



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2013 to 09/30/2013

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Helena National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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Helena National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
EHK Placer CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/18/2013	06/2013	Hans Oaks 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed activities involve sampling for the presence of placer mineral deposits at 3 identified areas. Sampling would use hand tools only and dry screening of material. Final processing would occur off of Helena National Forest land.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41598					
Location: UNIT - Helena National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N, R7W, Section 9. Proposed activities are in the Meyers Hill vicinity (Ophir Creek drainage).					

Helena National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
1988 Elkhorns Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/08/2013	Expected:02/2013	03/2013	Heather Degeest 406-266-3425 comments-northern-helena-townsend@fs.fed.us
Description: The Townsend and Helena Ranger Districts are proposing to maintain and enhance natural vegetative conditions that provide essential big game habitats, and to promote diversity in age class and speci					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41153					
Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District, Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 08N R 01W Sec(s) 4, 7-9, 16-21; T 08N R 02W Sec(s) 1, 2, 11-13; and T 09N R 02W Sec(s) 25, 35, 36. Northern and eastern Elkhorn Mountains.					

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Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
3J's Placer Sampling Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/18/2013	06/2013	Hans Oaks 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proponents would sample for placer gold in the Cave Gulch drainage located in the northwestern Big Belt Range. A total of 5 test excavations would be completed; excavation method would involve use of either a rubber-tired backhoe or handtools.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41685				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - East ½, Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 1 West, MPM . Cave Gulch, northwest side of the Big Belt Mountains.					
Albrights Special Use Authorization CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/01/2013	06/2013	Mark Hunting 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is the issuance of a new special use authorization to replace existing authorization HEL116, which expires at the end of 2013.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41318				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - SW ¼ NE ¼ sec 16, T9N., Grizzly Gulch Drive south of Helena.					
Angry Trout Trail Run CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: The York Fire Community Association has proposed to host a one day trail running event on the Helena Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41971				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. The event would take place in the York area, FR 4136 Black Bear Gulch, down FR 4132-A1 Kingberry and out Jim Town Road.					

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Beaver Soup Wildlife Enhancement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/31/2012	Expected:12/2012	05/2013	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is designed to improve wildlife habitat including forage, bitterbrush habitat, grasslands and savannahs through prescribed burning and hand treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39586				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T11N R01W Sec 05; T11N R02W Sec(s) 3,4; T12N R01W Sec(s) 1,7,8,12,18,19,30-32; T12N R02W Sec(s) 12-15,23-24,26,27,34; T12N R01E Sec(s) 5-7; T13N R01E Sec(s) 31,32. The Beaver Soup Project is located about 20 miles northeast of Helena, MT including the Beaver, Soup, Upper Trout Creeks & the Missouri River/Hauser Lake drainages on the Helena Ranger Dist. Helena NF.				
Chessman-Area Unauthorized Route Decommissioning Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/31/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Heather Degeest 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Helena Ranger District has proposed to decommission less than 5 miles of roads in the Tenmile watershed in the general vicinity near Chessman Reservoir.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42055				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southwest of Helena in the upper Tenmile watershed near Chessman Reservoir.				
City of Helena Permit Change and Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2013	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Heather Degeest 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: The City of Helena proposed an increase right of way width from 7.5 feet to 100 feet on either side of the flume structure to reduce risk to wildfire and tree strikes. All other permit authorizations remain the same				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42061				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposal applies to upper Tenmile southwest of Helena, MT.				

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Dirt Divas Mountain Bike Clinic CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed Zoe Smith ¿Dirt Divas Mountain Bike Clinic¿ would use existing trails and travel routes on the Helena Ranger District for a one-day mountain biking event.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41972				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. The event would take place near the Davis Gulch Trailhead, Grizzly Gulch and Wakina Sky trails.					
Divide Travel Plan EIS	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 10/2013	Expected:01/2015	06/2015	Jaime Tompkins 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: Travel management analysis for summer and winter motorized use; to provide a manageable system of designated public motorized routes and areas consistent with 36 CFR 261.13. A programmatic Forest Plan amendment for elk hiding coverage is included.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=24091				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ten Mile drainage, Little Blackfoot drainage, and area towards Meyers Hill.					
Don't Fence Me In Trail Run CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Roy Barkley 406-4955490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prickly Pear land Trust has been organizing the ¿Don¿t Fence Me In¿ trail run for 10 years. The event consists of three trail runs all held on the same day: a 50k, a 30k, and a 5k.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41976				
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - T9N, R4. The trail runs would take place in the Mt. Helena area.					

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Elkhorn Mountains Ultra Marathon Runs CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	08/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: Helena Ultra Marathon League (HURL) would host the annual Elkhorn Mountain Ultra Marathon Runs on the Helena and Beaverhead Deer Lodge National Forests. The event would use existing roads and trails and would be limited to 200 participants.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42049					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing roads and trails within the Elkhorn Mountains.					
Great Divide Cyclery Mountain Biking Event CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	08/2013	Roy Barkley 406-495-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: Great Divide Cyclery of Helena Montana is proposing to use existing trails and travel routes on the Helena Ranger District to hold a one day mountain bike event.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41974					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. The event would take place near the Park City Trailhead, Mount Helena Ridge Trail, Mini Ridge and Dump Gulch Trails.					
Holiday Private Access EA	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3912 mhunting@fs.fed.us
Description: Special use application requesting access to private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements is possible, depending on alternative selected.					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - T 8 N, R 6 W, Sec. 6. Little Blackfoot River/Telegraph Creek.					

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Lewis and Clark County Hedges Mtn. Communications Use CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark Hunting 406-495-3912 mhunting@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application for long-term occupancy of site on Hedges Mtn. for communications use.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 1 E, Sec. 6. Hedges Mtn.				
PPSR Private Access CE	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew McGiffin 406-495-3937 mmcgiffin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application requesting access to private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T8N, R2W, Sec.2. Elkhorn Mountains.				
Peanut and P.F. Placer Sampling CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hans Oaks 406-495-3730 hoaks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to dig six 4'L X 20'W X 6' mineral test pits using a rubber tires back-hoe. Sample material will be tested using a wash plant and then will be returned to the test pits and have top soil placed back on top.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T7N, R2W, Section 7, 18. The upper end of Wilson Creek in the Tizer Basin of the Elkhorn Mountains.				
Red Mountain Flume Chessman Reservoir Project EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 03/15/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2013	Expected:11/2013	12/2013	Heather Degeest 406-449-5490 hdegeest@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of hazards and fuels from around the Red Mountain Flume and Chessman Reservoir to reduce the likelihood of damage to the municipal watershed infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41571				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T.8N. R.5W. Sec. 1-4, 9, 11 & 12. Project is located in the Upper Tenmile Municipal Watershed for the city of Helena. It's about 11 air miles southwest from the city of Helena.				

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Rimini Substation CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2013	Expected:05/2013	06/2013	Jamey Lowdermilk 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: Baxendale Fire Dept.is proposing to pour a concrete slab and construct a 3 bay fire station to store firefighting equipment and to utilize existing underground tanks for the filling of fire engines during suppression activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41317				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - NENE sec.32 T9N R5W. The area proposed for the Baxendale improvements was formerly the waste water treatment facility for the community of Rimini, which was abandoned following its construction.				
Second Creek Placer Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/18/2013	06/2013	Hans Oaks 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to sample for placer gold along Upper Prickly Pear Creek in the northern Elkhorn Mountains Range. Proponents would like to excavate 5 exploratory test holes using a rubber-tired backhoe and small scale wash plant system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37298				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - SE ¼ section 14, Township 7 North, Range 3 West, MPM. Prickly Pear Creek, adjacent to FS Rd 164, east of Woods Park.				
Skelton Private Access EA	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew McGiffin 406-495-3937 mmcgiffin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use application requesting private access to two separate tracts of private land. An exchange of reciprocal easements will be required, thus allowing the public access to adjacent NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 12 N, R 1 W, Sec. 31, T 13N, R 1 E, Sec. 19. Soup Creek, Elk Ridge.				

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Helena National Forest	Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Sleeping Gaint Disc Golf Tournament CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	08/2013	Roy Barkley 406-495-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: The Sleeping Gaint Disc Golf Club is proposing to hold a one day disc golf tournament in the Priest Pass area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41973					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. Priest Pass area.					
South Hill Trail Running Series CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: The South Hills Trail Running Series includes three events: two approximately 7 mile runs, one in the Little Black Foot area and one along the Mount Helena Ridge Trail; and a 31-mile run beginning on the B-D and ending at Kading Campground.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41988					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. Little Blackfoot area, Mount Helena Ridge Trail, and trails into Kading Campground.					
Telegraph Vegetation Project EIS	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/20/2012 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2013	Expected:02/2014	07/2014	Sharon Scott 406-495-3943 sascott@fs.fed.us
Description: This project is designed to be responsive to mountain pine beetle outbreak by recovering economic value of dead and dying wood, reducing hazardous fuels, promoting desirable regeneration, and maintaining diverse wildlife habitats.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30353					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. 15 miles southwest of Helena and 5 miles south of Elliston, MT in the Little Blackfoot and Telegraph drainages.					

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Helena National Forest	Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Voigt Road Proposal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/18/2013	Expected:07/2013	07/2013	Mark Hunting 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena- helena@fs.fed.us
Description: The goal of this project is to allow landowner access for reasonable use and enjoyment of their private land. The proposal includes the construction of a new road for a distance of 2300 feet across NFS lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42253					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T8N, R5W NW ¼ NW ¼ sec 16 and NE ¼ NE ¼ sec. 17. Road would junction with Forest Road #1876 (Gould Diggings Road).					
Warm Springs Habitat Enhancement Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/12/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2015	Expected:03/2015	07/2016	Jan Fauntleroy 406-449-5201 jfauntleroy@fs.fed.us
Description: Treat appx. 4500 acres to develop and/or maintain mature habitat structures where possible, address mountain pine beetle infestation and fuel hazard, and manage the landscape and fuel loadings so that stand replacement fire is less likely.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30351					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Jefferson. 10 miles south of Helena in the Warm Springs drainage.					
Willow Creek Trail Reconstruction CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/30/2013	Expected:02/2013	06/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5201 comments-northern-helena- helena@fs.fed.us
Description: Approximately 5 miles of trail reconstruction, 2.5 miles relocated and 2.5 miles new construction.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41187					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N R2W Section 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 14, 24. North side of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness: Willow Creek is near the border of the Wilderness Area and the State of Montana Bear Tooth Game Range.					

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Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R1 - Northern Region			
York Fire Department Mountain Bike Ride CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/08/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Roy Barkley 406-449-5490 comments-northern-helena-helena@fs.fed.us
Description: The York Fire Department would host a one-day mountain biking event spanning 38 miles on the Helena Ranger District.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41970					
Location: UNIT - Helena Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. The event would take place in the York area, Indian Flats and Trout Creek Canyon Trail #270,.					

Helena National Forest Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R1 - Northern Region			
Alice Creek Wildlife Enhancement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/27/2011	Expected:06/2013	09/2013	Pat Shanley 406-362-7006 pshanley@fs.fed.us
Description: This project improves big game winter range by reducing conifer encroachment within native grasslands. In addition to creating and maintaining natural openings and improving stand structure, burning will improve forage quality and quantity.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34765					
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T16N, R7W, sections 10,11,14 and 15. The headwaters of Alice Creek just west and north of Lewis and Clark Pass.					
Baldy Mountain Sampling CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2012 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2013	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Beth Ihle 406-266-3425 office: or 495-3863 voicemail bihle@fs.fed.us
Description: An operator will be removing sample materials from the side of FS Rd. #1826. Operator will remove ~77 cu. yards of sample materials to private land for testing, and then will return materials back to test pit.					
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N; R8W, Section 4. Baldy Mountain road in Lincoln, MT (FS Rd. #1826).					

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Blackfoot - North Divide Winter Travel Planning EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/09/2006	Expected:05/2013	01/2014	Mandy Alvino 406.362.4265 MALvino@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a plan that will provide for a variety of motorized and non-motorized winter recreation opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=15664				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. Lincoln Ranger District (except Scapegoat Wilderness) & appx. 30,000 acres nw of Helena RD.					
Blackfoot Travel Plan (non-winter) EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Land management planning - Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/26/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2013	Expected:04/2014	06/2014	Jaime Tompkins 406-362-7000 comments-northern-helena-lincoln@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is for non-winter motorized use to provide a manageable system of designated public motorized and non-motorized access routes and areas that would be consistent with 36 CFR 261.13. A programmatic Forest Plan Amendment is also included.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30899				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lincoln Ranger District of the Helena National Forest, excluding the Scapegoat Wilderness.					
Colby #1 & #2 Placer Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/14/2013	Expected:07/2013	07/2013	Gabe Witham 406-362-7000 comments-northern-helena-lincoln@fs.fed.us
	Description: Patent holders are proposing to sample the unpatented mining claim for placer gold. The project involves digging six test holes at various sites on the claim.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42249				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Washington Gulch, Lincoln Area.					

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Helena National Forest	Lincoln Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Dalton Mountain Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project EIS	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/16/2011 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2014	Expected:11/2015	03/2016	Jan Fauntleroy 406-449-5201 jfauntleroy@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will address stand health and related fuel hazards in an area with expanding insect infestations (mountain pine beetle).					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37404					
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. Five miles southeast of Lincoln, MT.					
Helmville Face Wildlife Enhancement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/08/2012	Expected:06/2013	06/2013	Jan Fauntleroy 406-449-5201 jfauntleroy@fs.fed.us
Description: Using prescribed fire, this project restores the role of fire and the resultant processes. In addition to, creating and maintaining natural openings and improving stand structure, burning will improve forage quality and quantity for ungulates.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34763					
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T13N, R10W, section 16. In the Wasson Creek and Wilson Creek areas.					
Stonewall Trail (417) Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/09/2013	Expected:06/2013	08/2013	Michael Mullin 406-362-7000 comments-northern-helena-lincoln@fs.fed.us
Description: The Lincoln Ranger District proposes to reconstruct the 4.8 mile Stonewall ATV Trail (417) in partnership with the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC).					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41987					
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. LEGAL - T 15 N R 8, 9 W. Approximately 10 miles north of Lincoln leading to Stonewall Lookout.					

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Stonewall Vegetation Project EIS	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/13/2010 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2013	Expected:01/2014	02/2014	Amber Kamps 406-362-7000 akamps@fs.fed.us
	Description: Be responsive to mountain pine beetle outbreaks, maintain and improve viable mature habitat structure to support big game and other wildlife, promote resiliency with a mosaic of species, reduce fire hazard and potential, and provide timber products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30355				
Location: UNIT - Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark. 6 miles northwest of Lincoln in the Lincoln Gulch drainage.					

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Crow Creek and Sitton Mill Water Developments CE	- Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/05/2013	Expected:04/2013	05/2013	Tracy Schilling 406-266-3425 comments-northern-helena-townsend@fs.fed.us
	Description: These projects are designed to improve riparian conditions along the South Fork of Crow Creek and the upper end of Slim Sam by providing off site water developments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41365				
Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T6N R1W NW ¼ of section 16 and T6N R1W NE ¼ of section 29. South Fork of Crow Creek and Slim Sam Creek in the Elkhorn Mountains.					

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Deep Creek Riparian Improvement Project CE	- Grazing management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/24/2013	07/2013	Tracy Schilling 406-266-3425 comments-northern-helena-townsend@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project activities would include water developments (in stream and spring), riparian fencing, and extensions of pasture fencing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39588				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater, Meagher. LEGAL - T6N, T7N, R5E. South Belts Mountain Range including Cedar Bar, Carl Creek, Faulkner Creek, and Hay Creek drainages.				
Elkhorns Travel Plan Implementation CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/05/2013	Expected:04/2013	07/2013	Heather Degeest 406-266-3425 comments-northern-helena-townsend@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Townsend Ranger District will be taking measures to continue to implement the Elkhorn Mountains Travel Management Plan on the ground in FY13 and FY14.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41141				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. Townsend Ranger District, Elkhorn Mountains, Helena National Forest.				
Links #1, #2, and #3 CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Kyle McGuire 406-266-3425 comments-northern-helena-townsend@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed activities would use a suction dredge to process placer gravels in the stream channels of Confederate and Cement Gulches as water levels allow. If water levels drop, claimant would use a sluice box to remove concentrates.				
	Location: UNIT - Townsend Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Broadwater. LEGAL - T10N, R3E, NE 1/4, Section 20. Proposed activities would occur approximately nine miles up Confederate Gulch (NE from FS road #287) at the mouth of Cement Gulch and in an unnamed gulch immediately to the east.				

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