



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

San Juan National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	- 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 .					

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange EA <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/05/2020	Expected: 10/2021	11/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rebecca.smith@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service proposes to exchange approximately 452 acres of SJNF lands in ten Federal parcels for approximately 880 acres of one non-Federal parcel of land adjacent to NFS land managed by the SJNF.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154					
Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pagosa Ranger District: Ten parcels of federal lands totaling approximately 452 acres and one parcel of non-federal land totaling approximately 880 acres. Refer to maps provided on SJNF website.					

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Special Uses - Century Link Master Lease Agreement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: The lease agreement would apply to existing buried and overhead telephone and fiber optic lines throughout the San Juan National Forest Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59144				
	Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing locations across the forest.				
Special Uses - Century Link Master Lease Agreement # 59144 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/15/2021	06/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: The lease agreement would apply to existing buried and overhead telephone and fiber optic lines throughout the San Juan National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60122				
	Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing locations across the San Juan National Forest.				

San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Abandoned Mine Lands - Junction Creek Coal Mine Adit Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/15/2021	07/2021	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Safety closure of the Junction Creek Coal Mine adit using a bat-friendly grate. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60121				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Durango, along Junction Creek, near lower Colorado Trail trailhead parking area.				

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Fisheries - Big Bend Fish Barriers CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/15/2021	Expected:07/2021	10/2022	Clayton Kampf 970-385-1220 ckampf@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create two barriers to the upstream movement of non-native fish into Big Bend Creek. Construct by hand within ½ mile from the confluence with Hermosa Creek using spruce logs. Barriers to be approximately 6 six feet in height.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59355				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T 38 N, R 10 W, Section 10. Big Bend Creek just upstream of confluence with Hermosa Creek.					
Forest Health - Southern HD's Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/10/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Albert Fischer 970-884-1406 awfischer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation treatment to restore the area (about 34,000 a) to more natural conditions. Treatments could include prescribed fire, tree thinning, small commercial wood sales, fuelwood gathering, mowing, targeted grazing, and designation of an OHV trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, La Plata. LEGAL - Township 35N, Range 6W, sections 34-36; Township 34N, Range 6W, sections 1-3, 10, 11, 20-36, 1U-5U, 7U-11U, 13U-18U; Township 34N, Range 5W, sections 7, 18-24, 26-35, 7U, 9U, and 13U%u201318U. HD Mountains south of Highway 160, east of Bayfield, CO.					
Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/27/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of a pipeline on FS, state, and private lands; construction of 1 new gas well pad and access road on FS land; and re-completion of 2 existing gas wells located on FS. The wells would be drilled with horizontal drilling techniques.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - T34&35N R5&6W. Pipeline route runs from Lange Canyon to Fosset Gulch, 8 miles east of Bayfield.					

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Recreation - Junction Creek Road and CG Grooming CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:10/2021	01/2022	James Simino 541-247-3634 jsimino@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to groom portions of the Junction Creek Road (NFSR #171) and Junction Creek Campground in the Durango area for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and fat biking, while maintaining existing motorized uses.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60080				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Location is on Junction Creek Road (NFSR #171) and Junction Creek Campground, northwest of Durango in La Plata County.					
Recreation - Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Pod Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/13/2020	Expected:06/2021	08/2021	Noel Ludwig 303-275-5164 noel.ludwig@usda.gov
	Description: Constructing new quad ski lift and four new ski runs. Rerouting of snowmobile access trail. Would require 2.5 acres of ground disturbance and 25.9 acres of tree removal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - NW1/4 of SE1/4 of T39N, R9W, New Mexico Baseline. Project area is in East Fork Hermosa Creek watershed, on back side of Purgatory Resort, within existing SUP area.					
Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a special use permit for construction of dirt driveway across Forest Service lands to access a residential property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60292				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on the southern slope of Shaefer Mountain. The proposed driveway would be accessed by Bear Creek Road, approximately 3 miles east of County Road 501.					

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Special Uses - San Juan County SAR Repeater Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a radio repeater site in order to enhance the San Juan County Search & Rescue emergency communications network. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60197				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Juan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4,800 feet northeast of the Brooklyn Mine, off of FSR 825 (US Basin Rd).				
Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:07/2021	09/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a 30-year FLPMA permit for the use and maintenance of existing spring and pipe facilities on NFS land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60198				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approx. 1.25 miles east of Fosset Gulch Road (FSR 613), south of Hwy 160.				
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize motorized trail access, via FLPMA Private Trail Permit, to an isolated private parcel. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60139				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southwest of Lemon Reservoir near the Aspen Trails subdivision.				

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Forest Health - Salter Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/23/2021	Expected:09/2021	01/2022	David Casey 970-882-6830 djcasey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed ponderosa pine vegetation management actions including tree cutting, tree planting and activity fuel burning covering approximately 35,000 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57671				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area is located generally north and northeast of Dolores, CO in the Salter and Boggy Draw areas.					
Mavreeso Campground water well replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace the existing water well and water line at the Mavreeso Campground				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West fork of the Dolores River.				
Mineral - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 walter.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Alianza Minerals Limited (Alianza)has submitted a preliminary Plan of Operations to explore its Twin Canyon property in the Caviness Mountain area for locatable minerals through a limited exploratory drilling program.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60254				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T36N, R12W, Sections 13, 14, 23, 24. T36N, R12W, Sections 13, 14, 23, 24.					
Special Uses - Kremmen Ditch Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mary Kusnir 970-882-6814 mkusnir@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of an existing water transmission ditch for a 30-year term				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57648				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Madden Peak/Starvation Creek area.					

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Fisheries-Fall Creek Fish Passage Barrier Installation and Diversion Structure Modification Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/27/2021	08/2022	Clayton Kampf 970-385-1220 ckampf@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action would create a fish barrier between pure San Juan cutthroat trout and non-native trout species. The second part of the proposed action is to modify the diversion structure in Fall Creek at the Bruce Spruce Ditch Diversion.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59955				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fall Creek on the east side of the Pagosa Ranger District.					
Fuels and Forest Products - Turkey Springs Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/15/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Matthew Tuten 970-240-5417 mtuten@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is near a highly populated area in Archuleta County. The proposal includes fuels reduction activities (thinning, mowing and mastication)as well as tree cutting and removal activities(improvement cutting, thinning, and salvage harvest).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59146				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Turkey Springs area on the Pagosa Ranger District.					
Special Uses - Square Top Ditch Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a special use permit for the use, operation and maintenance of the Square Top Ditch (this ditch has been in place since 1889 and portions of the ditch are within the South San Juan Adjacent Colorado Roadless Area).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59855				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the Blanco Basin area on the Pagosa Ranger District, within the South San Juan Adjacent Colorado Roadless Area.					

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Special Uses - Treasure Pass Diversion Ditch Stabilization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Stabilize actively eroding head-cuts at three sites along the Treasure Pass Diversion Ditch				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60432				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treasure Pass Ditch on Wolf Creek Pass.					

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