



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

Cibola 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					
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Cibola National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Revised Land and Resource Management Plan EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/02/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	James Turner 505-346-3814 James.Turner1@usda.gov
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46268				
	Location: 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.				
Mineral Withdrawal of Zuni Fleabane Habitat EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrea Chavez 5053463818 Andrea.Chavez@usda.gov
	Description: Withdraw from mineral entry about 1,000 acres of habitat in 4 areas to facilitate recovery of the federally threatened Zuni fleabane (<i>Erigeron rhizomatous</i>). 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.				

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Cibola National Forest BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Northfork Electrical Coop, Inc., Powerline CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54831				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK .				

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Tecolote Energy, LLC, Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Reissue special use authorization for an existing natural gas pipeline.g</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54830</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crosses BKNG units 46, 54, & 63.</p>				
Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54832</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK</p>				

Cibola National Forest	Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Kiowa and Rita Blanca Vegetation Management EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/10/2021	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Kristen Warren 575-374-9652 kristen.warren@usda.gov
	<p>Description: We propose to manage vegetation to improve wildlife habitat, reduce fuels, and restore shortgrass prairie, pinyon-juniper, and sand sage vegetation habitats using different vegetation management activities including Rx burning, thinning, and more.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61818</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. STATE - New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas. COUNTY - Cimarron, Dallam, Colfax, Harding, Mora, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed action includes the entire Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands except areas which are covered by the Northern NM Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project NEPA (USFS 2021).</p>				

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Cibola National Forest	Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Donald Serrano 505-346-3900 dlserrano@fs.fed.us
	Description: Livestock grazing authorization and related management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37209				
Second Entry Burns: San Juan Unit CE *UPDATED*	Location: 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.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kenneth Watkins 575-854-2281 kenneth.watkins@usda.gov
	Description: Conduct a second entry prescribed burn for restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat.				
SunZia Southwest Transmission Project EIS	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57980				
	Location: 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.				
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60253				
	Location: 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.				

Cibola National Forest Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

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Cibola National Forest Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Relocations CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:07/2022	09/2022	Yolynada Begay 505-842-3143 yolynada.begay@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Relocate existing segments of CDNST to protect watershed health and improve trail sustainability and experience. New trail construction will be 10.7 miles with 7.2 miles of corresponding segments to be closed and rehabilitated.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61328</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - UNIT - Mt. Taylor District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - T11N., R8W. Sections 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, T12N., R8W. Sections 13, 24-25, 35, T12N., R7W. Sections 7-9, 17-19. Segments of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail NE of Grants, New Mexico.</p>				
Lobo Canyon Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2020	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Arnold Wilson 505-287-8833 awilson01@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58897</p>				
	<p>Location: 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.</p>				
Roca Honda LLC Project - Exploration and Mine Development EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jenna Padilla 505-346-3840 jenna.padilla@usda.gov
	<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18431</p>				
	<p>Location: 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.</p>				

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Cibola National Forest	Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Timber Lake Fuels Reduction CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Shawn Martin 505-346-3856 shawn.a.martin@usda.gov

Description: 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.

Web Link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60320>

Location: 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.

Cibola National Forest	Mountainair Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
Terrero Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/10/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Aaron Johnson 505-281-3304 ext. 127 aaronjohnson@fs.fed.us

Description: 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.

Web Link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59834>

Location: UNIT - Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Torrance. LEGAL - T7N R6E sec 5, 4, 27, 28. Project is in the northeast Manzano Mountains in Torrance County.

Cibola National Forest	Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
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Cibola National Forest	Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region
La Madera Landscape Resource Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management - Projects that may affect Wilderness (for mailing list contacts) 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Crystal Powell 270-924-2041 crystal.powell@usda.gov
		Description: Planning and NEPA to include all lands North of I40 to be included in a landscape scale restoration to include all resources. Project planning started around 2015 but was delayed. Project will consider activities to include all resource areas.			
		Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Area is north of I-40 in Sandia Mountains.			
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables. CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
		Description: 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			
		Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Armijo area trails on the Sandia Ranger District.			
Sandia Crest House Special Use Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 5110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
		Description: 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).			

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Sandia Crest Recreation Complex Renovation Project CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:07/2022	03/2023	Julie Padilla 505-346-3847 julie.padilla@usda.gov
UPDATED	<p>Description: Conduct broad renovations to the existing site and associated features that will bring the site up to current standards, decrease short- and long-term maintenance needs, and provide a more sustainable recreation site into the future.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61358</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - NE 1/4, Section 6, T. 11 N., R. 5 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian. The Sandia Crest Recreation Area Complex is located at the crest of the Sandia Mountains just over 10,000 ft with an almost 360-degree view overlooking Albuquerque, NM and the surrounding area.</p>				
Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 x5117 crystal.powell@usda.gov
UPDATED	<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985</p>				
	<p>Location: 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.</p>				
UNM KNME Tower Replacement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 crystal.powell@usda.gov
	<p>Description: KNME-TV is requesting permission to amend existing permit to remove their current tower and replace with a new 140% 2019 self-supporting tower south of their building on Sandia Crest Communication Site. No additional uses, no change to tower height.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409</p>				
	<p>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.</p>				

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