



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
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**Ozark-St. Francis National Forests**

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
<b>2012 Planning Rule Monitoring Transition</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/17/2016	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Steve Duzan 479-964-7282 sduzan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project is an Administrative Change in Forest Plan Monitoring to bring the plan in compliance with the 2012 Planning Rule.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
<b>Big Piney Fuels Management Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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 05/2016	Expected:10/2016	12/2016	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Natural Gas Well, Ozark Highlands Unit 9-16-2-7H6, ARES52178 &amp; 52179 (Lower Brock)</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/20/2016	Expected:06/2016	07/2016	Len Weeks 479-964-7231 lweeks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Southwestern Energy Natural Gas Pipeline Project</b> CE	- Forest products - Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Cox Communications Fiber Optic Line Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2016	Expected:04/2016	04/2016	James Bicknell 479-754-2864 jbicknell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Cox Communications is applying for a new special uses permit to allow installation of overhead fiber optic lines along an existing powerline right-of-way along State Highway 59.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Townships: T11N R32W, T12N R32W, and T12N R33W. Highway 59 north of Natural Dam.				

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<b>Ford Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Special area management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Special use management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2016	Expected:01/2017	07/2017	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Highway 59 Tornado Salvage Project</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2016	Expected:04/2016	04/2016	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 jalindsay@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Salvage trees damaged by a recent tornado on approximately 185 acres of National Forest land on the Lee Creek Unit northwest of Natural Dam along Highway 59.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - sections 2 and 11 in T 12N R 33W. Highway 59 north of Natural Dam.					

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<b>Lee Creek Fuels Treatment Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress:	Expected:04/2016	04/2016	Michael Klick 479-667-2191 mklick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Prescribed burns on the Lee Creek Unit of the Boston Mountain Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40310">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40310</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Mill Creek Road Recondition Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2016	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Ricky Adair 479-667-2191 radair@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reconditioning road template, creating turnouts.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Main division of Ozark National Forest. About 6.5 miles west of St. Paul in northern Franklin county.				
<b>Mulberry River Watershed Improvement and Access Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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 06/2016	Expected:11/2016	02/2017	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>North Twin Trail Improvements</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2016	Expected:06/2016	08/2016	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve recreation experiences for mountain biking by designating, rerouting, decommissioning and creating bike trail in the North Twin Special Interest Area and Lake Wedington Recreation Area.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lake Wedington and North Twin Special Interest Area on the Wedington Unit.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Arkansas Valley Electric Powerline Special Use Permit Amendment 11</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/29/2016	Expected:04/2016	04/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Arkansas Valley Electric requests an amendment to their special use permit in order to install approximately 1,672 feet of a single-phase, overhead, electric powerline with 30 feet of clearance to a neighboring private landowner.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48855">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48855</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in Sections 3 and 4 of Township 6N, Range 25W and Section 33 of Township 7N, Range 25W, in the northeast portion of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District in Logan County, AR.					

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Calico Rock Project</b> 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	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2015	12/2015	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataneh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest health and ecosystem management, endangered species management, silviculture treatments, road and trail management, and wildlife habitat management .				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45431">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45431</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T6N, R25 & 26W, T7N R25 & 26W. Compartments 42, 47, 53, 54, 71, and 72.					
<b>Crossberry/Buzzard Rock</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/18/2016	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataneh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47527">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47527</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Mt. Magazine Non-Native Invasive Species Treatment Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2016	Expected:02/2017	02/2017	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Control of non-native invasive species infestations across the Mt. Magazine Ranger District				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine Ranger District in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas.				
<b>Mt. Magazine State Park Special Use Permit Amendment 5</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2016	Expected:04/2016	06/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> An amendment would be added to the current special use permit authorizing Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism to renovate an historic amphitheater, as well as the adjoining trail and parking area, along Cameron Bluff.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48812">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48812</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located along Cameron Bluff within the Mt. Magazine State Park in Section 25 of Township 6N, Range 25W, Logan County, Arkansas.					

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Bee Ridge</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land management planning</li> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	Completed	Actual: 09/25/2015	10/2017	Matthew Pfeifler 479-754-2864 mtpfeifler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Health, Timber Harvest of pine & hardwood; wildlife habitat & fishery improvements; road stability; protection of heritage resources; fuel reduction; non-native invasive species control				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Ozone CCC Trail Native Grass Restoration</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/23/2015	Expected:04/2016	06/2016	Carol Swboni 479-754-2864 cswboni@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment of Recreation Residence Permit STF0125</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2015	10/2015	Jay Swafford 870-269-3228 x 3232 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47801">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47801</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Lot 1.					
<b>Recreation Residence Permit Amendments on Use Areas BCL 6, 14, 15C and 11</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2016	01/2016	Mary Maercklein 870-269-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Amendment of 4 recreation residence permits for requested changes in authorized improvements to each respective use area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48459">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48459</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>St. Francis NF Range Allotment Management</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/20/2016	Expected:04/2016	04/2016	Jessica Hawkins 870-269-3228 jessicamhawkins@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44738">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44738</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>St. Francis National Forest Ecosystem Restoration Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/21/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2016	Expected:10/2016	10/2016	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 ext 3234 comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-stfrancis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Harvests, timber & wildlife stand improvements, prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, planting, non-native invasive plant treatments to move terrestrial ecosystem vegetation closer to desired conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36532">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36532</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee, Phillips. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All National Forest System lands of the St. Francis National Forest.					

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Walk and Roll Trail Management Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2016	Expected:08/2016	08/2016	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jlfranks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44724">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44724</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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