

## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

## **Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and Gunnison National Forests**

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact	
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>							
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us	
	Description:		nt of Agriculture proposes revision operations on National Forest Systellate 2020				
	Web Link:	nk: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
	Location:	regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral enti sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Inform	nation is available	
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2023	Expected:07/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v	
or on the	Description:	Programmatic Supp Land.	plemental EIS for the Nationwide Ad	erial Application of Fir	e Retardant on Na	tional Forest System	
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive				

## R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)							
Thompson Divide Withdrawal EA *UPDATED*	- Land mana - Minerals a	gement planning nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/17/2022	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Elysia Retzlaff 541-777-1355 elysia.retzlaff@usda.go v	
	Description:	Description: The Forest Service requested 224,704 acres of NFS and BLM lands be withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights.					
	Web Link: Location:	UNIT - West Zone/A	gov/project/?project=63679 Aspen Ranger District, Paonia Rang ATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Garfi				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Forest)	Gunnison Na	ational Forests, Fo	restwide (excluding Projects occ	curring in more than o	ne R2 -	Rocky Mountain Region
	- Land mana	agement planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/11/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected:05/2024	05/2024	Samantha Staley 970-874-6666 samantha.j.staley@usd a.gov
	Description:	<b>Description:</b> The Draft Forest Plan and Draft EIS for the Grand Mesa, Uncompangre 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				
	Location:	UNIT - Grand Mes Delta, Garfield, Gu	a Uncompahgre and Gunnison Nat unnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, ompahgre and Gunnison National F	, Ouray, Saguache, San		

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and Gunnison National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R2 - Rocky Mountain Region Forest)						
Great American Outdoors Act 2023 Deferred Trail Maintenance CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/03/2023	05/2023	Jonathan Tucker 9705731876 jonathan.tucker@usda. gov	
*UPDATED*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.  Location: UNIT - Grand Mesa Delta, Gunnison, H	naintenance of approximately 157 ngov/project/?project=63275 a Uncompahgre and Gunnison Nationale, Mesa, Montrose, Saguached occur on identified trails across the	onal Forest All Units. e, San Miguel. LEGA	STATE - Colorado L - Not Applicable.		

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and	Gunnison N	ational Forests, Occ	curring in more than one Distric	t (excluding Forestwid	e) R2 - I	Rocky Mountain Region
Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC Cathodic Protection (Uncompahgre Plateau- OUR703 Amendment 1)	- Special use	e management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:09/2023	05/2024	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.go v
CE *NEW LISTING*	<b>Description:</b> Forest Service proposes to authorize Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC to install 9,355 linear feet of conductor wire with 4 test stations and 14 solid state decouplers on its existing natural gas pipeline on the Uncompanding Plateau.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64270					
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Norwood Ranger District, Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montrose, San Miguel. LEGAL - TBD. Existing RMNG pipeline corridor on the Uncompander Plateau.					

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

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and more than one District)	Gunnison National Forests G	rand Valley Ranger District (excl	uding Projects occu	rring in R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region			
Colorado Army National Guard Winter Training CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/03/2023	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Loren Paulson 970-242-8211- X4112 loren.paulson@usda.go			
	activities out of the	becial use permit authorizing the Co Mesa Top Trailhead on the Grand I gov/project/?project=63394			∣ v winter training			
Francis Ditch Re-establishment and Permit Issuance CE	- Watershed management - Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2021	Expected:06/2023	07/2023	Loren Paulson 970-242-8211- X4112 loren.paulson@usda.go v			
	Description: Re-establish the point of diversion and approximately 2,900 of a the 3,900 foot long ditch on the Grand Mesa National Forest that was destroyed during the 2016 West Salt Creek Landslide.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63127							
	Location: UNIT - Grand Valle 22 and 23. West Sa	ey Ranger District. STATE - Coloradalt Creek drainage.	do. COUNTY - Mesa	a. LEGAL - T10S,	R94W, Sections			
Grand Valley Habitat Improvement and Fuel Reduction CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/06/2023	Expected:03/2023	03/2024	Jonathan Tucker 970-573-1876 jonathan.tucker@usda. gov			
02	Description: The GVRD is proposing a district wide habitat improvement and fuels reduction project utilizing broadcast burning and supporting mechanized treatments. About 15,800 acres will be identified and burned annually.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63511							
	Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project Area includes entire Grand Valley Ranger District. Exact locations will be determined annually and focused on greatest departure from historic fire condition.							

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and more than one District)	Gunnison National Forests	Grand Valley Ranger Dist	rict (excluding Projects occu	ırring in R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
North American Trail Ride Conference - Recreation Event Permit Renewal	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/202	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Ryan Fricke 970-263-5809 ryan.fricke@usda.gov
CE	event within th	ived to renew a five-year speci ne Land's End - Flowing Park a usda.gov/project/?project=5893	rea of Grand Mesa National Fo		etitive recreation
		Valley Ranger District. STATE railhead. Mesa Top, Flowing Pa		a. LEGAL - T12S,	R96W, Section 11
The Mt. Hatten Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Albert Borkowski 970-527-4131 albert.borkowski@usda. gov
<b>Description:</b> Mt Hatten Project is a radio repeater installation project, the system operates in the VHF band, power outpurated 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.u	usda.gov/project/?project=5163	34		
	Colorado T.12	Valley Ranger District. STATE 2S., R.92W., sec 4 NW1/4NW1 orado T.12S., R.92W., sec 4 N	/4 Chalk Mountain Quad, Grar	d Mesa National F	orest. 6th Principal

Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and more than one District)	Gunnison National Forests	Gunnison Ranger District (excludi	ing Projects occurring	g in R2 -	Rocky Mountain Region		
Italian Creek Road Rehab and Widener Borrow Site	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/26/2023	06/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803		
CE	- Road management				jonathan.hare@usda.go		
*NEW LISTING*					V		
		ue a special use permit for a term of 5 years to perform road maintenance on NFSR 759 including the use of a 9 acre borrow site to generate up to 5000 cu. yd. of material, crush material, and stockpile material.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63914					
		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. 83 West, 6 PM. FSR 759 Italian Cre		. LEGAL - Secti	on 32, Township		

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre an more than one District)	d Gunnison Na	ational Forests G	unnison Ranger District (excludi	ng Projects occurrir	ng in R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Mt. Emmons Land Exchange CE	- Land owne - Land acqu	rship management iisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-250-9966 jonathan.hare@usda.go v
	Description:	Gunnison and Saguexchange for appro	(MEMC) is proposing to convey appuache Counties, CO in ximately 551 acres of Federal land gov/project/?project=61798	-		
	Location:	UNIT - Gunnison R R86Wt, Sections 3° R86W, Sections 30 lands within the adr	anger District. STATE - Colorado. 1-32; T14S, R86W, Sections 5-6; T -31, 6th P.M,Gunnison County, Colonistrative boundary of the Gunnis f CR12 on Mt. Emmons.	13S, R86W, Section 3 lorado. The Federal p	31; T13S, R87W, S arcels are reserve	Section 36; T13S, d public domain
North Valley Range Cattle & Horse Allotments	- Grazing ma	anagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2023	Expected:05/2024	05/2024	Angela Yemma 970-874-6653 Angela.Yemma@usda. gov
*NEW LISTING*	Description:	Lost Canyon-Silver	ger District is proposing to continue Springs, Meridian, and Spring Cree gov/project/?project=64216		c livestock grazing	on the North Butte,
	Location:	UNIT - Gunnison R Gunnison Ranger D	anger District. STATE - Colorado. District.	COUNTY - Gunniso	n. LEGAL - TBD.	North Valley of
North Valley Range Cattle & Horse Allotments  EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing ma	anagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2023	Expected:03/2024	05/2024	Angela Yemma 970-874-6653 Angela.Yemma@usda. gov
	Description:	Lost Canyon-Silver	ger District is proposing to continue Springs, Meridian, Snodgrass (vac gov/project/?project=64217			
	Location:	T14S, R85W; and 7	anger District. STATE - Colorado. 「15S, R83W-R85W, 6th PM and T5 nger District covering multiple exist	50N,R2E; and T51N, I	R1E-R2E, NMPM.	

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and more than one District)	Gunnison Na	ational Forests G	unnison Ranger District (excludi	ng Projects occurrir	ng in R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
North Valley Trails EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/30/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Pamela King 970-642-4436 pamela.r.king@usda.go v
	Description:	Crested Butte area	ure project to provide a better and in by facilitating safe, responsible, an gov/project/?project=61177			
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Colorado. Gunnison Valley, around Crested		n. LEGAL - Not Aր	oplicable.
Taylor Park Windthrow and Spruce Beetle Salvage CE	<ul><li>Forest products</li><li>Vegetation management</li><li>(other than forest products)</li><li>Fuels management</li></ul>		In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2022	Expected:09/2023	06/2024	Art Haines 970-641-0471 arthur.haines@usda.go v
*UPDATED*	<b>Description:</b> 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.g	gov/project/?project=59386			
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the Taylor Park Area, north east of Gunnison, Colorado.					oplicable. In the
Tomichi AML Closures CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/06/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Pamela Leschak 970-874-6640 Pamela.Leschak@usda .gov
	<b>Description:</b> The physical closure of 21 abandoned, inactive mine features such as open adits and shafts which pose the greatest physical hazard to the public. The closures include actions to restore, reclaim, abate, control, or prevent the adverse effects.					
	Location:	PM: T49N, R4E, Se	anger District. STATE - Colorado. ec. 1; T50N, R4E, Sec. 27, 28, & 33 5. 20-30 Miles East of Gunnison, Co	3; T49N, R5E, Sec. 3;	T50N, R5E, Sec. 2	2, 11, 14, 26, & 34;

Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and Gunnison National Forests Norwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and more than one District)	Gunnison Na	ntional Forests No	orwood Ranger District (excludin	g Projects occurring	g in R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region	
Alta Lakes Site Improvements CE	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/31/2023	Expected:04/2023	06/2023	Krystina Smith 530-233-8829 krystina.smith@usda.go v	
	Description: Web Link:	area includes Alta L	istrict proposes to continue site imp _akes, Gold King Basin, Wild Boy La gov/project/?project=63429				
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Colorado. asin, Wild Boy Lake, and the Alta L			I, R9W. Alta	
Telluride Via Ferrata Adoption CE	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Krystina Smith 530-233-8829 krystina.smith@usda.go v	
	Description:	The USFS is consid	dering incorporating the existing via	ferrata in Telluride ur	nder the agency's t	rail management.	
	Web Link:						
	Location:	UNIT - Norwood Ra Telluride, CO.	anger District. STATE - Colorado.	COUNTY - San Migu	uel. LEGAL - Not A	Applicable.	

Grand Mesa, Uncompangre than one District)	and Gunnison National Forests	Ouray Ranger District (excluding	Projects occurring in	more R2 -	Rocky Mountain Region	
Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan  EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2023	Expected:11/2023	06/2024	Julie Jackson 970-240-5429 Julie.Jackson@usda.go v	
OFBATES	reducing visitor permit system is	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.				
	Location: UNIT - Ouray R	da.gov/project/?project=61979  anger District. STATE - Colorado.  approximately 12 miles south of Ridg		AL - Not Applica	ble. Blue Lakes	

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Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and Gunnison National Forests Ouray Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more R2 - Rocky Mountain Region than one District)								
Ironton Abandoned Mine Lands Physical Safety Closures Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/13/2023	07/2023	Pamela Leschak 970-874-6640 Pamela.Leschak@usda .gov			
*UPDATED*	physical hazards to	escription: Ironton AML Physical Safety Closures Project would install closures at 22 inactive mines which pose the greatest physical hazards to the public or other resources.  /eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63597						
	Location: UNIT - Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Ouray, San Juan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Features to be closed are located on National Forest System lands along U.S. 550 (Red Mountain Pass), NFSR 886 (Corkscrew Road), and NFSR 887 (Grey Copper Road) in Ouray and San Juan Counties.							

Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and than one District)	I Gunnison N	ational Forests	Paonia Ranger District (excluding	Projects occurring in	more R2	Rocky Mountain Region	
Dry Fork Allotment Livestock Grazing EA	- Grazing management		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/21/2022	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Kyler McCarrel 970-527-4131 kyler.mccarrel@usda.go	
*UPDATED*	Description: The Paonia Ranger District is proposing to continue to authorize domestic livestock grazing on the Dry Fork allotment. Should the decision be to continue grazing on the Dry fork Allotment, an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) will be drafted.						
	Web Link:	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63320					
Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEG east of Paonia and covers approximately 23,000 acres.						plicable. 6 miles	

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and than one District)	Gunnison Na	tional Forests Pa	nonia Ranger District (excluding	Projects occurring i	n more R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region	
North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan Supplement EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/17/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Niccole Mortenson 970-874-6693 niccole.mortenson@usd a.gov	
NEW Elonino		iption: Based on additional analysis of emissions and climate change effects, the BLM will decide whether to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove APDs. The Forest Service will issue a separate decision regarding SUPOs on NFS lands.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=63937				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta, Gunnison. LEGAL - T10S, R90W, Sections 16-21, 28-33; T11S, R90W, Sections 3-10, 16-22, 27-31; T12S, R89W, 17-20; T12S, R90W, 3-11, 13-14, 18-19, 24, and 30; and T12S, R91W, Sections 11-14, 23-26. T10S, R90W, Sections 16-21, 28-33; T11S, R90W, Sections 3-10, 16-22, 27-31; T12S, R89W, 17-20; T12S, R90W, 3-11, 13-14, 18-19, 24, and 30; and T12S, R91W, Sections 11-14, 23-26.						
Paonia Winter Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project (PWWHIP) CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)		In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2022	Expected:02/2024	05/2024	Valerie Horncastle 970-527-4131 x4265 valerie.horncastle@usd a.gov	
OPDATED	<b>Description:</b> 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.d	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.						
Section 31 Coal Exploration Well Plug and Abandon CE	- Minerals and Geology		In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2023	Expected:11/2023	05/2024	Levi Broyles 970-527-4131 levi.broyles@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	<b>Description:</b> Plug and reclaim historic, unsecured coal exploration well associated with coal activity in the 1960s on the White River National Forest.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63855					
	Location:	ocation: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T10S, R89W, Section 31, 6th PM. Wellbore is near Robert's Creek on the Paonia Ranger District.					

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Turner & Lone Cabin Ditch Combination Salinity Reduction Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/05/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected:10/2023	05/2024	Abigail Rader 970-527-4131 x4267 Abigail.Rader@usda.go v		
S. S. L.	Description: Web Link: Location:							
	Delta and Gunnison Counties east and southeast of Paonia.							

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