



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

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 *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2023	Expected: 04/2023	05/2023	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.				

Carson National Forest Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R3 - Southwestern Region

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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	Cancelled	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.				
Forest Road 439 Bridge Repairs & Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2023	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Jessica Barela 575-758-6200 jessica.barela@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is seeking to repair and maintain an existing bridge on Forest Road 439. Work would include replacing surface wearing components, reshaping the approaches and installing upstream and downstream protections. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63588				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 23 North, R 14 East, Section 17. Eight miles South of Taos, New Mexico on NM Highway 518 is FSR 439.				
Holman Hill Fiber CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Paul Schilke 575-779-6907 paul.schilke@usda.gov
	Description: La Jicarita Rural Telephone Cooperative is seeking to cross National Forest System lands to connect fiber optic lines between Mora and Taos counties. The proponent would bore a minimum of 36 inches underneath the CNF lands in three locations. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63590				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora. LEGAL - T21 North, R 14 E, sections 10, 11, 14 and 15. State Road 518 and County Road B025 (aka La Canada Road, FSR723 and Vigil Canyon Road).				

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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: Comment Period Public Notice 03/02/2023	Expected:11/2023	01/2024	James Arciniega 575-758-6200 james.arciniega@usda.gov
	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				
Road Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	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.				
	- Special use management				
	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2023				
Road Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	Expected:04/2023				
	05/2023				
	Ricardo Leon 575-758-8678 ricardo.leon@usda.gov				
Road Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: The purpose of this project is to provide safe, adequate access to private land by crossing a short section of National Forest System Land. The Forest will authorize an existing route for the proponenet, which minimizes environmental effects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63592				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 24 North, R 12 East Sections 12 & 13. The project is located south of Taos, NM about 2 miles South on Old State Highway 382 (Miranda Canyon Road).				

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			
Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Pipeline Installation and Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2023	Expected:04/2023	07/2023	Jessica Barela 575-758-6200 jessica.barela@usda.gov
	Description: The Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia is proposing the reconstruction and construction of buried pipe located within and next to its permit area right of way. It also seeks to authorize a secondary access road and gate for construction and maintenance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63589				
	Location: UNIT - El Rito Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - T23 North, R5 East Section 15. This project will occur on the east side of the Chama River just down stream of Abiquiu Dam on the Abeyta/Trujillo Ditch that is accessed from the base of "Trujillo Hill" turning west off of HWY 84 just north of Abiquiu, NM.				

Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R3 - Southwestern Region			
Jicarilla Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	Cancelled	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.				

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Jicarilla Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2022	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cynthia.campbell@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose and need of the project is to improve and restore wildlife habitat conditions within approximately 80,000 acres to shift habitat conditions toward the Desired Conditions identified within the Carson National Forest Land Management Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63183				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on the Jicarilla Ranger District of the Carson National Forest in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.				
Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE	- 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	
Enchanted Forest Salvage Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 01/03/2023	01/2023	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 gabriel.romero@usda.gov
	Description: This project is to reduce surface fuels accumulations created by a windstorm in December of 2021, to reduce the threat of insect and disease activity in the spruce-fir habitat, and to remove hazard trees that pose safety issues in the recreation area				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63020				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T. 28N R. 15E sections 4-6 and T. 29N R. 15E sections 31-33. The project area is located off of Highway 38 east of Red River, NM. Forest Service Road (FSR) 448 provides access to the project area.				

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Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Horsethief Mesa Recreation Access CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Paul Schilke 5757796907 paul.schilke@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the Horsethief Mesa Recreation Access project is to provide public recreation access to a comprehensive network of existing and planned routes and recreation facilities on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63017				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Township 27N, Range 12E, Sections 8, 16 and 20. The project is located on Horsethief Mesa, west of Highway 522, south of the San Cristobal communities and north of the Arroyo Hondo Community. The project is located within the Rio Grande Watershed.				
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 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.				
Taos Ski Valley Gondola and Other Improvements EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	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.				

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Town of Red River Water System and Sewer Line Installation for Tall Pines CE	- 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 *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 02/02/2023	02/2023	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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