



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2016 to 12/31/2016

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
2012 Planning Rule Monitoring Transition CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2016	06/2016	Steve Duzan 479-964-7282 sduzan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project is an Administrative Change in Forest Plan Monitoring to bring the plan in compliance with the 2012 Planning Rule.				
	Location: 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
Big Piney Fuels Management Project EA *UPDATED*	<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 10/2016	Expected:03/2017	06/2017	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.				

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Natural Gas Well, Ozark Highlands Unit 9-16-2-7H6, ARES52178 & 52179 (Lower Brock) EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/12/2016	10/2016	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.				
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 District)	Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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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 *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 11/2016	Expected:03/2017	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. About 10 miles south of Winslow, AR and 15 miles North of Alma, AR. East of interstate I49 and north of interstate I40.				
Mulberry River Watershed Improvement and Access Project EA *UPDATED*	- 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 10/2016	Expected:02/2017	03/2017	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@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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North Twin Trail Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/09/2016	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				
Ragtown Road Repair Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2016	Expected:01/2017	01/2017	Ricky Adair 479-667-2191 radair@fs.fed.us
	Description: Total failure of about 300 feet of roadway. Road provides access to several thousand acres of National Forest. Current situation is public safety hazard. Failed segment would be relocated to improve transportation and safety.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Cass about half a mile south of the "Summit", the intersection of Mill Creek, Fly Gap, Fanes Creek, and Ragtown Roads.				
White Rock Developed Recreation Area Concessionaire Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2016	Expected:09/2016	10/2016	James Bicknell 479-754-2864 jbicknell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of new special use permit for operation and maintenance of White Rock Developed Recreation Area.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Main Unit near Fern, AR.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Cove Lake Concessionaire and ATV Outfitting and Guide Special Use Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/29/2016	Expected:11/2016	12/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue special use permits authorizing (1) an ATV Outfitting and Guide service, and (2) a Campground and Granger-Thye Concessions for Cove Lake Recreation Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50372				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cove Lake Recreation Area: Sect. 35 T7N R25W; ATV route: Sect. 6, 7 T6N R23W; Sect. 1, 2, 10-23, 28, 29 T6N R24W; Sect. 19, 28-33 T7N, R23W; Sect. 24, 25, 36 T7N R24W; all in Logan Co., AR.					
Crossberry/Buzzard Rock 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:12/2016	02/2017	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.					
Mt. Magazine Non-Native Invasive Species Treatment Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/22/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2017	Expected:06/2017	06/2017	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Control of non-native invasive species infestations across the Mt. Magazine Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37232				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine Ranger District in Logan and Yell Counties, 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
Ross Explorations Surface Use Plan of Operations for ARES 50771 USA 6-25 2-2H and 4-2H-3 EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2017	Expected:09/2017	01/2018	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: To approve Ross Explorations Surface Use Plan of Operations for ARES 50771 USA 6-25 2-2H and 4-2H-3 gas wells.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 6 miles southeast of Paris in Logan County, Arkansas. Within Section 2 of Township 6 North, Range 25W of the 5th Meridian.				
Stephens Production Company USA 1#-16H CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2016	09/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: To approve Stephens Production Company's Surface Use Plan of Operations to drill USA #1-16H, a second well head, on the same pad as USA # 1-15H. This includes a temporary permit for a water-line and a permit for road and pad.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49264				
T-Mobile Communication Site Lease for Mt. Magazine CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/13/2016	08/2016	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: To allow T-Mobile to design, construct, operate, and maintain cellular improvements within the Mt. Magazine Communication Site in order to provide cellular service for the surrounding area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49263				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine Communication Site, Logan County, Arkansas, in T. 6 N., R. 25 W., sec. 20, Fifth Principal Meridian, at approximately Latitude 35° 9' 50" North. Longitude 93° 40' 48" West.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Brushy Mountain EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations, Directives, Orders - 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 03/03/2016	Expected:09/2016	03/2019	Matthew Pfeifler 479-754-2864 mtpfeifler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Health; Timber Harvest of pine and hardwood; wildlife habitat and fishery improvements; road stabilization; protection of heritage resources; fuels reductions; NNIS control; recreation management				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T12N R27W Sections: 24, 25, 26, 35, 36; T11N R27W Sections: 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14; T12N R26W Sections: 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; T11N R26W Sections: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. North boundary-the Mulberry Wild and Scenic River and Scenic Byway 215; East boundary-Low Bridge and Pink Twist Roads; West boundary-State Highway 23; South boundary-Ozark National Forest.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Permit Amendments for Recreation Residence Use Areas 5A, 9, and 14 on the Bear Creek Lake Tract CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2016	09/2016	Jay Swafford 870-269-3228 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Response to requests to amend 3 recreation residence permits				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50007				
Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract Use Areas 5A, 9 and 14.					

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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 National Forest Ecosystem Restoration Project 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 12/2016	Expected:05/2017	07/2017	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 ext 3234 comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-stfrancis@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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36532				
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.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Carney Road CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2016	Expected:11/2016	12/2016	Khristina Huber 870-269-3228 khuber@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest, TSI & Rx burning to reduce stress & improve resilience against disease & other stressors & NNIS treatments to control spread on 2978 acres. Overstocked stands, Oak decline, Hypoxylon canker & NNIS are present throughout this area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49802				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. LEGAL - T16N R13W Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 T15N R13W Sections 1, 2, 3 . Compartments 49, 95, & 96.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Hotard Helispot Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2016	Expected:02/2017	03/2017	Trenton Girard 870-269-3228 tgirard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of a simple 30 x 30 foot concrete slab to provide a firm, level surface that will safely support helicopter landings and loading of injured persons needing air ambulance transport.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49588				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - T15N-R11W Sec. 8. Within an existing wildlife opening approximately 150 yards north of AR State Highway 14.					
Removal of Condemned Structure on the Sylamore RD Administrative Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		09/2016	Jay Swafford 870-269-3228 extension 3232 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of FS quarters on the Sylamore RD administrative site within the city limits of Mountain View, AR. The quarters caught fire after being struck by lightning and were subsequently condemned by the city.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50078				
Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sylamore RD Administrative Site on East Main Street in Mountain View, AR.					
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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	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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