



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

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	- 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	- 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).				

San Juan National Forest		Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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				
Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road CE	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.				
	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsvocool@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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San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit CE	- 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				
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE	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	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.				

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	- 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 _{1/2} 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.					

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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 - McPhee Dam and Reservoir Area Land Withdrawal EA	- 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	- 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.				
Minerals - Beaver Rim Pit Expansion CE	- 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.				

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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 - Mavreeso Campground Water Well Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2022	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 - Dolores. LEGAL - T39N, R13W, Section 9. West Dolores Road.				
Special Uses - American Tower Communication Site Removal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/22/2022	06/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: American Tower proposes to remove the 120 foot tall 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	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		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 - DiMattei Water Line Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/24/2022	06/2022	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: The applicant is proposing to install a new water line that will cross USFS lands through an existing easement in order to bring city water to his home. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62121				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of McPhee Reservoir.				
Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization CE	- 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 - Kremen Ditch Re-Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		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.				

San Juan National Forest	Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Facilities - Radio Repeater Installation on Mesa Cortado CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 05/17/2022	06/2022	John Godson 970-385-1292 john.godson@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a radio repeater on Mesa Cortado. Less than 1 acre of disturbance. Minimal amounts of brush and small tree clearing expected.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61987				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mesa Cortado on the Pagosa Ranger District.				
Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2022	08/2022	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.				
Recreation and Forest Products - Jackson Mountain Recreation and Vegetation Management project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Paul Blackman 307-745-2363 paul.blackman@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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Special Uses - Xcel Energy Jackson Mt Valve Rebuild CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Mark Lambert 970-385-1240 mark.b.lambert@usda.gov
	Description: Xcel Energy proposes to rebuild the valve at the intersection of Hwy 160 and Jackson Mountain Road (NFSR 037)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61972				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Intersection of Hwy 160 and the Jackson Mountain Road (NFSR 037).				

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