



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2014 to 03/31/2014

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
2013 New Existing Special Uses CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/30/2013	Expected:06/2013	07/2013	Terrell Hope 870-446-5122 thope@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				
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 10/2012	Expected:12/2012	06/2013	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. 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.				

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Three Knob Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/23/2012 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2013	Expected:07/2013	10/2013	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. 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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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Lee Creek Prescribed Burning Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 02/2014	Expected:05/2014	06/2014	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 02/2014	Expected:05/2014	06/2014	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 	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 07/22/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2014	Expected:04/2014	06/2014	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.				

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Windstream Telecommunications Project CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/17/2013	10/2013	James Bicknell 479-754-2864 jbicknell@fs.fed.us
	Description: To authorize Windstream Communications to add a telephone cable to an existing power pole on Forest Service land.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Madison. LEGAL - sections 21, 22, 28 T 13N R 27W. Along an existing line on Mill Creek Road for approximately two miles. The line is east of the Van Brunt Hollow Area.				

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)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Stephens USA 1-15H, ARES 54692 Gas Well EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 04/12/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2013	Expected:12/2013	01/2014	Len Weeks 479-964-7231 lweeks@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

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
Cass-WWUA Connection CE	- Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/18/2012	Expected:05/2013	07/2013	Tom Cravens 479-754-2864 tcravens@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cass Civilian Job Corp Center presently has no water since the drought has dried up the river source. Watalula Water Users Association has facilities about 2 miles away. Hooking up to their water system would solve the Center's water needs.				
	Location: 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.				
Chinquapin-Low Gap 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	Completed	Actual: 11/13/2013 11/13/2013	10/2014	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; recreation enhancement; riparian stand improvement; non-native invasive species control.				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T11N R23W, Sec's. 6,7; T11N R24W, Sec's. 1,10-14,18,19,23-27,30,36; T11N R25W, Sec's. 25,26,34,35; T10N R25W, Sec. 2. Low Gap Rd. & Batson Rd. on the north; Apple Rd. & State Hwy 103 on the east; FS1427, -1,-2, FS1454a, FS1408 on the west; NF bdry to the south.				

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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	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 06/07/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2014	Expected:06/2014	07/2014	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 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
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 02/2014	Expected:04/2014	04/2014	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.				

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