



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				
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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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Xcel Energy Transmission and Distribution Authorization; Operation and Maintenance Plan Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/01/2021	10/2021	Matthew Custer 720-822-4321 mscuster@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The Forest Service proposes to reauthorize approximately 293 miles of existing electric transmission line and 196 miles of electric distribution line; develop and implement a standardized O&M Plan for routine maintenance and vegetation management.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District, Saguache Ranger District, Pawnee Ranger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, West Zone/Rifle Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Leadville Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Conejos, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Jefferson, Lake, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache, Summit, Weld. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located on applicable Xcel transmission and distribution lines on National Forests and Grasslands in Colorado.,</p>					

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/11/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2022	Expected:12/2022	03/2023	Samantha Staley 970-874-6666 samantha.j.staley@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Draft Forest Plan and Draft EIS for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests are available for public comment August 13 - November 26, 2021. Maps, data, and more info can be found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/DraftForestPlan</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/DraftForestPlan</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.</p>					

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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SMPA Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/15/2022	04/2022	Spencer Haley 9703274261 spencerhaley@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Ouray and Norwood Ranger Districts: Re-issue expiring special use permit for the San Miguel Power Association power lines with no change in scope of the use.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51363</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District, Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ouray and Norwood Ranger Districts: Uncompahgre Plateau, Canyon Creek, Hwy 550, Ouray vicinity, Telluride vicinity, Naturita Division.</p>					

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests		Grand Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Flowing Park Connector CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2019	Expected:03/2022	05/2022	Michael Jones 970-263-5802 Michael.Jones2@usda.gov
<p>Description: The proposed project includes construction of new 1.23 mile non-motorized single track on the Grand Mesa national Forest. This trail will connect the Flowing Park trail with the Drop Off trail, creating a loop ride for mountain bikes.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57198</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta, Mesa. LEGAL - Hells Kitchen Quad. Hells Kitchen Quad - Follows Grand Mesa rim, through meadows and timber.</p>					
North American Trail Ride Conference - Recreation Event Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2020	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Ryan Fricke 970-263-5809 ryan.fricke@usda.gov
<p>Description: Proposal received to renew a five-year special use permit for the purpose of a bi-annual competitive recreation event within the Land's End - Flowing Park area of Grand mesa National Forest.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58931</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - T12S, R96W, Section 11 - Mesa Top Trailhead. Mesa Top, Flowing Park and Land's End.</p>					

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Patterson Feeder Ditch CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Loren Paulson 970-242-8211- X4112 loren.paulson@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit for the operation and maintenance of an existing irrigation ditch from West Leroux Creek to the Forest Boundary just above (North) of the Patterson Reservoirs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62303				
The Mt. Hatten Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Albert Borkowski 970-527-4131 aborkowski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mt Hatten Project is a radio repeater installation project, the system operates in the VHF band, power output is rated at 8 watts and is supplied by two solar panels and storage batteries. Ground disturbance will be the placement of 4 concrete pads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51634				
Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - Section 36, T12S, R93W, 6th PM. West Leroux Creek to Forest boundary.					
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Mt. Emmons Land Exchange CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land ownership management - Land acquisition 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803 jonathan.hare@usda.gov
Description: Non-Federal Party (MEMC) is proposing to convey approximately 625 acres of Non-Federal land in four parcels in Gunnison and Saguache Counties, CO in exchange for approximately 551 acres of Federal land in three parcels in Gunnison County, CO					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61798					
Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Federal parcels: T13S, R86Wt, Sections 31-32; T14S, R86W, Sections 5-6; T13S, R86W, Section 31; T13S, R87W, Section 36; T13S, R86W, Sections 30-31, 6th P.M, Gunnison County, Colorado. The Federal parcels are reserved public domain lands within the administrative boundary of the Gunnison National Forest. They are adjacent to 365 acres of private land north of CR12 on Mt. Emmons.					
North Valley Trails EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:04/2023	07/2023	Pamela King 970-642-4436 pamela.r.king@usda.gov
Description: Trail and infrastructure project to provide a better and more diverse single-track user experience in the greater Crested Butte area by facilitating safe, responsible, and sustainable recreation infrastructure improvements.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61177					
Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northern half of the Gunnison Valley, around Crested Butte, Colorado.					
Taylor Park Windthrow and Spruce Beetle Salvage CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:11/2022	05/2023	Art Haines 970-641-0471 ahaines@fs.fed.us
Description: In September 2020, the Taylor Park area was impacted by an unusual high wind event that caused extensive windthrow of trees and stem breakages. This project would address hazard trees and beetle risk in two areas: Mirror Lake and Superior Ridge.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59386					
Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the Taylor Park Area, north east of Gunnison, Colorado.					

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West Mountain Fuels CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/27/2021	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	David Carr 907-790-7402 decarr@fs.fed.us
Description: Fuels treatments (thinning, pruning, mastication, overstory removal, and piling and burning of material) over approximately 322 acres of National Forest System lands adjacent to the Quartz Creek Property Association near Pitkin, Colorado. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60935					
Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T50N, R4E, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8; New Mexico Principal Meridian, Gunnison County, Colorado. Within 2.5 miles, west-northwest of Pitkin, Colorado.					

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63L and Ophir Road Fiber Optic Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.gov
Description: Deeply Digital proposes to install on behalf of Clearnetworx approximately 7087 feet of fiber optic line on USFS lands adjacent to HWY 63L, Ames and Ophir Roads pending approval from San Miguel County and CDOT. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62032					
Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to HWY 63L, Ames and Ophir Roads.					
Telluride Mill Creek Waterline Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	Completed	Actual: 05/19/2022	05/2022	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.gov
Description: The Town of Telluride has an authorization for water infrastructure (NOR517). The Town is requesting an amendment to the permit to add approximately 870 feet of pre-existing ten inch steel pipeline for drinking water. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62164					
Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Township 43 North, Range 9 West, Section 35. Town of Telluride.					

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Telluride Via Ferrata Adoption CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2022	Expected:09/2022	11/2022	Krystina Smith 530-233-8829 krystina.smith@usda.gov
	Description: The USFS is considering incorporating the existing via ferrata in Telluride under the agency's trail management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61132				
Tri-State Telluride O&M Plan revision and Ames Hydro to Burro Bridge vegetation management CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2022	06/2022	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.gov
	Description: Revise O&M Plan and do vegetation management activities between Ames Hydro and Burro Bridge within and adjacent to exiting right-of-way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61980				
	Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ames Hydro Plant to Burro Bridge.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests		Ouray Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Julie Jackson 970-240-5429 Julie.Jackson@usda.gov
	Description: Provide comprehensive management of visitors in the Blue Lakes area on the Ouray Ranger District and focus on reducing visitor impacts using a variety of adaptive management mechanisms. Proposed activities vary by zone. A permit system is proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61979				
	Location: UNIT - Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Ouray. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue Lakes area is located approximately 12 miles south of Ridgway, CO.				

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Diamond Creek Abandoned Mine Lands Physical Safety Closures CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2022	06/2022	Pamela Leschak 970-874-6640 Pamela.Leschak@usda.gov
UPDATED			Description: Ouray Ranger District proposes to physically close or upgrade six abandoned, inactive mine features such as open adits and shafts along the Engineer Pass Road. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61597		
			Location: UNIT - Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Ouray. LEGAL - T43N, R7W, Sections 22 and 23, NMPM. Sites are about five miles southeast of the City of Ouray on National Forest System lands along County Road 18/Engineer Pass Road.		

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Pilot Rock Ditch Piping Project Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/15/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Levi Broyles 970-527-4131 levi.broyles@usda.gov
UPDATED			Description: The Bureau of Reclamation is analyzing the effects of piping approximately 1.55 miles of the Pilot Rock Ditch in Delta County, Colorado. Forest will consider what easement adjustments are necessary for portion of Pilot Rock Ditch on NFS lands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61210		
			Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Sections 22 and 23, Township 15 South, Range 91 West, 6th Principal Meridian. Ditch is located approximately 4 miles east of Crawford, Colorado.		

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