



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

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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 .				

San Juan National Forest	Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Fisheries - Big Bend Fish Barriers CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/15/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2022	Clayton Kampf 970-385-1220 ckampf@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create 2 barriers to non-native fish in Big Bend Crk. Construct by hand within 1/2 mile from the confluence with Hermosa Crk using spruce logs. Barriers to be approx 6 feet high. Will provide 1.5 miles additional habitat for San Juan Cutthroat Trout				
	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.				

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Forest Health - Southern HDs 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: Comment Period Public Notice 08/18/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	James Simino 970-884-2512 james.simino@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation treatment to restore the area (about 34,000 acres) to more natural conditions. Treatments could include prescribed fire, tree thinning, small commercial wood sales, fuelwood gathering, mowing, and targeted grazing.				
	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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Recreation - Junction Creek Road and CG Grooming CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	James Simino 541-247-3634 james.simino@usda.gov
	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.				

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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:12/2021	12/2021	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				
Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road CE *UPDATED*	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 use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a special use permit for construction of dirt driveway across Forest Service lands to access a residential property.				
Special Uses - San Juan County SAR Repeater Site CE *UPDATED*	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.				
	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/29/2021	08/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
Special Uses - San Juan County SAR Repeater Site CE *UPDATED*	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	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				
Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	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.				

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San Juan National Forest	Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsvocool@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.				

San Juan National Forest	Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Forest Health - Fox Den Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	David Casey 970-882-6830 david.casey2@usda.gov
	Description: Salvage of downed trees to prevent potential Spruce Bark Beetle outbreak as result of no action and recovery of loss value of downed timber. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60662				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Sections 16, 17, 19, 23, 29 T 39 N, R 12W NMPM. Taylor Mesa, in the vicinity of Forest Service Roads 545 and 547.				
Forest Health - Plateau Fire Reforestation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/29/2021	01/2022	Christopher Alanis 970-882-6821 christopher.alanis@usda.gov
	Description: The SJNF proposes to plant ponderosa or other native trees as young container seedlings within the 2018 Plateau fire moderate to high severity burn areas exhibiting high tree mortality. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60454				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T38N R15W Sec 3,4,9-11; T39N R14W Sec 7,8,18; T39N R15W Sec 11-13, 25,26,34,35.				

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Forest Health - Salter Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/23/2021	Expected:11/2021	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				
Mineral - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project CE *UPDATED*	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.				
	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021	Expected:10/2021	05/2022	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.				
Range - Ormiston Corral CE *NEW LISTING*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60254				
	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 08/10/2021	08/2021	Angela Yemma 9708826818 Angela.Yemma@usda.gov
	Description: The Long Park Allotment permittee has proposed to construct a small corral in the Ormiston Point pasture to assist in livestock management and distribution.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60462				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T39N, R17W, Section 15.				

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Recreation - Barlow Creek Parking Lot Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: The SJNF proposes to expand the existing approximately 0.44 acre parking lot at Barlow Creek through the addition of approximately 0.58 acres of parking area on the Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. Signage and interpretive panels would be installed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60673				
Recreation - Rico Trails Project EA *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Sec 32 T41N R10W NMPM. The proposed project area is located approximately 6 miles north of Rico, CO, at the junction of State Highway 145 and Forest Service Road 578.				
	- Recreation management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/22/2021	Expected:11/2021 Actual: 01/08/2021	06/2022	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of proposed trails, reroutes and improvements to the Spring Creek, Ryman, Rio Grande Southern and Circle trails				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the vicinity of Rico, CO.				

San Juan National Forest		Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Fuels - Eight Mile Mesa Fuels Reduction Project 2021 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/09/2021	09/2021	Fred Ellis 970-264-1541 fred.ellis@usda.gov	
	Description: Fuels Treatment on Eight Mile Mesa					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60411					
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eight Mile Mesa.					

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San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
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	Completed	Actual: 09/17/2021	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.				
Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/24/2021	Expected: 01/2022	02/2022	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 - Pagosa Ranger District. 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.				
Special Uses - Square Top Ditch Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/04/2021	08/2021	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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