



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Kaibab 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.				

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

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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Joseph David (559) 920-4995 joseph.david@usda.gov
	Description: The comprehensive plan will establish the administrative objectives, policies, processes, and management guidelines necessary to fulfill the legislative requirements for national scenic trails under the National Trails System Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49535				
	Location: UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Coconino National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Arizona National Scenic Trail goes from the Coronado National Monument to the Utah Border at Vermillion Cliffs- 800 miles south to north across the State of Arizona.				
Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025) CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic field courses year-round across forests in Arizona including adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, & field ecology.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407				
	Location: UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Prescott National Forest All Units, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Coconino National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities take place in a variety of locations throughout the forest.				

Kaibab National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Kaibab National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Kaibab NF Trail System Update 2022 CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	Marcos Roybal 928-635-8331 marcos.roybal@usda.gov
	Description: To support sustainable rec mgmt, decommission several non-motorized trails that are inconsistent with climate conditions (ski trails), do not align with current recreation management (mountain bike trails overlaid on roads), or receive little use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63193				
	Location: UNIT - Kaibab National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Kaibab National Forest as shown on the project maps.				

Kaibab National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring and Removal Efforts CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Travis Largent 928-635-5631 travis.largent@usda.gov
	Description: Remove non-native and invasive aquatic species (e.g. green sunfish, crayfish, waterdogs) and focusing on exotic American bullfrogs (Rana catesbeiana) to conserve populations of northern leopard frog (Rana pipiens) and other native aquatic species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62409				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District, Tusayan Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Starting on the southeast region of the Williams RD, south of I-40 and east of Perkinsville Rd, in waters extending to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness boundary, but ultimately may extend zone-wide.				

Kaibab National Forest	North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Kaibab National Forest North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Burnt Corral Vegetation Management Project EA	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/25/2020	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	David Vincelette 928-643-8143 david.vincelette@usda.gov
	Description: The purposes of the Burnt Corral project is to improve forest health and vigor, while improving habitat conditions which are more resilient to change in the event of wildfire and/or other climatic condition changes. Project = 28,090 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44236				
House Rock Wildlife Area Bison Infrastructure Project EA *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Planning stage - General Description: Townships 35 - 37 North, Ranges 1 West to 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline & Meridian, (Coconino County, Arizona). The Burnt Corral project area lies in the southwest portion of the Kaibab Plateau (i.e., south-southwest of Lookout Canyon and FS Road 22) on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Marcos Roybal 928-635-8331 marcos.roybal@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a new wildlife water in the northwest portion of the HRWA, and rebuild/re-establish, construct and install approximately 12 miles of existing and new pasture fence-line (including associated cattle-guards) within the HRWA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58903				
	Location: UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Townships 35 and 36 North, Ranges 4 and 5 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian (Coconino County, AZ). The House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA) is located within the southeast corner of the Kaibab National Forest - North Kaibab Ranger District (east of Saddle Mtn. Wilderness Area) in SW House Rock Valley.				

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Kaibab National Forest	North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Mangum Fire Emergency Actions / Hazard Tree Removal Project EA	- Recreation management - Special area management - Grazing management - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/22/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	David Vincelette 928-643-8143 david.vincelette@usda.gov
	Description: Targeted removal of hazard trees along approximately 2 miles of highway ROW, 17 miles of FS Roads, 10 miles of trails, 55 miles of range allotment & pasture/boundary fence-lines, and around developed water features on approximately 3,000 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60762				
	Location: UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - T37N, R1E & 1W; T38N, R1-2E & 1W; T39N, R1-3E; and T40N, R1-3E, Gila and Salt River Baseline & Meridian; Coconino County, Arizona. Location is about 30 miles south/southeast of Fredonia, AZ on Nat. Forest System lands. Project area = buffer areas along hwy-89A, FS roads, trails, fence lines & waters in moderate/sever burn area.				

Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Special Use Permit Amendments for Western Spirit Cycling and American Safari Camp, Inc. CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - 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.		04/2023	Kevin Lehto 928-527-8287 kevin.lehto@usda.gov
	Description: Amend special use permits for two current North Kaibab Outfitter & Guides to allow operations on the Tusayan Ranger District. Permit holders are currently in good standing and follow leave no trace land ethics.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63345				
	Location: UNIT - Tusayan Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Open roads, trails and dispersed camping corridors of the Tusayan Ranger District on the Kaibab National Forest.				

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Tusayan Community Trails Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/21/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Kevin Lehto 928-635-5662 kevin.lehto@usda.gov
	Description: The Town of Tusayan has proposed construction of approx. 12.5 mi of new foot and bike trails and trailhead facilities to augment and link existing trails in the Tusayan area, providing safe and sustainable trail routes for visitors and residents.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60893				
	Location: UNIT - Tusayan Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Several locations in and around the town of Tusayan on Kaibab National Forest lands.				

Kaibab National Forest Williams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Arcadian Fiber Optic Line, Ash Fork to Flagstaff CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/14/2022	Expected:12/2022	04/2023	Chelsea Muise 928-635-8275 chelsea.muise@usda.gov
	Description: Authorize installation of an underground fiber optic line between Ash Fork and Flagstaff, AZ. The line would be within existing forest roads and the Transwestern Pipeline corridors including approximately 32.3 miles on Forest Service land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61183				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Forest Roads 246U and 160 (Transwestern Pipeline Easement Road), within the Transwestern Pipeline corridor.				
Ash Fork Development Association Well Infrastructure Upgrade CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management - Climate Change Adaptation	Completed	Actual: 03/15/2023	03/2023	Sean Murphy 928-527-8225 sean.murphy@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to replace an existing building and install new equipment at the Ash Fork Well #1 site. The well will be used year-round as needed for potable water supply to the community of Ash Fork.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62962				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T21N R2W Sec. 14. South of Ash Fork along Arizona State Route 89.				

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Kaibab National Forest Williams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Babbitt Ranch Energy Center Interconnection Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/23/2023	07/2023	Marcos Roybal 928-635-8331 marcos.roybal@usda.gov
	Description: Authorize installation of approximately 9 miles of above-ground fiber optic line on FS land within an existing APS right-of-way needed to provide emergency communications for the Babbitt Ranch Energy Center. Bureau of Reclamation is leading the NEPA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61288				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NE portion of the Williams RD, east of Highway 64 and south of Highway 180. The line will follow the large powerline that enters Forest Service land near Howard Mesa and exits NW of Ebert Mtn.				
Beacon Hill Fire Detection Camera CE	- Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2022	Expected:01/2023	03/2023	James Burton 928-635-5600 james.w.burton@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a fire detection tower with automated camera. The tower will be approximately 45 feet tall with a 5 foot by 5 foot concrete base buried at a depth of 4.5 feet.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62462				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 22 N, Range 3 E, Section 27. Approximately 8 miles East of the City of Williams, AZ, south of Interstate 40, north east of the community of Sherwood Forest Estates.				
Big Spring Rehabilitation CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2022	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Clairisse Loucks 928-635-5609 Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of non-functioning metal pipes and downed barbed wires and then re-fence the source to maintain the integrity of the spring and vegetation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63343				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - S33 T21N R3E. The spring is located in the Davenport Hill USGS Quad, just southeast of Williams, AZ and south of Dogtown Lake.				

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Drake Bill Williams Pozzolan Exploration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2023	Expected:01/2024	01/2024	Clairisse Loucks 9286355600 Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov
	Description: Drake Cement has submitted a draft Plan of Operations to explore for pozzolan by digging 8 trenches south of the City of Williams at the eastern base of Bill Williams Mtn near Perkinsville Rd. Level of NEPA analysis to be determined after scoping.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63591				
Pittman Valley Work Center Office Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of the City of Williams, AZ at the eastern base of Bill Williams Mountain near Perkinsville Road.				
	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2023	Expected:04/2023	05/2024	Marcos Roybal 928-635-8331 marcos.roybal@usda.gov
	Description: Construct new work center (approx. 5,000 sq. ft.) and associated parking, vehicle turn-around area, and septic system adjacent to the existing facilities at Pittman Valley Work Center. Existing office/pilot ready room would be demolished.				
Railroad Tank Dam Land Exchange CE *UPDATED*	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63834				
	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/17/2021	Expected:05/2023	05/2024	Marcos Roybal 928-635-8331 marcos.roybal@usda.gov
	Description: Exchange up to approx. 0.94 ac of private land for up to approx. 0.94 ac of adjacent FS land to allow construction of drainage features to mitigate flood risk posed by Railroad Tank Dam. Flood risk mitigation analyzed in separate 2017 NEPA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61195				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - T22N, R5E, Section 32, Gila and Salt River Meridian. Approximately 3.9 miles west of the Bellemont/I-40 interchange, immediately north of I-40 in Railroad Tank Draw.				

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Twin Tanks Grazing Allotment Permit Amendment CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joseph Dahms 928-635-5621 joseph.dahms@usda.gov
	Description: The Williams Ranger District is planning on modifying an existing grazing permit from sheep use to cattle use. This amendment applies to the Twin Tanks Allotment and is needed to prevent herd mortality due to a toxic plant on the allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62150				
	Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All or in parts of T23N, R4E, Sections 6-7, 18-19, and 30; and T23N R3E, Sections 1-18, 22-27.				

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