



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

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				
	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.				

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:07/2022	08/2022	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: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47966				
	Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest.				
Expired Special Use Permit Re- issuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: To provide important services to the communities we serve, the Carson National Forest has identified 22 expired or expiring special use authorizations for review and re-authorization.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62411				
	Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Authorizations occur across the Carson NF on all Ranger Districts.				

Carson National Forest Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Access Route and Maintenance for Encinal and La Sierra Acequia Users CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2022	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: This project will be for the authorization of an access route for the acequia group. The access route will be approximately .5 miles in length with the sole purpose of having an authorized route on file for getting to and from the headgate(s).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61535				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora. LEGAL - T21N., R14E., Sections 16 and 17. The project will take place on the Camino Real Ranger District at the headgate of the acequia and stretch 0.5 miles to improve the access for users during irrigation season.				

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Acequia Madre del Rio Grande del Rancho and Acequia Finado Francisco Martinez Diversion Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2022	04/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes a Special Use Permit that allows for the installation of a diversion dam, underground siphon, and foot bridge. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61765				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 24 N., Range 13E., Section 8.				
Acequias de Las Trampas Diversion Dam Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2022	04/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: This project includes the installation of a diversion dam which will serve as a ditch head gate to capture water from the Las Trampas River and channel it to a ditch used by residents of the north side of the Las Trampas community for land irrigation Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61764				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 22 N., Range 11E., Section 22.				
Chapman Land Exchange CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/14/2022	03/2022	Paul Schilke 928-339-5052 paul.schilke@usda.gov
	Description: On the western edge of the community of Las Mochas, exchange a small piece of National Forest System land from the north side of a house, and receive land from west side of the same house. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61539				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T.22N., R.13E., Sections 4 and 9. The project will take place on the Camino Real Ranger District on the western edge of the community of Las Mochas.				

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Holman Hill Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	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.				
Luna Fire Reforestation Research Proposal CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/14/2022	03/2022	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 gabriel.romero@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to implement and assess the use of artificial regeneration techniques to best identify silvicultural practices that will improve the establishment of aspen and ponderosa pine seedlings on post-fire forest sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61547				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora. LEGAL - T23N R15E sections 4-5, 8-10, 15-17 & 21-22. T23N R15E Sections 4-5, 8-10, 15-17 & 21-22.				

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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 *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:02/2023	06/2023	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.				
Tomas Martinez Road Access CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/14/2022	03/2022	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project will allow the private landowner to reconstruct and maintain 0.25 miles of existing road to access their private land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61536				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T22N, R14E, Sec 11. The project will take place on the Camino Real Ranger District.				

Carson National Forest	El Rito Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Carson National Forest El Rito Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Vallecitos West Acequia Headgate Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/14/2022	03/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: This project will be to authorize the installation of a new headgate system in the river to help with controlling the flow and level of water getting in and out of the Vallecitos West acequia.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61530				
	Location: UNIT - El Rito Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - T26N., R8E., Section 5 and 6. The project will take place on the El Rito Ranger District at the existing headgate location of the Vallecitos West Acequia.				

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.				
Jicarilla Ranger District Toilet Decommissioning and Removal. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jon.miller@usda.gov
	Description: The Jicarilla RD proposes to decommission and remove the Buzzard Park, Cedar Springs, and Gasbuggy vault toilets. The toilets current condition are unsafe for public use and they show signs of structural compromise and insect/rodent infestation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62394				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Buzzard Park Campground toilet-Sec. 23, Township 30N, Range 4W: Cedar Springs Campground toilet- Sec. 9, Township 28N, Range 4W: Gasbuggy Interpretive Site toilet-Sec. 36, Township 29N, Range 4W. The toilet facilities are located at the Buzzard Park Campground, Cedar Springs Campground, and Gasbuggy Interpretive Site.				

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Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Valencia Canyon Waterline Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/30/2022	07/2022	Joseph Padilla 575-758-6253 joseph.padilla@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a pipeline to feed the Valencia Wildlife Tank, improving wildlife access to water on the Jicarilla Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62413				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Section 22 and Section 23 Near Forest Service Rd 314 in Horse and Valencia Canyons.				
Valencia Fence Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Willis Sylvest 505-632-2956 willis.sylvest@usda.gov
	Description: The Carson National Forest proposes to issue a special use permit to Pat Montoya for the purpose of fence construction and maintenance along with livestock tank construction and maintenance.				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Sections 13, 23, and 24, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. Valencia Canyon.				
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:12/2022	01/2023	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.				

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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
	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.				
Taos Ski Valley Gondola and Other Improvements EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/07/2022	Expected:12/2022	04/2023	Paul Schilke 575-779-6907 paul.schilke@usda.gov
	Description: Taos Ski Valley proposes a new gondola, on-mountain restaurant, water storage, booster station, snowmaking pipe, Nordic and snowshoe trails, a hiking trail and a support facility. Replacing Lifts 2, 8, and a relocated Whistlestop Cafe are proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61390				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico.				
Town of Red River Water System and Sewer Line Installation for Tall Pines CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2022	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Raul Hurtado 575-758-6344 raul.e.hurtado@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed improvements consist of new water and sewer lines. It will connect to residents that currently have private wells and septic systems to the Town of Red River's utilities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61538				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T28N., R15E., Sections 6 and 7. The project will take place on the Questa Ranger District in the Town of Red River.				

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