



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

San Juan National Forest

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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 .					

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Fisheries - Big Bend Fish Barriers CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/15/2021
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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/30/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	James Simino 970-884-2512 james.simino@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742</p> <p>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<u>201318U</u>. HD Mountains south of Highway 160, east of Bayfield, CO.</p>					
Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology - Special use management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825</p> <p>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.</p>					
Recreation - Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Pod Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/27/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Noel Ludwig 303-275-5164 noel.ludwig@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877</p> <p>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.</p>					

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Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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				
Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit CE	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a 30-year FLPMA permit for the use and maintenance of existing spring and pipe facilities on NFS land.				
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE	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 use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsovocool@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 - Fox Den Salvage CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	Completed	Actual: 11/15/2021	01/2022	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 - Salter Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products 	Completed	Actual: 11/18/2021	01/2022	David Casey 970-882-6830 dcasey@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.					
Mineral - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021	Expected:12/2021	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. 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.					

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Recreation - Barlow Creek Parking Lot Expansion CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/26/2021	11/2021	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60673</p> <p>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.</p>				
Recreation - Rico Trails Project EA	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2021 01/08/2021	06/2022	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	<p>Description: Analysis of proposed trails, reroutes and improvements to the Spring Creek, Ryman, Rio Grande Southern and Circle trails</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the vicinity of Rico, CO.</p>				
Special Uses - Bradley Family Trust Spring Box and Waterline Request CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/15/2021	12/2021	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	<p>Description: Harry W. Bradley passed away and his water transmission line and spring box authorization is nontransferable; therefore a new authorization is requested for Bradley family Trust. The water line will need significant work to get it back up and running</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60997</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T. 38 N., R. 12 W. Section 5. Near Bryon Spring.</p>				

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Special Uses - Carter Ditch Transfer - Englehart to Gardner & Roundtree CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<p>Description: This project would transfer the Carter Ditch Easement (DOL505402) from Cordy Englehart to Gloria Gardner and Alice Roundtree for agriculture irrigation or livestock water system use.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61023</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Sec. 1, T. 38 N., R. 14 W. Near Stoner Ranger Station off the Dolores River.</p>				
Special Uses - Donaldson Family Spring Box Transfer CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<p>Description: This project would transfer the Cordalis Spring Special Use Permit from Connie Donaldson to Jimmy Donaldson and Deborah Klein. This project is solely administrative in nature and does not include any ground disturbance or other physical work.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61312</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Sec. 25, T35N, R14W. West Dolores River near Stoner Mesa.</p>				
Special Uses - Hansen Road Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Jared and Karen Hansen are requesting road access to private inholding located on the House Creek Wildlife Easement. The road would be approximately 729 feet long and up to 30 feet wide.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61024</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T38N, R15W, Section 21. House Creek Road/McPhee Reservoir area.</p>				

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Special Uses - Kremen Ditch Re-Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/26/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: The Kremen Ditch (0.9 miles) provides irrigation water to private property in the Starvation Gulch drainage, within the Cherry Creek watershed. The proposed re-authorization does not change any operating conditions for the ditch and right of way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60992				
Special Uses - Reddert Ranch, LLC Road Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/15/2021	12/2021	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: Request for a new Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Road Authorization to access a well site on private land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60998				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T36N, R12W, Section 35. Near Starvation Creek and FSR 568.				

San Juan National Forest	Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange EA	- 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.				

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