



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

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				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
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.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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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	- 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
	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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/DraftForestPlan				
	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.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District)			Grand Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Flowing Park Connector CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/11/2022	05/2022	Michael Jones 970-263-5802 Michael.Jones2@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57198				
	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.				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Grand Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region more than one District)					
North American Trail Ride Conference - Recreation Event Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2020	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Ryan Fricke 970-263-5809 ryan.fricke@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58931				
	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.				
Patterson Feeder Ditch CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/19/2022	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				
	Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - Section 36, T12S, R93W, 6th PM. West Leroux Creek to Forest boundary.				
The Mt. Hatten Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Albert Borkowski 970-527-4131 albert.borkowski@usda.gov
	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 - Delta. LEGAL - 6th Principal Meridian, Colorado T.12S., R.92W., sec 4 NW1/4NW1/4 Chalk Mountain Quad, Grand Mesa National Forest. 6th Principal Meridian, Colorado T.12S., R.92W., sec 4 NW1/4NW1/4 Chalk Mountain Quad, Grand Mesa National Forest.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region more than one District)

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region more than one District)					
2022-2023 Trail Creek Beaver Habitat Work CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 08/15/2022	08/2022	Ashley Hom 970-642-4406 ashley.hom@usda.gov
	Description: Phase 2. Restore historic wetlands, reconnect the floodplain to the stream, build fish habitat, provide wildlife habitat, create fire brakes, and bolster drought resiliency. To achieve the objectives, we will continue building instream structures.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62633				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T13S, R83W, Sections 13, 23 and 26. Trail Creek, Gunnison Ranger District, near NRSR 748.				
Mt. Emmons Land Exchange CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-250-9966 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	- 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.				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District) Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Taylor Park Windthrow and Spruce Beetle Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2022	Expected:11/2022	05/2023	Art Haines 970-641-0471 arthur.haines@usda.gov
	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.				
West Mountain Fuels CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/27/2021	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	David Carr 907-790-7402 david.carr@usda.gov
	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.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District)		Norwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
<div>63L and Ophir Road Fiber Optic Project</div> <div>CE</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2022	08/2022	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.gov
	<div>Description:</div> 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.				
	<div>Web Link:</div> http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62032				
	<div>Location:</div> UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to HWY 63L, Ames and Ophir Roads.				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Norwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region more than one District)					
Telluride Via Ferrata Adoption CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2022	Expected:10/2022	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				
	Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Telluride, CO.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Ouray Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more R2 - Rocky Mountain Region than one District)					
Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan EA	- 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.				
Uncompahgre Nordic Association's Uncompahgre Nordic Trails CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Matthew Quinn 970-240-5375 matthew.quinn@usda.gov
	Description: Proposing to designate and maintain an 8.42 mile system of groomed, cross-country ski trails on National Forest System Lands and plow a designated parking area on the Uncompahgre Plateau, near the junction of Dave Wood and Divide Roads. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62866				
	Location: UNIT - Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montrose. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Uncompahgre Plateau, near the junction of Dave Wood and Divide Roads, approximately 36 air miles SSW from Montrose.				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Paonia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
GMU 521 Elk Study CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Research and Development	Completed	Actual: 07/25/2022	08/2022	Levi Broyles 970-527-4131 levi.broyles@usda.gov
	Description: Special use authorization to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to use a helicopter to capture and collar up to 40 elk (20 adult female and 20 adult male) in Game Management Unit (GMU) 521, including the Raggeds Wilderness, for a research project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62464				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Game Management Unit (GMU) 521, including the Raggeds Wildernes, on the Paonia Ranger District.				
Paonia Winter Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project (PWWHIP) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2022	Expected:09/2022	04/2023	Valerie Horncastle 970-527-4131 x4265 valerie.horncastle@usda.gov
	Description: Treat ~25,450 acres using prescribed fire and mechanical treatments within mountain shrub oak and pinyon juniper communities to improve habitat quality for elk and deer on winter range throughout the Paonia Ranger District with CPW, NWTF and BLM.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62711				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta, Gunnison, Montrose. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lamborn Mountain, Landsend Peak, Cathedral Peak, Buckhorn Gulch, and McClure Pass areas.				
Pilot Rock Ditch Piping Project Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/01/2022	10/2022	Levi Broyles 970-527-4131 levi.broyles@usda.gov
	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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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Paonia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Three Lakes Loop Trail Additions and Trail Bridges CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2022	08/2022	Barrett Funka 970-527-4131 barrett.c.funka@usda.gov
	Description: Approximately 0.71 miles of existing trails (8842.1A, 8843.1B, 8843) will be added to corporate data. Approximately 0.10 miles of trail will be constructed on portion of Three Lakes Campground Trail (NFSR 8843.1A). Two trail bridges will be added.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62575				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three Lakes Campground vicinity.				

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