



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
 2014, 3rd Quarter (04/01/2014 to 06/30/2014)  
**Ozark-St. Francis National Forests**

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

<b>Southern Region Caves and Mine Closures</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2014	Expected:05/2014	05/2014	Dennis Krusac 404-347-4338 dkrusac@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the action is to close caves and mines to minimize the transmission potential of white nose syndrome and for the protection of associated wildlife species.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44053">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44053</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, National Forests In Florida All Units, Kisatchie National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, Savannah River Natural Resource Management and Res All Units, National Forests In Mississippi All Units, Ouachita National Forest All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, National Forests In Texas All Units, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area All Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units, National Forests in Alabama All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. COUNTY - Lake, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Covington, Hale, Lawrence, Macon, Ashley, Benton, Montgomery, Murray, Oglethorpe, Chickasaw, Randolph, Pontotoc, Jackson, Morgan, Whitley, Natchitoches, Vernon, Winn, Roanoke, Berkeley, Edgefield, Newberry, Cocke, Monroe, Unicoi, Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Craven, Botetourt, Charlotte, Roanoke, Shenandoah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest Systems lands: KY, VA, TN, NC, SC, MS, AL, GA, FL, LA, TX, AR, OK.					

**Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Region**

<b>2013 New Existing Special Uses</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/25/2014	04/2014	Terrell Hope 870-446-5122 thope@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This decision would consider up to 13 different linear special use requests which are existing but have not been permitted by a Special Use permit. The types of uses vary from roads for access to private to water lines and power lines.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Conway, Johnson, Newton, Pope, Van Buren. LEGAL - See the Scoping letter for specific legal land locations of each special use proposal. The existing uses are scattered across the Big Piney Ranger district.				

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<b>Southwestern Power Administration Vegetation Management Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/24/2014 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 06/2014	Expected:08/2014	10/2014	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 ext. 5136 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Use of herbicides on a 20-mile by 100ft powerline right-of-way easement.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope, Searcy. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Permit area enters the Forest 1.5 miles south of Long Pool Rec Area & exits 1 mile southwest of Witt Springs, AR. This area includes the communication site on White Oak Mtn.				
<b>Three Knob Project</b> EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 08/16/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2014	Expected:08/2014	12/2014	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Landscape scale project which includes; timber management, reforestation, travel management, recreation access, prescribed burning, and wildlife improvements.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson, Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Broomfield Rd, in the area of Three Knob Mtn., and on the west side of Big Piney Creek north on the east side of Meadows Knob road to Bill Jack Phillips ford.				
<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain 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 Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Lee Creek Prescribed Burning Project</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Grazing management</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 04/2014	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	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>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>Mulberry River Watershed Improvement and Access Project</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Grazing management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Facility management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 06/24/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2014	Expected:08/2014	10/2014	John Lane 479-667-2191 johnlane@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>Spirits Project</b> EA	- 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: Notice of Initiation 07/22/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2014	Expected:07/2014	08/2014	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Timber and Wildlife habitat improvement proposal including thinning pine stands, regeneration, sanitation thinning and prescribed burning.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - multiple sections in T 12N R 28W, T 12N R 27W, T 11N R 28W, T 11N R 27W, T 11N R26W. Main Unit on Boston Mountain Ranger District in Franklin County.				

<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>Districtwide Non-Native Invasive Plant Treatment Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Vicki Weindel 479-963-3076 vweindel@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Control of non-native invasive plant species infestations across the Mt. Magazine Ranger District				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. Mt. Magazine Ranger District in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas.				

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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>Stephens USA 1-15H, ARES 54692 Gas Well</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/04/2014	Expected:05/2014	06/2014	Len Weeks 479-964-7231 lweeks@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Construction of the Stephens USA 1-15H Gas Well Pad. The well pad would not exceed 3.88 acres. There would be approx. 3,483' gathering line, 657' road construction, and 3-inch temporary waterline above ground.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Section 15 of T6N, R25W. The site is located approximately 3.2 miles west of the HWY 309 and Green Bench Road intersection in Logan County.					
<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>Cass-WWUA Connection</b> CE	- Special use management - Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tom Cravens 479-754-2864 tcravens@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This is a duplicate project. The correct project name is Cass-Watalula Waterline Extension Project #44178.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Sections 24-26 and 35, Township 12 North, Range 27 West. Approximately 15 miles north of Ozark, AR on State Highway 23.					
<b>Locust Gap</b> EA	- Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 01/15/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2014	Expected:11/2014	01/2017	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 - Madison. LEGAL - T13N R24W, sections 1, 12; T13N R24W, sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,15,16,17,18; T14N R25W, sections 26, 35, 36; T14N R24W, sections 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33. Hwy 16 on north, east, and west; CR 4310 and Clifty Creek on south.					

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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>Pleasant Hill Wildlife Habitat Improvement</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 12/18/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2014	Expected:08/2014	08/2014	Gregory Taylor 479-754-2864 gregorytaylor@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Wildlife habitat and fishery improvements, non-native invasive species, fuels management					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43274">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43274</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Johnson, Madison, Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pleasant Hill Ranger District.					

<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	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 06/07/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2014	Expected:09/2014	11/2014	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management (harvests, NCT, TSI, reforestation, prescribed burning, mechanical fuel treatments, NNIS treatments & associated actions) to work toward desired future conditions for bottomland & upland ecosystems as outlined in the Forest Plan					
<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 except the Turkey Ridge Research Natural Area.					

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Matney Knob Tower Project</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/25/2014	Expected:05/2014	06/2014	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jlfranks@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Erect a new communication tower at an existing communication site to replace a tower that does not adequately support the use. The existing tower will be decommissioned when the new tower is functional.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Less than 1 acre total on Matney Knob in Baxter County within Section 12 of T18N, R13W. Access is via FSR 1104A.					

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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	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 09/30/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2014	Expected:06/2014	08/2014	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.				

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