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Date: July 9, 2002

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/

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

/s/ Suzanne C. Rainville (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: 208-556-6100, FAX: 208-556-5154

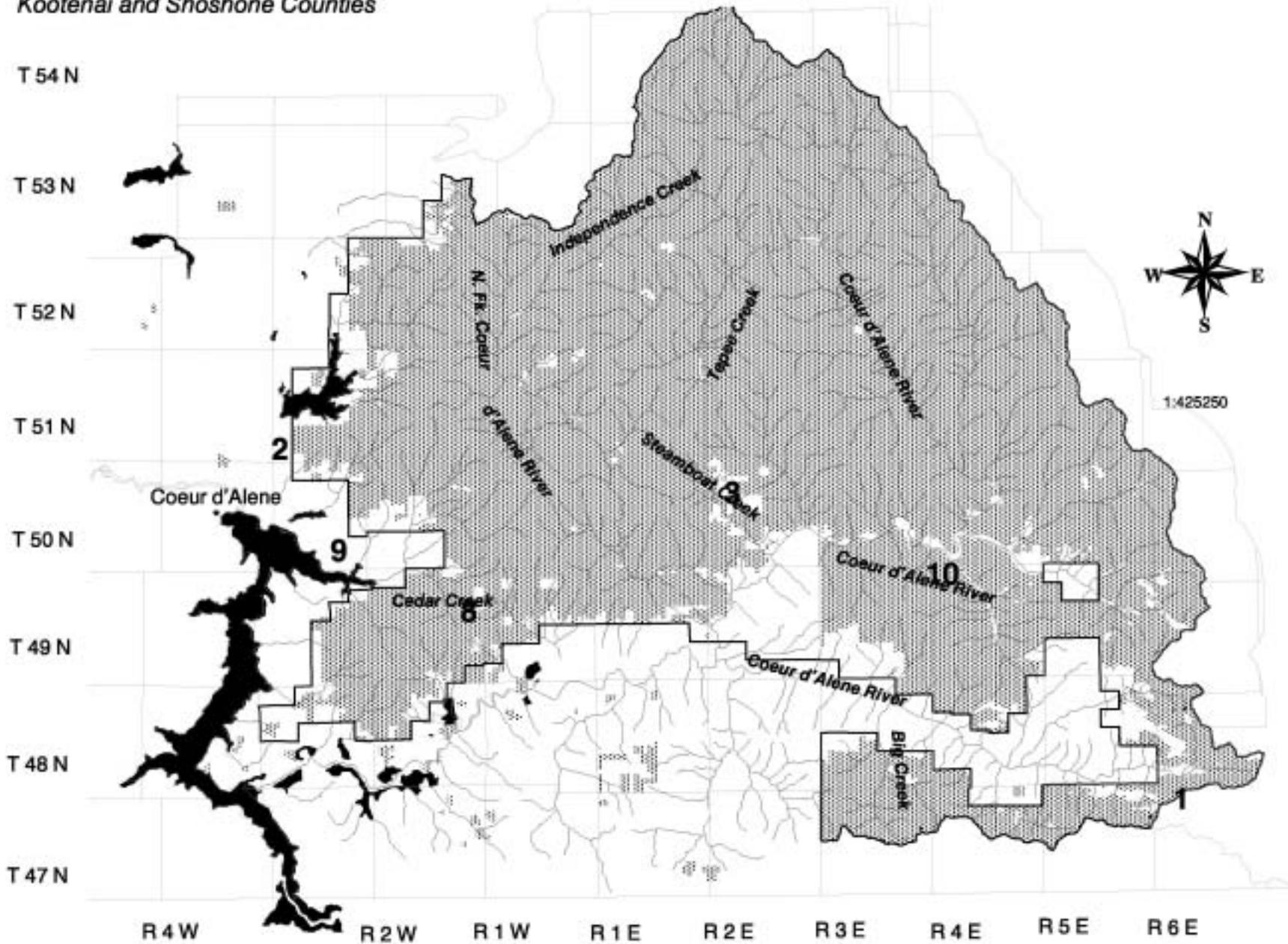
Fernan Office (Kootenai County): 2502 E. Sherman Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899, Phone: 208-664-2318, FAX: 208-765-3062

Please send project-related requests to **Kerry Arneson (NEPA Coordinator)** at karneson@fs.fed.us 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	July 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	September 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	July 2002	December 2001/In progress	John Ruebke
8	Timber salvage	Mill Pine Salvage EA/DN (no new road construction, estimated 0.3 miles road reconstruction and 500 ccf timber volume)	T49N, R1W	ON HOLD	April 2001/ON HOLD	Bob Rehnberg
9	Recreation	Parking lot development at Marie Creek Trail #241	T50N, R2W	May 2002	April 2002/Decision Issued	Andy Boggs
10	Timber salvage	Missouri Heli Bug EA/DN (no road construction or reconstruction, 670 ccf timber volume)	T49N, R4E	June 2002	February 2001/Decision Issued	Bob Rehnberg
~~~	Timber salvage	Hither & Yon Beetle EA/DN (no new road construction, 0.1 mile road reconstruction; estimated 1,650 ccf timber volume)	Multiple areas	July 2002	January 2002/In progress	Bob Rehnberg
~~~	Vegetative restoration	P-Pine Project EIS/ROD (possible road construction and/or reconstruction; estimated 2,000 ccf timber volume)	Multiple areas	January 2003	December 2001/In progress	Sarah Jerome
~~~	Grazing allotments	Grazing EA (Iron-Mokins, Hayden, Lancaster, and Searchlight-Alder Allotments)	District-wide	July 2002	October 1997/In progress	Sherri Lionberger
~~~	Access management	Annual review and revision of the District Travel Plan	District-wide	July 2002	February 2002/In progress	Don Garringer

Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District

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 ATTEN: Kimberly Johnson at the St. Maries address above.

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1	Trail Reconstruction and Restoration	North Bound Trail Project (Trail #111)	T42N R7E	Winter 03	Scoping has not started	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries) tgravelle@fs.fed.us
2	Ecosystem Management	Hidden Cedar EIS Timber Sale, Road Construction, Watershed Restoration, Access Management,	T42N R1,2 E, T43N R1,2 E	Decision signed 6/27/02	3/2000 / DEIS issued 6/01/2001/ Record of Decision signed June 27 , ROD and FEIS mailed.	Kimberly Johnson (St. Maries) kimberlyjohnson02@fs.fed.us
3	Re-issue Special Use Permit	A-W Outfitting DM	T43,44N, R7,8E	August 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	August 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	July 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	Decision signed 5/16/02	July 2001 / Decision Memo signed May 16,2002 ,	John Montgomery (St. Maries) jmontgomery@fs.fed.us
7	Development of a Decorative Rock Source and Removal	Marble Creek Decorative Rock Removal Project	T44N R3E Sec 32 and 33	December 2002	Scoping has not started	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries) tgravelle@fs.fed.us

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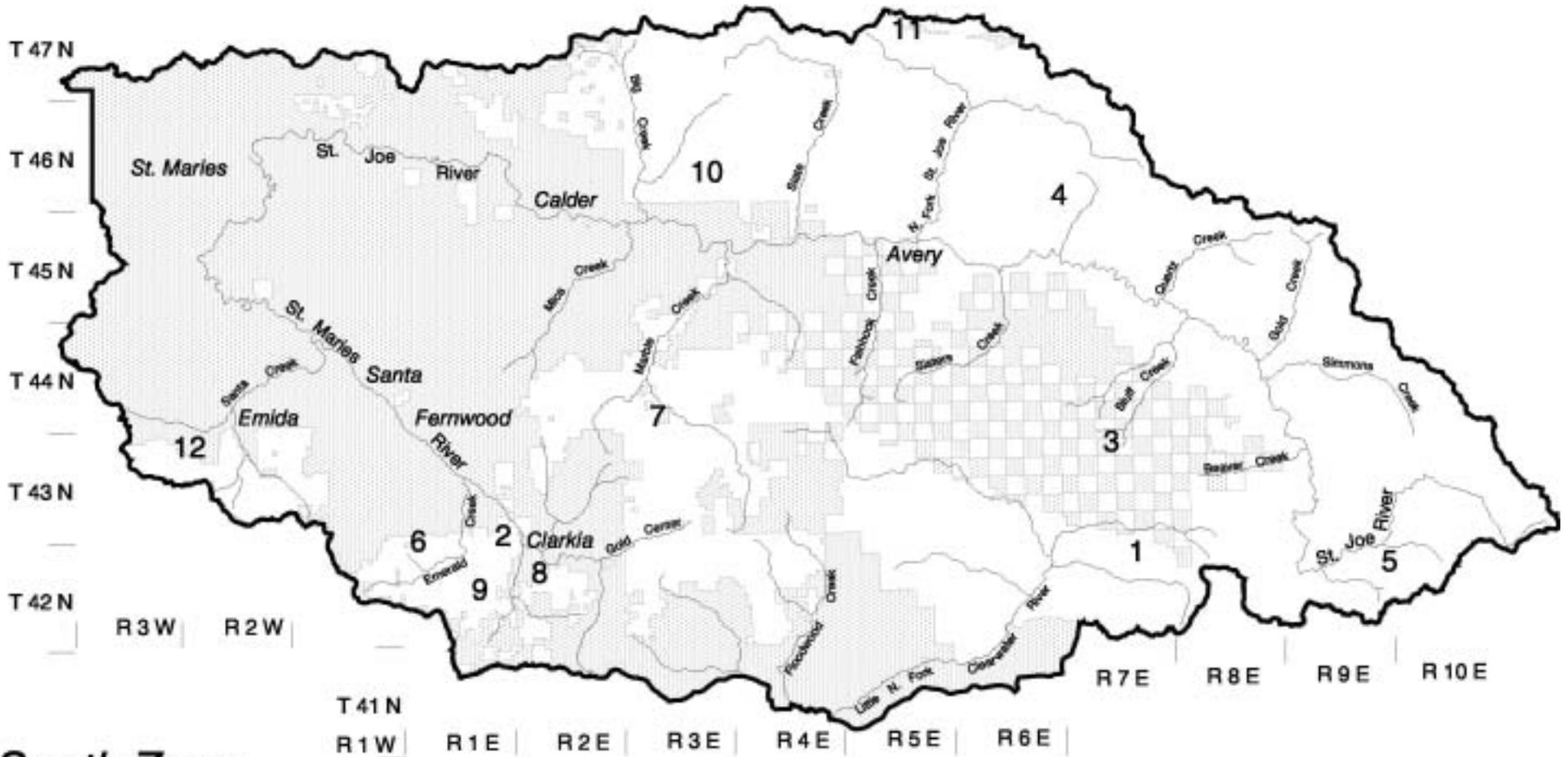
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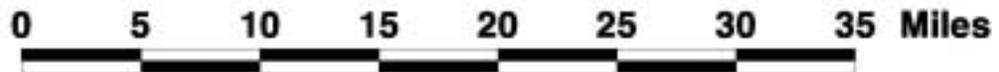
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8	Grazing Allotment Management	St. Maries Basin Grazing Allotment Plan EA	NF lands in St. Maries River Basin	September 2002	Pre-decisional comment period ended 2/2000 and analysis is in progress	Suzanne Digiacomio (St. Maries) sdigiacomio@fs.fed.us
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	ROD - December 2002 DM - decision signed 7/1/02	February 2001 / DEIS issued 9/28 and published in Federal Register. Responding to comments to the DEIS Prepare Decision Memo for exploration only – re: letter to mailing list on 3/6/02/ Decision Memo signed July 1, 2002	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries) tgravelle@fs.fed.us
	Reforestation- plantation protection	Pocket Gopher Control Project	Various locations on St. Maries District	July 2002	Internal Scoping started Jan. 2002/external scoping ended 6/21	Jim Skranak (St. Maries) jskranak@fs.fed.us
10	Timber Harvest on Nat. Forest Land and Access Request	Black Prince Project	Black Prince Drainage T46N R3E	Fall 2003	Project is on hold. Will not go to contract until 2003	Peter Ratcliffe (St. Maries) pratcliffe@fs.fed.us
11	Road Reconstruction, Road Realignment related to Access Request	Road 456C Project	T47N R4 and R5E sections 15, 16, and 17		Project Dropped	William Anderson (St. Maries) wfanderson@fs.fed.us
12	Changing approximately 1.2 miles of overland powerline to underground power line	Clearwater Powerline Reroute	T43N R3W, Sections 12 and 13 and R2W, Sections 7 and 18	November 2002	Public scoping has not started yet.	Tracy Gravelle (St. Maries) 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)

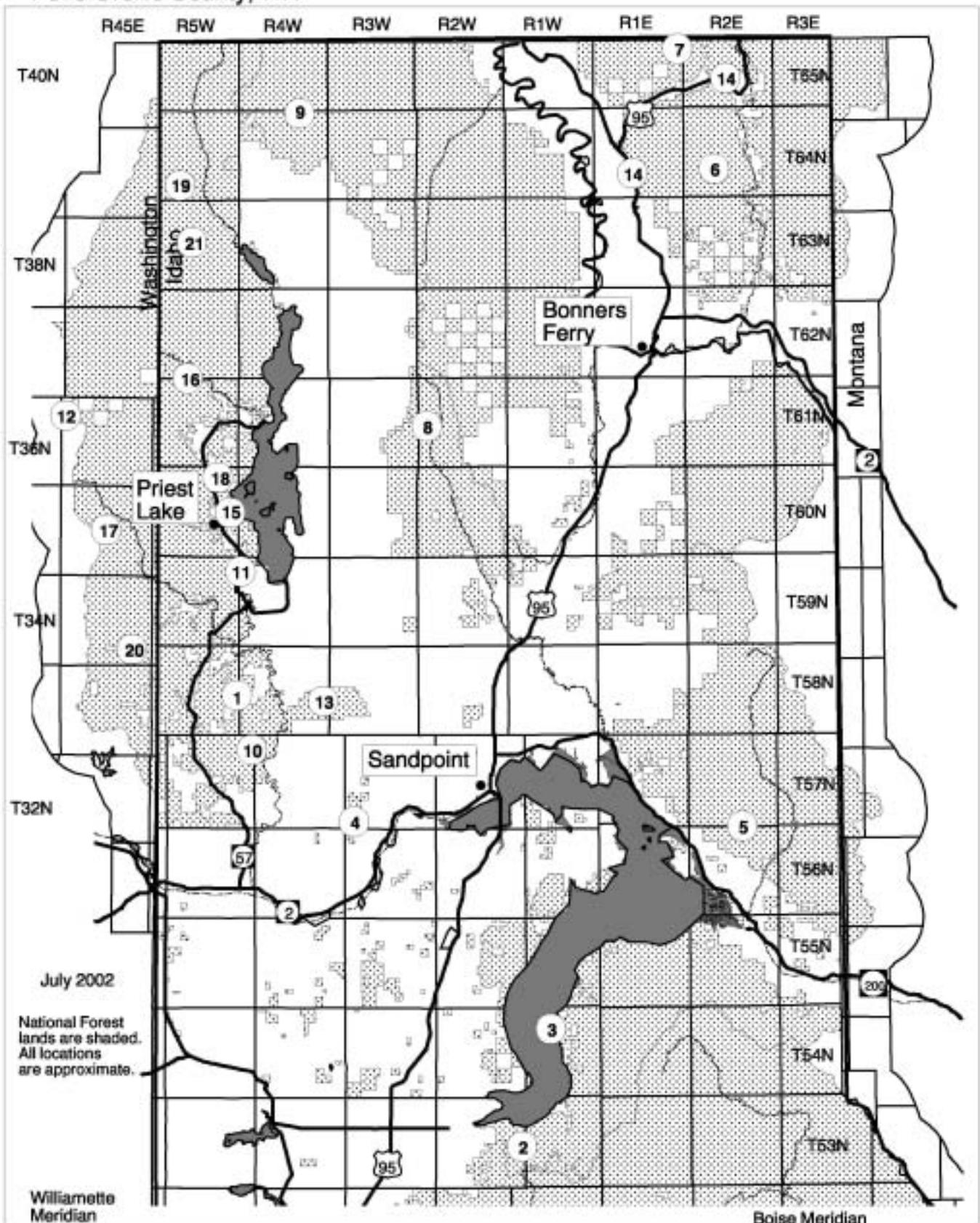
Bonners Ferry Ranger District
Route 4, Box 4860
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
Phone: 208-267-5561, Fax: 208-267-6754
(includes Boundary County)

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N/A	Salvage of dead & down timber (in various locations)	Bonners Ferry Ranger District Salvage Sales EIS	Bonners Ferry District roadsides and previous harvest areas	Fall/Winter 2002	May 2000/DEIS to be released in July/August 2002	Barry Wynsma 267-6751 bwynsma@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	Summer 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	July 2002	Scoping January 2002	Jeff Pennick 265-6678 jpennick@fs.fed.us
1	Road Maintenance	Quartz/Cottonwood Road Maintenance EA	Priest Lake District T58N R4W T57N, R4&5W	April 2003	Scoping Beginning July 2002	Diane Hodel 265-6619 dhodel@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	August 2002	NOI - July 2000/DEIS released May 2002, comment period ended June 24	Judy York 265-6665 jyork@fs.fed.us
3	Boat Launch Reconstruction	Whiskey Rock Boat Launch CE	Sandpoint Distict T54N, R1W, S3	August 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Greg Hetzler 265-6603 ghetzler@fs.fed.us
4	Ecosystem Restoration/Trail Development	Wrenco Loop EA	Sandpoint District T57N, R3W, S. 19, 30, 31	Winter 2003	November 1995/Project was deferred and is resuming	Nancy Kertis 265-6616 nkertis@fs.fed.us
5	Fish Habitat Improvement Project	Porcupine Brook Trout Removal CE	Sandpoint Distict T57N, R2E, Sec. 34	Deferred	June 1999/Deferred	Shanda Dekome sdekome@fs.fed.us
6	Dry Site Forest Restoration	Dry Wall EA	Bonners Ferry District T63N, R2E	Winter 2002/2003	May 2002/Analysis	Pat Behrens 267-6743 pbehrens@fs.fed.us

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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	Fall/Winter 2002	September 1998/NOI published in Federal Register 1/15/02. DEIS anticipated to be released in July/August 2002.	Doug Nishek 267-6765 dnishek@fs.fed.us
8	Bridge Replacement	Pack River Bridges CE	Sandpoint Distict T61N, R2W S8 T61N, R2W, S19, 20, 25	August 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Greg Hetzler 265-6603 ghetzler@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/Fall 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	Decision signed June 2002	April 2001/Decision issued	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	Deferred	January 2001/Project deferred	Jim Nieman 265-6634 jnieman@fs.fed.us
12	Road Access	Stimson Access EIS	Priest Lake District T36N, R45E, S8	August 2002	October 1997/NOA in Federal Register 07/03/01, DEIS review period ended 09/17/01 FEIS and ROD to be released August 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	August/ September 2002	January 2001/Analysis	Dave Cobb 443-6854 dcobb@fs.fed.us
14	Special Use Permit	Highway 95 Geotechnical Surveys CE	Sandpoint Distict T64N, R1E T65N, R2E	Decision signed April 17, 2002	Non-appealable Decision Memo	Tom Ball teball@fs.fed.us
15	Special Use Permit Reissuance	Hills Resort CE	Priest Lake District T60N, R5W, S24	Fall 2002	February 2002/Analysis	Debbie Butler 443-6822 dabutler@fs.fed.us
16	Toilet Construction	Road 302 Snowmobile Trailhead CE	Priest Lake District T61N, R 5W, S3	Decision signed June 2002	April 2002/Decision issued	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us
17	Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction	Squaw Valley Trail CE	Priest Lake District T35N, R45E (Wilamette Meridian)	Summer 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us
18	Boat Dock Construction	Bonner County/ FS Administrative Dock (Kalispell Launch)	Priest Lake District T60N, R5W, S12	Summer 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us

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19	Trailhead Development	Jackson Creek Trailhead CE	Priest Lake District T64N, R5W, S32-33	Winter 2003	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us
20	Snowmobile Trail Reroute	Consalus Snowmobile Trail CE	Priest Lake District T59N, R5W T34N,R45E (Wilamette Meridian)	Summer 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us
21	Trail Reconstruction	Trail 291 Reconstruction	Priest Lake District T63N, R5W	Summer 2002	April 2002/Analysis	Dale Schrempp 443-6839 dschrempp@fs.fed.us

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 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 (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
				TOTAL	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: 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

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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	jhaber@fs.fed.us (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	jldeherrera@fs.fed.us (208) 765-7235