



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

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 *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected: 09/2023	01/2024	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.				

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	- Land management planning - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/17/2022	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Elysia Retzlaff 541-777-1355 elysia.retzlaff@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service requested 224,704 acres of NFS and BLM lands be withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid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: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63679				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Aspen Ranger District, Paonia Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Garfield, Gunnison, Pitkin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Thompson Divide.				

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 09/2023	Expected:05/2024	05/2024	Samantha Staley 970-874-6666 samantha.j.staley@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Plan and EIS for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests are available for objection filing August 30 - October 30, 2023.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51806				
	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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC Cathodic Protection (Uncompahgre Plateau-OUR703 Amendment 1) CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2023	Expected:09/2023	05/2024	Spencer Haley 970-327-4261 spencer.haley@usda.gov
	Description: 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 Uncompahgre Plateau.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64270				
	Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District, Ouray Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montrose, San Miguel. LEGAL - TBD. Existing RMNG pipeline corridor on the Uncompahgre Plateau.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District)			Grand Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in		R2 - 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.gov
	Description: Issue a five year special use permit authorizing the Colorado Army National Guard to conduct winter training activities out of the Mesa Top Trailhead on the Grand Mesa National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63394				
	Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - T12S, R95W, Section 7. Mesa Top Trailhead, Grand Mesa.				
DUPLICATE RECORD-DELETE CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Ryan Fricke 970-242-8211 ryan.fricke@usda.gov
	Description: -----				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64713				
	Location: UNIT - Grand Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - T15S, R102W, NE1/4NE1/4 Section 29. Located on the northwestern portion of the Uncompahgre National Forest at the termination of the Rim Road (FSR 416).				

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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)					
Francis Ditch Re-establishment and Permit Issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 08/24/2023	08/2023	Loren Paulson 970-242-8211- X4112 loren.paulson@usda.gov
	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 Valley Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mesa. LEGAL - T10S, R94W, Sections 22 and 23. West Salt Creek drainage.				
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
	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.				
North American Trail Ride Conference - Recreation Event Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		09/2023	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.				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District) Grand Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
The Mt. Hatten Project CE	- 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 more than one District) Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
2023 MEMC Geotechnical Sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/18/2023	08/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803 jonathan.hare@usda.gov
	Description: Geotechnical investigation to collect site data to inform rehabilitation activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T. 14 S., R. 86 W., Sections 5-6, 6th P.M. West of the Town of Crested Butte at the Keystone Mine off of County Road 12.				
Duplicate Entry Delete EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Angela Yemma 970-874-6653 Angela.Yemma@usda.gov
	Description: N/A				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64216				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - TBD. North Valley of Gunnison Ranger 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)					
Garber Driveway Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/10/2023	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803 jonathan.hare@usda.gov
	Description: Private landowner is requesting a permit for use, operation and maintenance of less than 100 feet of existing road that crosses National Forest land between Waunita Pass Road (County Road 763) and private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T. 50N., R. 4E., 23, Section 16. Pitkin, CO near Waunita Pass Road (NFSR 763).				
McCloud Placer Small Tracts Act Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 09/01/2023	09/2023	Gene Dollarhide 970-874-6636 gene.dollarhide@usda.gov
	Description: Convey 1.6 acres of NFS lands under P.L. 97-465 due to encroachment discovered during a new survey in 2019. Plat surveying occurred in 2021.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64764				
McCloud Placer Small Tracts Act Project CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Township 13 South, Range 86 West, 6th PM, Section 5, Mineral Survey 4901, McCloud Placer. Township 13 South, Range 86 West, 6th PM Section 5, Mineral Survey 4901, McCloud Placer.				
	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 09/01/2023	09/2023	Gene Dollarhide 970-874-6636 gene.dollarhide@usda.gov
	Description: Convey 1.6 acres of NFS lands under P.L. 97-465 due to encroachment discovered during a new survey in 2019. Plat surveying occurred in 2021.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64763				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Township 13 South, Range 86 West, 6th PM, Section 5, Mineral Survey 4901, McCloud Placer. Township 13 South, Range 86 West, 6th PM Section 5, Mineral Survey 4901, McCloud Placer.				

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Mt. Emmons Land Exchange CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	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 Range Cattle & Horse Allotments EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2023	Expected:03/2024	05/2024	Angela Yemma 970-874-6653 Angela.Yemma@usda.gov
	Description: The Gunnison Ranger District is proposing to continue to authorize domestic livestock grazing on the North Butte, Lost Canyon-Silver Springs, Meridian, Snodgrass (vacant allotment) and Spring Creek Allotments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64217				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - T13S, R84W-86W; T14S, R85W; and T15S, R83W-R85W, 6th PM and T50N,R2E; and T51N, R1E-R2E, NMPM. North Valley area of the Gunnison Ranger District covering multiple existing gazing allotments.				
North Valley Trails EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/30/2023	Expected:10/2023	06/2024	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 Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region more than one District)					
North Whitepine Spring Pipeline CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/10/2023	Expected:08/2023	08/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803 jonathan.hare@usda.gov
	Description: The North Whitepine Spring Pipeline Association is requesting a re-issuance for a special use permit, including a new tank, for maintaining a water collection and transmission system for domestic water use for summer homes in Whitepine.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - NMPM T50N, R5E, Section 35. Whitepine, CO.				
Taylor Lake and Lake Irwin USGS Weather Stations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2023	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Jonathan Hare 970-948-9803 jonathan.hare@usda.gov
	Description: Researchers have proposed 2 temporary weather stations, one near Taylor Lake, the other near Lake Irwin. The weather stations will monitor soil moisture, snow water equivalent, and measure precipitation.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 15, Township 12 South, Range 84 West 6th P.M. & SE1/4 of NW1/4 Township 13 South, Range 87 West 6 P.M. SW1/4 Section 15, Township 12 South, Range 84 West 6th P.M. & SE1/4 of NW1/4 Township 13 South, Range 87 West 6 P.M.				
Taylor Park Windthrow and Spruce Beetle Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Art Haines 970-641-0471 arthur.haines@usda.gov
	Description: This project has been cancelled. The wind event changed the project area so drastically that specialists need additional time to update analysis and data management systems.				
	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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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District) Gunnison Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Tomichi AML Closures CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/06/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Pamela Leschak 970-874-6640 Pamela.Leschak@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63911				
	Location: UNIT - Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Chaffee, Gunnison. LEGAL - New Mexico PM: T49N, R4E, Sec. 1; T50N, R4E, Sec. 27, 28, & 33; T49N, R5E, Sec. 3; T50N, R5E, Sec. 2, 11, 14, 26, & 34; T51N, R5E, Sec. 35. 20-30 Miles East of Gunnison, Colorado. Gunnison Ranger District and Salida Ranger District, PSICC NF.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests more than one District) Norwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in R2 - 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.gov
	Description: Norwood Ranger District proposes to continue site improvements at the Alta Lakes Recreation Area. The project area includes Alta Lakes, Gold King Basin, Wild Boy Lake, and the Alta Lakes Road (FDR 632).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63429				
	Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - T42N, R9W. Alta Lakes, Gold King Basin, Wild Boy Lake, and the Alta Lakes Road (FDR 632).				
Deep Creek Trail (NFST 5418) Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/14/2023	09/2023	John Hidy 208-259-3361 john.hidy@usda.gov
	Description: Deep Creek Trail (NFST 418) will be rerouted for approximately 1.3 miles to reduce resource issues related to drainage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64648				
	Location: UNIT - Norwood Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - T43N, R9W, Sections 19-20. Sheep Springs area of Deep Creek Trail (NFST 418).				

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Norwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Telluride Via Ferrata Adoption CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2023	06/2023	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 than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan EA	- 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.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.				

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Paonia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
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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					
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.gov
	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: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63320				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 6 miles east of Paonia and covers approximately 23,000 acres.				
North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan Supplement EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/17/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Niccole Mortenson 970-874-6693 niccole.mortenson@usda.gov
	Description: 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	- 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@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.				

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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
	Description: 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: 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.				
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:01/2024	05/2024	Abigail Rader 970-527-4131 x4267 Abigail.Rader@usda.gov
	Description: Turner Ditch Company proposes to reduce salinity in Turner and Lone Cabin Ditch ditches which includes an 18.9 mile piping element on various land ownerships and a 28.3 acre habitat improvement project at Paonia's water treatment facility.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63005				
	Location: UNIT - Paonia Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Delta, Gunnison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Delta and Gunnison Counties east and southeast of Paonia.				

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