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**Forest  
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**Idaho Panhandle  
National Forests**

**Forest Supervisor's Office  
3815 Schreiber Way  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815**

**File Code:** 1950-1

**Date:** August 29, 2001

**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 listed for a project know of your interest. The phone number for that person is at the top of the page where the project is listed.
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 Steve Johnson at (208) 765-7224.

Sincerely,

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



## **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.

**August 2001 Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions  
Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District**

**Silverton Office** (Shoshone County): P.O. Box 14, Silverton, ID 83867-0014 - Phone: 208-556-5100, Fax: 208-556-5154

**Fernan Office** (Kootenai County): 2502 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899 - Phone: 208-769-3000, Fax: 208-769-3062

**Please send requests relating to all projects to Kerry Arneson (NEPA Coordinator) at the Fernan Office address 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 expansion	Lookout Pass Recreation Project EIS/ROD (ski resort expansion)	T47N, R6E; T20N, R32W	September 2001	April 2000/In progress	Glenn Truscott
2	Fuels reduction	Nettleton-Canfield Natural Fuels Reduction Project CE/DM (270 acres total; no new road construction or reconstruction)	T51N, R3W	January 2002	January 2001/Scoping	Dave Brown
5	Watershed improvement, timber harvest, fuels treatment	Iron Honey EIS/ROD	T51 & 52N, R1 & 2W	October 2001	February 1997/Final EIS and ROD pending	Glenn Truscott
6	Timber salvage	Burnt Cabin Heli Bug EA/DN (no new road construction or reconstruction; 400 ccf estimated timber volume)	T51N, R2W	September 2001	January 2001/Decision pending	Bob Rehnberg
7	Timber salvage	Glidden Beetle Salvage EA/DN (no new road construction or road reconstruction; 800 ccf estimated timber volume)	T48N, R6E	March 2002	January 2001/On hold	Bob Rehnberg
8	Timber salvage	Mill Pine Salvage EA/DN (no new road construction, 0.3 miles road reconstruction anticipated; 500 ccf estimated timber volume)	T49N, R1W	November 2001	April 2001/Scoping	Bob Rehnberg
9	Timber salvage	Little Ucelly Bug EA/DN (new road construction/reconstruction; 600 ccf estimated volume)	T50N, R4 & 5E	September 2001	February 2001/Decision pending	Bob Rehnberg
10	Timber salvage	Missouri Bug EA/DN (no road construction or reconstruction; 400 ccf estimated timber volume)	T49N, R4E	October 2001	February 2001/Scoping	Dan Frigard
11	Recreation	St. Joe Divide Trail #16 Reconditioning CE/DM	T47N, R3-5 E	August 2001	April 2001/In progress	Don Garringer
~~	Timber harvest	Small Sales EIS/ROD	District-wide	June 2001	January 2000/Decision issued	Bob Rehnberg
~~	Precommercial tree thinning	District 2001 Precommercial Tree Thinning CE/DM (1,600 acres in 33 total stands; no new road construction or reconstruction)	District-wide	June 2001	January 2001/Decision issued	Henry Nipp or Joyce Stock
~~	Grazing allotment	Iron-Mokins EA/AMP; 49,340 acres	District-wide	October 2001	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Hayden EA/AMP; 18,000 acres, 18 cow/calf pairs	District-wide	October 2001	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Lancaster EA/AMP; 40 acres, 1 cow/calf pair	District-wide	October 2001	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Searchlight-Alder EA/AMP; 15,124 acres, 27 cow/calf pairs	District-wide	October 2001	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger

# Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District

*Kootenai and Shoshone Counties*

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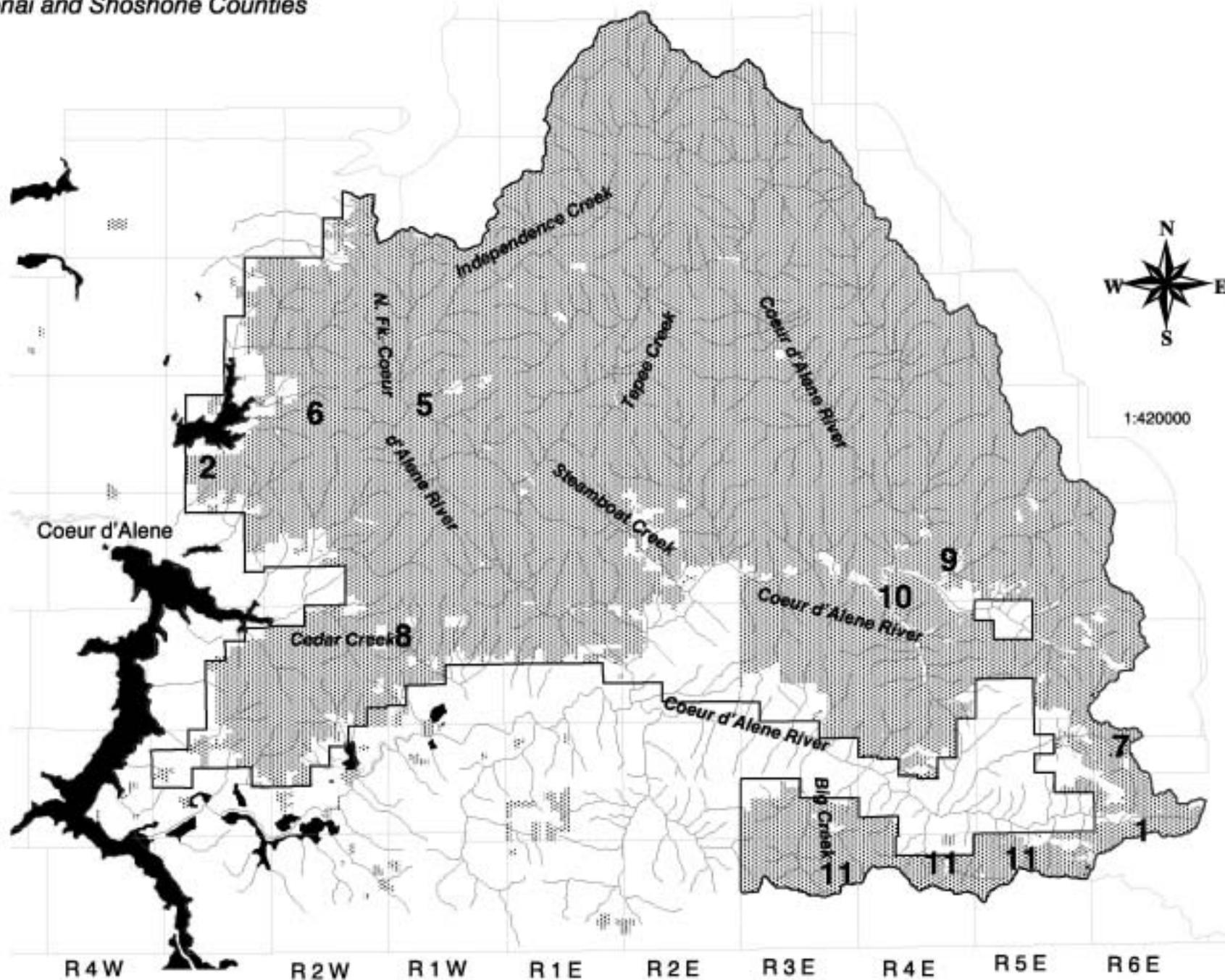
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## Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

**August 2001**

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

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

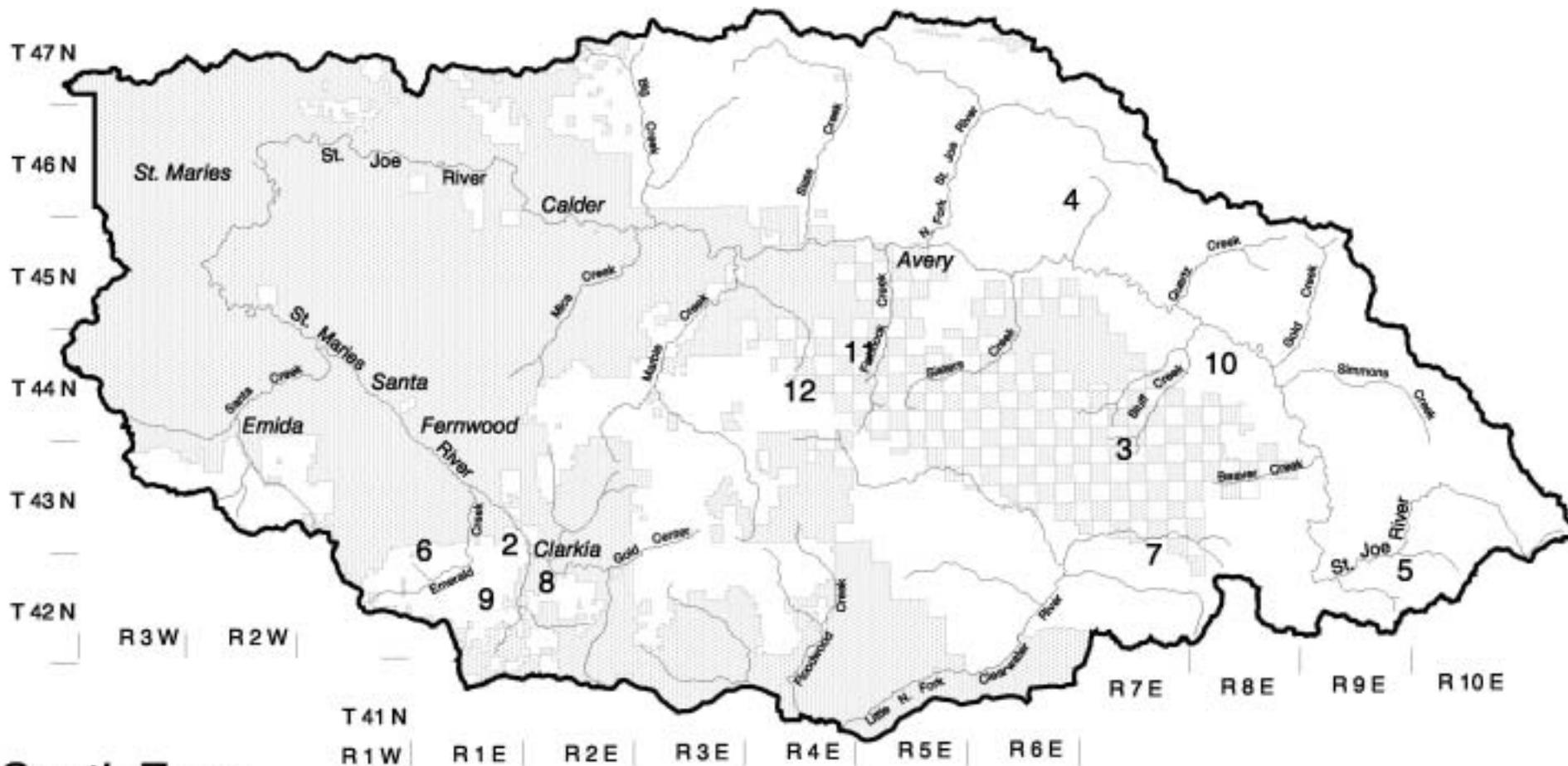
**South Zone (St. Maries) Projects in Shoshone/Benewah Counties**

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.**

<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>
2	Ecosystem Management	<b>Hidden Cedar EIS</b> Timber Sale, Road Construction, Watershed Rehabilitation, Access Management,	T42N R1,2 E, T43N R1,2 E	October 2001	3/2000 / DEIS issued 6/01/2001, responding to comments on DEIS and preparing FEIS	Kimberly Johnson (St. Maries)
3	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>A-W Outfitting DM</b>	T43,44N, R7,8E	November 2001	January 1997 /analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries)
4	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>Panhandle Outfitter DM</b>	T45,46N, R6E	November 2001	January 1997 / analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries)
5	Re-issue Special Use Permit	<b>St. Joe Hunting/Fishing Lodge, DM</b>	T42N,R9E,S18	November 2001	April 1997 /analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries)
6	Precommercial thinning treatment	<b>2001 Thinning Project</b>	Emerald Creek Drainage – East and West Forks	August, 2001	<b>July 20 – August 6 public scoping /</b>	John Montgomery (St. Maries)
7	Natural Fuels Reduction	<b>Little North Fork</b>	Various	October, 2001	March 2000 / analysis in progress	Jim Bartlett (Avery)
8	Grazing Allotment Management	<b>St. Maries Basin Grazing Allotment Plans EA</b>	Nat. Forest Lands in the St. Maries River Basin	Nov. 2001	Pre-decisional comment period ended February 2000/analysis in progress	Suzanne Digacomo (St. Maries)
9	Recreation and commercial garnet extraction	<b>Garnet Stars and Sands (new name)</b> <b>Formerly called -Emerald Creek Garnet Resource Management Plan EA</b>	T42N, R1E, Emerald Creek Drainage	April 2002	February 18, 2001 / analysis in progress, expect to issue DEIS in September	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries)
10	Timber Sale - reanalysis	<b>Point Siam EA</b>	T44N, R8E, S17 and 18	7/16/01	<b>Decision Notice &amp; FONSI published 7/16/01</b>	Tracy Gravelle (Avery)
11	Timber Sale - reanalysis	<b>Monty's Malamute EA</b>	T44N R4E, S10	November 2001	Analysis in progress	Tracy Gravelle (Avery)
12	Trail Restoration	<b>Marble Creek Trails: #'s 251, 261, and 273</b>	T43 & 44N,R3 &4E	July 2001	Scoping complete/ <b>Decision Memo signed 7/25/01</b>	Tracy Gravelle (Avery)

*AUGUST, 2001*



**South Zone**  
**St. Joe Ranger District**  
Shoshone, Benewah, and Clearwater Counties, Idaho  
(Private and Non-National Forest lands are shaded)



**Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions  
August, 2001**

**North Zone (Sandpoint) Projects in Bonner County**

1500 Highway 2, Suite 110, Sandpoint, ID 83864 - Phone: 208-263-5111, Fax: 208-265-6670, Email: jyork@fs.fed.us

**Please send initial requests to ATTN: Judy York at the Sandpoint address 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>
	Amendment to the Forest Plan	Grizzly Bear Amendment to the Lolo, Kootenai, & Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plans	All Bear Management Units within the Selkirk & Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones	March 2002	Scoping began May 11, 2001 with Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS published in the Federal Register. Analysis in progress.	Steve Kozel (Bonners Ferry)
	Juvenile Tree Thinning	North Zone Thinning DM	District Wide	July 2001	January 2001/Analysis	Bill Terrill
2	Idaho Department of Lands Road Easements on Existing Roads	IDL Easement DM - Sand Ridge Rd (Grouse Cr.)	T59N, R1E, S5,7,8,18,19,30	On hold	July 1999 / Analysis, Decision Pending	Tom Ball
4	Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit – cross country ski trails and mountain bike/horse trails.	Caribou Mountain Lodge DM	T59N, R2W, S14-16, 23, 26, 27, 29	August 2002	October 2000 / Analysis, Decision Pending	Debbie Butler (Priest Lake)
5	Fish Passage Enhancement	North Fork Grouse Creek CE	T59N, R1E, S20	August 2001	April 2001	Matt Davis
6	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Kelly STA DM	T55N, R1W, S8	October 2001	October 2000 / Analysis, Decision Pending	Tom Ball
7	Road Special Use Permit	Loftus Special Use Permit	T55N, R2W, S21	November 2001	July 2001	Risa Devore
8	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Story STA DM	T57N, R1E, S36	October 2001	October 1999 / Analysis, Decision Pending	Tom Ball
9	Ecosystem Health and Restoration - Proposal includes vegetation restoration using timber harvest and prescribed burning on approx. 1300 acres, approx. 3 miles temporary roads (to be obliterated after use), watershed improvements.	West Gold EIS	T53N, R2W, S. 13,14,23-26,35-36; T53N, R1W, S. 8-10, 16-17, 20-21, 29	December 2001	Scoping initially sent June 1997; update sent September 1998, Notice of Intent to complete an EIS published in the Federal Register July 2000, Expect to issue DEIS October 2001.	Judy York or Don Gunter
10	Road Repair	Kickbush Slide Repair CE	T53N, R1W, Section 10	July 2001	January 2001 / Decision pending	Shanda Dekome

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**North Zone (Sandpoint) Projects in Bonner County**

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13	Ecosystem Health and Restoration - Proposal includes vegetation restoration using timber harvest on approx. 1200 acres, approx. 2 miles road reconstruction, and 4.4 miles temporary roads (to be obliterated after use)	Little Blacktail EIS	T55N, R2W, S. 14-15, 22-27	November 2001	Scoping began October 1998, Notice of Intent to complete an EIS published in the Federal Register December 1999. / DEIS mailed out July 23, 2001	Nancy Kertis
16	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Mortenson STA DM	T56N, R2E S 12-14 T56N, R3E, S.7	September 2001	October 1999 / Developing Proposal	Tom Ball
17	Fish Habitat Improvement Project	Porcupine Brook Trout Removal DM	T57N, R2E, Sec. 34	On hold	June 1999 / Decision Pending	Shanda Dekome

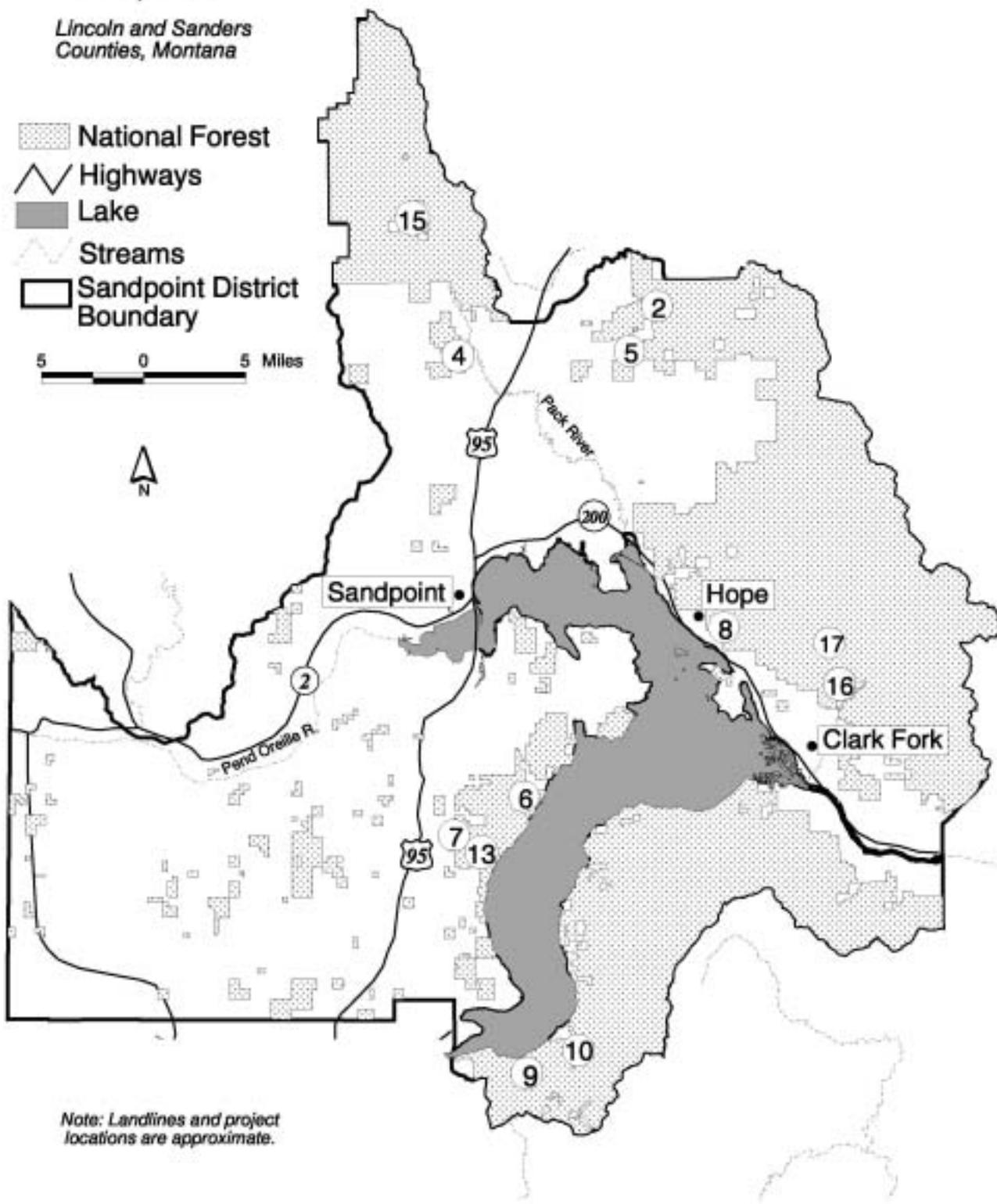
# North Zone Sandpoint Ranger District

Bonner and Boundary  
Counties, Idaho

Lincoln and Sanders  
Counties, Montana

-  National Forest
-  Highways
-  Lake
-  Streams
-  Sandpoint District Boundary

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## Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions August 2001

### Bonnerr's Ferry Ranger District

Route 4, Box 4860 Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

Phone: 208-267-5561, Fax: 208-267-6754

All projects are in Boundary County.

Please send requests for additional information

in care of the listed Contact Person at the

Bonnerr's Ferry Ranger District address.

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1	Timber Sale Ecosystem Management	Mission Round Prairie EIS	T65N, R1&2E	Summer 2002	Initial Scoping Completed Reviewing Proposed Action	Doug Nishek
2	Timber Sale Ecosystem Management	Pipeline Salvage EA 0 mi road construction	T63N, R2&3E	Re-issue August, 2001	4/20/01 Decision Appealed; 7/01 Remanded	Doug Nishek
3	Commercial Outfitter/Guide	Western Pleasure, DM	T60N, R2E	Summer 2002	Analysis	Debbie Butler Priest Lake R.D. 208- 443-2512
4 & 5	Easement Reissuance, Existing Roads	Idaho Dept of Lands, 20- Mile Peak & Ruby Creek DM	T61N, R1W T60N, R1E	Winter 2002	Analysis	Tom Ball Sandpoint R.D. 208-263-5111
6	Plan for continuation of existing Grazing Allotment	Grass Creek Allotment Management Plan EA	T65N, R2-3-4W	Winter 2002	Alternative Development & Analysis	Allen Chrisman
7	Road Special Use Permit	Patchen Special Use Permit DM	NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec 20 T63N, R2E	August 2001	Scoping begin 6/25/01/DM Signed 8/29/01	Risa Devore Sandpoint R.D. 208-263-5111
	Timber Sale salvage of dead & down timber (in various locations)	Bonnerr's Ferry Ranger District Salvage Sales EIS 0 mi road construction	roadsides and previous harvest areas	Spring 2002	Initial Scoping May 2000	Barry Wynsma
	Timber Sale harvest of Overstory Trees to complete Silvicultural Prescriptions	Overstory Removal Opportunities EA 0 mi road construction	previous harvest units in various locations	Winter 2002	Scoping Delayed	Pat Shira
	Ecosystem Restoration and Natural Fuels Reduction	White Bark Pine EA 8 sites total about 2500 acres	Selkirk Mtns	Fall 2001	Scoping Letter mailed June 2000 Refining Proposal	Lydia Allen
	Juvenile Tree Thinning	North Zone Thinning DM	District wide	July 2001	Scoping began January 2001 / Analysis	Bill Terrill (Sandpoint) 208-263-5111
	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Ruth STA	T63N, R2E	Fall 2001	Scoping and Analysis	Vicki Tymrak
	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Ruth STA	T63N, R2E	Fall 2001	Scoping and Analysis	Vicki Tymrak
	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Byler STA	T63N, R2E	Fall 2001	Scoping and Analysis	Vicki Tymrak

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**Bonnerr Ferry Ranger District**

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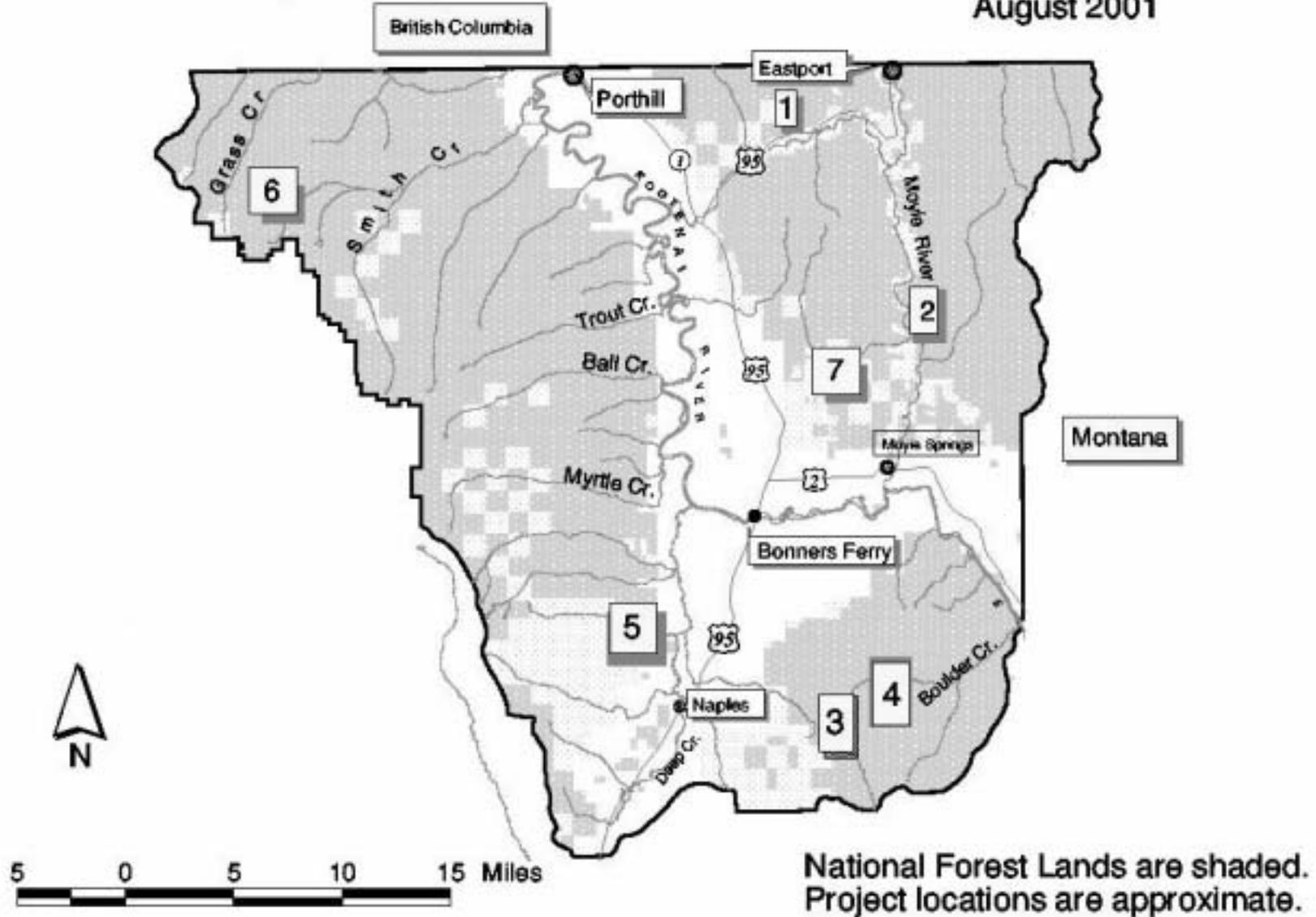
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	Amendment to the Forest Plan	Grizzly Bear Amendment to the Lolo, Kootenai, & Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plans	All Bear Management Units within the Selkirk & Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones.	March 2002	Scoping began May 11, 2001 -- Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.	Steve Kozel

# Bonniers Ferry Ranger District

Schedule of Proposed Activities  
August 2001



## Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

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**North Zone (Priest Lake) Projects in Bonner/Boundary Counties**

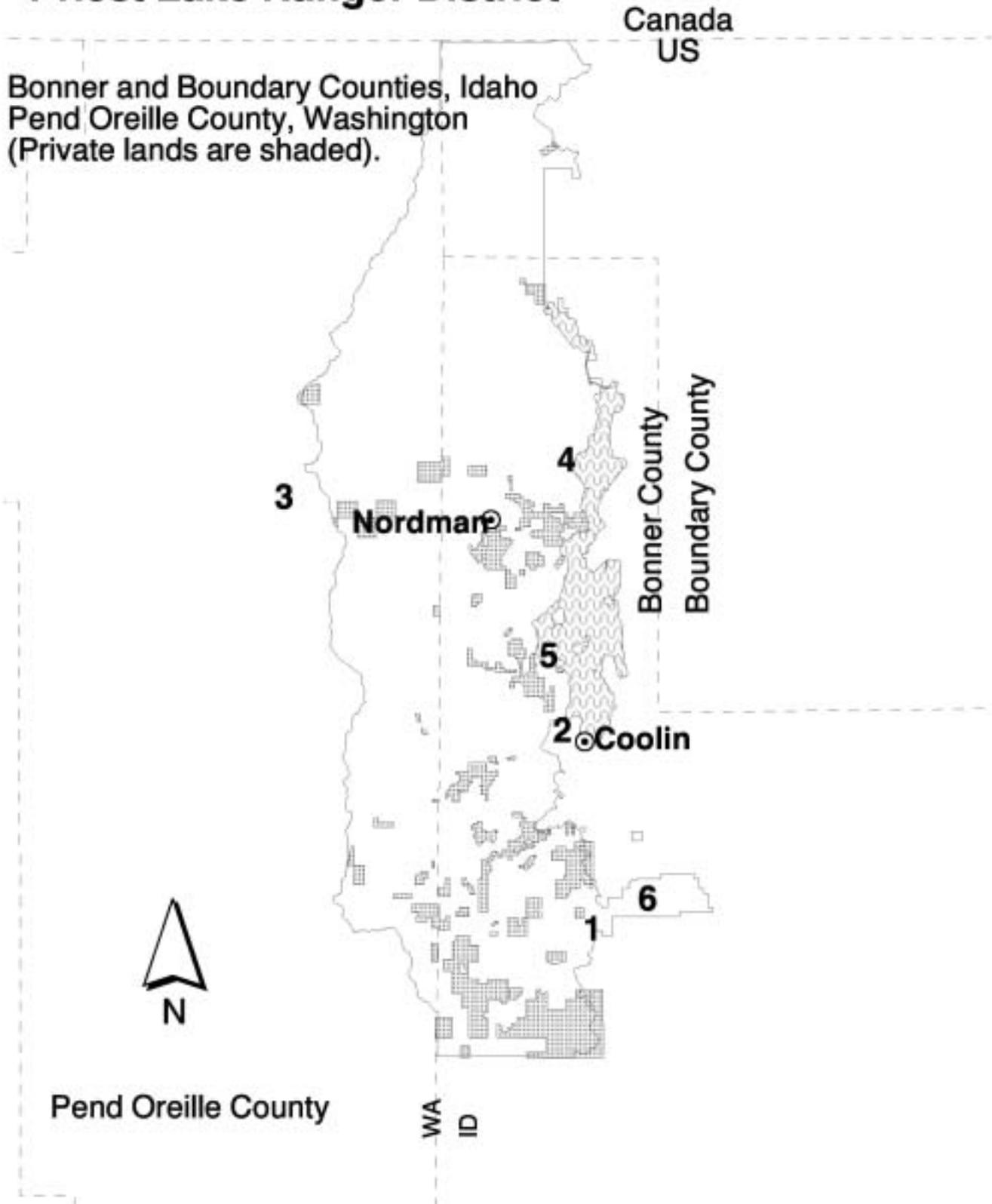
32203 Highway 57, Priest River, ID 83856 - Phone: 208-443-2512, Fax: 208-443-6845

**Please send initial requests to ATTN: (Contact Person) at the Priest River address 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	Toilet Construction	PeeWee Trailhead Toilet CE	T32N, R4W, Sec. 18 BM	October 2001	April 2001/Scoping	Debbie Wilkins
2	Mineral Material Permit with Bonner County, Idaho	Binarch Gravel Pit	T59N, R5W, Sec. 12 BM	September 2001	January 2001/Scoping	Jim Nieman (Sandpoint)
3	Road Access	Stimson Access EIS	T36N, R45E, Sec. 8, WM	September 2001	October 1997/Changed to EIS NOA in Federal Register 07/03/01, comment period ends 09/17/01	Debbie Butler
4	Small Tracts Act	French STA	61N, R4W, Sec. 8 BM	August 2001	January 2000/Decision Pending	Tom Ball (Sandpoint)
5	Fishing Access	Frog Pond Development EA; DN	T35N; R5W; Sec. 11 BM	March 2001	January 2001/Scoping	Shanda Dekome (Sandpoint)
6	Research	Priest River Experimental Forest (PREF) Canyon Creek DN; EA	T58N, R4W, Sec. 23-27, R3W Sec. 19,20,29,30	August 2001	January 2001/Scoping	Terri Jain (208-882-3557) Dave Cobb
7	Special Use Permit - Road	Reynolds Road Special Use Permit	T57N, R5W, Sec. 5	September 2001	July 2001/Scoping	Tom Ball (Sandpoint)
8	Juvenile Tree Thinning	North Zone Thinning DM	District -wide	July 2001	January 2001/Analysis	Bill Terrill (Sandpoint)
9	Amendment to the Forest Plan	Grizzly Bear Amendment to the Lolo, Kootenai, & Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plans	All Bear Management Units within the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones	March 2002	Scoping began May 11, 2001 with a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS published in the Federal Register. Scoping comments due by June 11, 2001.	Steve Kozel (Bonners Ferry)

# North Zone Priest Lake Ranger District

Bonner and Boundary Counties, Idaho  
Pend Oreille County, Washington  
(Private lands are shaded).



Canada  
US

Bonner County  
Boundary County



Pend Oreille County

WA  
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## Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

August 2001

### SUPERVISORS OFFICE

3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-8363

Contact for all Land Exchange Projects: DAVE O'BRIEN (208) 765-7319

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Name of Project &amp; Description</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)	Crown Pacific L.P. Grandmother Mtn.	St. Joe CDA River	Done	Winter, 2002	663 <u>565.38</u>	2,109.50
				<b>TOTAL</b>	1,228.38	2,109.50
Land Exchange (EA)	Olson Land Co., Cd'A River - Chain Lakes Assembled Land Exchange	Priest Lake Sandpoint CDA River St. Joe Salmon NF	Done	Completed 7/16/01	1,234.22	1,746.84

## Abandoned Mine Closures

August 2001

<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Scoping Begin/Current Status</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	2001	<p><b>North Zone: Jim Nieman</b> 208-265-6634</p> <p><b>South Zone: Tracy Gravelle</b> 208-245-6207</p> <p><b>Central Zone: Jeff Johnson</b> 208-765-7442</p>