



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

White River 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 .				

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Xcel Energy Transmission and Distribution Authorization; Operation and Maintenance Plan Project CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Matthew Custer 720-822-4321 mscuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to reauthorize approximately 293 miles of existing electric transmission line and 196 miles of electric distribution line; develop and implement a standardized O&M Plan for routine maintenance and vegetation management.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District, Saguache Ranger District, Pawnee Ranger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, West Zone/Rifle Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Leadville Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Conejos, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Jefferson, Lake, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache, Summit, Weld. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located on applicable Xcel transmission and distribution lines on National Forests and Grasslands in Colorado,.				

White River National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Natural Resources Conservation Service SNOTEL Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/30/2020	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Michael Braudis 970-404-3153 michael.braudis@usda.gov
	Description: White River National Forest (WRNF) Master Special Use Permit Reissuance to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the operation and maintenance of 16 existing SNOTEL sites and 12 Snow Courses Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58579				
	Location: UNIT - White River National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Summit. LEGAL - Multiple locations across the forest within Dillon, Eagle-Holy Cross, Blanco and Aspen-Sopris Ranger Disrricts. Multiple locations across the forest.				
White River Aspen Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/19/2021	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Shelby Limberis 970-827-5161 shelby.limberis@usda.gov
	Description: The WRNF is proposing to conduct vegetation management activities (mechanical and prescribed fire) within forest stands that contain aspen. Management would improve the resiliency of aspen forests to disturbance agents and improve wildlife habitat. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59419				
	Location: UNIT - White River National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treatments could occur in forests containing aspen that area within Forest Plan Management Areas 4.2, 4.23, 4.3, 4.32, 5.12, 5.13, 5.4, 5.41, 5.42, 5.43, 5.5, 7.1, 8.21, 8.25, and 8.32.				

White River National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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White River National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Berlaimont Estates Road Improvement Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/25/2020	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Leanne Veldhuis 970-471-1796 leanne.veldhuis@usda.gov
	Description: The Proposed Action would authorize Berlaimont to improve those existing segments of NFSR 774 and 780 as they lead up to the southeastern corner of the Berlaimont property from local public roads in Edwards.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50041				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle. LEGAL - The project is within Sections 20, 29, 32, and 33 of Township 4 South, Range 82 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Eagle County, Colorado. Located north of Interstate 70 in the vicinity of Edwards, Colorado. accessed by National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 774 and 780.				
Camp Hale Restoration and Enhancement Project EIS	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Melvin Woody 970-874-6661 melvin.woody@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of action is to improve aquatic, riparian, and wetland conditions in and along the Eagle River, maintain or improve recreation opportunities and facilities, and conserve historic values in the Camp Hale area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46121				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle. LEGAL - Township 7S, Range 80W, Sect. 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. The project area is located in the Camp Hale area, south of Red Cliff, and north of Tennessee Pass.				

White River National Forest	East Zone/Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
AT&T Communications Site (at Copper Mountain) Lease Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2021	07/2021	Marcus Dreux 970-468-5400 marcus.dreux@usda.gov
	Description: AT&T has applied for the renewal of their Copper Mountain Communications Site Lease. Currently AT&T operates a communication site on National Forest Lands within Copper Mountain Ski Resort's Special Use Permit Area. No new disturbance are proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60326				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T6S., R78W., Sec. 31, 6th P.M.				

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Amend PSCo (XCEL) Permit DIL796 to replace failing structures 63 and 85 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/17/2021	07/2021	Carole Huey 970-945-3219 clhuey@fs.fed.us
	Description: PSCo transmission line 9188 needs to replace 2 failing structures and addition of weights to 1 structure in order to correct identified deficiencies. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60117				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Line 9188 - Structure 63 / 39.489913 -106.136833 / 6S 78W 32 Line 9188 - Structure 85 / 39.459798 -106.13945 / 7S 78W 8 Line 9188 - Structure 86 / 39.458515 -106.141104 / 7S 78W 8. Dillon Ranger District, PSCo (XCEL) powerline "Dillon-Robinson 115kV Line".				
Copper Mountain Resort - Lumberjack Chairlift replacement project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/20/2021	06/2022	Samuel Massman 970-262-3484 smassman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal from Copper Mountain Resort to replace the existing Lumberjack Chairlift and install snowmaking near the top terminal. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60014				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Copper Mountain Resort's special use permit area and operational boundary.				
Golden Horseshoe Trail Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:11/2021	06/2022	Cynthia Ebbert 970-262-3458 cebbert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Summit County is proposing the construction of 5.6 miles of summer multi-use non-motorized trails within the Golden Horseshoe SUP boundary. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60148				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located within the special use permit boundary (Golden Horseshoe) that is issued to Summit County Government.				

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Hummingbird Road 4" Natural Gas Line CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/18/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Anna Bengtson 970-262-3454 anna.p.bengtson@usda.gov
	Description: Replacing 150' of 50-year old 2-inch steel natural gas line with a 4-inch polyethylene natural gas line across two slivers of NFS lands along Hummingbird Road to provide adequate service to community.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60655				
Keystone Ski Resort A-51 Monopine CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed action crosses two slivers of NFS lands located along Hummingbird Road in Breckenridge, CO.				
	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/21/2021	09/2021	Samuel Massman 970-262-3484 samuel.massman@usda.gov
	Description: Keystone Ski Resort (Keystone) has proposed the installation of communication equipment adjacent to the top terminal of the A-51 chairlift.				
Manila Lode Site Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Top of Peru and A51 chairlifts at the Keystone Resort Ski Area.				
	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/15/2021	09/2021	Anna Bengtson 970-262-3454 anna.p.bengtson@usda.gov
	Description: Allow occupancy and use of National Forest System lands adjacent to the Manila Lode for completion of Environmental Protection Agency CERCLA removal action.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60709				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 76 West, 6th P.M. in Summit County, CO.				

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White River National Forest East Zone/Dillon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Ruby Ranch Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Kathleen Gray 970-401-1983 kathleen.gray@usda.gov
	Description: A proposed fuels reduction project to reduce the risks and repercussions of a wildfire escaping the Eagles Nest Wilderness and posing a threat to community safety and private and public infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59751				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located within the Eagles Nest Wilderness adjacent to the Ruby Ranch subdivision in Silverthorne, Colorado.				
Summit Public Radio & TV Powerline Replacement and Realignment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Anna Bengtson 970-262-3454 anna.p.bengtson@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of buried electric power and fiber optic cable along a new alignment crossing roughly 4,422' of National Forest to replace an existing buried powerline serving Summit Public Radio and TV's Bald Mountain broadcast site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60490				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SE Section 4 and SW Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 77 West, Summit County, CO.				
Surprise Trail Reconstruction Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/12/2021	Expected:12/2021	06/2022	Cynthia Ebbert 970-262-3458 cynthia.ebbert@usda.gov
	Description: Reconstruction of approximately 1.5 miles of the Surprise Lake Trail in the Eagles Nest Wilderness. This segment is extremely steep and is causing resource damage and soil erosion.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60789				
	Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located within the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area on the Dillon Ranger District.				

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Vidler Tunnel Phase 2 Pipeline Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2021	08/2021	Anna Bengtson 970-262-3454 anna.p.bengtson@usda.gov
Description: In-kind replacement of 3,216 linear feet of existing, aboveground pipeline used to capture and convey water to the western portal of the Vidler Tunnel in the Peru Creek drainage for municipal drinking water.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60539					
Location: UNIT - East Zone/Dillon Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West portal of the Vidler Tunnel located below Argentine Pass in the Peru Creek Basin.					

White River National Forest	East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Eagle Vail Metro District Water Diversion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/07/2021	09/2021	Anna Bengtson 970-262-3454 anna.p.bengtson@usda.gov
Description: Authorization and replacement of existing Eagle-Vail Metropolitan District water diversion structure.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60770					
Location: UNIT - East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located along the Eagle River about 0.5 miles northwest of Dowd Junction.					
Holy Cross Energy (HCE) Avon-to-Gilman Electric (115-kV) Transmission Line EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/03/2021	Expected:03/2022	06/2022	Carole Huey 970-945-3219 carole.l.huey@usda.gov
Description: Holy Cross Electric Association, Inc.,(HCE) proposes to construct a new 115-kV transmission line between the existing Gilman and Avon Substations. The proposed route is 8.9 miles and would cross approximately 3.4 miles of National Forest System Lands					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57224					
Location: UNIT - East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle. LEGAL - Townships 5 South - 81 West and 6 South - 81 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Eagle County, Colorado. The right-of-way would run southeasterly from the substation in the Avon / Eagle-Vail area, through the town of Minturn, and terminate at the substation just above Gilman.					

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White River National Forest West Zone/Aspen Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Mountain Comm #SOP371 Sunlight Peak Powerline Line Burial CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Michael Braudis 970-262-3481 michael.braudis@usda.gov
	Description: This project will replace the existing overhead power line supply with a buried power supply. A buried conduit and line system will be installed from the existing power pole to facilities operate under Sunlight Peak Communications Site Lease #SOP371.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60163				
Snowmass Wildlife Center and Ski Patrol Headquarters Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Aspen Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - SW 1/4 Sec. 19, T.7 S., R. 89 W., 6th PM, Garfield Co.; Sunlight Peak Designated Communications Site. Top of designated communications site on Sunlight Peak in Garfield Co.				
	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/25/2021	Expected:10/2021	07/2022	Monte Lutterman 970-404-3164 monte.lutterman@usda.gov
	Description: Aspen Skiing Company has proposed to remove and replace the 'Elk Camp Wildlife Center and Ski Patrol Headquarters' at Snowmass Mountain Resort.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60687				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Aspen Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Pitkin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed location is within the Special Use Permit area for Snowmass Mountain Resort, approx. same location as the existing structure.				

White River National Forest						West Zone/Blanco Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Hill Creek C&H Livestock Facility CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2020		Expected:10/2021		10/2021		Mary Cunningham 970-878-5015 mary.cunningham@usda.gov		
	Description: This project involves the construction of a corral with loading chute and a small 'beef pasture' (7 ac) for livestock ingress and egress to the Hill Creek C&H grazing allotment.									
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59084									
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Blanco Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Blanco. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located T 2 S, R 90 W, Section 7 Accessible by Rio Blanco County Road 10, Peltier Trailhead Parking Lot.									

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North Elk Creek Backcountry Barrier Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2021	09/2021	Robert Ramey (540)325-2327 rramey@fs.fed.us
	Description: To construct one or more temporary fish barriers in the upper North Elk Creek watershed. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60178				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Blanco Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Blanco. LEGAL - Centered on the boundary of T2S, R92W and R91W. In the upper North Elk Creek watershed, at least in the Middle Fork of North Elk Creek.				
Yellowjacket Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/20/2020	Expected:12/2021	06/2022	Christopher McDonald 970-625-6856 christopher.mcdonald@usda.gov
	Description: The Blanco Ranger District is proposing approximately 2,300 acres of vegetation management activities within the Wilson Park, Sawmill Mountain and Ellison Mountain area. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57654				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Blanco Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Blanco. LEGAL - Sec. 1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36, T2N, R92W; Sec. 4-9, 17-20, 26-36, T2N, R91W; Sec. 1-3 and 12, T1N, R92W; Sec. 1-17, 20-24, 26-29, 32-34, T1N, R91W; Sec. 7, 18, 19 T1N, R90W, Rio Blanco Co. Proposed management activities would occur approximately 16 miles east-northeast of Meeker, Colorado within the vicinity of Wilson Park, Sawmill Mountain and Ellison Mountain,.				

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White River National Forest West Zone/Sopris Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
El Jebel Administrative Site, Upper Parcel, Conveyance Project EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Jennifer Schuller 970-404-3163 Jennifer.Schuller@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to convey a 30 acre parcel of land, & associated water rights/ mineral estate pursuant to the Forest Service Facility Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005 P.L. 109-54; 16 U.S.C. 580d note, as amended by P.L. 112-74, Title IV, Sec.421.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50663				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Sopris Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Eagle. LEGAL - Sixth Principal Meridian T. 8 S., R. 87 W. N1/2 of Sec. 3, NE1/4 NE1/4 of Sec. 4. The Upper Parcel is approximately 30 acres and consists of three residences, one mobile home pad, horse pastures.				
Redstone to McClure Pass Trail EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Shelly Grail 970-404-3155 shelly.grail@usda.gov
	Description: Pitkin County has proposed a native surface trail connecting Redstone with McClure Pass. The 5 mile section of trail on NFS would lie within the CDOT right of way or along the historic wagon road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56913				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Sopris Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Pitkin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along CDOT Highway 133 right of way between Redstone and McClure or along historic wagon route.				
Schlumberger Recreation Residence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Mary Flynn 970-404-3173 mary.flynn@usda.gov
	Description: The Recreation Residence has been impacted by water and sediment from erosion. To mitigate this problem, a berm would be built to divert water away from the cabin.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60820				
	Location: UNIT - West Zone/Sopris Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Pitkin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 8S, Range 85W, Section 25; Near Kobey Park and Cow Camp on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District.				

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