



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Arapaho and Roosevelt 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.				

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Saint Vrain Forest Health Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/08/2022	Expected:08/2023	08/2023	Kevin McLaughlin 970-887-4107 kevin.mclaughlin2@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service proposes authoring a suite of management tools to improve forest resiliency and mitigate risk to communities, wildlife, watersheds and other values at risk from large-scale wildfires and other disturbances.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61372					
Location: UNIT - Boulder Ranger District, Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder, Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands south of Johnny Park Rd, east of Indian Peaks Wilderness, north of Gold Hill Road and west of the NF boundary; northeast including ridgelines around Pinewood Springs east of Highway 36.					

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests		Boulder Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Eldora Property LLC access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/28/2020	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Mike Johnson 303-541-2534 Michael.Johnson6@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize year round motorized access on an existing road to the Aurom Lode, Emma Lode, Golden Age Lode, Mary EE Lode, Molly McGuire Lode and Bear Placer in Boulder County.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58569					
Location: UNIT - Boulder Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eldora Ski Area.					
Mountain Research Station - Musselman Tram CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2022	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Mike Johnson 303-541-2534 Michael.Johnson6@usda.gov
Description: The research proponent would install 100-meter track with tram, 2 meters above the ground with meteorological sensors. Approx. 65 trees would be removed along track corridor, and 2-inch holes would be drilled for soil moisture and install piezometers					
Location: UNIT - Boulder Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder. LEGAL - T1N R73W Sec 22. Niwot Ridge, University of Colorado Mountain Research Station.					

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Canyon Lakes Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Black Diamond Landscape Resiliency and Risk Reduction Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Dennis Kuhnel 000-000-0000 Dennis.Kuhnel@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes a suite of management tools to improve and maintain a resilient landscape, facilitate fire adapted communities, and improve wildfire response.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62591				
Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands from the Colorado-Wyoming border south to the northern perimeter of the Cameron Peak Fire burn area; from the Forest eastern administrative boundary west to the Rawah Wilderness boundary.					
Cameron Peak Fire Point Mitigation Projects to Improve Water Quality CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Sarah Beck 000-000-0000 sarah.beck@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to implement restoration projects at 3 areas impacted by the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire to slow water, trap sediment and debris, and reconnect channels to adjacent floodplains.				
	Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Canyon Lakes Ranger District in Upper Black Hollow Creek, Elkhorn Creek, and Ratville.				
Cheley Private Drive - FLPMA CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Matthew Jurak 970-222-3822 matthew.jurak@usda.gov
	Description: 15' wide Private road access off of County Road, 1.6' in length over National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 72 West of the 6th P.M., County of Larimer, State of Colorado. off of Dunraven Glade Road, near Dunraven trailhead.				

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Canyon Lakes Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Donner Pass and Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2021	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Matthew Cowan 970-531-8921 matthew.cowan@usda.gov
	Description: Realign targeted sections of the motorized trails in order to protect other resource, reduce erosion, and bring the trails into compliance with current trail standards. Some new trail will be developed and some old trail will be reclaimed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60993				
Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trails are surrounded by CR 44H to the north, the Comanche Peak Wilderness to the west, the Crystal Mountain area to the east, and the Bulwark Ridge, Miller Fork, and Dunraven to south.					
Special Use Authorization - City of Loveland historic cabin use and operation CE	- Special use management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Leslie McFadden 970-295-6651 lmcfadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: To issue City of Loveland a long term authorization for use and operation of historic cabins located partially on National Forest System lands adjacent to Visteinz-Smith Park.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57090				
Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Visteinz-Smith Park. County: Larimer. Legal: T5N, R70W, Sec 6.					
Special Use Authorization - Crown Castle Fiber, LLC CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Leslie McFadden 970-295-6651 lmcfadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to issue Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, a long term authorization for the installation and operation of a fiber optic and small cell communication system to be located along Highway 36 between Lyons and Estes Park, Colorado.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57085				
Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 36 between Lyons and Estes Park Colorado in Sec4, T3N, R71W;Sec18, 19, 29, 33, T4N, R71W; Sec 11, 12, 13, T4N, R72W; 6thPrincipal Meridian, Larimer County,CO.					

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Canyon Lakes Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Special Use Authorization - Platte River Authority fiber optic CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Leslie McFadden 970-295-6651 lmcfadden@fs.fed.us
	Description: To issue Platte River Power Authority to construct and operate fiber optic service between Loveland and Estes Park. New line it to be co-located on existing power line system already under authorization to City of Loveland and City of Estes Park.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57089				
Location: UNIT - Canyon Lakes Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Larimer. LEGAL - Legal: T5N, R71W, Sec 1, 2, 3; T5N, R70W, Sec 4, 5, 6, 9. existing power line system already under authorization to City of Loveland and City of Estes Park. County: Larimer. Legal: T5N, R71W, Sec 1, 2, 3; T5N, R70W, Sec 4, 5, 6, 9.					

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Clear Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Bald Mountain Lane or Forest Service Road FSR273.2 Access Road CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Nicole Malandri 303-567-3011 nicole.malandri@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to approve repairs and maintenance along a 750 foot by 20 foot section of existing road and snow removal along 1950 of existing road to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Clear Creek Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Gilpin. LEGAL - Sec. 9, T. 3 S., R. 73 W., 6th P.M. Bald Mountain Lane.				
Buffalo Park Road, Forest Road FSR244.1 Right of Way Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/11/2022	07/2022	Nicole Malandri 303-567-3011 nmalandri@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to approve the use and maintenance of an existing 6000 foot by 30 foot road to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Clear Creek Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Clear Creek. LEGAL - T. 5 S., R. 72 W., Sec 23, 26 and 27. Yankee Creek, Buffalo Park.				

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Carr Right of Way Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2022	Expected:10/2022	05/2023	Nicole Malandri 303-567-3011 nicole.malandri@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to approve the construction, use and maintenance of a 130 foot by 30 foot road right of way to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59035				
Location: UNIT - Clear Creek Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Clear Creek. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hamlin Gulch.					
Jefferson Conservation District Road Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2022	08/2022	Nicole Malandri 303-567-3011 nicole.malandri@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to authorize the use and maintenance of an existing 4500 foot road to provide access for a private lands forest restoration project.				
	Location: UNIT - Clear Creek Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - T. 6 S., R. 71 W. Sec 5 and T. 5 S., R. 71 W. Sec 32 of the 6th Principal Meridian. Evergreen, CO.				
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Pawnee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
U.S. Air Force Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) System EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/01/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2023	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Vernon Koehler 719-252-4778 vernon.koehler@usda.gov
	Description: The US Air Force is lead agency and the Forest Service is a cooperating agency. The EIS will study effects of the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent System, a portion of which is on National Forest System Lands and requires special use authorization.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60569				
Location: UNIT - Pawnee Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Weld. LEGAL - Not Applicable. See maps for approximate Pawnee National Grassland and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forests locations.					

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Denver Water Board Vasquez and Jim Creek Diversions Access and Sediment Removal Projects CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2022	08/2022	Alden Whittaker 970-531-6813 Alden.Whittaker@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Denver Water Board to construct, operate and maintain a permanent access route to the Vasquez Creek and Jim Creek diversions, and remove accumulated sediment upstream of diversion structures.					
Location: UNIT - Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Grand. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Vasquez Creek project is located at the Denver Water Board(DWB) diversion on Vasquez Creek along NFSR148. The Jim Creek project is located at the DWB diversion on Jim Creek along NFSR128.					
Upper Williams Fork Cutthroat Trout Reclamation CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Valerie Thompson 303-567-3018 Valerie.Thompson@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service is proposing to authorize Denver Water to construct fish barriers on Bobtail and Steelman Creeks in the upper Williams Fork to protect green lineage cutthroat trout.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54657					
Location: UNIT - Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Grand. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Williams Fork.					
Willow Creek Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/18/2022	Expected:05/2023	05/2023	Alden Whittaker 970-531-6813 Alden.Whittaker@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service is proposing to exchange one parcel of National Forest System land containing approx. 6.87 acres to TMII Development, LLC in exchange for TMII Development, LLC conveying one parcel of land approx. 50.23 acres to the United States.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61576					
Location: UNIT - Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Grand. LEGAL - National Forest System land parcel: T2S R75W Secs 14-15; Non-federal land parcel: T4N R77W Sec. 18 and T4N R78W Sec. 13; See Proposed Action. The Federal parcel (6.87 acres) is immediately north and east of the Mary Jane base area at Winter Park Resort; non-Federal parcel (50.23 acres) is at the confluence of Pass Creek and Willow Creek.					

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Willow Creek Reservoir Sediment Berm Geophysical Investigations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2022	07/2022	Sarah Beck 505-346-3824 sarah.beck@usda.gov
	Description: Authorize short-term geophysical investigations and incidental support activities for Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to dig one to two test pits with an excavator and up to 3 drill borings for a proposed Willow Creek Res. sediment berm Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62461				
	Location: UNIT - Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Grand. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Inlet of Willow Creek Reservoir.				
Winter Park Resort Mary Jane Road Paving Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/20/2022	09/2022	Devon Cotsamire 970-404-3159 devon.cotsamire@usda.gov
	Description: Pave Mary Jane Road (NFSR 166.1). The road is approximately 1.7 miles long and provides access from U.S. Highway 40 to the Mary Jane Base Area and other private property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62858				
	Location: UNIT - Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Grand. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mary Jane Road is located at the base of Winter Park Resort.				

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