



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

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					
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 01/2023	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	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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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
4FRI Rim Country Project EIS *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Payson Ranger District, Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Gila. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/30/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Ericka Luna 928-333-6300 ericka.luna@usda.gov
<p>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).</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22692</p> <p>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).</p>					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Apache-Sitgreaves Apache Zone Special Use Permit Renewals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/22/2021	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Amber Swinney 928-687-8604 amber.swinney@usda.gov
<p>Description: Renewal of multiple special use permits including 11 water transmission lines, wolf soft pen release cages, and Apache County Transfer Station.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District, Springerville Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Special use permit locations are on both the Springerville and Alpine Ranger Districts. Please see attached maps for specific locations.</p>					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
FY2020 - APS Master Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2022 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:02/2023	03/2023	Eric Campbell 9283316371 eric.campbell@usda.gov v
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		
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:05/2023	06/2023
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		
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, SE _{1/4} , NW _{1/4} .				
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.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					
R3 - Southwestern Region					
APS Microgrid Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:05/2023	07/2023	Eric Campbell 928-535-7300 eric.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: Modify permit LAK401912 to authorize APS to modify its less than 33kV distribution powerline to construct a new 0.65-acre microgrid, backup power facility which would ensure electric service to Forest Lakes Community and Young during power outages.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - GSRM, Township 11 N, Range 14 E., Section 22, SW _{1/4} & Section 11, NW _{1/4} , NW _{1/4} , NE _{1/4} . Off FS Rd 237, just off Hwy 260 between Heber & Forest Lakes.				

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			
Black Mesa Ranger Station Additional Trailer Pads CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:05/2023	10/2023	Matthew Bullmore 928-535-7335 matthew.bullmore@usda.gov
	Description: Layout, design, and construction of 6 to 8 additional trailer pads with water, sewer, and electric hookups at the existing Black Mesa Ranger Station administrative site.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Township 12N Range 17E. Black Mesa Ranger Station along HWY 260 in Overgaard AZ.				
French Gate Installation & Easement Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2022	Expected:05/2023	10/2023	Colleen Peterson 928-535-7352 Colleen.Peterson@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of gate near FR 56 & Special Use Authorization for easement to use existing National Forest System roads leading to private inholding on 225D8 as a driveway.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T13N R13E Sections 30 & 19. Along FR 56 and 2258D in Navajo County North-West of the community of Heber-Overgaard.				
Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/23/2021	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Richard Madril 928-643-8140 richard.madril@usda.gov
	Description: To develop a management plan for the Heber Wild Horse Territory				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18916				
Proposal for Willow Springs Lake Spillway Barrier CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Jered Garvin 928-339-5044 jered.garvin@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 - T11N, R14E. Willow Springs Dam, Black Mesa Ranger District.					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			
Sitgreaves Zone Campground Maintenance and Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	02/2024	Deborah Roznovak 928-535-7312 deborah.roznovak@usda.gov
	Description: Activities to remove/rehabilitate/add infrastructure at the Bear Canyon, Mogollon, and Rim campgrounds. Activities vary by campground but may include replacing old restrooms, repaving/adding parking areas, and similar improvements to the sites				
	Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All 3 campgrounds are located along Hwy 260, near the Mogollon Rim.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Clifton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Eagle Creek Range NEPA EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Kent Ellett 928-687-1301 kent.ellett@usda.gov	
	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.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Blue Ridge Trail Shortcut CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2022	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Joyce Szalwinski 928-368-2100 Joyce.Szalwinski@usda.gov	
	Description: Reroute the Blue Ridge trail so that it has a shortcut that is an easier hiking option for individuals looking for a more manageable hike.					
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near the town of Lakeside AZ.					

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Buena Vista Trails CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2022	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Joyce Szalwinski 928-368-2100 Joyce.Szalwinski@usda.gov
	Description: Project to analyze formalizing multiple trails and potential reroutes West of the City of Show Low.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of the City of Show Low.				
City of Show Low Sewer Lines - Master Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2022 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Eric Campbell 928-331-6371 eric.campbell@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				
Lakeside East Allotments EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:11/2023	12/2023	Rusty Williams 928-368-2116 Rusty.Williams@usda.gov
	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.				

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Navopache Electric Cooperative KV Line Show Low Lake Area to Springer Mountain CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Eric Campbell 928-368-2100 eric.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: NEC has proposed to install new KV lines near the backside of Show Low Lake up to Springer Mountain.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near backside of Show Low Lake, crossing Penrod Rd, up Springer Mountain.				
Show Low Bike Loops CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:07/2023	10/2023	Joyce Szalwinski 928-368-2100 Joyce.Szalwinski@usda.gov
	Description: City of Show Low proposes a 4- to 6-mile-long multi-use nonmotorized trail near the Show Low High School.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sections 5 - 8 of Township 10N, Range 22E.				
Woodland Connector Trail & Blue Ridge NRT Shortcut CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/27/2022	Expected:06/2023	10/2023	Joyce Szalwinski 928-368-2100 Joyce.Szalwinski@usda.gov
	Description: 2 non-motorized connector trails are proposed to create a connection between Woodland Lake Park and Mountain Meadow Complex, and allow for better access to the area. A shortcut for the Blue Ridge National Recreation Trail is also proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57775				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Woodland Lake Park to Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex; Blue Ridge National Recreation Trail.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests	Springerville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Springerville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R3 - Southwestern Region			
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 1/4, Section 2, T. 8 N. R. 26 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian.				
Water Canyon Administrative Site Repairs CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Andrew Maher 530-836-7122 andrew.maher@usda.gov
	Description: Repair and maintenance of the Water Canyon Administrative site home, road, water system, barn and power poles. In addition a deck and paved parking area will be installed at the site home.				
	Location: UNIT - Springerville Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. GSRM T. 8 N., R. 29 E., Sec. 28, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, 2 miles south of Eagar, AZ along the Water Canyon Road.				

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