



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2012 to 03/31/2012

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/19/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2011	Expected:03/2012	01/2013	Noel Schneeberger 610-557-4121 nschneeberger@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nationwide.				
Land Management Planning Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/25/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2011	Expected:12/2011	12/2011	Larry Hayden 202-205-1559 lhayden@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Department of Agriculture proposes to promulgate a new planning rule, which will set out the process for development, revision, and amendment of National Forest System land management plans.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Agency-wide Rule.				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Lands. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/13/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2011	Expected:12/2011	01/2012	Glen Stein 208-869-5405 gstein@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service will prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement for the continued nationwide aerial application of fire retardant on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nationwide.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Bearcat Hollow Phase II EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/11/2011	Expected:02/2012	03/2012	Jimmie Dixon 870-446-5122 ext. 5132 jldixon01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber management treatments consisting of thinnings, W/L opening creation, regeneration, oak/pine savannah/woodland restoration, NNIS, road, rx burn, construction/reconstruction, horse trail designation, OHV management, and relocate portions of OHT.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District, Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Newton, Pope, Searcy. 1 mile west of Witt Springs, AR.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Big Piney ARES51893,#1-9, Exploratory Gas Well Project Formerly ARES51894, #1-16 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/07/2010	Expected:07/2011	08/2011	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ext. 3170 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed location of Gas well is in a Clinton era Roadless Area				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Township 10 North, Range 18 West, Section 9. This location is approximately four miles northeast of Hector, Arkansas and is located east of Arkansas State Highway 27 in Pope county.				
Moccasin Gap Trail Project EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/04/2010	Expected:07/2011	08/2011	Terrell Hope 870-446-5122 thope@fs.fed.us
	Description: Obliterate and remove from the trail system 12 miles of poorly located trail. Construct 15 miles of new trail and 4 day use areas. Designate 17 existing miles of FS roads to the trail system. Expand boundary of Trail system to 13,000 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - The project area is located in T 10 N, R 20 W, Sec., 1, 2, and 11, T 10 N, R 19 W Sec., 6 and 7, T 11 N, R 19 W, Sec., 29-31, T 11 N, R 20 W, Sec. 21-28 & 33-35. The general location of the project is 14 miles north of the Community of Dover, Arkansas in Pope County East and West of State Highway 7.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Ozark 3D Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2010	Expected:09/2011	02/2012	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal is to conduct subsurface geophysical exploration on National Forest Lands. This project if approved would consist of seismic lines placed 800 feet apart over 89,700 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - The legal descriptions of the line locations are located under "Other project information". The proposed lines for this project are located in the Arkansas counties of Conway, Pope, and Van Buren.				
Pear Tree Tornado Salvage HFRA Project EA	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2011	09/2011	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduction of Hazardous Fuels in the area of a wind/storm event. This would be accomplished through the use of commercial salvage timber sale(s). Site preparation, planting and manual release activities would follow in heavily impacted areas.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Newton. LEGAL - Portions of the following sections. Johnson County,T11N, R22W, Sec., 24, 25 T11N, R21W Sec., 03, 19 T12N, R21W, Sec., 25,35,36 Pope County, T12N, R20W, Sec., 19, 29-31 T11N, R20W, Sec., 4,5,8,9. Approximately 4.5 miles north of Hagarville heading northeast for approximately 10 miles. A line from the northeast side of the community of Treat up Indian Creek for 2 miles.				
Southwestern Power Administration Vegetation Management Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/20/2011 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2011	Expected:10/2011	05/2012	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 ext. 5136 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use of herbicides on a 20-mile by 100ft powerline right-of-way easement.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope, Searcy. ThePermit 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.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests 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
Boston Mountain Openland Management and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restoration/maintenance of existing wildlife openings and fields using mechanical and chemical methods. Planting of native grasses and forbs, gating of wildlife opening roads, pond reconstruction.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin, Madison. Wildlife openings on main division and Lee Creek as well as Three Rocks, Turners Bend, and Ford Ridge Fields.				
Bundle Pine Project EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2011	Expected:04/2012	09/2012	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multiple resource project including pine thinning, site prep, pine planting, controlled burning. Wildlife glade habitat restoration, watershed improvement and roads management activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - T 12N R 33W; T 11N R 33W; T 12N R 32W, T 11N R 32W, T 12N R 31W; T 13 N R 31 W. Lee Creek Unit near Natural Dam, AR.				
Chambers hollow Creek Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Watershed management - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Aquatic habitat improvement project to help stabilize Chambers Hollow Creek. 2 miles of fencing in Wedington grazing allotment to keep cattle out of channel. Native grass plantings on banks, addition of large woody debris to channel.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton. LEGAL - T 17N R 33W sections 7, 18, 19. Wedington Unit #12 range allotment near Chambers Creek.				

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Huey's Pine Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin mature poletimber stands on approximately 70 acres to correct the current state of closely growing pines which are losing their vitality and resiliency to insects and disease				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - T 12 N R 32 W sections 20 and 29. Crawford county, Natural Dam quad about 4 miles southeast of Liberty, 3 miles northeast of hwy 59.				
Jack Pine Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2011	Expected:11/2011	11/2011	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin mature poletimber stands on approximately 46 acres to correct the current state of closely growing pines which are losing their vitality and resiliency to insects and disease				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - T 12 N R 29 W sections 22,23,26, 27. Crawford county Fern quad between Locke and Dockery Gap.				
Mulberry River Watershed Improvement and Access Project EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/12/2010	Expected:01/2012	08/2013	John Lane 479-667-2191 johnlane@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improvements to recreational/hunting access in Mulberry River Turner Bend area. New canoe launch site and facilities. 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 - sections 3,26,34,35 T 12 N R 27 W. Specific canoe access site not yet determined but in Turner Bend area off highway 23 near Cass.. Turner Bend Small Game Area off highway 23 south of Cass on Forest Road 1501.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Parsley EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2011	08/2011	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal for timber harvesting, silvicultural, roads, and wildlife/fisheries habitat management treatments to improve forest health and help maintain native ecosystems as well as providing forest products as a by-product of management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=31331				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Madison. LEGAL - Multiple sections in T 13 N R 27 W. In Combs area north of Mountain Crest, 6 miles west of St. Paul in Madison and northern Franklin counties.					
Staff Toe Pine Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mike Hennigan 479-667-2191 mhennigan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin mature poletimber stands on approximately 46 acres to correct the current state of closely growing pines which are losing their vitality and resiliency to insects and disease				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - T13 N R 28 W sections 12 and 13. Madison county, Delaney quad 2 miles Northeast of Health and southeast of Brannon.				
Wildcat Range Project CE	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2011	Expected:01/2012	02/2012	Rhea Rylee 479-667-2191 rsylee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review of current management activities on Wedington range allotments				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Washington. LEGAL - T 17 N R 31W (5, 6, 8, 17, 18) ; T 17 N R 32 W (3, 18, 19, 27, 28, 33, 34); T 16 N R 32 W (5, 8, 9). Wedington Unit.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Buffalo Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Buffalo Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
TNT Tornado Salvage Reforestation Project CE	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2011	08/2011	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 ext.5136 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest of Salvage timber, reforestation and manual release of up to 250 acres along a line from just north of the intersection of state highway 16 and 21 (Edwards Junction) northeast to an area just southeast of the community of Wayton, Arkansas.				
	Location: UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Newton. LEGAL - A Path across parts of the following sections. (T14N, R21W, Sec., 7,8) (T14N, R22W, Sec., 12,14-16,19-21) (T14N, R23W, Sec., 24,25). A line from just north of the intersection of state highway 16 and 21 (Edwards Junction) northeast to an area just southeast of the community of Wayton, Arkansas.				

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)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2011	Expected:04/2012	05/2012	Vicki Weindel 479-963-3076 vweindel@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. 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
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Lock Hollow 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 - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2011 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2011	Expected:12/2011	02/2014	Mindi Lawson 479-754-2864 malawson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest health timber harvest of pine & hardwood; wildlife habitat & fishery improvements; roads stability; protection of heritage resources; minerals management; fuels reductions; recreation enhancement				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson, Newton. LEGAL - R24W T12N 22-27, 33-36; R24W T11N 1-4, 9-11, 15, 16; R23 T12N 16, 17, 19-21, 28-33; R23W T11N 4-6. Compartments 327, 333, 341-343, 346, 347.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Issue of a Special Use Authorization to Maintain & Occupy a Recreation Residence on BCL Tract Lot 5 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of a new permit to the purchaser of improvements on the recreation residence use area on Bear Creek Lake tract, Lot 5.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Lot 5.				
Issue of a Special Use Authorization to Maintain or Occupy a Recreation Residence on BCL Tract Lot 1 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of new permit for the remainder of the 20 year term set to expire 12/31/2028 to the purchaser of improvements on recreation residence use area located on lot 1 of the Bear Creek Lake tract.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Lot 1.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Louisiana Purchase Baseline Trail Project EA	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2011 08/30/2011	11/2011	James McCoy 270-924-2048 jrmccoy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of an interpretive hiking trail along a portion of the baseline survey for the Louisiana Purchase.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee, Phillips. near the Lee/Phillips County line.				
Special Use Authorization to Maintain and Occupy a Recreation Residence on BCL Tract Lot 10B CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/09/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of a new permit for the remainder of the term set to expire 12/31/2028 to the purchaser of the improvements on the recreation residence use area on Lot 10B of the Bear Creek Lake tract.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. Bear Creek Lake tract lot 10B.				
Special Use Authorization to Maintain and Occupy a Recreation Residence on BCL tract Lot 12B CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of a new permit to maintain and occupy a recreation residence on the Bear Creek Lake tract, Lot 12B to the new owner of the improvements on that lot. Permit will be issued for the remainder of the term set to expire 12/31/2028.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. Bear Creek Lake tract lot 12B.				
Special Use Authorization to Maintain and Occupy a Recreation Residence on BCL Tract Lot 8 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of a new permit to the purchaser of the improvements on recreation residence use area Bear Creek Lake 8 for the remainder of the 20 year term set to expire 12/31/2028.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. Bear Creek Lake tract, Lot 8.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Special Use Authorization to Maintain and Occupy a Recreation Residence on SCL Tract Lot 23 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2011	12/2011	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue of a new permit for the remainder of the term set to expire 12/31/2028 to the purchaser of the improvements on Storm Creek Lake Lot 23				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Phillips. Storm Creek Lake tract, Lot 23.				
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 02/2012	Expected:07/2012	09/2012	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3241 sosborne@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. All National Forest System lands of the St. Francis National Forest except the Turkey Ridge Research Natural Area.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Indiana Bat Habitat Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2012	Expected:05/2012	07/2012	James McCoy 270-924-2048 jrmccoy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restoration of habitat for the endangered Indiana bat through timber harvests, thinning, prescribed fire and associated actions within the primary and secondary conservation zones utilizing an adaptive management approach.				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. National Forest Service lands within the secondary conservation zone for the Indiana bat.				

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Special Use Authorization for the Sylamore 25K and 50K Recreation Event	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/13/2011	02/2012	Scott Osborne 870-269-3328 x3234 jswafford@fs.fed.us
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Foot races on the North Sylamore Creek Hiking Trail from the Sylamore Trailhead at Allison, AR to the Barkshed Campground.				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. North Sylamore Creek Hiking Trail and Developed Recreation Areas at Blanchard Springs, Gunner Pool and Barkshed.				

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