



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.				

San Juan National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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San Juan National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Minerals - Metallic Minerals Exploratory Core Sampling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Walter Brown 970-884-2512 james.blair2@usda.gov
	Description: Process application for exploratory core sampling to determine mineral potential in the area. 22 drill sites located in Bedrock Creek (La Plata Canyon, Columbine RD) and headwaters of East Mancos River (Dolores RD). Some site accessed by helicopter.				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District, Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata, Montezuma. LEGAL - T36-37N R11W. Bedrock Creek (La Plata Canyon, Columbine RD) and headwaters of East Mancos River (Dolores RD).				

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Fisheries - Big Bend Fish Barriers CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/14/2022	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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San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
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	Completed	Actual: 02/09/2022	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	- 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 - Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Pod Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 03/15/2022	04/2022	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.					

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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 Isovocool@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.					
Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Lands - Atlantic Richfield STA Case No. 2020 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:06/2022	09/2022	Emma Reinemann 000-000-0000 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to convey 39.9 acres of NFS lands to Atlantic Richfield under the mineral fraction category of the Small Tracts Act. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61785				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - W ₁ of Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 11 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian (NMPM). One tract located east of the Dolores River approximately 0.2 miles north of the Rico Town Limits and include the existing settling ponds along the Dolores River to the south of the St. Louis Tunnel outlet.				
Lands - McPhee Dam and Reservoir Area Land Withdrawal EA *NEW LISTING*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/16/2022	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Emma Reinemann 9708826822 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
	Description: This EA evaluates the withdrawal, for a period of 100 years, of 953.06 acres of public lands and 309.56 acres of National Forest System lands for reserved used by Reclamation and the USFS in connection with McPhee Dam and Reservoir. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61683				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Proposed Action is located approximately ten miles north of Cortez, Colorado within Montezuma County near McPhee Dam and Reservoir.				
Minerals - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021	Expected:02/2022	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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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Minerals - Beaver Rim Pit Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/31/2022	Expected:07/2022	09/2022	Cody Jones 970-385-1294 cody.j.jones@usda.gov
	Description: This project would expand the Beaver Rim Pit in order to extract rock for use to upgrade the road system. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61531				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T39N, R14W, Sec 31 and 32. South of Beaver Creek, to the southwest of the intersection of FSR 526 and FSR 527.				
Recreation - Mavreeso Campground Water Well Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomas.b.rice@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve the quality of water available at Mavreeso Campground by drilling a new water well. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61555				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T39N, R13W, Section 9. West Dolores Road.				
Special Uses - American Tower Communication Site Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: American Tower proposes to remove the 120%u2019 tower and 228 square foot shelter, along with any underlying foundations and pads, from Caviness Communication Site Lot 6. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61554				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T36N, R12W, Section 23. Caviness Mountain, north of FSR 316.				
Special Uses - Carter Ditch Transfer - Englehart to Gardner & Roundtree CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61023				
	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.				

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Special Uses - Donaldson Family Spring Box Transfer CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/08/2022	05/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61312				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Sec. 25, T35N, R14W. West Dolores River near Stoner Mesa.					
Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize a change an existing trail easement to a motorized access easement and transfer ownership from David and Sharon Farny to Cindy Farny.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61557				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Sec. 23, 24, 25, & 36 of T41N, R10W. NFSR Rd # 204A and 204A.1 near Lizard Pass off Hwy 145.					
Special Uses - Hansen Road Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/12/2022	01/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61024				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T38N, R15W, Section 21. House Creek Road/McPhee Reservoir area.					

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Special Uses - Kremen Ditch Re-Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/26/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	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				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T36N, R12W, Section 35. Near Starvation Creek and FSR 568.					
Special Uses - Reddert Ranch, LLC Road Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/15/2021	04/2022	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 - Montezuma. LEGAL - T37N, R13W, Section 33. Chicken Creek Area.					

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 *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/24/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	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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Range - Snowball, Log Park, and Park/Valle Seco Allotments range improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2022	05/2022	John Garcia 970-264-1516 jgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct 4 ponds on the Snowball Allotment, 2 ponds on the Log Park Allotment, and a corral in the Kenney Flats area of the Park/Valle Seco Allotment. Two of the ponds in the Snowball Allotment are in the Turkey Creek Colorado Roadless Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61669				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Snowball Allotment north of Pagosa Springs, Log Park Allotment northeast of Pagosa Springs, and Park/Valle Seco Allotment south of Pagosa Springs.					
Recreation and Forest Products - Jackson Mountain Recreation and Vegetation Management project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Timothy Leishman 970-264-1510 timothy.leishman@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape level analysis of recreation and veg mgmt opportunities in the Jackson Mountain area, including consideration of mountain bike trails and associated facilities (parking areas, toilets, etc), and vegetation and fuels management opportunities				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jackson Mountain Area on the Pagosa Ranger District.					

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