



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Carson 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				

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

Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 07/29/2021	08/2021	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				

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 *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/02/2021	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			
Elisabeth Cremeens Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would include construction, improvement, use and maintenance of approximately 1100 feet of driveway. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60483				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 22 North, Range 13 East, Section 4. Near Las Mochas, NM; Taos County, NM; adjacent to New Mexico State Highway 518.				
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, straddling the Taos and Mora county lines.				

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McGaffey Forest and Rio Grande del Rancho Watershed Restoration EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	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.					
Trampas Land & Minerals Revocable Trust Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would include use and maintenance of approximately .73 miles of a driveway and installation of a locking gate. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60484					
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Section 33. Near Trampas, NM; Rio Arriba County, NM; adjacent to New Mexico State Highway 76.					

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Carson National Forest	Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Tres Ritos Ditch West Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/16/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
<p>Description: This project would authorize the reconstruction, maintenance, and issuance of a Special Use Permit for a concrete and steel headgate to control water flows on the Tres Ritos Ditch West.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60485</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 22 North, Range 14 East, Section 30. Along the Martinez Acequia (Tres Ritos Ditch), east of the community of Tres Ritos on the Camino Real Ranger District, Carson National Forest, Taos County, New Mexico,.</p>					

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Carson National Forest	Canjilon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Michelle Smith Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov
<p>Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would include construction and maintenance of approximately .26 miles of a driveway.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60478</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Canjilon Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township 27 North, Range 4 East, Section 36. In the general location of Canjilon, NM. Adjacent to Forest Service Roads 124 and 125.</p>					
NORA 69 KV Line Upgrade and Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov
<p>Description: The proposed action is to increase the right-of-way to 50 feet from the centerline of the existing utility infrastructure and allow for the replacement of approximately 10.5 miles of 69 kilovolt (kV).</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60865</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Canjilon Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - T.24N., R.4E., 23 Sections 10, 9, 4 and T.25N., R.4E., 23 Sections 3, 28, 27, 22, 15, 14, 11, 1 and T.26N., R.4E., 23 Sections 25, 4, 13, 12, 1 and T.27N., R.4E., 23 Section 35. The project would occur on the Canjilon Ranger District within the current existing right-of-way, which parallels U.S. Highway 84 from Cebolla to Ghost Ranch.</p>					

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Carson National Forest	El Rito Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Canon Plaza Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/03/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Carson National Forest is proposing to permit a Special Use Permit to the Canon Plaza Mutual Domestic Water Community Association for a waterline system that serves the community that crosses NFS lands, and allow for future connections.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60634</p> <p>Location: UNIT - El Rito Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Canon Plaza is a community located in north central New Mexico, approximately 45 miles north of Espanola, NM and approximately 50 miles north west of Taos, NM, within the Carson National Forest.</p>					

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Carson National Forest	Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Jicarilla Ponderosa Pine Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cicampbell@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54490</p> <p>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.</p>					
Valencia Wildlife Tank Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Willis Sylvest 505-632-2956 willis.sylvest@usda.gov
<p>Description: Proposed project would construct an earthen tank to provide water for wildlife. The proposed tank would be approximately .75 acres in size, with an approximately 2.8 acre construction zone around the tank built by mechanized equipment.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60794</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township 28 North, Range 11 W, Section 4. Located on the Jicarilla Ranger District of the Carson National Forest, adjacent to Forest Road 314 within the Ciruelas Canyon-Arroyo Companero watershed.</p>					

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Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2013	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jjmiller@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41925</p> <p>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.</p>					

Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region				
Armando Martinez Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
<p>Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would include use and maintenance of approximately 400 feet of a driveway.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60479</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 27 North, Range 12 East, Section 4. The area is adjacent to New Mexico State Road 522, near San Cristobal, Taos County, NM and adjacent to Garapata Ridge within the Questa Ranger District, Carson National Forest.</p>					
Lama Volunteer Fire Department Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
<p>Description: Taos County Fire is proposing to install an underground water tank to support fire suppression activities. The tank would be located within a driveway area (previously disturbed ground) at the site of the La Lama Fire Station.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60482</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 28 North, Range 12 East, Section 24. The La Lama Fire Station is located on NFSR 493 near the boundary of NFS lands and private inholdings at the village of La Lama, on the Questa Ranger District.</p>					

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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
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52158</p> <p>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.</p>					

Carson National Forest	Tres Piedras Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Paul Simon Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov
<p>Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would allow for continued use of existing route and new construction of an additional segment of road for .25 miles.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60480</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 27 North, Range 9 East, Section 15. Near Tres Piedras, NM; Taos County, NM; adjacent to U.S. Highway 285.</p>					
Scott Tobey Driveway Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2021	09/2021	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov
<p>Description: The purpose of this project is to provide adequate access to a private land inholding within the Carson National Forest. Access would include use and maintenance of approximately 300 feet of a driveway.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60481</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 27 North, Range 9 East, Section 15. Near Tres Piedras, NM; Taos County, NM; adjacent to U.S. Highway 285.</p>					

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