



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected: 06/2022	07/2022	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.				

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

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4FRI Rim Country Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/19/2022	09/2022	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.				
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.				

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 12/2022	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Ericka Luna 928-333-6300 ericka.luna@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					
Black River Restoration Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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:10/2022	11/2022	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.				
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.				
Upper Blue River WUI Project CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
AZGF Guzzler Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/01/2022	10/2022	Amanda Scott 928-333-6265 amanda.scott@usda.gov
	Description: Arizona Game and Fish Department will redevelop 15 guzzlers on the Black Mesa Ranger District. The Department will redevelop the guzzlers to hold 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of water. The guzzlers are in disrepair and only hold 3,000 gallons of water.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T15N R13E Sec. 15; T14N R13E Sec. 9; T14N R15E Sec. 13; T13N R18E Sec. 11; T14N R16E Sec. 26, 32; T11N R16E Sec. 16.				
DW Tower: Mogollon communication tower extension CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management	Completed	Actual: 08/24/2022	10/2022	Eric Campbell (928) 333-6371 eric.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: DW Tower proposes to extend the height of their 120ft Mogollon tower to 180ft. This is to help accomplish the original goal of providing communication in parts of the Black Mesa's recreation areas. Secondary goal is to provide more co-location space.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - NE¼ NW¼ Section 36, Township 11 N, Range 13¼ E, Gila and Salt River Meridian. Tower site is located off Forest Road 300 within the Rim Lakes Recreation Area. From Highway 260, take Forest Road 300 North/west. The access road for the tower site is 3/4 of a mile before Rim CG.				
Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan EA	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/23/2021	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	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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Proposal for Willow Springs Lake Spillway Barrier CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Clifton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
Coal Creek Pipe-Rail Fence Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/19/2022	08/2022	Steven Zanoni 928-687-8614 steven.zanoni@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of pipe-rail fencing around a small area of riparian area to protect TES habitat from continued degradation by livestock and wildlife use.				
	Location: UNIT - Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - T4S, R32E, Sec 5,8, and 9. Coal creek drainage located within the Black Jack grazing allotment in the Coal Creek watershed on the Clifton Ranger District.				
Eagle Creek Range NEPA EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Kent Ellett 928-687-1301 kellett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment analysis for development of Allotment Management Plans and term grazing permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Allotments located within the Eagle Creek area. AD Bar/Hogtrail, Baseline/Horsesprings, Dark Canyon, Double Circle, East Eagle, Mesa, Mud Springs, Tule Allotments.				

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
AT&T Porter Mountain First Net System CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2022	08/2022	Eric Campbell 928-333-6371 eric.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: AT&T Inc installed communication equipment at the Cellular One facility at the Porter Mountain communication site. There is a need to analyze and issue AT&T Inc, their own lease for their communication equipment and ancillary improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - GSRM T. 9 N., R. 23 E., sec. 6, N1/2N1/2SE1/4. Porter Mountain communication site, within Lakeside ranger district, located within the already constructed Cellular One communication facility.				
Citizens Telecommunications of the White Mountains (CTWM) Fiber optic on Porter Mtn Comm site. CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2022	09/2022	Eric Campbell 928-368-2116 eric.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: CTWM has proposed to bury a new 1,000ft. long fiber optic cable line along Porter Mt access road. CTWM will take 2 weeks to dig a trench from their facility, down to the road, and follow along the road on the uphill side, to the Cable One facility.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. GSRM T. 9 N., R. 23 E., sec. 6, N1/2N1/2SE1/4 Near the City of Lakeside, off Porter Mt Rd, on FSRD 223, On top of Porter Mt, within the Porter Mt communication site.				
City of Show Low Sewer Lines - Master Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Timothy Vanek 928-333-6291 timothy.vanek@usda.gov
	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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Fool Hollow Dam Monitoring CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 09/07/2022	09/2022	Rusty Williams 928-368-2116 Rusty.Williams@usda.gov
	Description: AZ Game & Fish is proposing to install a weir plate on the concrete outlet box at Fool Hollow Dam, as well as 2 poles with equipment to remotely monitor seepage at the Dam. Engineering contractors will also be hired to analyze needed repairs.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T10N R21E Sec 12. Fool Hollow Dam in Show Low, AZ. T10N R21E Sec 12.				
Lakeside East Allotments EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	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				
Woodland Connector Trail CE	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.				
	- 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.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Springerville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region

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Greens Peak Communication Site Improvements CE	- 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.				

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