



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
FY 2015, 2nd Quarter (1-1-15 to 3-31-15)
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: Notice of Initiation 12/08/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2015	Expected:06/2015	10/2015	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	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 09/26/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2014	Expected:03/2015	04/2015	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 *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/11/2014	Expected:02/2015	03/2015	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.				
Three Knob Project EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 01/06/2015	03/2015	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Landscape scale project which includes; timber management, reforestation, travel management, recreation access, prescribed burning, and wildlife improvements.				
	Location: 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.				

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Ford Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 07/01/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2014	Expected:06/2015	07/2015	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.				
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: Notice of Initiation 05/08/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2014	Expected:03/2015	03/2015	Michael Klick 479-667-2191 mklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burns on the Lee Creek Unit of the Boston Mountain Ranger District.				
	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.				

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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: Notice of Initiation 06/24/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2014	Expected:03/2015	04/2015	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.				
Spirits Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	Completed	Actual: 12/16/2014	12/2014	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber and Wildlife habitat improvement proposal including thinning pine stands, regeneration, sanitation thinning and prescribed burning.				
	Location: 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.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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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	- 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: Notice of Initiation 05/02/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2014	Expected:02/2015	03/2015	Rob Kopack 479-963-3076 rkopack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest health and ecosystem management, endangered species management, silviculture treatments, road and trail management, and wildlife habitat management.				
	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.				
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.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Locust Gap 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: Comment Period Public Notice 09/25/2014 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 11/2014	Expected:12/2014	01/2017	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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43611				
Location: 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.					
Pleasant Hill Wildlife Habitat Improvement 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
	Description: Wildlife habitat and fishery improvements, non-native invasive species, fuels management				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43274				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Johnson, Madison, Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pleasant Hill Ranger District.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Region					
Amendment to Recreation Residence Permit STF0124 CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/20/2014	12/2014	Mary Maercklein 870-295-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: The individual holding recreation residence permit for lot 10B on the Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence tract has asked permission to install a propane tank. This action requires the permit be amended.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot 10B of the Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract.				
Amendment to the Original Environmental Assessment for the Louisiana Purchase Baseline Trail EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/12/2014 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 01/2015	Expected:02/2015	04/2015	Mary Maercklein 870-295-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expand the parking areas: on the west side of FS1900 to accommodate a bus and on the east side of FS1900 to comply with new accessibility regulations concerning spacing for each vehicle in the accessible parking area.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Phillips. LEGAL - T1S-R4E, Section 2. Existing parking areas on the east and west sides of FS Road 1900 at the Louisiana Purchase Baseline Trail trailheads.				
Louisiana Purchase Baseline Trail Environmental Assessment Amendment EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 09/15/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2014	Expected:02/2015	03/2015	Mary Maercklein 870-295-5278 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project is limited to expanding existing parking areas. Parking on the east side of FS Road 1900 will be expanded to incorporate new accessibility regs. Parking on the west side will be expanded to safely accommodate a bus or RV.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Phillips. LEGAL - T1S-R4E, Section 2. Trailheads of the Louisiana Purchase Baseline Survey Trail.				
St. Francis NF Range Allotment Management EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 09/17/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2015	Expected:06/2015	07/2015	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.				

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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. Notice of Initiation 02/2015	Expected:07/2015	09/2015	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	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
Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project 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 07/2015	Expected:10/2015	11/2015	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.				
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 02/2015	Expected:08/2015	09/2015	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.				
	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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