

## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

## **Cibola National Forest**

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Projects Occurring Nationwide								
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulation Orders	s, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov		
	<b>Description</b> :	cription: 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:	and a construction of the special property of the spec						
	Location:							

R3 - Southwestern Region, Occu	urring in more	ng in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)						
Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project	- 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: Web Link:			abitat on the Carson, Cibola, and Santa Fenting a variety of restoration activities.				
	Location:	District, Kiowa and Units. STATE - New	onal Forest All Units, Mount Taylor Rita Blanca National Grasslands, N w Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, C raos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cib s.	Mountainair Ranger Dis Cibola, Los Alamos, Mo	strict, Santa Fe N ora, Rio Arriba, S	lational Forest All Sandoval, San		

Cibola National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

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Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Revised Land and Resource Management Plan EIS	- Land mana	gement planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Sarah Browne 505-346-3812 sarah.browne@usda.go v	
*UPDATED*	Description: Revision of the 1985 Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to develop specific direction the Sandia, Mountainair, Mount Taylor, and Magdalena Ranger Districts.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46268						
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Mountain District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Lincoln, McKinley, Sandova Socorro, Torrance, Valencia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sandia Ranger District is located directly ea Albuquerque; Mountainair RD is located 40-60 miles SE of Abq; Mt Taylor RD is 70 miles west of A bq.						doval, Sierra, ly east of	
Mineral Withdrawal of Zuni Fleabane Habitat EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals an	d Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Andrea Chavez 5053463818 Andrea.Chavez@usda. gov	
OFBATEB	Description: Withdraw from mineral entry about 1,000 acres of habitat in 4 areas to facilitate recovery of the federally threatened Zuni fleabane (Erigeron rhizomatous).  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37526						
	Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron.  LEGAL - T1N, R11W, portions of sections 4, 9 and 10; T2N, R11W, portion of section 36; T1N, R10W, portions of sections 3 and 4. 4 areas in the Datil Mountains and Sawtooth Mountains.						
USAF Training Area EA *UPDATED*	- Special use	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/31/2020  Expected:09/2020 10/2020 Zachary Parsons 505-346-3871 zachary.parsons@usda. gov					
	Description: Military training area permit on Mountainair, Mount Taylor, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts						
	Web Link:	nttp://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=5375				
	Location:	UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Cibola, Socorro, Torrance. LEGAL - Specific areas on each district. Mountainair, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts.					

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Black Kettle Fish Habitat Improvement CE	- Wildlife, Fis	h, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 03/04/2020	03/2020	Todd Stewart 580-497-2143 tcstewart@fs.fed.us	
*UPDATED*	1	•	by adding fish structures to man-mgov/project/?project=55333	nade lakes within the	Black Kettle Distric	t.	
	Location:	Decation: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma, Texas. COUNTY - Roger Mills, Gray, Hemph LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK/TX  Manmade ponds and lakes located across the district.					
Black Kettle Ranger District Feral Hog Management	- Wildlife, Fis	h, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2020	06/2020	Todd Stewart 580-497-2143 todd.stewart@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*		National Grasslands	emoval of the invasive species fera s to improve wildlife habitat and pra gov/project/?project=57976		n Black Kettle and		
	Location:		National Grassland. STATE - Okla de. Cibola NF&NG, Black Kettle Ra			Gray, Hemphill.	
Northfork Electrical Coop, Inc., Powerline CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us	
*UPDATED*			permit for rural electrification admi gov/project/?project=54831	inistration for existing	above ground pow	verlines.	
	Location:	UNIT - Black Kettle Unit-Black Kettle Ra State- OK	National Grassland. STATE - Okla anger District	ahoma. COUNTY - F	Roger Mills. LEGA	L - Not Applicable.	
Tecolote Energy, LLC, Pipeline CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us	
*UPDATED*			e authorization for an existing natura gov/project/?project=54830	al gas pipeline.g			
	Location:	UNIT - Black Kettle Crosses BKNG unit	National Grassland. STATE - Okla s 46, 54, & 63.	ahoma. COUNTY - F	Roger Mills. LEGA	L - Not Applicable.	

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Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
*UPDATED*	•	e permit for rural electrification adm gov/project/?project=54832	inistration for existing	above ground pow	verlines.
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle Unit-Black Kettle R State- OK	e National Grassland. STATE - Okla anger District	ahoma. COUNTY-F	Roger Mills. LEGA	L - Not Applicable.

Cibola National Forest Kiov District)	va and Rita Bla	and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R3 - Southwestern							
Canadian River Crossing Aquatic Organism Passage CE	- Wildlife, Fi	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2019 Expected:09/2020 09/2020 Kristen Warren 505-842-3436 kristen.warren@usda.							
*UPDATED*	Description: The project objectives are to develop a low-water crossing which allows full passage of aquatic organisms and preserves vehicular access to the public land across the Canadian river as well as maintaining a pool habitat upstream.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55368								
	Location:	The second of the second							
RB-35 and K-87 Playa Restoration CE *UPDATED*		sh, Rare plants d management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Kristen Warren 505-842-3436 kristen.warren@usda.g ov			
	Description: restore hydrologic function and provide wildlife habitat in 2 pitted playas  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53193								
	Location: UNIT - Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project Area is located in two separate areas. One playa is in the Rita Blanca National Grassland unit RB-35, The other playa is in the Kiowa National Grassland unit K-87, about 5.7 miles southwest of Mills, New Mexico in Union County.								

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Cibola National Forest Magda	Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)  R3 - Southwestern Region									
Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2011 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Donald Serrano 505-346-3900 dlserrano@fs.fed.us					
		scription: Livestock grazing authorization and related management activities.  eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37209								
	,	UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T3S, R3W, S. 14-17, 19-36 and T4S, R3W, S.1-23, 25-35. 10 miles southeast of Magdalena, NM.								
Forest Road 10 Re-route CE *UPDATED*	<ul> <li>Recreation management</li> <li>Heritage resource</li> <li>management</li> <li>Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>Grazing management</li> <li>Forest products</li> <li>Watershed management</li> <li>Road management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Peggy Okeefe 505-346-3848 peggy.okeefe@usda.go v					
	Description: Re-route Forest Road 10 at mile marker 12-12.5 due to erosion and undercutting of existing portion.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57981									
		T - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T1S R6W, section 12-12.5 miles on Forest Road 10 in the Gallinas Mountains on the Magdalena Ranger District.								
Second Entry Burns: San Juan Unit CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:12/2020	04/2021	Jessee Montoya 575-854-2281 jessee.montoya@usda. gov					
O. BATES	Description: Conduct a second entry prescribed burn for restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57980									
	1-3, 10-15, 23, 24 T R4W section 17-20	Ranger District. STATE - New Mex 78S R4W section 5-8, 17-20, 29, 30 , 29-32. Western boundary consists is FR 86.Southern boundary consis	), 32. T7S R5W secti s of White Mule Ridge	on 13, 14, 22-27, 3 and Apache Kid V	34, 35, 36 T7S Vilderness, north					

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Cibola National Forest Mount	Taylor Range	r District (excludin	g Projects occurring in more tha	n one District)	R3	- Southwestern Region	
Puerco Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest prod - Vegetation (other than fo - Fuels mana	management prest products) agement management	Completed	Actual: 04/06/2020	06/2020	Shawn Martin 505-346-3856 samartin@fs.fed.us	
		cription: Increase watershed resiliency by reestablishing and restoring forest structure and pattern, health, fire regime, vegetation composition and diversity of forest ecosystems to conditions within the natural range of variability and desired conditions.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=50987				
	Location:	Applicable. The eas	r Ranger District. STATE - New M tern edge of project is located area restern portion of the Zuni Mountain	about 1 mile southw			
Roca Honda LLC Project - Exploration and Mine Development	- Minerals an	d Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jenna Padilla 505-346-3840 jenna.padilla@usda.gov	
EIS *UPDATED*		claims on and near	o and conduct underground uraniun Jesus Mesa with a surface disturba gov/project/?project=18431			sources LLC mining	
		UNIT - Mount Taylo	r Ranger District. STATE - New M Approximately 3 miles northwest of		-	T. 13N., R 8W.,	
Serna Pasture Riparian Enhancement Project		h, Rare plants management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Consuelo Lemaire 505-287-8833 clemaire@fs.fed.us	
*UPDATED*			ote recovery of the Shush Ken Histowater creek, improvement of habitate bandora).				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=56970				
	Location:		r Ranger District. STATE - New M Range 13 West; Sections 16, 17, 2				

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Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Regio								
Corona Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project	- Forest prod		09/2020	Aaron Johnson 505-281-3304 ext. 127 aaronjohnson@fs.fed.u				
CE *UPDATED*		· Watershed management S						
	Description:	District. The treatments are needed to reduce the potential of uncharacteristic wildfires to protect the Community of Corona.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56916							
	Location:	UNIT - Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T1S, R11E, Sec. 10- 15 and 22-27; T1S, R12E, 7,18-19, and 30. Project are is in the southern portion of the Gallinas Unit of the Mountainair Ranger District in Lincoln County, New Mexico, near the Village of Corona.						

Cibola National Forest Sandia	Ranger Dist	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)  R3 - Southwestern Region							
Installation and Maintenance of a Micrometeorological Station CE		management and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 elke.schuster@usda.go v			
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link:	a the second of description							
	Location:	Cation: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - T11N, R5E, Sec 5. The existing micrometeorological station that will be acquired and modified is located near the 10K South trailhead, outside of designated Wilderness.							
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables.		Recreation management - Special use management							
CE	Description: Web Link: Location:	Pescription: Proposal to replace an expired permit and issue a 10-year priority special use permit to Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables for guided horseback riding.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47996							

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Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region										
Sandia Crest House Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 5110 eschuster@fs.fed.us				
	<b>Description:</b> The Sandia Crest House is under a current special use permit and is being transferred to a new owner. With the transfer, a new permit will be issued with a 20-year term.									
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58235								
	Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Lat 35.210458,Long 106.449486  . The Sandia Crest House is located at the top of the Sandia Crest on Hwy 536 (Sandia Crest Road).									
Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management		In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 x5117 crystal.powell@usda.go v				
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of a mountain coaster by Sandia Peak Ski Area(SPSA). In 2017 SPSA modified their master plan with conceptual long term operations including year-round recreational uses outlined in 2011 Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act.									
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985								
	Location:	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within SPSA permitted area in Sections 4-6, 8, 9, T11N R5E, NM Principal Meridian.								
Sandia Peak Ski Area Water System Powerline Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2020	07/2020	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 elke.schuster@usda.go v				
	Description: Replacement of powerline (850 feet) to existing well house located in Capulin Spring picnic area.									
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project=57977									
	Location:	UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. From existing well house to the power source along the PNM powerline corridor.								

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Sandia Trails Improvements CE CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed n		In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Kerry Wood 505-281-3304 ext. 5107 kwood@fs.fed.us				
		Description: Improve & expand non-motorized dispersed recreation opportunities (trails) w/construction,designation,relocation,decommissioning of trails.Install barriers,rehabilitation/closure activities to limit degradation from vehicles at informal parking areas								
	Web Link: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55336">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55336</a> Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Sandoval. LEGAL - T10N., R5E. Sections 3, 10, T11N., R5E. Sections 3-6, 8-15, 22-23, 26-27, 34, T12N., R5E. Sections 5-7, 27-35, T12N., R5E. Sections 1-3, 10-12. Unit-Sandia Ranger District.									
UNM KNME Tower Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management		In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Antonio Garcia 505-281-3304 #128 antonio.s.garcia@usda. gov				
	<b>Description:</b> KNME-TV is requesting permission to amend existing permit to remove their current tower and replace with a new 140%u2019 self-supporting tower south of their building on Sandia Crest Communication Site. No additional uses, no change to tower height.									
	Web Link: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409</a> Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - T11N, R5E. Section 6. New location within permitted area south of UNM KNME building on Sandia Crest Communication Site.									

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