18/2003	Exptd:08/01/2004	05/01/2005	Amanda Milburn (406) 821-2333 amilburn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Roguing 317 acres of Seed Production Areas in various locations across the Forest in order to increase cone production.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District, Sula Ranger District, Stevensville Ranger District, West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. All 4 Districts of the Bitterroot National Forest. Areas of activity: Larry Creek, Blacktail Point, Lick Creek, Dick Creek, Two Percent saddle, Tepee Point, Ward Creek, Buck Creek, Halford Creek.				



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<b>Stevensville Ranger District</b>		<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Fred Burr 80 Hazardous Fuel Reduction DM</b>	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual:06/21/2004	10/01/2004	Paul Fieldhouse (406) 777.7440 pfieldhouse@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Fuel reduction on 60 acres within an 80 acre parcel of National Forest land completely surrounded by private land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Stevensville Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- north half of the northwest quarter of section 21, township 7 north, range 21west. 5 miles southwest of Victor, Montana on the Bitterroot National Forest.				
<b>Gold 1 Fire Salvage DM</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual:05/28/2004	08/01/2004	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Salvage harvest and reforest 130 acres to remove fire-killed and beetle-attacked trees while they are still economical and to insure timely reforestation.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Stevensville Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T7N, R19W, sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, and 14, PMM, Ravalli County, MT. About 11 miles southeast of Victor, Montana in the Gold Creek drainage..				
<b>Mill Creek Trail #363 DM</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 01/16/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Debra Gale (406) 821-1217 ddgale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Two short segments of trail relocation				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Stevensville Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T7N, R21W, Sec 5, T7N, R22W, Sec 1. Mill Creek drainage.				



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<b>Darby Ranger District</b>		<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Bear Beetle Salvage DM</b>	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Salvage of bark beetle-killed/beetle infested trees in the Sleeping Child drainage.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, & 12 T4N, R19 W and Sections 6 & 7 T4N R18W PMM. About 11 miles SE of Hamilton, Montana in the Two Bear portion of the Sleeping Child drainage.				
<b>Blodgett Creek and Canyon Creek Road Upgrade EA</b>	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 08/19/2002	Exptd:09/01/2004	07/01/2005	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To upgrade the Blodgett and Canyon Creek Roads to provide a safer public travel route.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- section 21, T6N, R21W, PMM. About 4 miles west of Hamilton, Montana..				
<b>Elk Bed Restoration EA</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 03/15/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	09/01/2004	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project involves noncommercial thinning, ponderosa pine restoration, and overstory removals.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- Sections 19, 20, 30, and 31, T4N, R21W, and sections 13, 24, and 25, T4N, R22W, PMM.. Five miles northwest of Darby, Montana in the Lick Creek Drainage..				
<b>Harlan Beetle Salvage DM</b>	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	11/01/2004	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Salvage of bark beetle-killed/beetle infested trees in the Harlan Creek Drainage.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T3N R20W Sec 10; and T4N, R21W sections 13, 24 . Approximately 6 miles NE of Darby, Montana in the Harlan Creek Drainage..				



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<b>Road 62688 Closure and Decommissioning</b> <b>DM</b>	- Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Close Road 62688 and put it in storage. This includes remove culverts, restore natural drainage at crossings, decompact road surface, and revegetate the road surface to correct resource damage. The road is about 1/2 mile long.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T2N, R19W, section 5, PMM, Ravalli County, Montana. The road is in an unnamed tributary of Rye Creek. It joins road 5745..				
<b>Weird Salvage Timber Sale</b> <b>DM</b>	- Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual:04/23/2004	08/01/2004	Don Stadler (406)777-7417 dstadler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The salvage of dead or dying timber within the perimeter of the fires of 2000. Bark beetles have invaded the area and killed many trees weakened by the fire.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Darby Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35< T3N, R19W, PMM. Twelve miles southeast of Darby, Montana.				



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<b>Sula Ranger District</b>		<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Lyman Salvage Sale EA</b>	- Watershed management - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 05/21/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	10/01/2004	Peter Zimmerman (406)363-7120 pzimmerman@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Selective harvest of approximately 378 acres of burned dead Douglas-fir and pine trees. Road storage and decommissioning and change of road closure status.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Sula Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- Project is located in sections 12, 13, and 24 of T24N, R19W and sections 7,8,17, and 18 of T2N, R18W, PMM Ravalli County, Mt. Project is located in the Cameron Creek drainage and the Lyman Creek drainage. Six miles northeast of Sula, Montana.				
<b>Middle East Fork EIS</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	07/01/2005	Chris Tootell  ctootell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation and fuels treatments to address current and future Douglas-fir beetle infestations, improve fire regime condition classes, and address wildland urban interface values at risk. May include salvage of commercial wood products.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Sula Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- Parts of T 1&2 N, R 17, 18, and 19 W, P.M.M. Lands within the middle third of the East Fork Bitterroot River drainage.				
<b>Springer II Hazardous Fuels Reduction DM</b>	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 07/22/2002	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Lee McAlpine (406) 821-2324 lmc Alpine@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Defensible fuels protection zone (DFPZ) for the Springer-Bonanza community.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Sula Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T.2N., R.19W., S. 19-21 & S.28-30 and T.1N., R.18W., S. 24-25.. West side of the Upper East Fork of the Bitterroot River, north of Meadow Creek. .				
<b>Waugh/Andrews EA EA</b>	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/23/2002 Est. 215 comment 08/01/2004	Exptd:11/01/2004	06/01/2005	Gilbert Gale 406-821-2318 ggale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Range analysis for the reissuance of the Waugh/Andrews/Warm Springs grazing allotment.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- Sula Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T1S, R19W, Sec. 4-9, 16-21, 28-32 and T1N, R19W, Sec. 18, 19, 29, 30, 25, 21, 36 P.M.M.. Waugh Gulch and Andrews drainages.				



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<b>West Fork Ranger District</b>		<b>Bitterroot National Forest</b>		<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Chicken Creek Meander DM</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/24/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Mike Jakober (406) 821-2333 mjakober@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reconstruct a meander on lower Chicken Creek to restore an unstable section of the creek resulting from excessive sediment deposits from the fires of 2000.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T3S, R22W, Sec 4, P.M.M.. Chicken Creek drainage.				
<b>Ditch Creek Public Materials DM</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping start 03/25/2003	Exptd:09/01/2004	09/01/2004	Jim Aronson (406) 821-1215 jaronson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Mineral materials source pit for public use				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T1S,R22W, Sec. 14 P.M.M.. Ditch Creek Pit below Painted Rocks Reservoir.				
<b>Jew Mountain Trail and Trailhead DM</b>	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/23/2003	Exptd:09/01/2004	07/01/2005	Tim Trotter (406) 821-1210 ttrotter@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Trailhead construction, change the designation for a portion of road #5706 to allow for OHV use, and relocate two sections of trail #185.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T2S, R22W, Sec. 10, 14 and T2S, R21W, Sec. 8, 9 P.M.M.. Overwhich Trail #185 and Road 5706 near Painted Rocks Lake.				
<b>Painted Rocks West DM</b>	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 10/31/2003	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Jacque Parks 406-821-1214 jmparks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Hazardous fuels reduction near private land boundaries. Homeowners are currently working on fuels reduction around their land and the State is also doing fuels reduction as well. Weblink: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/planning/forest_index_planning.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/planning/forest_index_planning.htm</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T2S,R22W,Sec. 16,17,21 P.M.M.. Painted Rocks Reservoir.				
<b>School Point Ecoburn and Hazard Fuel Reduction DM</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2005	Patrick Hartless 406-821-1220 phartless@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reduce fuels within the wildland urban interface using prescribed burning and manual fuels treatment adjacent to private land and administrative sites.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT- West Fork Ranger District. STATE- Montana. COUNTY- Ravalli. LEGAL- T1N, R21W, Sec 18,19,30 and T1N, R22 W, Sec 13-15,20-28,33,34PMM. Swamp Creek and Barn Draw area.				



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