

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

San Juan National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide			-				
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us	
		locatable minerals or review/comment in	nt of Agriculture proposes revision operations on National Forest Syste late 2020 gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location:	UNIT - All Districts- regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral entr sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Infori	nation is available	
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected:09/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v	
OPDATED	Description: Web Link: Location:	 ption: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. ink: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450 					

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Project Name	Proj	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact				
San Juan National Forest, Occu	San Juan National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region									
Special Uses - LPEA Bayfield to Ponderosa Transmission Line Veg Management project	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2023	09/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov				
CE *UPDATED*	Description		ng electric transmission line and cle Bayfield and LPEA Ponderosa subs		in the existing and	proposed 100-foot				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62988							
	Location:	LEGAL - Not Applic	ger District, Columbine Ranger Dis able. On Columbine and Pagosa R on, along US Hwy 160.							

San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region								
Fisheries - Mainstem of Hermosa Creek Road Crossing Borrow Pit	- Wildlife, Fish, - Road manage		In Progress: Scoping Start 08/07/2023	Expected:09/2023	08/2024	Cody Jones 970-385-1294 cody.j.jones@usda.gov		
CE	Description: T	emporary borrow p	bit for previously approved road cre	ossing structure constr	uction			
NEW LISTING	R		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado ely 25 miles north of Durango, CC marker 12.8.					

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San Juan National Forest Col	umbine Rang	er District (excludir	ng Projects occurring in more that	an one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Integrated - Junction-Falls Integrated Resource Management (J-FIRM) Project EA	- Wildlife, Fi - Forest pro - Vegetation (other than f - Fuels man - Watershee - Climate Cl	t ea management sh, Rare plants ducts n management orest products) agement d management nange Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/14/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2023 s of the RMRI across the project lar			
	Web Link:	others. http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62825			
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. and Falls Creek/Hidden Valley.	. COUNTY - La Plata	a. LEGAL - Not Ap	oplicable. Junction
Minerals - Catamount Spring Creek Gas Wells and Pipeline EA	- Minerals ar	nd 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.go v
	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.g	gov/project/?project=63036			
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. in the HD Mountains.	. COUNTY - Archule	eta, La Plata. LEG	AL - T34N R6W.

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San Juan National Forest Col	umbine Rang	er District (excludin	g Projects occurring in more that	an one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region	
Minerals - IKAV Natural Gas Pipeline Special Use Permit Amendment CE	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	James Blair 970-970-385-1372 James.Blair2@usda.go v	
UPDATED	Description: Web Link:	Amend existing peri	, 6" natural gas pipeline adjacent to mit as apprpriate. gov/project/?project=64121	o an existing waterline	in a prevously dis	turbed corridor.	
	Location:	UNIT - Columbine F Sauls Creek Area e	Ranger District. STATE - Colorado ast of Bayfield, CO.	. COUNTY - La Plata	a. LEGAL - T35N	R 06W SEC 34.	
Minerals - IKAV Saul's Creek Directional Natural Gas Wells CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2023	Expected:10/2023	06/2024	James Blair 970-385-1372 James.Blair2@usda.go v	
OFDATED	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:	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64123					
	Location:	 UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T 35N, R6W, Sec 27, 34. Sauls Creek area east of Bayfield, CO. 					
Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 walter.brown@usda.gov	
EA	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.g	gov/project/?project=53825				
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado from Lange Canyon to Fosset Guld			35N R5&6W.	

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San Juan National Forest Col	umbine Ranger District (exclu	ding Projects occurring in more the	an one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region			
Range - Weminuche Landscape Grazing Analysis EIS	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2024	Expected:03/2026	06/2026	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov			
NEW LISTING		Timber, Canyon Creek, Cave Basin, Pine River, Rock Creek, Spring Gulc JSC 1752(i)			-			
	Location: UNIT - Columbin Applicable. Werr	e Ranger District. STATE - Colorado inuche area.	. COUNTY - Hinsda	le, La Plata, San J	uan. LEGAL - Not			
Range - Wild Oats Landscape Grazing Analysis EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2028	Expected:03/2030	05/2030	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov			
NEW LISTING		n Gulch, Deadwood, Deep Creek, and iority consistent with the criteria at 43		untains range allotments identified for planning i).				
	Location: UNIT - Columbin Oats Landscape	e Ranger District. STATE - Colorado	. COUNTY - La Plat	a. LEGAL - Not Ap	oplicable. Wild			
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@usd a.gov			
	Description: Improve core value of the RMRI across the project landscape related to recreation. Proposed Actions could includ trails, allowable uses, parking, trailhead facilities, winter uses, dispersed camping, and ADA opportunities.							
	Web Link: http://www.fs.uso	la.gov/project/?project=63579						
		e Ranger District. STATE - Colorado s, Falls Creek/Hidden Valley, Colorad		•	oplicable. Junction			

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Special Uses - Gloge Property USFS Access Road CE	- Special use	e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lewis.sovocool@usda.g ov
	Description: Web Link:	property.	permit for construction of dirt drive	way across Forest Se	ervice lands to acce	ess a residential
	Location:	on the southern slop	Ranger District. STATE - Colorado be of Shaefer Mountain. The propo es east of County Road 501.			
Special Uses - LPEA Bouse Underground Powerline Construction CE	- Special use	emanagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go
		Road from an existing	f 335' of new underground powerlir ng line to a private residence. Pern			
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64309					
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado Road north of Bayfield, CO.	. COUNTY - La Plata	a. LEGAL - T35N,	R6W, Sec. 8,
Special Uses - LPEA Mayday Line Upgrade CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2023	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Erin Christenson 970-385-1221 Erin.Christenson@usda .gov
	Description: Issue permit for upgrade of approximately 4190 feet of existing overhead 7.2 kV electric distribution power line on NFS land in the Mayday area of La Plata Canyo, including line replacement and pole additions and replacements.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64657			
	Location:	UNIT - Columbine F W. La Plata Canyor	Ranger District. STATE - Colorado n near Mayday.	. COUNTY - La Plata	a. LEGAL - Sec. 3	3, T. 36 N., R. 11

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Special Uses - Tri-State Powerline Ames-to-Burro Bridge Vegetation Management Phase II	- Fuels mana - Special us	agement e management	Completed	Actual: 09/05/2023	09/2023	Erin Christenson 970-385-1221 Erin.Christenson@usda .gov			
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Web Link:	scription: Amendment #2 to existing special use permit to authorize hazardous vegetation management and temporary decking locations outside of the existing ROW.							
	Location:	UNIT - Columbine F	Ranger District. STATE - Colorado d 34. Burro Bridge Sub Station: T. 4						
Special Uses - True Creek Motorized Trail Access CE	- Special use	e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lewis.sovocool@usda.g ov			
	Description:	Description: Authorize motorized trail access, via FLPMA Private Trail Permit, to an isolated private parcel.							
	Web Link:								
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Colorado n Reservoir near the Aspen Trails s		a. LEGAL - Not Ap	pplicable.			

San Juan National Forest Ma	San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Regio									
Lands - Atlantic Richfield STA Case No. 2020 CE	- Land owne	rship management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Emma Reinemann 000-000-0000 Emma.Reinemann@us da.gov				
	Description: Web Link:	category of the Sma	proposes to convey 20.9 acres of NFS lands to Atlantic Richfield under the mineral fraction							
	Location:	Township 40 North Dolores River appro	ores Ranger District. STATE - (, Range 11 West, New Mexico F oximately 0.2 miles north of the o the south of the St. Louis Tunr	Principal Meridian (NMPM) Rico Town Limits and inclu	. One tract loca	ited east of the				

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San Jua	an National Forest Mar	cos/Dolores	Ranger District (ex	cluding Projects occurring in mo	re than one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Range - Grazing CE	House Creek Targeted Project		nagement management prest products)	Completed	Actual: 08/01/2023	04/2024	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov
	UPDATED	Description: Web Link:	understory canopy of	tilize targeted grazing, with 500-1,0 of oak brush within the project area gov/project/?project=63606		oak brush resprou	ts, reducing
		Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo	orado. COUNTY - M	ontezuma. LEGAI	Not Applicable.
	Mancos Landscape Analysis	- Grazing ma	nagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2025	Expected:03/2027	06/2027	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov
	NEW LISTING	Description:		im, Spring Creek, Turkey Creek, an ty consistent with the criteria at 43		lotments identified	for planning
		Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo trict, north of Mancos.	orado. COUNTY - M	ontezuma. LEGAI	Not Applicable.
	May Canyon and River r Grazing Analysis	- Grazing ma	nagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2030	Expected:03/2032	06/2032	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov
	NEW LISTING	Description:		nyon and River Corridor range allot criteria at 43 U.S.C. 1752(i).	tments identified for p	lanning purposes a	, , ,
		Location:	UNIT - Mancos/Dole West of the La Plata	ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo a Mountains.	orado. COUNTY - M	ontezuma. LEGAI	Not Applicable.
Range - Analysis EA	Tenderfoot Grazing S	- Grazing ma	nagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2026	Expected:03/2028	06/2028	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 corey.ertl@usda.gov
	NEW LISTING	Description:	Analysis of Tenderfe 43 U.S.C. 1752(i).	pot range allotment identified for pla	anning purposes as a	priority consistent	with the criteria at
		Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo Ranger District, north of Mancos.	orado. COUNTY - Do	olores, Montezuma	a. LEGAL - Not

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Rico Trails - Rico Rio Grande Southern Trail Construction Project	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2023	Expected:11/2023	03/2024	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us	
CE *NEW LISTING*		Rio Grande Souther Easements have be					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=64538				
	Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Colouthern end of the Town of Rico an				
Roads - Cottonwood Road Reconstruction Project CE	- Road mana	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/07/2023	Expected:03/2024	05/2024	Cody Jones 970-385-1294 cody.j.jones@usda.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description:	Description: The project would involve road management activities on approximately 7.57 miles of Cottonwood Road (Forest Service Road 532), including road reconstruction and resurfacing, cattleguard replacement, replacement of a bridge, and widening.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64796					
	Location:	Cottonwood Road (ores Ranger District. STATE - Cole Forest Service Road 532) betweer ear Mavreeso Canyon.				
Special Uses - Farny Road Authorization CE	- Special use	emanagement	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2023	08/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov	
UPDATED	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.g	gov/project/?project=61557				
	Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Col W. NFSR Rd # 204A and 204A.1 nd			Sec. 23, 24, 25,	

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San Juan National Forest Mar	ncos/Dolores	Ranger District (exc	cluding Projects occurring in mo	re than one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Special Uses - Larry Russell Road Easement Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*		emanagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/15/2023	Expected:01/2024	02/2024	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go v
	Description: Web Link:	private inholding.	authorize an approximately 0.2 mile	e access route for use	of Larry Russell ir	order to access his
	Location:		ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo es northeast of Transfer Campgrou		ontezuma. LEGAI	Not Applicable.
Special Uses - Redburn Ditch Access CE	- Special use	emanagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2022	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Mary Kusnir 520-749-7709 mary.kusnir@usda.gov
	Description: Web Link:	The project would authorize an access route to the Redburn Ditch http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63013				
	Location:	tion: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile southeast of the Town of Stoner.				
Special Uses - Sellers- McClane Supply Ditch Access Authorization CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2023	Expected:02/2024	02/2024	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go v
NEW LISTING	Description:	The proposal is to a their ditch right of w	uthorize a route to access the Selle ay.	ers-McClane ditch, by	the ditch owner, fo	or maintenance of
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64887				
	Location:	UNIT - Mancos/Dolo In the Chicken Cree	ores Ranger District. STATE - Colo ek area.	orado. COUNTY - M	ontezuma. LEGAI	Not Applicable.

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Re						
Wildlife - Upper Dolores Instream Habitat Improvement Projects on Wildcat and Snow Spur Creeks	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management		Completed	Actual: 07/19/2023	08/2023	Clayton Kampf 970-385-1220 clayton.kampf@usda.go v
CE *UPDATED*	stra Web Link: http Location: UN	tegies. These in p://www.fs.usda.g	promote and enhance wetlands ar clude the installation of mimicry be gov/project/?project=63598 pres Ranger District. STATE - Colo Spur Creeks.	aver dams, post assis	sted log structures,	and large wood.

San Juan National Forest Pag	osa Ranger D	District (excluding P	rojects occurring in more than	one District)	R2 -	Rocky Mountain Region	
Integrated - Jackson Mountain Landscape Project EA	 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.g ov	
	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	- Grazing ma	nagement	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	John Garcia 970-264-1516 jgarcia@fs.fed.us	
UPDATED	Description:	cription: 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.					

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San Juan National Forest Pag	josa Ranger I	District (excluding F	R2 - F	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Special Uses - Colorado Avalanche Information Center Infrasonic Array Installation CE	- Special use management		Completed	Actual: 08/26/2023	09/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go v	
NEW LISTING	Description: Installation of three infrasonic arrays on the west side of Wolf Creek Pass for monitoring avalanches for highway safety Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64574						
	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West side of Wolf Pass near Hwy 160.						
Special Uses - Lost Valley of the San Juans CE	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/19/2023	Expected:01/2024	01/2024	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go	
NEW LISTING	Description: The Lost Valley of the San Juans (LVSJ) Property Owners Association has submitted an application for year- round motorized access on Four Mile Rd. (NFSR 645) from the closure gate to the LVSJ community (about 22,000 feet of road or just over 4 miles).						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64954					
	Location:	UNIT - Pagosa Rar Road.	nger District. STATE - Colorado.	COUNTY - Mineral. L	EGAL - Not Applic	able. Four Mile	
Special Uses - Robert Burns Lode Access Authorization CE	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1520 rebecca.smith@usda.go v	
NEW LISTING	Description: The proposed action would authorize the owners of the Robert Burns Load mining claim, Mineral Survey No. 9932, motorized access to their private property.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64592						
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T37N, R2E, Section 36. In Crater Creek off of the East Fork Road.					

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Watershed - Wolf Creek Fen Restoration/User Created Trail Decommissioning CE	 Recreation management Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2023	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Jonina Vanderbilt 970-385-1241 jonina.vanderbilt@usda. gov	
UPDATED	Description: Decommissioning o	f user-created trails through fen on	top of Wolf Creek Pa	SS		
	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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