



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

### San Juan National Forest

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**Projects Occurring Nationwide**

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> 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 &amp; proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a>.</p>					
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> 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
<p><b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> 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.</p>					

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

**R2 - Rocky Mountain Region**

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<b>Minerals - Metallic Minerals Exploratory Core Sampling</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2022	Expected:11/2022	05/2023	James Blair 970-882-6856 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Process application for exploratory core sampling to determine mineral potential in the area. ~14 drill sites located in Bedrock Creek (La Plata Canyon, Columbine RD) and headwaters of East Mancos River (Dolores RD). Some sites accessed by helicopter				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61638">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61638</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>AML - Bat Grates (Grouse Gulch and Ruby Lake)</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	James Blair (970) 882-6856 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Physical closure of 2 abandoned inactive mine open adits which pose a physical hazard to the public. Will consist of steel grated adit closures with 2019 X bat ladders for wildlife access. Access to both sites is by foot from existing road				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62700">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62700</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata, San Juan. LEGAL - Grouse Gulch LB1: T36N R11W Sec. 21 Ruby Lake RL3: T42N R08W Sec. 33. Grouse Gulch LB1: La Plata Canyon south of Kroeger CG Ruby Lake RL3: near Columbine Lake and Ophir Pass.					

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<b>AML - Nancy Mine Safety Closure</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/06/2022	09/2022	Benerito Martinez 970-385-1202 benerito.martinez@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed work includes closing the open mine shaft with polyurethane foam and then backfilling by hand with onsite material. Mining equipment and trash will be removed. All disturbed areas will be seeded. Access will be on foot with pack horses.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62698">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62698</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - San Juan. LEGAL - SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 40 N, Range 8W. 1.5 miles up West Lime Creek Trail above US Highway 550 north of Durango.					
<b>Integrated - Junction-Falls Integrated Resource Management (J-FIRM) Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Special area management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> <li>- Climate Change Adaptation</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2022	Expected:03/2024	06/2024	Timothy Leishman 970-264-1510 timothy.leishman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Improve the four core values of the RMRI across the project landscape : 1. Communities, 2. Clean Water, 3. Forests and Wildlife, and 4. Recreation. Proposed actions include vegetation management, Rx burning, recreation/trail management, and others.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62825">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62825</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Junction Creek Riparian Corridor and Trail, Logchutes, and Falls Creek/Hidden Valley.					

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<b>Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Grant a special use permit for construction of dirt driveway across Forest Service lands to access a residential property.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60292">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60292</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Special Uses - Shelton's Spring Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2021	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Jason Mosher 000-000-0000 Jason.Mosher@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Issue a 30-year FLPMA permit for the use and maintenance of existing spring and pipe facilities on NFS land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60198">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60198</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Authorize motorized trail access, via FLPMA Private Trail Permit, to an isolated private parcel.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60139">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60139</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Fire Prevention Sign Installation Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2022	07/2022	Emma Reinemann 000-000-0000 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 54 signs with fire prevention information would be installed across the district.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62477">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62477</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Signs will be installed along roadsides across the district.					
<b>Lands - Atlantic Richfield STA Case No. 2020</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Emma Reinemann 000-000-0000 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service proposes to convey 20.9 acres of NFS lands to Atlantic Richfield under the mineral fraction category of the Small Tracts Act.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61785">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61785</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - W <sub>1/2</sub> 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.					
<b>Lands - McPhee Dam and Reservoir Area Land Withdrawal</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2022	09/2022	Emma Reinemann 9708826822 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61683">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61683</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>			
<b>Minerals - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021	Expected:10/2022	05/2023	James Blair 000-000-0000 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60254">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60254</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - T36N, R12W, Sections 13, 14, 23, 24. T36N, R12W, Sections 13, 14, 23, 24.					
<b>Minerals - Beaver Rim Pit Expansion</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/14/2022	Expected:11/2022	05/2023	Cody Jones 970-385-1294 cody.j.jones@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project would expand the Beaver Rim Pit in order to extract rock for use to upgrade the road system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61531">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61531</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Recreation - Chicken Creek Trail Reroute Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2022	Expected:11/2022	03/2023	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasrice@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reroutes and trail additions in the Chicken Creek trail system area, including less than 2 miles of new trail and less than 2 miles of trail decommissioning				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chicken Creek trail system.				
<b>Recreation - Dolores Recreation Access and Infrastructure Improvement Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/27/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:01/2023	03/2023	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomas.b.rice@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project will improve recreation access and associated bathroom and parking infrastructure.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62582">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62582</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boggy Draw area, Transfer Campground Horse Corral, FSR 385.					

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<b>Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2021	Expected:01/2023	05/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61557">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61557</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>San Juan National Forest</b>	<b>Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>	
<b>Recreation and Forest Products - Jackson Mountain Recreation and Vegetation Management project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jackson Mountain Area on the Pagosa Ranger District.				
<b>Special Uses - Xcel Energy Jackson Mt Valve Rebuild</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2022	08/2022	Mark Lambert 970-385-1240 mark.b.lambert@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Xcel Energy proposes to rebuild the valve at the intersection of Hwy 160 and Jackson Mountain Road (NFSR 037)				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61972">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61972</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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