

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact				
Projects Occurring Nationwide										
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us				
	Description: Web Link:	locatable minerals or review/comment in	ttp://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214							
	Location:	UNIT - All Districts-l regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral entr sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Infori	mation is available				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.	- Regulations Orders	, 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:	Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.								
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60450							
	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)

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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	- Recreation management - Road management		In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Christopher Ham 501-321-5320 christopher.ham@usda. gov			
EA *UPDATED*		use of e-bikes in ac	purpose-built bike trails on the Oua		St. Francis Nationa	I Forests to allow			
	Web Link: Location:	UNIT - Mena Range Ranger District, Buf Logan, Madison, Ma on Big Piney Range	gov/project/?project=62170 er District, Caddo Ranger District, C ffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arka arion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Stone er District in Newton County, Syllam Womble and Mena-Oden Ranger I	ansas. COUNTY - Ba e, Van Buren. LEGAl no Bike Trails on Syla	axter, Benton, Frar L - Not Applicable.	nklin, Johnson, Buffalo Bike Trails			

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 management pla	In Progress: Objection Period Legal No 09/07/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov			
UPDATED		Description: This is a programmatic plan amendment affecting vegetation management practices described in Appendix F of the Forest Plan. **The objection period will run from Sep. 8th - Oct. 24th.**						
	Web Link: http://www	v.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58633						
	Crawford,	zark-St. Francis National Forest All Ur Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madi on, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Oz	son, Marion, Newton, Phillips	, Pope, Searcy,				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores	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
	and wildlife manage Web Link: http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Ozark-St. Fr Crawford, Franklin,	ment activities across Ozark Nation ement, also connected actions such gov/project/?project=61695 ancis National Forest All Units. ST Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Ma LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark Nat	as roads/firebreaks. ATE - Arkansas. Coarion, Newton, Phillip	DUNTY - Baxter, B	enton, Conway,

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R8 - Southern Region									
Highway 23 bridge replacement over Mulberry River			In Progress: Scoping Start 07/31/2013	Expected:01/2023	07/2023	Janine Book 479-964-7282			
EA			Est. Comment Period Public			janine.book@usda.gov			
NEW LISTING			Notice 11/2022						
11211 21311113	Description:	ARDOT, in coopera miles south of Cass	tion with the USDA, Forest Service in Franklin County.	e, is planning improver	nents to Highway	23 approximately 1.6			
	Web Link:	/eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62661							
	Location:		ntain Ranger District, Pleasant Hill cable. Highway 23 approximately 1	•					

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 *UPDATED*	- Watershed	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov				
STEATED		mile to the South an separate projects.	f Searcy County Road 1205 and reother project is being analyzed to r							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=58055							
	Location:	18 West, Section 18	ger District. STATE - Arkansas. C B. This project is less than 5 acres i ad. Material would need to be rem	n size and has impac	ted Searcy County					
Richland Creek Road Realignment Project CE CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road mana	gement	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov				
NEW LISTING	Description: Realign road away from Falling Water Creek and stabilize eroded section of streambank. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62676 Web Link:									
	Location:	18 West, Section 19	ger District. STATE - Arkansas. C D. This project is located approxima niles West of the community of Witt	itely 2 miles south of						

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Region									
2022 Blue Hole Project EA	Recreation management Special area management Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov				
		ue Hole Special Interest Area retain its reational enjoyment, to improve water							
	Web Link: http://www.fs.us	da.gov/project/?project=61646							
	covers parts of	anger District. STATE - Arkansas. (sec 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,22 ,23, 27. Tector, AR. Project lies north of White (his project is approxima	ately 3 miles north	neast of the				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Re									
Liberty Springs Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest prod	ducts	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:10/2022	12/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda. gov			
	Description	Project to thin overce healthy more resilie	crowded pine stands to reduce hazant forest.	ardous fuels and pote	ntial insect disease	e outbreak. Create a			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62640						
	Location:	Arkansas Township	er District. STATE - Arkansas. Co 10 North, Range 17 West, Section 16-17,19-20, and 29-30. Eastside of	ns 10-15, and 23-24 a	nd Township 10 N	orth, Range 16			

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R8 - Southern Reg									
Devil's Den Trail System CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda. gov				
	20.17 miles of exing Den State Park. Location: UNIT - Boston Mo	les of mountain bike trail, reconstrusting hiking and horse trails in additional puntain Ranger District. STATE - At Service System land surrounding	tion to the mountain bike with the state of the mountain bike with the state of the	e trails on FS lan /ashington. LEG	d adjacent to Devils				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores District)	R8 - Southern Region				
Fanes Mill EA *UPDATED*	- 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 10/2022	Expected:02/2023	04/2023	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coy.longshore@usda.go v
	insects, and diseas species. Improving Web Link: http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Boston Mou - multiple sections in Franklin counties. E	ect to help improve forest conditions i.e. Improving habitat for game spectrails, roads. gov/project/?project=57438 untain Ranger District. STATE - Ark in T 12N R 26W, T 12N R 27W, T 1 Bounded on the north by the White ortheast, Combs northwest.	ies as well as threate cansas. COUNTY - 0 3N R 26W, T 13N R	ned, endangered, a Crawford, Franklin, 27W. Primarily in M	and sensitive Madison. LEGAL ladison and

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore District)	sts Boston	Mountain Ranger [District (excluding Projects occu	rring in more than o	ne	R8 - Southern Region
Ford Project EA *UPDATED*	- Heritage remanagement - Special are - Wildlife, Fit - Forest pro - Vegetation (other than for - Fuels mant - Watershed - Special us - Road mant - Fuels mant - Road mant - Fuels mant - Road mant - Fuels mant - Road man	t ea management esh, Rare plants ducts management prest products) agement I management e management agement	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/06/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Web Link: Location:	weather events; im http://www.fs.usda. UNIT - Boston Mou sections in townshi of Mountainburg ar	ect to help improve forest condition prove habitat for threatened, endar gov/project/?project=44980 untain Ranger District. STATE - Arl ps 11N 28W, 11N 29W, 11N 30W, and Chester Arkansas. Aboout 10 m	ngered and sensitive s kansas. COUNTY - 0 12N 28W, 12N 29W,	species; improve wa Crawford, Franklin. 12N 30W. On mair	atershed conditions. LEGAL - multiple n division in vicinity
Hurricane Road ERFO Project	- Road mana		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description:	UNIT - Boston Mou	nance of Hurricane Road including untain Ranger District. STATE - Arl	kansas. COUNTY - (
Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Grazing ma		On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	Description:	conditions.	on district by grazing livestock to c	combat woody plant e	ncroachment and n	naintain open
	Location:		ıntain Ranger District. STATE - Arl cable. Multiple allotments on Wedir			o o

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Ozark-St District)	t. Francis National Fores	sts Boston	Mountain Ranger D	District (excluding Projects occur	ring in more than or	ne	R8 - Southern Region	
Sunset S	Sunset Salvage CE *UPDATED*		sh, Rare plants ducts management prest products) agement management	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2022	08/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 james.a.lindsay@usda. gov	
		Description: Web Link:	<u>-</u>	d dying trees on 22 acres damaged gov/project/?project=61052	d by an EF-1 tornado	on 15th October 20	021.	
		Location:	UNIT - Boston Mou	ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark y in Madison County Arkansas on r			Not Applicable.	
Temple H	Hill Project *UPDATED*	- Forest pro- - Vegetation (other than for	sh, Rare plants ducts management prest products) I management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/02/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 james.a.lindsay@usda. gov	
			252 acres pine and	434 acres hardwood thinning. Pres	scribed burning in tota	ll project area of 26	603 acres.	
		Location:		ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark and 20. Main Unit near the Temple		Benton, Washingto	n. LEGAL - T13N	
Wedingto CE	on Waterline Project *UPDATED*	- Recreation - Facility ma	management Inagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	David Brickley 479-667-2191 david.brickley@usda.go v	
		Description:	escription: 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.g	gov/project/?project=61063				
		Location:		ntain Ranger District. STATE - Ark . South of Lake Wedington to procla			L - sections 9 and	

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores District)	R8 - Southern Region				
White Rock Mountain Road Repair Project CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
UPDATED	bed is sliding down Location: UNIT - Boston Mou	White Rock Mountain Road betwee slope, creating a safety hazard. Intain Ranger District. STATE - Ark and sections 25 and 36 in T12N Rest of Grey Spring.	kansas. COUNTY - F	ranklin. LEGAL - :	Sections 30 and

Ozark-St. Francis National Fore District)	ests Magazine Mountain Range	r District (excluding Projects occ	curring in more than	one	R8 - Southern Region		
Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Developed Recreation Improvements EA	Recreation managementSpecial use managementFacility 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 - Short Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake - on a sustainable basis.							
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Logan, W LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lak Areas on the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts of the Ozark-St. Francis Natio							
Carter Mountain Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management						
	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)							
Cove Lake Dam Analysis Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)		Expected:11/2022	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.						

Ozark-St. Francis National For	ests Pleasant Hill Ranger [District (excluding Projects occurring	ng in more than one Dis	strict)	R8 - Southern Region		
Grassy Road Travel Management EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.g ov		
	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.						
Grassy-Batson Farm Bill CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.g		
	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.						

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores	sts Pleasant Hill Ranger Distri	ct (excluding Projects occurring	in more than one Di	strict)	R8 - Southern Region	
Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda. gov	
		oss a closed road to an adjacent pr aintenance of the closed road.	ivate landowner. Land	downer will be resp	onsible for the	
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable will go west starting at Forest Service Road 1434a and south of the Ozark Highlands Trail in Section 28 R24W.					

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 - Facility ma	management nagement	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/20/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov		
UPDATED	Description:	Description: Replacement of the Bear Creek Lake dam primary chute spillway & associated activities to address de that led to failure of the existing spillway in 2019 & to ensure the structure meets established national structure. 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	- Special use	emanagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/05/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda. gov		
NEW LISTING	Description:	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:	1,120 feet of fiber o	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.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fore	sts Sylamo	re Ranger District (e	excluding Projects occurring in r	more than one Distri	ct)	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 11/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Jan Franks 870 269 3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
5. 5 2	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:11/2022 Actual: 04/19/2021	11/2022	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov	
CE * UPDATED *	Description: Web Link:	-	lity lines crossing North Sylamore (gov/project/?project=57941	Creek			
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs recreation area complex.						
Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Grazing ma - Vegetation (other than for	sh, Rare plants anagement management orest products) e 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, for and herbaceous species on fields; proposal includes placing 2 allotments in closed status and removing them the NFS range system. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42968 							
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Arkansas. the Sylamore District located with				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Fores	sts Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in r	nore than one Distri	ct)	R8 - Southern Region
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
OI BATED	herbicide use; conv Web Link: http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ra	nprovement of non-motorized trails; erting a road and a user-created tra gov/project/?project=44724 anger District. STATE - Arkansas. s up to 400' wide of NFS land cente	ail to system trail; con COUNTY - Baxter, S	structing new trail Searcy, Stone. LEG	

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