



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2024 to 06/30/2024

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/20/2023 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 505-377-3145 Jennifer.McRae@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).					
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 .					

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2024	02/2024	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)					
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: Comment Period Public Notice 10/29/2023	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	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. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Garland, Izard, Marion, Montgomery, Polk, Scott, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Syllamo Bike Trails on Sylamore Ranger District of Ozark St. Francis National Forest and Womble Trail on the Caddo-Womble and Mena-Oden Ranger Districts of Ouachita National Forest.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R8 - Southern Region
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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	- 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 - Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2024	03/2024	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: ARDOT is conducting maintenance repairs on Highway 23 approximately 2-4 miles north of Cass in Franklin County and Madison County. The total length of the project is 1.8 miles. A portion of the project falls on National Forest in Franklin County.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65697				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District, Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - 35.723516, -93.804295. Highway 23 approximately 2 miles north of Cass in Franklin County.					
Highway 23 - bridge over Mulberry River EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/09/2023	Expected:07/2024	01/2025	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: ARDOT is planning improvements to Highway 23 approximately 1.6 miles south of Cass in Franklin County on National Forest. More info including draft EA available @ https://job-040621-mulberry-river-str-and-apprs-en-ardot.hub.arcgis.com				
	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.					

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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.					
2023 Rosetta Forest Restoration CE CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2023	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Jimmie Dixon 870-446-5122 jimmie.dixon@usda.gov
	Description: Project is designed to increase hardwood resiliency, to improve forest health, promote species diversity, increase productivity and promote a more resilient forest. This area has also had several storm events occur within the past 10 years.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63438				
Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T12N R22W. This project is near the community of Salus and Rosetta.					
2024 Cave Gate Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2024	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Michael Mulford 870-9978187 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	Description: The Big Piney Ranger District is considering a project to construct a gate at the entrance of a cave that has several species of bats, including endangered, proposed endangered, and sensitive-listed species, that utilize the cave for hibernation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65677				
Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deer Quadrangle.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests					BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
2024 Special Use Road access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov	
	Description: Landowner with private inholding requests access to their property					
	Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Van Buren. LEGAL - Township 9 North, Range 17 West in Section 3 in Van Buren, Arkansas. This project proposal is North of the community of Jerusalem, AR.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests					Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
2024 Big Piney Prescribed Burn and Habitat Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/24/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2024	Expected:11/2024	02/2025	Michael Mulford 870-446-5192 michael.mulford@usda.gov	
	Description: The project area for the 2024 Big Piney Burning and Habitat Restoration Project proposes periodic prescribed burning on 131,595 acres of National Forest lands in Johnson, Newton, Madison, Searcy, Pope, Conway, and Van Buren Counties.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64654					
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Conway, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Van Buren. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various across Big Piney District.						
2024 Special Use Cowboy Internet Services Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov	
	Description: Add this internet service to an existing tower at White Oak Communications Site requires a 4x4 foot concrete pad and cabinet within existing tower compound.					
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Township 10 North, Range 18 West in Section 22 Pope County Arkansas. The White Oak Mtn. Communications Site Northeast of community of Hector.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
White Oak Mountain Entergy Electric Line Relocation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2023	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: The Big Piney Ranger District is considering a proposal from Entergy Electric Company to relocate approximately 3.7 miles of electric line serving White Oak Mountain. The location is less than a mile northeast of Hector, AR.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65116				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Township 11 North, Range 18 West, Sections 19-22, 27 and 28. This project is approximately a mile north of the community of Hector, AR.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
BOS0165 Amendment 4 Special Use Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/12/2022	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Powerline ROW off of Hwy 74				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec 25 T13N R31W, Near Devils Den State Park.				
BOS0294 Special Use Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2022	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Authorize a neighboring landowner to convert a two-track road to a private driveway. The driveway will be 261 feet long and 20 feet wide. In addition to the driveway, also authorize a waterline to run the length of the driveway to where it cuts over				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 28 T12N R32W.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
BOS0307 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2023	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Access Request to private property				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 17 T14N R31W.				
BOS0310 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Permitting a private landowner access to land that is currently land-locked by USFS Land. *Cancelled due to potential land exchange.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T17N R32W Sec. 9.				
BOS0313 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: To access private property off of Bucksnot Trail using an existing road and less than 1 mile of new road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 16 T13N R27W.				
Devil's Den Trail System CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:07/2024	12/2024	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
Electric Gate with Security System on Forest Service Road 1722 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:04/2024	04/2024	Kyle Burris 479-964-7245 kyle.burris@usda.gov
	Description: Install electric gate with keypad and security system (2 dome cameras on poles). Install security system communication line (approx. 1,860 feet in length by 2 feet in width within telephone/electric ROW)				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Section 14 of Township 11 North, Range 32 West, 5th Principle Meridian. Forest Service Road 1722 within Section 14 of Township 11 North, Range 32 West, 5th Principle Meridian, Crawford County AR.				
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 04/2024	Expected:10/2024	11/2024	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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:09/2024	11/2024	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.					
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
Shores Lake Road Improvements Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2024	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Improvement of 10.17 miles of Shores Lake Road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65715				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Faulkner. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shores Lake Road, FSR 1501, East-West Corridor across the Boston Mountain Ranger District, Connecting Highways 23 & 215.					
Special Uses Project BOS0305 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2023	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Granting a special use permit to a private landowner to use and maintain FS Road95599B to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - T11N, R31W Sec. 30. FS Road 95599B on the Boston Mountain Ranger District.				
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:05/2024	06/2024	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.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Wedington Wildcat Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2023	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Streambank and riparian area restoration activities to exclude cattle from stream using fencing. Plant native species to protect and stabilize streambanks, deter off road vehicles from accessing stream using boulders.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64825				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Washington. LEGAL - sections 5, 6, 7, 8 in T 17 N Range 31 W. Wedington Unit in Washington County Arkansas.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Cameron Bluff Campground Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2023	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Arkansas State Parks have requested to amend their permit for Mt. Magazine and expand Cameron Bluff Campground				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63629				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine State Park.					
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:06/2024	08/2024	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.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
MAG0344 Permit Amendment CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2024	Expected:05/2024	05/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Amend an exiting permit to include 56' of additional access				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. sec. 3 T6N R25W.				
MAG0347 Permit Amendment 1 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2024	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Joseph Wood 740-534-6533 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Add a gate to a current permitted access.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec 12, T6N, R25W.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Oark Riparian Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/26/2024	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Matthew Anderson 479-964-7231 matthew.anderson4@usda.gov
	Description: Improve riparian conditions and reduce erosion on the Mulberry River in the vicinity of Oark. (New name - previously known as "Mulberry River Stream and Riparian Restoration Project")				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63806				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T12N, R24W, Sections 19 & 20.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
PLE0223 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2021	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Access request to private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 32, T12N, R24W.				
PLE0245 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2024	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: Request to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. sec. 31 T13N R23W.				
PLE0248 Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: A private landowners association is requesting to construct and maintain 600' of road to access their property.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sec. 10 T11N R26W.				
Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W PLE0210 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	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 Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Woods Mountain Farm Bill CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/09/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to promote resiliency to insect and disease infestations through the implementation of Commercial Thinning, Regeneration activities, and Timber Stand Improvement with midstory reduction on 2,399 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65625				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. approximately 4 miles north of Ludwig, Arkansas; in Township 11 North, Ranges 22 & 23 West, 5th Principal Meridian in Johnson County, Arkansas.					

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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	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/20/2022	Expected:12/2024	01/2025	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.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region

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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 Caverns Facilities Renovation Project EA	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2024	Expected:10/2024	01/2025	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.					
C-23 Bat Cave Gate CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:05/2024	05/2024	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 ext 3234 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a cave gate to protect endangered bat species that utilize the cave at different times throughout the year from human disturbance. The gate would also serve to prevent further vandalism from occurring.				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The cave's exact location is protected by statute under the Federal Caves Resources Protection Act of 1988.				
County Road 73 Improvements and Coldwater Creek Crossing CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/14/2018	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	Description: ARDOT, in cooperation with the Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration, is planning improvements to County Road 73 including the crossing over Coldwater Creek. The total length of the project is 1.5 miles.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65691				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter. LEGAL - 36.14124947063227, -92.2662205099991. 1.5 miles, beginning 1.6 miles east of Highway 341 and extending east.					

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Special Use Permit SYL0023-Amendment 3 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: Amend Entergy Arkansas's existing permit (SYL0023) to authorize an additional 2019 feet of new aerial utility corridor measuring 30 feet in width to provide electric service to a private landowner whose property is surrounded by NFS land.				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within T.15.N R.13.W, Section 1 in Stone County in the vicinity of Bear Pen Road.				
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				
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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