



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

### 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
	<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 & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<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> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected: 01/2023	02/2023	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<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.				

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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<b>San Juan National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Minerals - Metallic Minerals Exploratory Core Sampling</b> CE	- 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).				
<b>Special Uses - LPEA Bayfield to Ponderosa Transmission Line Rebuild project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2022	Expected:12/2022	05/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Rebuild of an existing electric transmission line and clearing vegetation within the existing and proposed 100-foot ROW between the Bayfield and LPEA Ponderosa substations				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62988">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62988</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District, Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On Columbine and Pagosa Ranger Districts, from the Bayfield substation to the Ponderosa substation, along US Hwy 160.				

<b>San Juan National Forest</b>	<b>Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>	
<b>AML - Bat Grates (Grouse Gulch and Ruby Lake)</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 10/14/2022	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 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>Integrated - Junction-Falls Integrated Resource Management (J-FIRM) Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/14/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2023	Expected:03/2024	06/2024	Timothy Leishman 970-884-1411 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.				
<b>Minerals - Catamount Spring Creek Gas Wells and Pipeline</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2023	Expected:10/2023	05/2024	James Blair 970-882-6856 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of an 8.4 mile pipeline system and the expansion of one existing gas well pad to facilitate re-completion of one existing gas well and horizontal drilling of seven new gas wells from the same pad.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63036">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63036</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, La Plata. LEGAL - T34N R6W. Spring Creek Road in the HD Mountains.				

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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	Completed	Actual: 10/28/2022	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>San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>	
<b>Lands - Atlantic Richfield STA Case No. 2020</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	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</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>Minerals - Alianza Minerals Limited Twin Canyon Exploration Drilling Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 12/13/2022	06/2023	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	Completed	Actual: 11/21/2022	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.				

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<b>Recreation - Chicken Creek Trail Reroute Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2022	Expected:12/2022	03/2023	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62942">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62942</a>				
	<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  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/01/2022	Expected:02/2023	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.				
<b>Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization</b> CE	- 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.				
<b>Special Uses - Redburn Ditch Access</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would authorize an access route to the Redburn Ditch <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63013">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63013</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile southeast of the Town of Stoner.				

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<b>San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Interdisciplinary - Jackson Mountain Recreation, Veg Management, and Minerals/Gravel Pit project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Paul Blackman 307-745-2363 paul.blackman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Landscape level analysis of recreation and veg mgmt opportunities in Jackson Mountain area, including consideration of mountain bike trails and associated facilities (parking areas, toilets, etc), veg and fuels mgmt opportunities, & gravel pit.				
	<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.				

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