



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
E-bike Use on the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Christopher Ham 501-321-5320 christopher.ham@usda.gov
	Description: Project to evaluate purpose-built bike trails on the Ouachita and the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests to allow use of e-bikes in accordance with revised FS directives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62170				
Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District, Caddo Ranger District, Oden Ranger District, Womble Ranger District, Sylamore Ranger District, Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Bike Trails on Big Piney Ranger District in Newton County, Syllamo Bike Trails on Sylamore Ranger District, and Womble Trail on the Caddo-Womble and Mena-Oden Ranger Districts.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Amendment of Appendix F of the Forest Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/01/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: This is a programmatic plan amendment affecting vegetation management practices described in Appendix F of the Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58633				
Location: UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Phillips, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark-St. Francis National Forest.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Ozark Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation management activities across Ozark National Forest, including timber, silvicultural treatments, burning, and wildlife management, also connected actions such as roads/firebreaks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61695				
Location: UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Phillips, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark National Forest.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Highway 23 bridge replacement over Mulberry River EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/31/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: ARDOT, in cooperation with the USDA, Forest Service, is planning improvements to Highway 23 approximately 1.6 miles south of Cass in Franklin County.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62661				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District, Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 23 approximately 1.6 miles south of Cass in Franklin County.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests	BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2020 Richland Creek Road Land Slide CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	Description: Stabilize a section of Searcy County Road 1205 and remove material sliding down onto the road. Approximately 1 mile to the South another project is being analyzed to relocate the road out of Falling Water Creek. These are 2 separate projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58055				
Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Searcy. LEGAL - Township 13 North, Range 18 West, Section 18. This project is less than 5 acres in size and has impacted Searcy County Road 1205 and the hillside above the road. Material would need to be removed and the road stabilized.					
Richland Creek Road Realignment Project CE CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2022	Expected:03/2023	08/2023	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	Description: Realign road away from Falling Water Creek and stabilize eroded section of streambank.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62676				
Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Searcy. LEGAL - Township 13 North, Range 18 West, Section 19. This project is located approximately 2 miles south of Richland Creek Campground and approximately 2.5 miles West of the community of Witt Springs.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2022 Blue Hole Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/22/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	Description: Ensuring the Blue Hole Special Interest Area retain its undisturbed and natural conditions for primitive and non-mechanized recreational enjoyment, to improve water quality, and protect the geological and scenic values. *30day-comment ends 12/22/22*				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61646				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T10N R18W SEC14 the SIA covers parts of sec 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,22 ,23, 27. This project is approximately 3 miles northeast of the community of Hector, AR. Project lies north of White oak mountain and south of East Fork Wilderness Area.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Liberty Springs Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	Description: Project to thin overcrowded pine stands to reduce hazardous fuels and potential insect disease outbreak. Create a healthy more resilient forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62640				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Van Buren. LEGAL - Van Buren County, Arkansas Township 10 North, Range 17 West, Sections 10-15, and 23-24 and Township 10 North, Range 16 West, Sections 5-8,16-17,19-20, and 29-30. Eastside of District between Brock Creek Rec. Area and District boundary.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Devil's Den Trail System CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Construct 6.27 miles of mountain bike trail, reconstruct 0.36 miles of existing mountain bike trail, and maintain 20.17 miles of existing hiking and horse trails in addition to the mountain bike trails on FS land adjacent to Devils Den State Park.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service System land surrounding Devil's Den State Park.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Fanes Mill EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2023	Expected:09/2023	11/2023	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coy.longshore@usda.gov
Description: Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions; stands more resilient to stressors such as weather, insects, and disease. Improving habitat for game species as well as threatened, endangered, and sensitive species. Improving trails, roads. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57438					
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin, Madison. LEGAL - multiple sections in T 12N R 26W, T 12N R 27W, T 13N R 26W, T 13N R 27W. Primarily in Madison and Franklin counties. Bounded on the north by the White River, the east by Highway 23. Near towns: Cass to the south, Brashears northeast, Combs northwest.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Ford Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/06/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions with trees that are more resilient to insects, diseases, weather events; improve habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species; improve watershed conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin. LEGAL - multiple sections in townships 11N 28W, 11N 29W, 11N 30W, 12N 28W, 12N 29W, 12N 30W. On main division in vicinity of Mountainburg and Chester Arkansas. About 10 miles south of Winslow, AR and 15 miles North of Alma, AR. East of interstate I49 and north of interstate I40.					
Hurricane Road ERFO Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Repair and Maintenance of Hurricane Road including road reconstruction, culvert replacement.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - section 13 T 12N R29 W. North of Richardson Mountain on the main unit.				
Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Manage allotments on district by grazing livestock to combat woody plant encroachment and maintain open conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53774				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Crawford, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple allotments on Wedington, Lee Creek, and Main Units of the district.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Temple Hill Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/02/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 james.a.lindsay@usda.gov
	Description: 252 acres pine and 434 acres hardwood thinning. Prescribed burning in total project area of 2603 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61864				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Washington. LEGAL - T13N R28W Sections 19 and 20. Main Unit near the Temple Hill Community.					
Wedington Waterline Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	David Brickley 479-667-2191 david.brickley@usda.gov
	Description: Convert water system at the Wedington Recreational Area from the current well water system to the Washington County public water system. Requires the construction of a new waterline along an existing road to tie into municipal line.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61063				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - sections 9 and 10 in T 16N R 32W. South of Lake Wedington to proclamation boundary along road 95630B.					
White Rock Mountain Road Repair Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Temporarily close White Rock Mountain Road between Ragtown and Potato knob to repair a section where road bed is sliding down slope, creating a safety hazard.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Sections 30 and 21 in T 12N R 27W and sections 25 and 36 in T12N R 28W. Main unit of Boston Mountain Ranger District west of Hwy 23 one mile west of Grey Spring.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Developed Recreation Improvements EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Improve the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts developed recreation sites - Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake - on a sustainable basis.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Logan, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake Recreation Areas on the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.				
Carter Mountain Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Forest management in the Carter Mountain area of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60502				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T6N-7N, R22W-23W.					
Cove Lake Dam Analysis Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 10/26/2022	12/2022	Charles Stokes 870-867-2101 chip.stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Geophysical investigations and analysis of the water control structures in Cove Lake Dam.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62385				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T7N, R25W, Sec. 35. 7 mi. SE of Paris, AR.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Rich Mountain Byway Farm Bill CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Charles Stokes 479-963-3076 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Hazardous fuel reduction in the area surrounding the Rich Mountain Byway on the Mt. Magazine Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T7N, R24W, 5th Principal Meridian. Approx. 5 miles south-east of Paris, AR.				
Spring Lake Dam Walkway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2022	Expected:02/2023	03/2023	Charles Stokes 479-963-3076 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Rehabilitate the walkway across the Spring Lake Dam				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spring Lake Rec Area in sec. 27, T6N, R23W, approx. 4 miles north of Belleville, AR in Yell County.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Grassy Road Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:05/2023	05/2023	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Travel Management for Grassy Road on the Pleasant Hill RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62710				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T11N R25W North of Horsehead Lake on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Grassy-Batson Farm Bill CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 10/27/2022	11/2022	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Forest management activities to reduce the risk of insect and disease outbreaks on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61633				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 11 North, Ranges 24 & 25 West, 5th Principal Meridian in Johnson County, Arkansas.					
Mulberry River Cane Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: River cane restoration along the Mulberry River on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63215				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Recreation Sites along the Mulberry River, off of Highway 215.					
Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Provide access across a closed road to an adjacent private landowner. Landowner will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the closed road.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Road will go west starting at Forest Service Road 1434a and south of the Ozark Highlands Trail in Section 28 of T13N R24W.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bear Creek Lake Dam Spillway Rehabilitation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2023	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Replacement of the Bear Creek Lake dam primary chute spillway & associated activities to address deficiencies that led to failure of the existing spillway in 2019 & to ensure the structure meets established national standards Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62111				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Bear Creek Lake, Lee County, AR T1N, R4E, Sec. 8 & 9. Dam creating Bear Creek Lake in Lee, County, AR.				
Issue of Special Use Permit (STF0160) to Woodruff Electric Cooperative Corporation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2022	11/2022	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: Issue of a permit to use or occupy 0.26 acre of National Forest System lands for buried fiber optic cable to provide broadband service to the Mississippi River State Park Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62571				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Phillips. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appx 1,120 feet of fiber optic cable would be placed via directional boring between FS Road 1901 and the MRSP maintenance building at the Storm Creek Campground in Phillips County.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Blanchard Springs Caverns Facilities Renovation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Jan Franks 870 269 3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Renovation of the Blanchard Springs Caverns Visitor Information Center and cavern trail infrastructure within Blanchard Springs Caverns Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58732				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs Caverns Visitor Information Center and cavern trails within the Blanchard Springs Developed Recreation Area Complex.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Blanchard Springs Recreation Area Complex Utility Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2020	Expected:01/2023 Actual: 04/19/2021	02/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Replace existing utility lines crossing North Sylamore Creek Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57941				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs recreation area complex.				
North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation Fiber Optic Utility Corridors EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: 30 yr permit(s) requested by North AR Electric Cooperative to occupy and maintain fiber optic corridors across NFS lands. Involves continued use in existing corridors and a new 12.3 mile corridor to provide high speed internet to Big Flat, AR				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing NAEC utility corridors in Stone and Baxter Counties. Proposed new corridor on the east side of Hwy 341 in Baxter County.				
Permit to Use and Maintain FSR91013B and an Un-named Forest Service Road to access Private Land CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:02/2023	03/2023	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: Issue a special use permit to a landowner to use and maintain FSR91013B and an unnamed NFS road to access his private property which is surrounded by NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FSR91013C (2787 feet), Unnamed FSR (227 feet) within T17N, R12W, Section 16 in Baxter County AR.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Proposing management of 4 range allotments with conversion from exotic pasture grass to native grasses, forbs and herbaceous species on fields; proposal includes placing 2 allotments in closed status and removing them from the NFS range system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42968				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six range allotments on the Sylamore District located within Baxter (2 allotments) and Stone (4 allotments) County.					
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2023	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Maintenance and improvement of non-motorized trails; actions will include realignment when needed;limited herbicide use; converting a road and a user-created trail to system trail; constructing new trail				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44724				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Searcy, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. corridors up to 400' wide of NFS land centered on system trail treads.					

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