



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

### Cibola National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

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

<b>Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project</b> EA	- 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
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units, Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands, Mountainair Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cibola, Carson, and Santa Fe National Forests and Kiowa National Grasslands.					

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

**R3 - Southwestern Region**

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<b>Cibola National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>		
<b>Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Revised Land and Resource Management Plan</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	James Turner 505-346-3814 James.Turner1@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Revision of the 1985 Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to develop specific direction for the Sandia, Mountainair, Mount Taylor, and Magdalena Ranger Districts.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46268">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46268</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Lincoln, McKinley, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance, Valencia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sandia Ranger District is located directly east of Albuquerque; Mountainair RD is located 40-60 miles SE of Abq; Mt Taylor RD is 70 miles west of Abq; Magdalena is 80 miles SW of Abq.					
<b>Mineral Withdrawal of Zuni Fleabane Habitat</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022	Expected:09/2022	11/2022	Andrea Chavez 5053463818 Andrea.Chavez@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Withdraw from mineral entry about 1,000 acres of habitat in 4 areas to facilitate recovery of the federally threatened Zuni fleabane (Erigeron rhizomatous).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37526">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37526</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Cibola National Forest</b>	<b>BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Cibola National Forest BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Northfork Electrical Coop, Inc., Powerline CE</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54831">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54831</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK				
<b>Tecolote Energy, LLC, Pipeline CE</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissue special use authorization for an existing natural gas pipeline.g <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54830">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54830</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crosses BKNG units 46, 54, & 63.				
<b>Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54832">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54832</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK				

<b>Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization</b> CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2011	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Donald Serrano 505-346-3900 dlserrano@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Livestock grazing authorization and related management activities.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37209">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37209</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Forest Road 10 Re-route</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Peggy Okeefe 505-346-3848 peggy.okeefe@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Re-route Forest Road 10 at mile marker 12-12.5 due to erosion and undercutting of existing portion.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57981">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57981</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T1S R6W, section 35. 12-12.5 miles on Forest Road 10 in the Gallinas Mountains on the Magdalena Ranger District.					
<b>Second Entry Burns: San Juan Unit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Kenneth Watkins 575-854-2281 kenneth.watkins@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Conduct a second entry prescribed burn for restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57980">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57980</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T8S R5W sections 1-3, 10-15, 23, 24 T8S R4W section 5-8, 17-20, 29, 30, 32. T7S R5W section 13, 14, 22-27, 34, 35, 36 T7S R4W section 17-20, 29-32. Western boundary consists of White Mule Ridge and Apache Kid Wilderness, north and east boundary is FR 86. Southern boundary consists of FR 86 following Steel Hill Peak along ridge back to Apache Kid.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest</b>	<b>Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>SunZia Southwest Transmission Project</b> EIS  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/04/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2023	Expected:04/2023	06/2023	Michael Salazar 307-745-2338 mjsalazar@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed project is composed of two planned 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines located across approximately 520 miles of land in New Mexico and Arizona, including approximately 5 miles on the Magdalena Ranger District in Socorro County, NM.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60253">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60253</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project would cross approximately 5 miles of National Forest System land in the Northeast part of Magdalena District.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest</b>	<b>Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Lobo Canyon Trail</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Arnold Wilson 505-287-8833 awilson01@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Equestrian Trail planning for an externally proposed project on Grants Ridge. Cibola Trail Alliance in collaboration with the Zuni Mountain Collaborative is the proponent proposing trail development.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58897">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58897</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail is located just north of the community of Grants, New Mexico in Cibola County.					
<b>Roca Honda LLC Project - Exploration and Mine Development</b> EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jenna Padilla 505-346-3840 jenna.padilla@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal to develop and conduct underground uranium mining operations on Roca Honda Resources LLC mining claims on and near Jesus Mesa with a surface disturbance area of 183 acres.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18431">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18431</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - McKinley. LEGAL - T. 13N., R 8W., Sections 9 and 10. Approximately 3 miles northwest of San Mateo, New Mexico.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest</b>	<b>Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Serna Pasture Riparian Enhancement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2019	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Consuelo Lemaire 505-287-8833 clemaire@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Allow for and promote recovery of the Shush Ken Histosol Fen, the improvement of riparian characteristics in the headwaters of Bluewater creek, improvement of habitat for Rio Grande sucker (Catostomus plebeius) and the Rio Grande chub (Gila pandora).					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56970">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56970</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 11 North; Range 13 West; Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21. The analysis is located in Cibola County in New Mexico.					
<b>Timberlake Restoration</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Shawn Martin 505-346-3856 shawn.a.martin@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> To restore the ecosystem to desired conditions through timber harvest and prescribed burning while creating a fuel break around the Timber Lake Ranch community and providing access to firewood for neighboring communities.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola, McKinley. LEGAL - McKinley County %u2013 T12N, R16W: Sections 10, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36; T11N, R16W: Sections 1,2 Cibola County %u2013 T11N, R15W: Sections 6, 7, 8; T12N, R15W: Sections 19, 30, 31, 32. The Timberlake Project is approximately 8,200 acres dominated by of ponderosa pine forest and pinyon-juniper woodlands.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest</b>	<b>Mountainair Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Terrero Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021	Expected:11/2021	02/2022	Aaron Johnson 505-281-3304 ext. 127 aaronjohnson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the Terrero Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project is to improve the ecosystem resilience of a priority landscape to future disturbances by restoring forest structure and composition and reducing the risk of wildfire.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Torraine. LEGAL - T7N R6E sec 5, 4, 27, 28. Project is in the northeast Manzano Mountains in Torraine County.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage &amp; Stables.</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47996">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47996</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Armijo area trails on the Sandia Ranger District.					
<b>Sandia Crest House Special Use Permit Reissuance</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58235">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58235</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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).					
<b>Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster</b> EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/02/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 x5117 crystal.powell@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> Construction of a mountain coaster by Sandia Peak Ski Area(PSA). In 2017 PSA modified their master plan with conceptual long term operations including year-round recreational uses outlined in 2011 Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within PSA permitted area in Sections 4-6, 8, 9, T11N R5E, NM Principal Meridian.					

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<b>Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>UNM KNME Tower Replacement</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 crystal.powell@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% self-supporting tower south of their building on Sandia Crest Communication Site. No additional uses, no change to tower height.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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