



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

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	Completed	Actual: 07/08/2022	08/2022	Peter Rich 575-758-6277 peter.rich@usda.gov
	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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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 09/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 gabriel.romero@usda.gov
UPDATED	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.				

Carson National Forest		Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Jicarilla Ranger District Toilet Decommissioning and Removal. CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2022	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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Jicarilla Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cynthia.campbell@usda.gov
	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.				
Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jon.miller@usda.gov
	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 *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	George Long 575-586-0520 george.long@usda.gov
	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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Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R3 - Southwestern Region			
Taos Ski Valley Gondola and Other Improvements EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/07/2022	Expected:05/2023	05/2023	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

Carson National Forest		Tres Piedras Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
Forest Service Rd 556 Easement and Road Realignment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/11/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Angie Krall 719-852-6242 angela.krall@usda.gov
	Description: The Carson NF will be acquiring an donated easement across private property and will realign a short road segment off of the existing FR 556 connecting to a new road segment across private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62685				
	Location: UNIT - Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Includes 0.71 miles of donated easement and road realignment within Township 24N, Range 9E, Section 33.				

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