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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 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. 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/

If you have comments or suggestions on making this schedule more useful, please contact Steve Johnson at (208) 765-7224.

/s/ Pat L. Aguilar, for
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: 208-556-5100, Fax: 208-556-5154

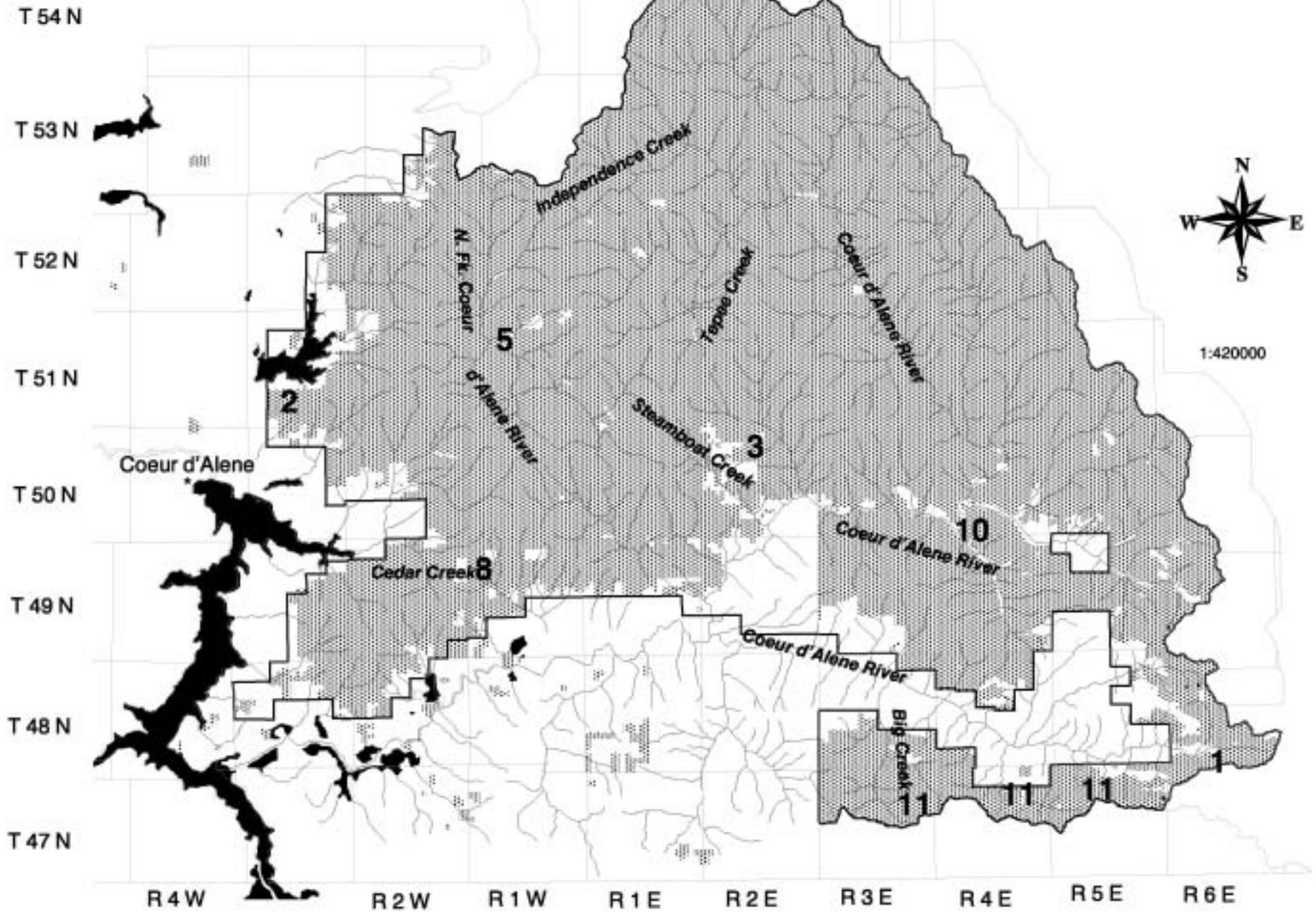
Fernan Office (Kootenai County): 2502 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899 - Phone: 208-769-3000, Fax: 208-769-3062

Please send project-related requests to Kerry Arneson (NEPA Coordinator) at karneson@fs.fed.us or 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	February 2002	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	April 2002	January 2001/Scoping	Dave Brown
3	Watershed improvement	West Fork Steamboat Creek EA/DN (no new road construction or reconstruction, no commercial harvest)	T50N, R2E, T51N, R1 & 2E	May 2002	December 2001/Scoping	John Ruebke
~~	Vegetative restoration	P-Pine Project EIS/ROD (possible road construction and/or reconstruction; 2,000 ccf estimated timber volume)	Multiple areas	August 2002	December 2001/Scoping	Sarah Jerome/ Noel Copenhagen
5	Watershed improvement, timber harvest, fuels treatment	Iron Honey EIS/ROD (0.2 miles new road construction, 29 miles road reconstruction, 37,100 ccf estimated timber volume)	T51 & 52N, R1 & 2W	February 2002	February 1997/Decision pending	Glenn Truscott
~~	Timber salvage	Hither & Yon Bug EA/DN (possible new road construction or reconstruction; 600 ccf estimated timber volume)	Multiple areas	April 2002	January 2002/Scoping	Bob Rehnborg
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	May 2002	April 2001/EA pending	Bob Rehnborg
10	Timber salvage	Missouri Bug EA/DN (no road construction or reconstruction; 400 ccf estimated timber volume)	T49N, R4E	March 2002	February 2001/Scoping	Bob Rehnborg
11	Recreation	St. Joe Divide Trail #16 Reconditioning CE/DM	T47N, R3-5 E	February 2002	April 2001/In progress	Don Garringer
~~	Grazing allotment	Iron-Mokins EA/AMP; 49,340 acres	District-wide	May 2002	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Hayden EA/AMP; 18,000 acres, 18 cow/calf pairs	District-wide	May 2002	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Lancaster EA/AMP; 40 acres, 1 cow/calf pair	District-wide	May 2002	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~	Grazing allotment	Searchlight-Alder EA/AMP; 15,124 acres, 27 cow/calf pairs	District-wide	May 2002	October 1997/In Progress	Sherri Lionberger

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Kootenai 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 ATTN: Kimberly Johnson at the St. Maries address above.

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2	Ecosystem Management	Hidden Cedar EIS Timber Sale, Road Construction, Watershed Restoration, Access Management,	T42N R1,2 E, T43N R1,2 E	April 2002	3/2000 / DEIS issued 6/01/2001, responding to comments on DEIS and preparing FEIS	Kimberly Johnson (St. Maries) kimberlyjohnson02@fs.fed.us
3	Re-issue Special Use Permit	A-W Outfitting DM	T43,44N, R7,8E	March 2002	January 1997 /analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries) mprice@fs.fed.us
4	Re-issue Special Use Permit	Panhandle Outfitter DM	T45,46N, R6E	March 2002	January 1997 / analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries) mprice@fs.fed.us
5	Re-issue Special Use Permit	St. Joe Hunting/Fishing Lodge, DM	T42N,R9E,S18	March 2002	April 1997 /analysis in progress	Mary Price (St. Maries) mprice@fs.fed.us
6	Precommercial thinning treatment	Emerald Creek Pruning, Thinning and Release Project (new name) formerly called 2001 Thinning Project	Emerald Creek Drainage – East and West Forks	April 2002	July 2001 / analysis in progress,	John Montgomery (St. Maries) jmontgomery@fs.fed.us
7	Natural Fuels Reduction	Little North Fork Clearwater Burns	Various	February 2002	March 2000 / analysis in progress	Jim Bartlett (Avery) jbartlett@fs.fed.us
9	Recreation and commercial garnet extraction	Garnet Stars and Sands (new name) Formerly called -Emerald Creek Garnet Resource Management Plan EA	T42N, R1E, Emerald Creek Drainage	December 2002	February 2001 / DEIS issued 9/28 and published in Federal Register. Responding to comments to the DEIS	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries) tgravelle@fs.fed.us

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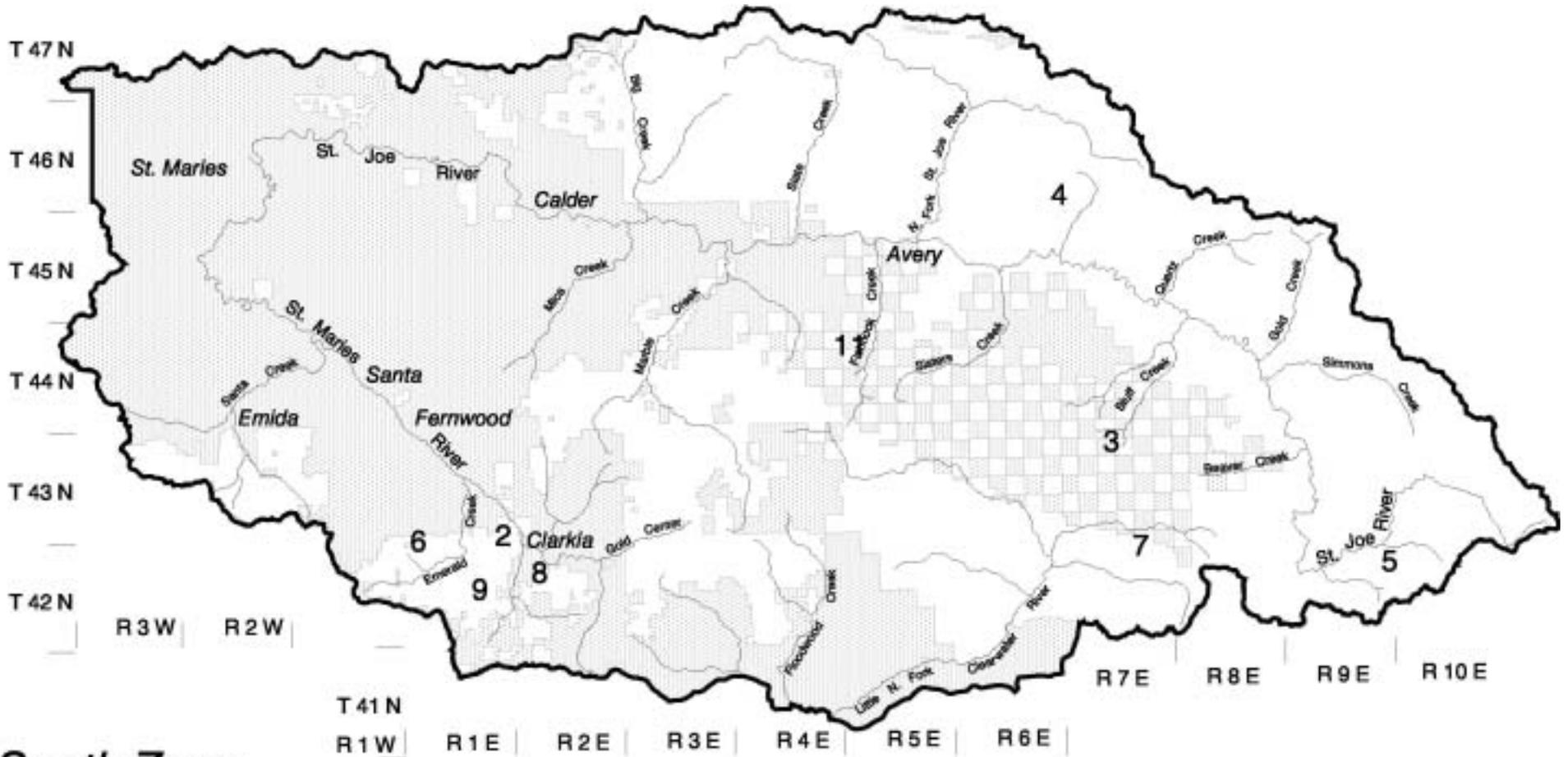
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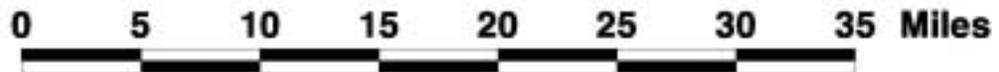
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	Reforestation- plantation protection	Pocket Gopher Control Project	Various locations on St. Maries District	April 2002	Internal Scoping started Jan. 2002	Jim Skranak (St. Maries) jskranak@fs.fed.us
11	Timber Sale - reanalysis	Monty's Malamute EA	T44N R4E, S10	January 2002	DROPPED	Tracy Gravelle (Avery) tgravelle@fs.fed.us

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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)

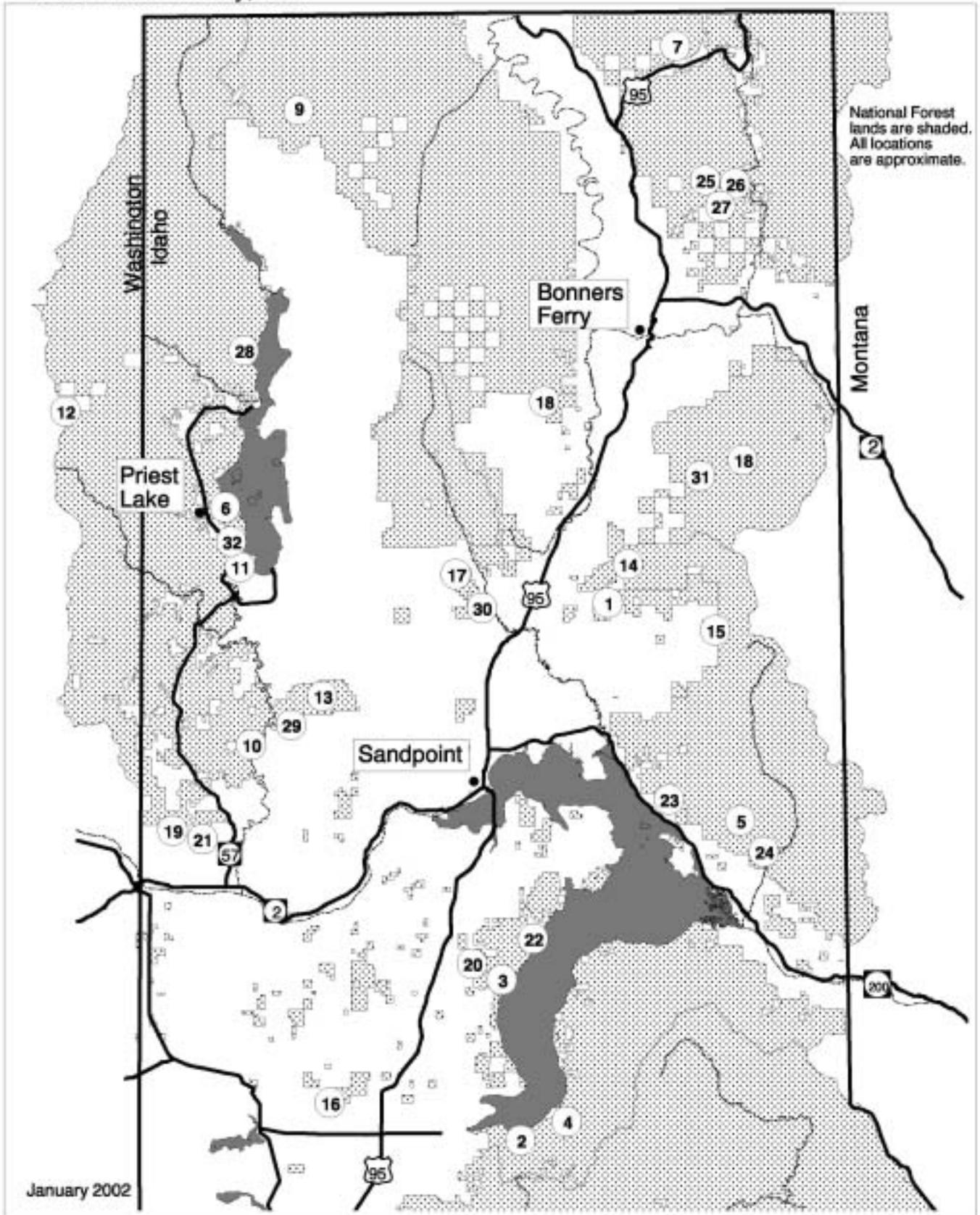
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N/A	Amendment to the Forest Plan	Grizzly Bear Amendment to the Lolo, Kootenai, & Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plans	North Zone: All Bear Management Units within the Selkirk & Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones	Spring 2002	May 11, 2001 Notice of Intent/DEIS released November 16, 2001.	Steve Kozel 267-5561 skozel@fs.fed.us
N/A	Salvage of dead & down timber (in various locations)	Bonners Ferry Ranger District Salvage Sales EIS	Bonners Ferry District roadsides and previous harvest areas	Spring 2002	May 2000/Analysis	Barry Wynsma 267-6751 bwynsma@fs.fed.us
N/A	Harvest of Overstory Trees to reduce competition and disease spread	Overstory Removal Opportunities EA	Bonners Ferry District previous harvest units in various locations	On hold	Scoping Notice anticipated to be sent in spring 2002	Pat Shira 267-6742 pshira@fs.fed.us
N/A	Ecosystem Restoration and Natural Fuels Reduction	White Bark Pine EA	Bonners Ferry District Selkirk Mtns, 8 sites total about 2500 acres	Spring 2002	June 2000/Analysis	Lydia Allen 267-6723 lrallen@fs.fed.us
N/A	Juvenile Tree Thinning	North Zone Thinning CE	Various Locations, North Zone	Spring 2002	Scoping January 2002	Jeff Pennick 265-6678 jpennick@fs.fed.us
1	Fish Passage Enhancement	North Fork Grouse Creek CE	Sandpoint Distict T59N, R1E, S20	On hold	April 2001/Decision Pending	Matt Davis 265-6655 madavis01@fs.fed.us
2	Ecosystem Restoration Vegetation and wildlife habitat restoration, fuels reduction, watershed improvements and road mgt.	West Gold EIS	Sandpoint Distict T53N, R2W, S 13,14,23-26, 35-36; T53N, R1W, S 8-10, 16-17, 20-21, 29	Spring 2002	NOI - July 2000/DEIS anticipated to be complete March 2002	Judy York 265-6665 jjork@fs.fed.us
3	Ecosystem Restoration Vegetation and wildlife habitat restoration, fuels reduction, watershed improvements and road mgt	Little Blacktail EIS	Sandpoint Distict T55N, R2W, S. 14-15, 22-27	Winter 2002	NOI - December 1999/DEIS mailed out July 23, 2001, FEIS and ROD released January 2002 Legal ad to be published 1/25/02	Nancy Kertis 265-6616 nkertis@fs.fed.us

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4	Road Repair	Kickbush Slide Repair CE	Sandpoint Distict T53N, R1W, Section 10	Sept 2001	January 2001 / Decision signed September 2001	Shanda Dekome 765-7488 sdekome@fs.fed.us
5	Fish Habitat Improvement Project	Porcupine Brook Trout Removal CE	Sandpoint Distict T57N, R2E, Sec. 34	On hold	June 1999 / Decision Pending	Shanda Dekome sdekome@fs.fed.us
6	Fishing Access	Frog Pond Development EA	Priest Lake District T60N; R5W; Sec. 11 BM	Deferred until 2003	January 2001 / Deferred	Shanda Dekome sdekome@fs.fed.us
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	Summer 2002	September 1998/NOI pending publication in Federal Register	Doug Nishek 267-6765 dnishek@fs.fed.us
9	Plan for continuation of existing Grazing Allotment	Grass Creek Allotment Management Plan EA	Bonnors Ferry District T65N, R2-3-4W	Summer 2002	Alternative Development & Analysis	David "Norgy" Asleson 443-6825 dasleson@fs.fed.us
10	Toilet Construction	Pee Wee Trailhead Toilet CE	Priest Lake District T57N, R4W, S18	Spring 2002	April 2001/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-2512 dschrempp@fs.fed.us
11	Mineral Material Permit with Bonner County, Idaho	Binarch Gravel Pit CE	Priest Lake District T59N, R5W, S12	Spring 2002	January 2001/Analysis	Jim Nieman 265-6634 jnieman@fs.fed.us
12	Road Access	Stimson Access EIS	Priest Lake District T36N, R45E, S8	Spring 2002	October 1997/NOA in Federal Register 07/03/01, DEIS comment period ended 09/17/01 FEIS and ROD to be released January 2002	David "Norgy" Asleson 443-6825 dasleson@fs.fed.us
13	Research	Priest River Experimental Forest Canyon Creek EA	Priest Lake District T58N, R4W, S23-27, T58N, R3W S19, 20, 29, 30	Spring 2002	January 2001 / Analysis	Dave Cobb 443-6854 dcobb@fs.fed.us
14	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands Easement - Sand Ridge, 4 Roads (Grouse Cr.) CE	Sandpoint Distict T59N, R1E, S5, 7, 8, 18, 19, 30	On Hold	July 1999 / On Hold	Tom Ball 265-6625 teball@fs.fed.us
15	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands Easement – Rapid Lightning Rd. CE	Sandpoint Distict T58N, R1E, S1 T58N, R2E, S6	On Hold	2001 / On Hold	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us

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16	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands Sheep Springs Rd CE	Sandpoint Distict T53N, R4W, S1, T54N, R4W, S36	Winter/Spring 2002	1999 / Analysis	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
17	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands French Cr.Rd. & Caribou Rd.Cr, 3 roads CE	Sandpoint Distict T59N, R2W, S14, 15, 16, 22, 23	Summer 2002	2001 / Analysis	Tom Ball 265-6625 teball@fs.fed.us
18	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands 20-Mile Peak & Ruby Creek CE	Bonnors Ferry District T61N, R1W T60N, R1E	On Hold	On Hold	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
19	Road Easements Existing Roads	Idaho Department of Lands Newport Hill CE	Priest Lake District T57N, R5W, 33, 34, 35 T56N R5W, S4, 5	Summer 2002	2001 / Analysis	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
20	Road Special Use Permit	Loftus Special Use Permit	Sandpoint Distict T55N, R2W, S21	Summer 2002	July 2001 / Analysis	Risa Devore 265-6623 rdevore@fs.fed.us
21	Road Special Use Permit -	Reynolds Special Use Permit	Priest Lake District T57N, R5W, S5	On Hold	On Hold	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
22	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Kelly STA	Sandpoint Distict T55N, R1W, S8	Spring 2002	October 2000 / Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
23	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Story STA	Sandpoint Distict T57N, R1E, S36	Spring 2002	October 1999 / Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
24	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Mortenson STA	Sandpoint Distict T56N, R2E, S12-14 T56N, R3E, S7	Winter 2002	October 1999 / Developing Proposal	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
25	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Ruth STA	Bonnors Ferry District T63N, R2E, S16	Winter 2002	Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
26	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Ruth-Baker STA	Bonnors Ferry District T63N, R2E, S16	Winter 2002	Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
27	Small Tracts Act (STA)	Byler STA	Bonnors Ferry District T63N, R2E, S16	Winter 2002	Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
28	Small Tracts Act (STA)	French STA	Priest Lake District 61N, R4W, S8	Winter 2002	January 2000/ Administrative Review	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
29	Special Use Permit Amendment	Verizon Telephone Switch Site	Priest Lake District T58N, R4W, S34	DM signed	Spring 2001/ Decision Memo signed November 2001	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
30	Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit – cross country ski trails and mountain bike/horse trails.	Caribou Mountain Lodge CE	Sandpoint Distict T59N, R2W, S14-16, 23, 26, 27, 29	Summer 2002	October 2000 / Analysis, Decision Pending	Grant Brockus 443-6814 gbrockus@fs.fed.us

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31	Commercial Outfitter/Guide Special Use Permit	Western Pleasure CE	Bonnors Ferry District T60N, R2E	Summer 2002	Analysis	Grant Brockus gbrockus@fs.fed.us
32	Special Use Permit Reissuance	Hills Resort CE	T60N, R5W, Sec. 24	Spring/Summer 2002	Analysis	Debbie Butler 443-6822 dabutler@fs.fed.us

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 (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)	Crown Pacific L.P. Grandmother Mountain	St. Joe CDA River	Done	Spring 2002	663 <u>565.38</u>	2,109.50
				TOTAL	1228.38	2109.50
Land Exchange	Granite Creek/Reeder Bay Sewer District	Priest Lake	Winter 2001	Summer 2002	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>
Abandoned Mine Closures Closure of multiple mine adits for public safety CE/DM's	Forest-wide	Ongoing	Spring 2002	North Zone: jnieman@fs.fed.us (208) 265-6634 South Zone: tgravelle@fs.fed.us (208) 245-6207 Central Zone: jkjohnson@fs.fed.us (208) 765-7442

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	July 2002	October 2001	jhaber@fs.fed.us (404) 329-3399