



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

Carson National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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)

Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/04/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Joshua Hall 505-438-5430 joshua.hall@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to restore riparian, aquatic, and wetland habitat on the Carson, Cibola, and Santa Fe National Forests, and the Kiowa Grasslands in New Mexico by implementing a variety of restoration activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975				
	Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units, Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands, Mountainair Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cibola, Carson, and Santa Fe National Forests and Kiowa National Grasslands.				

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Carson National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Carson National Forest Revision of Land and Resource Management Plan EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Peter Rich 575-758-6277 prich@fs.fed.us
	Description: Revision of the 1986 Carson National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to update plan direction				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan				
Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest.					

Carson National Forest	Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Holman Hill Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Paul Schilke 575-587-2255 comments-southwestern-carson-caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Carson National Forest proposes to issue a special use permit to La Jicarita Rural Telephone Cooperative for installation of app. 1/4 mile of fiber optic cable, buried in a trench measuring app. 12" by 36", with a maintenance Right-of-Way of 15'.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55792				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora, Taos. LEGAL - T 21N, R 14E, Section 10, NMPM. Just south of Highway 518, staddling the Taos and Mora county lines.				

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Carson National Forest Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
McGaffey Forest and Rio Grande del Rancho Watershed Restoration EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 comments-southwestern-carson-caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Part of Taos Valley Watershed Coalition's Landscape Restoration Strategy, the project proposes to re-establish fire-adapted forests, reduce the threat of severe effects from wildfire, provide wood products to communities, and improve wildlife habitat				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52579				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T23N R12E sections 1, 11-14, & 23-24; T23N R13E sections 2-11, 14-23, & 26-29; T24N R12E sections 13, 24-45, & 36; and T24N R13E sections 8-9 & 16-36; NMPM. Located on both side of Highway 518, from the National Forest boundary on the north to US. Hill on the south and from Miranda Arroyo on the west to Bear Wallow Ridge and Maestas Ridge on the east.				
Upper Rio del Pueblo Bridge Repair Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/20/2021	05/2021	John Littlefield 575-758-6311 john.littlefield@usda.gov
	Description: reinforcement of the existing westside footings of the bridge and replace the running planks of the bridge.				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 22N, Range 14E, Section 31. On the Camino Real Ranger District, Forest Service Road 518, Tres Ritos Area.				

Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Jicarilla Ponderosa Pine Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cicampbell@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Jicarilla RD is proposing to treat, mechanically or with prescribed fire approximately 33,292 acres of predominately Ponderosa pine to restore healthy timber stands, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire danger.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54490				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest, Jicarilla Ranger District. Proposed project is spread throughout the district within Ponderosa pine ecosystems.				

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Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2013	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jjmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to approve an application for a special use authorization, submitted by WFC. The special use authorization would allow WFC to operate and maintain an existing natural gas pipeline and associated infrastructure system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41925				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township (T) 27 N, Range (R) 4 W; T28N, R4W; T29N, R4W; T29N, R5W; T30N, R4W; T30N, R5W; T31N, R4W; T31N, R5W; and T32N, R5W. Jicarilla Ranger District.				

Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Ponil Creek Watershed Collaborative Landscape Restoration EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	George Long 575-586-0520 comments-southwestern-carson-questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Landscape restoration on up to 64,528 acres in Colfax County, in order to promote conditions that are resilient to uncharacteristic disturbances from wildfire, insects, disease, and climatic variability.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52158				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax. LEGAL - T28N R16E 1-4, 9-11, 15-16; R17E: 2-6, 9-11, 14-15; T29N R16E: 1-4, 10-15, 21-29, 32-36; R17E: 1-24, 26-35; R18E: 4-9, 18-19; T30N R16E: 2-3, 9-11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36; R17E: 19-23, 25-36; R18E: 31-32. Project would occur on 58,954 acres of NFS lands on the eastern half of the Valle Vidal, and on 5,574 acres of the Elliot Barker Wildlife Area, administered by NM Department of Game & Fish.				

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