



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2016 to 03/31/2016

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Big Piney Fuels Management Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2015	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: A project proposed to reduce fuels, improve forest health and restore ecosystems. This project includes activities such as prescribed burning, commercial and noncommercial thinning, herbicide use to control NNIS and to control understory species..etc				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Conway, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Van Buren. LEGAL - Various locations across the district. The location is the district's current RX burns with some additional burns and proposed activities.				
Natural Gas Well, Ozark Highlands Unit 9-16-2-7H6, ARES52178 & 52179 (Lower Brock) EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2015	Expected:01/2016	04/2016	Len Weeks 479-964-7231 lweeks@fs.fed.us
	Description: SEECO, Inc. is proposing to construct a gas well (Ozark Highlands Unit 9-16 2-7H6, ARES 52178 & 52179) on National Forest land on an existing Federal oil/gas lease. The proposed surface disturbing activity is located in Section 7 of T9N, R16W of				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Conway. LEGAL - Section 7 of T9N, R16W. The site is located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Cleveland, AR and 0.7 miles north along Brock Creek Road from the junction with Bridge Hill Road in Conway County.				

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Southwestern Energy Natural Gas Pipeline Project CE	- Forest products - Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Big Piney Ranger District on the Ozark-St Francis National Forests is considering a request for a special use permit from Southwestern Energy Company (SEECO) for construction of a natural gas pipeline				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Boone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 10 North, Range 16 West, Section 20, & 29 in Van Buren County, Arkansas.				

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: Scoping Start 07/01/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2016	Expected:11/2016	07/2017	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	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. Aboout 10 miles south of Winslow, AR and 15 miles North of Alma, AR. East of interstate I49 and north of interstate I40.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Lee Creek Fuels Treatment Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/12/2015	Expected:01/2016	01/2016	Michael Klick 479-667-2191 mklick@fs.fed.us
Description: Prescribed burns on the Lee Creek Unit of the Boston Mountain Ranger District.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40310					
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Washington. LEGAL - multiple townships in the Lee Creek Unit. Lee Creek Unit of Western Arkansas bordering Oklahoma.					
Mulberry River Watershed Improvement and Access Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Watershed management - Facility management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2015	Expected:03/2016	04/2016	John Lane 479-667-2191 johnlane@fs.fed.us
Description: Improvements to recreational access to the Mulberry River at multiple locations along the Wild and Scenic Corridor. Also includes Turner Bend Small Game area habitat improvements and improved hunter access including wheelchair accessible areas.					
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Multiple sections in T 11N R 28W and T 11N R 27W. Multiple access sites along Wild and Scenic Corridor of the Mulberry River. Between stream miles 18 and 36.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Calico Rock Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress:	Expected:12/2015	01/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest health and ecosystem management, endangered species management, silviculture treatments, road and trail management, and wildlife habitat management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45431				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T6N, R25 & 26W, T7N R25 & 26W. Compartments 42, 47, 53, 54, 71, and 72.					
Crossberry/Buzzard Rock EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2016	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: An integrated resources project encompassing forest health and ecosystem management, wildlife and aquatic habitat management, silvicultural treatments, road and trail management, and communication site management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47527				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 7 North, Range 23 and 24 West, and Township 6 N, Range 23 W of Logan County, AR and Yell County, AR. Compartments 11, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 76 of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Districtwide Non-Native Invasive Plant Treatment Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rob Kopack 479-963-3076 rkopack@fs.fed.us
Description: Control of non-native invasive plant species infestations across the Mt. Magazine Ranger District					
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine Ranger District in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bee Ridge EA	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/01/2015	Expected:09/2015	10/2017	Matthew Pfeifler 479-754-2864 mtpfeifler@fs.fed.us
Description: Forest Health, Timber Harvest of pine & hardwood; wildlife habitat & fishery improvements; road stability; protection of heritage resources; fuel reduction; non-native invasive species control					
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson, Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Big Piney District on North and East; Horse Water Ridge & Little Piney on West; Little Piney on South.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Ozone CCC Trail Native Grass Restoration EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2015	Expected:02/2016	03/2016	Carol Swboni 479-754-2864 cswboni@fs.fed.us
	Description: Native grass restoration through combined use of prescribed fire, herbicide, and pine/hardwood removal utilizing hand tools and potentially limited mechanized removal (i.e. masticator). Reduction of overstory on areas currently not interpreted.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Township 12 North, Range 23 West, Section 28. Ozone CCC trail is currently being maintained through prescribed burning (when conditions allow), limited herbicide, and weed-eating. Management is needed in areas not developed to control vegetation.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Amendment of Recreation Residence Permit STF0125 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2015	Expected:10/2015	10/2015	Jay Swafford 870-269-3228 x 3232 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: To amend recreation residence permit STF0125 to reflect an increase in the size of the authorized boat dock from 339 square feet to 900 square feet.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47801				
Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Lot 1.					
Recreation Residence Permit Amendments on Use Areas BCL 6, 14, 15C and 11 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/28/2015	Expected:01/2016	01/2016	Mary Maercklein 870-269-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment of 4 recreation residence permits for requested changes in authorized improvements to each respective use area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48459				
Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Use areas 6, 11, 14 and 15C on the Bear Creek Lake recreation residence tract.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
St. Francis NF Range Allotment Management EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jessica Hawkins 870-269-3228 jessicamhawkins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Management of 6 range allotments & associated features to improve & maintain early seral habitat thru manual/mechanical actions, burning, herbicide use, restoring native grasses, grazing & hay cutting permits.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ranger#1, Hattie #2, Summer Home #3, Bear Creek #4, Taylor #5 & Mulehead #8 range allotments.				
St. Francis National Forest Ecosystem Restoration Project EA	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:06/2016	07/2016	Mary Maercklein 870-295-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvests, timber & wildlife stand improvements, prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, planting, non-native invasive plant treatments to move terrestrial ecosystem vegetation closer to desired conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee, Phillips. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All National Forest System lands of the St. Francis National Forest.				

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	Jessica Hawkins 870-269-3228 jessicamhawkins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Implement Forest Plan direction for range thru hay/grazing permits; mowing; rx burning; herbicide use; fertilizer; liming; seeding; use of mechanical equipment; restoring native cane populations; access repair; fence and pond maintenance on 6 allotments				
	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.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2015	Expected:01/2016	01/2016	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jlfranks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance and improvement of system hiking and bicycle trails on the Sylamore RD; actions will include realignment, planting native species and limited herbicide use on encroaching vegetation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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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