



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2023	Expected: 07/2023	01/2024	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		
Special Uses - LPEA Bayfield to Ponderosa Transmission Line Rebuild project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62988				
	Location: 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.				

San Juan National Forest	Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Integrated - Junction-Falls Integrated Resource Management (J-FIRM) Project EA	- Heritage resource management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/14/2022	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Noah Daniels 435-636-3345 noah.daniels@usda.gov
	- Special area management	Est. Comment Period Public			
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Notice 10/2023			
	- Forest products				
	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)				
	- Fuels management				
	- Watershed management				
	- Climate Change Adaptation				
	Description: Improve core values of the RMRI across the project landscape : 1. Communities, 2. Clean Water, and 3. Forests and Wildlife. Proposed actions include vegetation management, Rx burning, water developments for wildlife, and others.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62825				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Junction Creek, Logchutes, and Falls Creek/Hidden Valley.				

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San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Minerals - Catamount Spring Creek Gas Wells and Pipeline EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2023	Expected:11/2023	05/2024	James Blair 970-882-6856 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63036				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, La Plata. LEGAL - T34N R6W. Spring Creek Road in the HD Mountains.				
Minerals - IKAV Directional Natural Gas Wells CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2023	Expected:07/2023	06/2024	James Blair 970-385-1372 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	Description: Approve Applications for Permits to Drill from IKAV for directional gas wells from existing well pads. Minimal expansion of existing well pads will be within the previous overall disturbance footprints.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64123				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sauls Creek area east of Bayfield, CO.				
Minerals - IKAV Natural Gas Pipeline Special Use Permit Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2023	Expected:07/2023	10/2023	James Blair 970-970-385-1372 James.Blair2@usda.gov
	Description: Install a 2,788' long, 6" natural gas pipeline adjacent to an existing waterline in a previously disturbed corridor. Amend existing permit as appropriate.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64121				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T35N R 06W SE½ SEC 34. Sauls Creek Area east of Bayfield, CO.				

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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 walter.brown@usda.gov
	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.				
Range - Missionary Ridge, Elkhorn Allotment Spring Developments CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/23/2023	07/2023	Sean Kelly 670-884-1416 sean.kelly@usda.gov
	Description: Developement of springs at two locations to protect spring sources and assist in better livestock distribution.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63972				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T37N R8W Sec 26 & T36N R8W Sec 4. Missionary Ridge.				
Recreation - Durango Northwest Recreation Project EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2023	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Jonathan Erickson 970-247-4874 jonathan.erickson@usda.gov
	Description: Improve core value of the RMRI across the project landscape related to recreation. Proposed Actions could include trails, allowable uses, parking, trailhead facilities, winter uses, dispersed camping, and ADA opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63579				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Junction Creek, Logchutes, Falls Creek/Hidden Valley, Colorado Trail, Kennebec Pass, Dry Fork.				

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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 lewis.sovocool@usda.gov
	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 - LPEA Bouse Underground Powerline Construction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.gov
	Description: Permit installation of 335' of new underground powerline with above ground appurtenances along Bear Creek Road from an existing line to a private residence. Permit 20' wide, to occupy approximately 0.15 acres of FS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64309				
	Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T35N, R6W, Sec. 8, SE1/4. Bear Creek Road north of Bayfield, CO.				
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lewis.sovocool@usda.gov
	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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Lands - Atlantic Richfield STA Case No. 2020 CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Emma Reinemann 000-000-0000 Emma.Reinemann@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	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.				
Range - House Creek Targeted Grazing Project CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/23/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov
	Description: This project would utilize targeted grazing, with 500-1,000 goats, to browse oak brush resprouts, reducing understory canopy of oak brush within the project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63606				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. House Creek Area, near Beaver Rim.				
Recreation - Chicken Creek Trail Reroute Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/01/2023	05/2023	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62942				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chicken Creek trail system.				

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Recreation - Dolores Recreation Access and Infrastructure Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2023	06/2023	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomas.b.rice@usda.gov
	Description: The project will improve recreation access and associated bathroom and parking infrastructure. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62582				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boggy Draw area, Transfer Campground Horse Corral, FSR 385.				
Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2021	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	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 - Redburn Ditch Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2022	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: The project would authorize an access route to the Redburn Ditch Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63013				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile southeast of the Town of Stoner.				
Wildlife - Upper Dolores Instream Habitat Improvement Projects on Wildcat and Snow Spur Creeks CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Clayton Kampf 970-385-1220 clayton.kampf@usda.gov
	Description: This project aims to promote and enhance wetlands and instream habitat by using riparian and wetland restoration strategies. These include the installation of mimicry beaver dams, post assisted log structures, and large wood. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63598				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wildcat and Snow Spur Creeks.				

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San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Integrated - Jackson Mountain Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2023	Expected:01/2024	05/2024	Paul Blackman 307-745-2363 paul.blackman@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	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.				
Range - Park/Valle Seco/Klutter Allotment fence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2023	Expected:05/2023 Actual: 05/15/2023	06/2023	John Garcia 970-264-1516 jgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute 0.2 miles of pasture boundary fence on the Park/Valle Seco Allotment to improve existing pasture boundary and better control livestock movement and distribution between pastures.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64110				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Park/Valle Seco Allotment south of Pagosa Springs.				
Special Uses - Born-Bennet, LLC. Private Road Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/04/2023	04/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action would authorize motorized access to the Born-Bennett, LLC private property on an existing private road from the West Fork Trailhead. Motorized use of this private road would be when the West Fork Road is open to the public.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63484				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of West Fork Campground.				

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Special Uses - Visionary Communications LLC CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/26/2023	05/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.gov
	Description: Permit issuance to Visionary Communications for year-round road use on NFSR651 (Eighmile Mesa road) for access and maintenance of a communications site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63839				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eightmile Mesa road (NFSR 651).				
Watershed - Wolf Creek Fen Restoration/User Created Trail Decommissioning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2023	Expected:06/2023	08/2023	Jonina Vanderbilt 970-385-1241 jonina.vanderbilt@usda.gov
	Description: Decommissioning of user-created trails through fen on top of Wolf Creek Pass				
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wolf Creek Pass, Continental Divide, adjacent to Hwy 160.				

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