

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide									
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	s, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.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- regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. C all NFS lands open to mineral ent sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Infor	mation is available			
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations Orders	s, Directives,	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v			
	Description: Web Link:	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.							
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive						

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

Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact		
R8 - Southern Region, Occurri	ng in more tha	n one Forest (exclu	ding Regionwide)					
E-Bike Use Ouachita and Ozark-St-Francis National Forest EA		gement planning management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Christopher Ham 501-321-5253 christopher.ham@usda. gov		
NEW LISTING	Description:	Determination of ho whole and to 3 sele	w E-Bike directives will be applied cted trail systems.	on the Ouachita and	Ozark-St. Francis I	National Forest as a		
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Ouachita National Forest All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Womble Trail, Upper Buffalo Trail, Syllamo Mountain Bike Trail.						
E-bike Programmatic Environmental Assessment EA		gement planning management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	*NEW LISTING* Description: Project to evaluate three purpose-built bike trails on the Ouachita and the Ozark NFs to allow use of e-bacteria for future evaluation of additional trails use.							
	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	- Land mana	gement planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/11/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov		
UPDATED	Description:	Description: This is a programmatic plan amendment affecting vegetation management practices described in Appendix F of the Forest Plan.						
	Web Link:							
	Location:	Crawford, Franklin,	rancis National Forest All Units. ST Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Ma LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark-St.	arion, Newton, Phillips,	Pope, Searcy, S			

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores	Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)							
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			
	and wildlife manageWeb Link:http://www.fs.usda.gLocation:UNIT - Ozark-St. Fr Crawford, Franklin,	ment activities across Ozark Nation ment, also connected actions such gov/project/?project=61695 ancis National Forest All Units. ST Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Ma LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark Nat	n as roads/firebreaks. FATE - Arkansas. CC arion, Newton, Phillips	DUNTY - Baxter, B	enton, Conway,			

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:	escription: Stabilize a section of Searcy County Road 1205 and remove material sliding down onto the road. Currently, the area impacted is less than five acres							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=58055						
	Location:	ocation: 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.							

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R8 - Southern Region

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore	sts Bayou l	Ranger District (exc	luding Projects occurring in mor	re than one District)	1	R8 - Southern Region		
2022 Blue Hole Project EA *UPDATED *		management ea management agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov		
	Description: Web Link:	 Description: Ensuring the Blue Hole Special Interest Area retain its undisturbed and natural conditions for primitive a mechanized recreational enjoyment, to improve water quality, and protect the geological and scenic val Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61646 						
	Location:							
Brock Creek Trail Sustainability Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 04/12/2022	05/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov		
OPDATED	Description: Make the trail system more sustainable by rerouting areas which have increased erosion due to bein located and rehabilitating the closed sections. Additionally, maintain the whole trail system							
	Location:		per District. STATE - Arkansas. Contract in the Southeast corner of the Big salem.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R8 - Southern Region District)									
Devil's Den Trail System CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 amanda.bataineh@usd a.gov				
	20.17 miles of Den State Par	miles of mountain bike trail, reconstr existing hiking and horse trails in add c. Mountain Ranger District. STATE - A	lition to the mountain bik	e trails on FS lan	d adjacent to Devils				
		rest Service System land surrounding							

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores District)	R8 - Southern Region					
Fanes Mill EA *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fis Grazing ma Forest prod Vegetation (other than fo Fuels mana 	ducts management prest products) agement management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:02/2023	04/2023	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coy.longshore@usda.go v
	Web Link:	insects, and diseas species. Improving http://www.fs.usda.y UNIT - Boston Mou - multiple sections i Franklin counties. E	ect to help improve forest condition e. Improving habitat for game spec trails, roads. gov/project/?project=57438 ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark n T 12N R 26W, T 12N R 27W, T 1 Bounded on the north by the White ortheast, Combs northwest.	kansas. COUNTY - 0	ned, endangered, a Crawford, Franklin, 27W. Primarily in N	and sensitive Madison. LEGAL /adison and

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore District)	National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one							
Ford Project EA *UPDATED*	 Heritage remanagement Special art Wildlife, Forest production Vegetation Vegetation (other than for the second secon	t ea management sh, Rare plants ducts n management orest products) agement d management e management e management agement : Multi-resource proje weather events; imp conditions.*Objectio	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/06/2022 ect to help improve forest conditions prove habitat for threatened, endan on open thru 7/20 gov/project/?project=44980					
	Location:	sections in township of Mountainburg an	ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark os 11N 28W, 11N 29W, 11N 30W, d Chester Arkansas. Aboout 10 mi 9 and north of interstate I40.	12N 28W, 12N 29W,	12N 30W. On mair	n division in vicinity		
Hurricane Road ERFO Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road mana	agement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov		
OFDAILD		-	ance of Hurricane Road including		-			
	Location:		ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark chardson Mountain on the main un		Frawford. LEGAL	section 13 1 12N		

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores District)	ts Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R8 - Southern							
Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov			
	conditions.	on district by grazing livestock to co	ombat woody plant er	ncroachment and n	naintain open			
		ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark able. Multiple allotments on Wedin						
Sunset Salvage CE *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2021	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 jalindsay@fs.fed.us			
		d dying trees on 22 acres damaged gov/project/?project=61052	d by an EF-1 tornado	on 15th October 2	021.			
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Brannon Community in Madison County Arkansas on northern boundary of main unit.							
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:07/2022	08/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 jalindsay@fs.fed.us			
	-	434 acres hardwood thinning. Pres gov/project/?project=61864	scribed burning in tota	al project area of 26	603 acres.			
		ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark and 20. Main Unit near the Temple		Benton, Washingto	n. LEGAL - T13N			

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore District)	ests Boston	Mountain Ranger [District (excluding Projects occur	rring in more than or	ne	R8 - Southern Region		
Wedington Waterline Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation - Facility ma	management Inagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	David Brickley 479-667-2191 david.brickley@usda.go v		
	Description: Web Link: Location:	County public wate municipal line. http://www.fs.usda. UNIT - Boston Mou	em at the Wedington Recreational A r system. Requires the construction gov/project/?project=61063 Intain Ranger District. STATE - Ark 2. South of Lake Wedington to procl	n of a new waterline a	long an existing roo	ad to tie into		
White Rock Mountain Road Repair Project CE	- Road mana		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov		
UPDATED	Description:	ption: 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:		intain Ranger District. STATE - Ark ' and sections 25 and 36 in T12N R est of Grey Spring.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Developed Recreation Improvements EA	 Recreation management Special use management Facility management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 x2877 amanda.bataineh@usd a.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.						

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore District)	ests Magazine Mountain Rang	ger District (excluding Projects oc	curring in more than	one	R8 - Southern Region			
Carter Mountain Project EA *UPDATED*	-	Comment Period Public Notice ement 03/09/2022 04 bducts) t ement ement						
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T6N-7N, R22W-23W.							
Cove Lake Dam Analysis Project CE *NEW LISTING*	 Recreation management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Watershed management Facility management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Charles Stokes 870-867-2101 chip.stokes@usda.gov			
	 Description: Geophysical investigations and analysis of the water control structures in Cove Lake Dam. Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T7N, R25W, Sec. 35. 7 mi. SE of Paris, AR. 							

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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products		In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.g		
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	Description: Forest management activities to reduce the risk of insect and disease outbreaks on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District.							
	Web Link:							
	Location:							

Project Name	Project F	Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Ozark-St. Francis National Fores	R8 - Southern Region					
Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W CE *UPDATED*	- Special use ma	nagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 ext 2877 amanda.bataineh@usd a.gov
UI DATED			oss a closed road to an adjacent pr aintenance of the closed road.	ivate landowner. Land	downer will be resp	oonsible for the
	will		I Ranger District. STATE - Arkansa at Forest Service Road 1434a and			

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	5		Developing Proposal Expected:04 Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:04/2023	Expected:04/2023 04/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228		
EA						jan.franks@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description	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:	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62111						
	Location:	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.						

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

R8 - Southern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose		Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact	
Ozark-St. Francis National Fore	sts Sylamo	ore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distri	ct)	R8 - Southern Region	
Amendment-1 of Special Use Permit SYL0060 CE	- Special use management		Completed	Actual: 06/02/2022	06/2022	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description Web Link:	escription: Permit amendment to add appx 5.6 miles of buried & and 0.6 miles of overhead fiber optic cable within the existing permitted use area of SYL0060 as an authorized improvement. Lead agency (USDA Rural Utilities Services) completed NEPA for installation					
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Linear utility corridors in multiple locations in Stone County within the proclamation boundary of the Sylamore Ranger District. Overhead installations will be on existing poles.						
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 10/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	Jan Franks 870 269 3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
UI DATED	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.						
Blanchard Springs Recreation Area Complex Utility Replacement Project	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2020	Expected:08/2022 Actual: 04/19/2021	08/2022	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
CE	Description: Replace existing utility lines crossing North Sylamore Creek						
UPDATED	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57941				
	Location:	UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs recreation area complex.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore	sts Sylamo	re Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distri	ict)	R8 - Southern Region	
Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management 870				Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov		
	Description: Web Link:	and herbaceous sp the NFS range sys	ement of 4 range allotments with con pecies on fields; proposal includes p stem. .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 08/2022	Expected:11/2022	01/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
OFDATED	 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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