



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

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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 .				

R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

4FRI Rim Country Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/18/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected: 05/2022	06/2022	Mike Dechter 928-527-3416 mike.dechter@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape-scale restoration on the Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto National Forests of ponderosa pine ecosystems, designed to maintain, improve, and restore ecosystem structure, pattern, function, and resiliency.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/4FRIRimCountry				
	Location: UNIT - Coconino National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino NF; Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; Payson and Pleasant Valley Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest.				

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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025) CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic field courses year-round across forests in Arizona including adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, & field ecology. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407				
	Location: UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Prescott National Forest All Units, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Coconino National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities take place in a variety of locations throughout the forest.				
Salt River Project - Targeted Herbicide Treatments for Power Line Rights-of-Way EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/09/2021	12/2021	Mark McEntarffer 602-225-5239 mark.mcentarffer@usda.gov
	Description: To authorize the use of USFS and EPA approved Herbicides within existing power line corridors to remove non-compatible vegetation to ensure reliable and safe power supply. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60147				
	Location: UNIT - Cave Creek Ranger District, Globe Ranger District, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Black Mesa Ranger District, Mesa Ranger District, Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 5,136 acre permitted ROWs for proposed treatment: Cave Creek, Globe, Mesa, Pleasant Valley, & Tonto Basin Ranger Districts (Tonto NF) and Black Mesa Ranger District (Apache-Sitgreaves NF).				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Public Motorized Travel Management Plan EIS	- Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/30/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Paul Hancock 435-676-9301 paul.hancock@usda.gov
	Description: A proposal to designate motorized travel routes (roads and trails) in areas on federal lands administered by the Forest Service within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in order to comply with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22692				
	Location: UNIT - Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache, Greenlee, Navajo. LEGAL - National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Forests). National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Forests).				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
FY2020 - APS Master Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this action is to reissue a Special Use Permit to Arizona Public Service for 33Kv and below distribution lines for up to 30 years, as well as a set of 69kV lines.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57324				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District, Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rights of way across the Lakeside and Black Mesa Districts.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests	Alpine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Alpine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Alpine Water System Improvement Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/07/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Shannon Miller (928) 339-5052 shannondmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Alpine Domestic Water proposes to install a water storage tank, with a short access road, and pipeline to supply water to residents of southeastern Alpine, AZ. The Alpine RD would issue a Special Use Permit for construction on, and use of FS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58126				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Lots 6 & 7, Sec 19, T5N, R31E. Southeast of Alpine, AZ, just off FSR 572.				
Bear Wallow Fish Barrier Removal CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Stephanie Coleman 928-333-6307 stephanie.coleman@usda.gov
	Description: Fish barrier removal in support of native fish restoration activities in Bear Wallow Wilderness Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50356				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Wallow Creek, Bear Wallow Wilderness.				
Black River Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/06/2020	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Rob Lever 928-687-1301 rlever@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Black River Landscape Restoration Project is a planning effort designed to restore forest resiliency and ecosystem function in the Project planning area on the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52740				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache, Greenlee. LEGAL - Gila and Salt River Meridian, T4.5 N R29E; T4.5N R30E; T4N R27.5E; T4N R28E; T4NR29N; T4N R30E; T5N R27E; T 5N R28E; T5N R29E; T6N R29E; and T6N R28E. The Black River Restoration Project area is located approximately 12 miles south of Springerville, Arizona within Apache and Greenlee Counties, bordering the Fort Apache Reservation on the west.				

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Alpine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Buffalo Crossing Bridge Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Chris Miller 928-333-6274 Christopher.Miller5@usda.gov
	Description: This project would replace a deteriorating bridge that was constructed in 1962 along Forest Route 24, mile post 10 (also known as Buffalo Road). An inspection in 2018 stated the bridge did not meet current load requirements.				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East fork of the Black River along Forest Route 24, mile post 10.				
Hoffart Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Timothy Vanek 928-333-6291 timothy.vanek@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal is to authorize approximately 1,811 feet long by 16 feet wide, of road use easement on existing unimproved road to access private property improved with electric power and a well.				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. GSRM, T. 6 N., R. 30 E., sec. 9, SE¼NW¼.				
Navapache System Communication Tower CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Paul Schilke 928-339-5052 pschilke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a less than 50ft tall communication tower (repeater) on Maness Peak adjacent to Forest System Roads 14A and 14G. The repeater would help ensure communication is feasible with isolated communities along the Blue River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42976				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T4N, R32E, Sec 17, NE1/4. Alpine Ranger District - near the 14A and 14G road.				

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Upper Blue River WUI Project CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Christina Brannon 928-339-5003 christina.brannon@usda.gov
	Description: The Alpine RD is planning to thin around private property within the Upper Blue River corridor along Forest Roads 281 and County Road 2310 to reduce the likelihood of loss of property and allow fire crews defensible space to protect private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60361				
	Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 4 1/2N, R 31E, Sec 34-35. T 4 1/2N, R 32E, Sec 32. T 4N, R 32E, Sec 5, 7-8, 18. T 4N, R 31E, Sec 25, 35, 36. T 3N, R 31E, Sec 1, 11-12, 14.				
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Cellular One Communication Site Reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Deborah Roznovak 928-535-7312 dlroznovak@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of an existing powerline facility authorization that is expiring.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T 8N, R 26 E, Sections 35 & 26, GSRBM. Springerville Ranger District, Apache County. Approximately 15 miles west of Springerville AZ near HWY 260, near the White Mountain Apache Reservation boundary.				
Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan EA	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/23/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Scott Grunder 928-333-6302 Scott.Grunder@usda.gov
	Description: To develop a management plan for the Heber Wild Horse Territory				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18916				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Navajo. LEGAL - Portions of T11N, R15E, T11N, R16E, T12N, R16E, G&SRM. South of Heber-Overgaard Arizona, west and south of Hwy 260.				

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
Proposal for Willow Springs Lake Spillway Barrier CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Suzanne DeRosier 928-535-7309 suzanne.derosier@usda.gov
	Description: Install a series of fish screens within the reservoir concrete spillway to be able to filter out nonnative fish moving downstream during spring spill events following snow melt.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57809				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Willow Springs Dam, Black Mesa Ranger District.				
Ross Draw Reforestation CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Dena Forrer 928-535-7372 dena.forrer@usda.gov
	Description: Masticate or mechanically remove juniper over 90% of the area. Broadcast burning will be implemented through a separate NEPA project. Ponderosa Pine would be planted following burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T11N, R17E, Sec 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, and 16; T12N, R17E, Sec 34. Black Mesa Ranger District, south and southeast of Overgaard, AZ.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
City of Show Low Sewer Lines - Master Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this proposal is to reissue a Special Use Permit to the City of Show Low for buried utilities (sewer). The project area encompasses the incorporated limits of the City of Show Low on the Lakeside Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58120				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Sections 11, 13 & 14, T10N, R21E Gila and Salt River Meridian. The master permit covers a total of 4.56 acres. These improvements have been permitted on USFS land since 1978. These lines are part of the Show Low Municipal Water System.				

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Fake Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Climate Change Adaption	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Marshall Moy 2183873247 marshall.moy@usda.gov
	Description: Chasing rainbows				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Alpine.				
Four Springs Trail Realignment CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lorna Mcneil-Cox 928-368-2117 lmcneilcox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute approximately 4.5 miles of the Four Springs Trail to improve trail sustainability, mitigate erosion and resource damage issues, and improve non-motorized recreational opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48552				
Lakeside 2020 Trail Reroutes CE	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T9N R24E Sections 3, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, and 23. The Four Springs Trail section from Lake Mountain to the Mud Springs area.				
	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lorna Mcneil-Cox 928-368-5111 lmcneilcox@fs.fed.us
	Description: These short term trail projects consist of approximately 9.5 miles of new or re-routed non-motorized trail segments. Building sustainable trail fosters positive relations with local community, trail users, and land stewards.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58973				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache, Navajo. LEGAL - T8N, R22E; T8N, R23E; T8N, R24E; T9N. R22E; T9N, R23E; T9N, R24E; T10N; R24E Gila & Salt River Meridian. District-wide; Lakeside Ranger District.				

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Lakeside East Allotments EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2021	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Kendell Hughes 928-535-4481 klhughes@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of 6 allotments in Lakeside that have been identified for planning purposes as a forest priority under the Rangeland Rescissions Act of 1995. These allotments are: Show Low, Ortega, Sponseller, Blue Ridge, Ellsworth, and Johnson.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58964				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T8N, R23E; T9N, R22E; T9N, R23E; T10N, R21E; T10N, R22E; T10N, R23E; T10N, R24E; T11N, R21E; T11N, R22E Gila & Salt River Meridian. A continuous roughly north-south band of varying width that begins along State Highway 77 north of Show Low, Arizona and runs south along the eastern boundary of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside.				
Navopache Electric 5-mile powerline reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/25/2021	Expected:01/2022	01/2022	Timothy Vanek 928-333-6291 timothy.vanek@usda.gov
	Description: This would amend an existing special use permit and allow NEC to remove 2 existing 69kV, 2-circuit powerlines (wood) with 2-circuit single poles set with metal poles. The new line would be offset 20 feet to the east to accommodate a road expansion.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T 9N, R 22 E, Sec 3, Sec 10, Sec 11; T 10 N, R 22E, sec 34. Along Penrod Road between Show Low and Lakeside AZ.				
Woodland Connector Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joshua Miller 000-000-0000 Joshua.Miller2@usda.gov
	Description: The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside currently has no direct access from Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex to trails in the Woodland Lake Park. Thus, we propose 2 connector trails would create that connection and allow for better access to this area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57775				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T9N, R22E, Sec. 30. Woodland Lake Park, Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.				

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Woodland Lake Park Prescribed Fire CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Heffelfinger 9283682136 wyler.heffelfinger@usda.gov
	Description: Approximately 557 acres Hazardous fuels reduction around private property within the Woodland Lake Park Tract. Treatments include small diameter thinning and broadcast prescribed burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T09N, R22E, Section 36, 31. T08N, R23E, Section 6.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Springerville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Greens Peak Communication Site Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2021	Expected:12/2021	05/2022	Amber Swinney 928-687-8604 amber.swinney@usda.gov
	Description: Improvements to multiple communications facilities to ensure safe dependable use. It's important to the administration and the human population, facilities must be maintained and updated so they can continue to operate effectively into the future.				
	Location: UNIT - Springerville Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Springerville Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Apache County, State of Arizona, in SW ¼ Section 2, T. 8 N. R. 26 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian.				
NPC Communication Site lease amendment CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/13/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Timothy Vanek 928-333-6291 timothy.vanek@usda.gov
	Description: The project would amend an existing communication site lease to add an existing communication tower and allow for operation of the communication tower at an existing facility.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58658				
	Location: UNIT - Springerville Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T8N R26E Sections 2 and 11, GSRM. Green's Peak Communication Site.				

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