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The Kootenai National Forest is involved in many programs and activities. Enclosed you will find information about projects for which we have a specific proposal, and are in the process of analyzing as directed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The projects are arranged in a table format and are sorted by Ranger District, by type of project, and by date expected for each decision for each project. There are several points in the planning process during which you can be the most helpful and influential, but exact steps and timing may vary depending on the type and complexity of the project. For example, the whole planning process may only take a few days for small, non-complex projects, or several years for large complex projects such as a major mining proposal. Nevertheless, there are some basic steps we go through for every project. The enclosure labeled "Project Planning Process and Where You Fit In" describes these steps and identifies what you can do to be involved. It is important for you to understand this process so that you may receive the environmental documents in which you are interested. I want to stress that your participation in these activities, in a timely manner, can promote better decisions by helping us better understand alternatives to our proposals and to evaluate their implications on the land and the adjacent communities.

If you would like more information on a specific project, please contact the district or forest contact person listed for each project.

Sincerely,

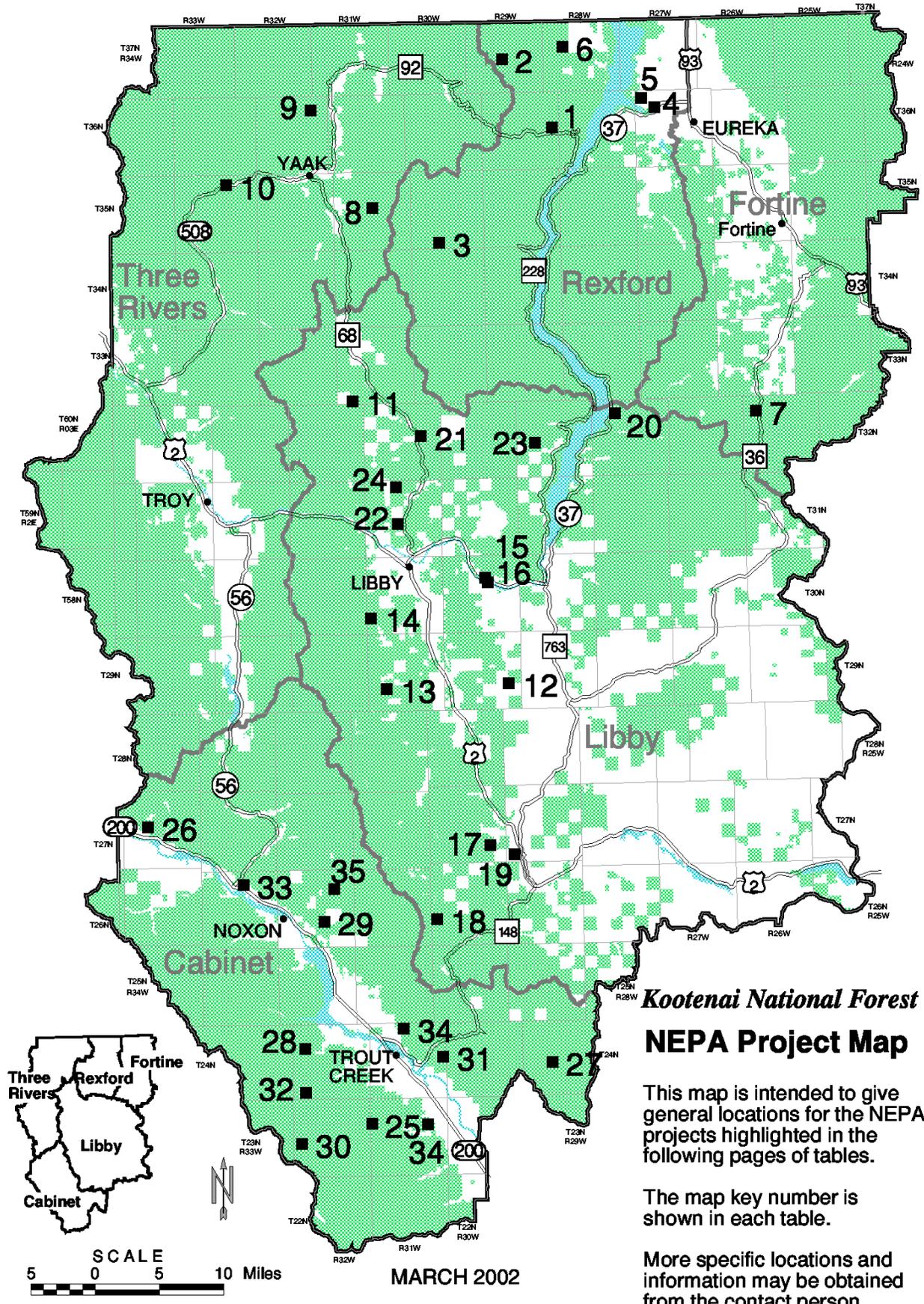
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THE PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS & WHERE YOU MIGHT FIT

ANALYSIS STEP	PARTICIPATION OPTIONS
Identify need for project – Forest Service, business or individual suggests a project	Bring need for a project to the attention of Forest Service
Develop detailed project proposal (Forest Service or other project proponent)	Develop project proposal
Scoping – solicit public comment on the proposal (how it might affect forest resources & uses; how the project could be done better). This defines the scope of environmental analysis needed and the range of alternatives that should be considered	Comment on proposal – suggest issues, alternatives or mitigation measures to reduce impacts on the environment
Develop range of alternatives based on the issues raised during scoping. One alternative is to stay with the status quo (No Action)	Suggest variations to the original proposal
Initiate public comment process, which includes a 45-day comment period for Draft EIS's and 30-day comment period for EA's, and timber sales that can be categorically excluded. A copy of the EIS or EA will be mailed to those who requested a copy and to those who have participated in the environmental analysis process. A legal notice, requesting comments, will be published in the Daily Interlake, Kalispell, MT, which is our newspaper of record (36 CFR 215.5)	Provide comments on the environmental analysis. See 36 CFR 215.6 for description of information to provide
Notice of decision will be published in the newspaper of record. Copies of the decision document will be sent to those who submitted comments on the proposed action either before or during the comment period identified above (36 CFR 215.9)	Review decision: exercise option to appeal through administrative process
Appeal period will be open for 45 days following legal notice of decision in the newspaper except if no one expressed interest and there is no change from the proposed action. (36 CFR 215.10)	File Notice of Appeal (see section 36 CFR 215.14 for contents of an appeal) NOTE: Only those who commented through the process described above or expressed interest will be able to appeal. (36 CFR 215.11)
Implement the project	Contribute labor, equipment or funding
Monitor & evaluate project results	Provide feedback on the project



QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS - March 2002

REXFORD RANGER DISTRICT, 1299 Highway 93 North, Eureka, MT 59917 – Phone: 406-296-2536, Fax: 406-296-2588 NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE, Kalispell, MT

MAP KEY	TYPE OF PROJECT	NAME OF PROJECT	LOCATION & PROJECT DESCRIPTION	NEPA STATUS	ANTICIPATED DECISION DATE	YEAR ACTIVITY TO START ON GROUND	CONTACT PERSON
1	Timber Sale, Prescribed Burning, Thinning, Watershed Restoration	Gold/Boulder/Sullivan	T34-36N, R28, 29W, PMM, Lincoln Co., MT; Gold Creek, Boulder Creek, Sullivan Creek Drainages. Includes road decommissioning. Includes Forest Plan Amendments	ROD signed 12/14/2001	Completed	2002	Ron Komac 296-7130
2	Timber Sale, Prescribed Burning, Watershed Restoration	Young J	T37N, R29W, PMM, Lincoln Co., MT; Young Creek drainage.	DN signed 1/11/2002	Completed	2002	Ron Komac 296-7130
3	Timber Sale, Prescribed Burning, Thinning, Watershed Restoration	Lower Big Creek	T33-36N, R29-31W, PMM, Lincoln Co., MT; Big Creek Drainage including North Fork and South Fork of Big Creek.	Developing Proposal	October 2002	2003	Chris Fox 296-7155
4	Access/Travel Management	Koocanusa Drawdown	T36-37N, R27, 28W, T32N, R29W, PMM, Lincoln Co., MT. Mouth of the Tobacco River, Sophie Bay, mouth of Warland Creek	Developing Proposal	December 2002	2003	Cindy Hemry 296-7149
5	Special Uses	Ingram Road Access	T36 N, R 27 W S 6, Douglas Hill Area	Project on Hold	August 2001	2001	Jim Kilroy 296-7162
6	Special Uses	Young Creek FRTA – State Access	T37N, R28W, S 17. Young Creek Drainage	Project on Hold	July 2001	2001	Jim Kilroy 296-7162

FORTINE RANGER DISTRICT, P.O. Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918 – Phone: 406-882-4451, Fax: 406-882-4835

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7	Timber Sale	Fortine Timber Sales and Associated Activities EIS; 22000-46000 CCF (9-19 MMBF)	T33N, R26W, S 21-22, 27-29, 31-35; T32; T32N, R28W. S 3-11, 14-36; T32N, R27W, S 1-2, 11-14, 23-26; T31N, R26W, S 3-5, 8-10, 15, and 16.	Developing Proposal	September 2002	2003	Joleen Dunham 882-8325
*	Silviculture	FY2002 Pre-Commercial Thinning	District Wide, not within Lynx habitat. Approximately 455 acres.	Seeking Public Comment	May 2002	2002	Scott Bates 882-8320
*	Range	Loon Roberts Allotment Term Grazing Permit	T34N, R26W, S 11-15, 22-26; T34N, R26W, S 1-3; T35N, R26W, S 26, 33-35.	Developing Proposal	September 2002	2002	Dave Nesbitt 882-8341

THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT, 1437 N. Highway 2, Troy, MT 59935 – Phone:406-295-4693, Fax: 406-295-4142 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE**, Kalispell, MT

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8	Timber Sale, Planting, Watershed Improvement	Kelsey-Beaver	Portions of T35N, R32W; T35N, R31W; and T36N, R30W; Lincoln County, Montana. Includes openings over 40 acres, and road decommissioning.	ROD signed 12/21/01	Completed	2002	Mike Giesey 295-7441
9	Timber Sales, Prescribed burning, Precommercial thinning	Garver	Portions of T36N, R32W; T36N, R31W; T37N, R32W; and T37N, R31W; Lincoln County, Montana; within the West Fork Yaak, Pete Creek, and Yaak Face drainages. May include Forest Plan Amendments and openings over 40 acres. May include prescribed burning in the West Fork Yaak Inventoried Roadless Area.	Developing Proposal	August 2002	2002	Kathy Mohar 295-7426
*	Precommercial thinning, White Pine pruning	Timber Stand Improvement 2002	Precommercial thinning is District-wide, 18 units. The White Pine pruning would occur in 3 units in the Cool Cr. Burnt Cr., and O'Brien Cr. Areas.	Analyzing Effects	March 2002	2002	Joe Hessekemper 295-7449
10	Special Use Permit/Easement	Cool Creek Access	T35N, R32W, S 2, 3, 4, Lincoln County, Montana; across Yaak River from town of Yaak.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Mark Natale 295-7431

LIBBY RANGER DISTRICT: Canoe Gulch RS, 12557 HWY 37, Libby, MT 59923 Phone: 406-293-7773, FAX: 406-293-5758 **NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: DAILY INTERLAKE**, Kalispell, MT

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11	Timber Sale	Pipestone 13,170 CCF (5.4 MMBF).	T34N, R32W, S 36; T34N, R31W, S 11,14,15,21-36; T34N, R30W, S 1; T33N, R32W, S 1,12,23-5,36; T33N, R31W, S 1-36; T33N, R30W, S 18-20,29-33; T32N, R32W, S 1,12-13,24,25,36; T32N,R31W, S 1-36; T32N, R30W, S 5-10,15-21,29-32; T31N, R31W, S 1-22,29,30; T31N, R30W, S 4-9,17,18. Pipe Creek area. May include Forest Plan ORD amendment. Includes prescribed burning in the Gold Hill West Roadless Area, 65 miles of road decommissioning, .47 miles of road construction on FS lands by Plum Creek, 2.18 miles of reconstruction on FS lands by the FS and private landowners, 1000 feet of snowmachine trail construction, and .60 miles of temporary road construction.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Tim Charnon 283-7568
12	Timber Sale	South McSwede 5975 CCF (2.45 MMBF).	T29N,R30W, S 28,29,32-34; T28N,R30W, S 1,2,9-15,22-27,33-36; T28N, R29W, S 7,8,18; T27N, R30W, S 4,5,9. Includes 590 acres of precommercial thinning, 3 miles of temp road construction, private land access, and 9 miles of road decommissioning.	Seeking Public Comment	July 2002	2002	Tim Charnon 283-7568

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13	Fuels Reduction	Treasure Interface Fuels Reduction	T30N, R31W, S 22, 27, 28 and 33-35. Granite Lake Road area. Approximately 282 acres of commercial thinning to reduce fuel loads along Granite Lake Creek road and adjacent subdivisions.	EA 2/28/02; Comments Due by 3/28/02	March 2002	2002	Tim Charnon 283-7568
*	Silviculture	Tree Pruning	Various plantations (call for details)	Analyzing Effects	March 2002	2002	Tim Charnon 283-7568
14	Minerals	Prospect Hill. Minerals Exploration	T30N, R31W, S 33,32,29. Project includes opening of a closed road, construction of <1mi. of road and the re-opening of 2 closed mine portals.	Seeking Public Comment	December 2002	2003	Bobbie Lacklen 283-7518
*	Minerals	Mineral Material Sources	Libby Ranger District. Expansion and reclamation of 79 existing gravel pits.	Analyzing Effects	January 2003	2002	Bobbie Lacklen 283-7518
15	Recreation/ Minerals	Re-Reg Mineral Removal	T30N, R30W, S 10. Adjacent to Highway 37 at the 8.7-mile post. Mineral Removal associated with boat ramp, parking and restroom construction.	DM 8/2001	Completed	2001	Bobbie Lacklen 283-7518
16	Recreation	Kootenai River (Re-Reg) Launch-Site Construction	T30N, R30W, S 10. Adjacent to Highway 37 at the 8.7-mile post.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2004	Bobbie Lacklen 283-7518
17	Recreation	Bear Creek X-C Ski Trail Maintenance	T29N, R31W, S 13. Bear Creek cross country ski area trail maintenance.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Jon Jeresek 283-7525
18	Special uses	Bear Lakes Access Request	T26N, R30W, S 30. Silver Butte area. Livestock use of existing trail and 200 feet of associated trail construction accessible to livestock. Trail accesses private lands.	Seeking Public Comment	March 2002	2002	Denise Beck 283-7504
19	Special uses	Beebe Road Request	T29N, R30W, S 31. Libby Creek area. Includes access of 400 feet of existing road on FS lands.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554
20	Special uses	Spring Creek Road Access	T32N, R28W, S 5. Volcour Gulch area. Includes ¼ mile road construction	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554
21	Special uses	Burrier Road Request	T32N, R31W, S 14. Pipe Creek area. May be included in Pipestone Decision. Includes reconstruction (widening) of 200 feet of existing road on FS lands	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554
22	Special uses	Young Road Request	T31N, R31W, S 21. Pipe Creek area. May be included in Pipestone Decision. Includes reconstruction of 1.2 miles of existing road on FS lands. Formerly known as Pipe Creek private road.	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554
23	Special Uses	Plum Creek road request	NW1/4, NW1/4, S 20,21,28,& 30, R29W. Barron Creek area. Reconstruction of 3960 feet of road on FS land.	Seeking Public Comment	July 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554
24	Special Uses	Bull Creek Water Line	T31N, R31W, S 4. 300 ft. on FS lands of water line to deliver water from Bull Creek to a reservoir on private property. Proponent has acquired water rights.	Developing Proposal	August 2002	2002	Dick Harlow 283-7554

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25	Timber Sale	Whitepine Creek 33,000 CCF (15MMBF)	T22N, R32W, S4,5; T23N, R31W, S3-11, 14-24, 27-30; T23N, R32W, S1-3, 10-17, 20-29, 31-34; T24N, 31W, S31-33; T24N, R32W, S24-26, 35, 36. Whitepine Creek Drainage south of the town of Trout Creek. Project includes up to 52 miles road decommissioning. Possible Forest Plan amendments for management of old growth, open road densities, cavity-nesting habitat. May include Regional Forester approval of openings over 40 acres.	FEIS expected May 2002	May 2002	2003	John Gubel 827-0732
26	Timber Sale & Fuel Reduction	Fat Blue Eddy	T27N, R34W, S7-10, 15-18, 21-23, 24,25; Blue Cr., and Big Eddy Creek drainages near Heron, MT.	Seeking Public Comment	September 2002	2003	John Head 827-0738
*	Fuel Reduction	Green Mountain Fuel Reduction	T25N; R32W; S1, 2, 11, 12; PMM. Fuels Reduction	Seeking Public Comment	Summer 2002	Fall 02	Kurt Werst 827-0712
*	Timber Stand Improvement	Whitepine Pruning Project	Various plantations (call for details)	Analyzing Effects	March 2002	2002	Gene Newell 827-0727
*	Timber Stand Improvement	Seed Production Area Maintenance Project	Various plantations (call for details)	Analyzing Effects	March 2002	2002	Gene Newell 827-0727
*	Timber Stand Improvement	Vermilion Mistletoe Sanitation Project	Various plantations in the Vermilion River drainage (call for details)	Analyzing Effects	March 2002	2002	Gene Newell 827-0727
*	Plantation Maintenance	Vermilion Western Larch Girdling	Various plantations in the Vermilion Drainage (call for details)	Seeking Public Comment	Spring 02	2002-2003	Gene Newell 827-0727
27	Prescribed Fire	Upper Vermilion Elk Habitat Improvement	T24, 25 N; R29W; S 35,1,2,9,10,11,14,15,16,21,22	Seeking Public Comment	April 2002	2002	Steve Johnsen 827-0731
28	Stream Improvement	Trout Creek Riparian Revegetation	T24N; R32W; S 24. Riparian Revegetation	DM signed 10/2001	Completed	2002	Doug Grupenhoff 827-0741
29	Stream Improvement	Rock Creek Sediment Abatement	T26N; R32W; S 27. Sediment Abatement.	Deferred			Doug Grupenhoff 827-0741
*	Watershed	South Fork Bull River Watershed Restoration	T28N; R33W; S 25; PMM; T27N; R32W; S 9; PMM. Watershed Restoration.	Seeking Public Comment	Spring 02	2002-2003	Doug Grupenhoff 827-0741
30	Recreation	East Fork Trout Creek Trail Improvement	T23N; R32W; S 18-19. Trail Improvement.	Scoping & Analyzing Effects	April 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730
31	Recreation	Water Hill Trail Improvement	T24N; R31W; S 23, 24. Trail Improvement.	Scoping & Analyzing Effects	April 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730

CABINET RANGER DISTRICT: continued

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32	Recreation	Trout Creek Trail Improvement	T24N; R32W; S 31, 32. Trail Improvement.	Scoping & Analyzing Effects	April 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730
33	Recreation	Bull River Campground Improvement	T26N; R32W; S 3, 10. Campground Improvement.	Scoping & Analyzing Effects	April 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730
34	Lands	Cox Land Exchange	T22N; R30W; S 5 (NFS land) T23N; R31W; S 11 (private)	Analyzing Effects	June 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730
*	Special Uses	Outfitter/Guide Special Use Permits	Various fishing and hunting Special Use Permit renewals and approvals	Seeking Public Comment in April	June 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730
*	Special Uses	Road Use & Water System Permits	Numerous requests for road use across FS lands and water systems on FS lands.	Seeking Public Comment in April	June 2002	2002	Bruce Haflich 827-0730

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35	Minerals	STERLING; Copper/ Silver Mine	T26N, R32W; Rock Creek. Includes Forest Plan amendments	ROD signed 12/26/01	Completed	2002	John McKay 283-7691
*	Fuels	Forestwide Fuels Reduction	Forestwide (site specific locations available upon request)	DN signed 12/17/01		2002	Joe Krueger 283-7774
*	Grizzly Bear Forest Plan Amendments	Forest Plan Amendments For Access Management in Grizzly Bear Habitat Within Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones	Portions of Lolo NF, Idaho Panhandle NF, and Kootenai NF.	FEIS expected March 2002	May 2002	2002	Kirsten Kaiser 283-7659
*	Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment	Forest Plan Amendments for Lynx	18 National Forests in Regions 1, 2 and 4.	EA expected June 2002	October 2002	2002	John Haber 329-3399