



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Prescott 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	- 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.				

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)					
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.				
Upper Verde Wild and Scenic Suitability Study EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Jason Williams 928-777-2220 jason.a.williams@usda.gov
	Description: The Prescott National Forest will be conducting a wild and scenic rivers suitability study for 37 miles of the Upper Verde River in the Prescott and Coconino National Forests.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61191				
	Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The river segments being studied are the 37 miles generally west and north of Clarkdale, Arizona and east of Chino Valley, Arizona.				

Prescott National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Arizona Dept. of Transportation I-17 highway corridor Intelligent Transportation System fiber optics CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2020	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Christopher Welker 928-443-8072 Christopher.Welker@usda.gov
	Description: ADOT collocation of State-owned/operated fiber optic facilities within the existing State of Arizona interstate highway #17 (I-17) corridor from Sunset Point to Flagstaff, AZ meant to support Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61170				
	Location: UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. PNF Forestwide for ADOT state and interstate highway corridor rights-of-ways.				

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Forest-wide Hunting Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permits CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of up to five priority use outfitter-guide permits for big game hunting on the Prescott National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55252				
	Location: UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.				

Prescott National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Arcadian Infracom 1, LLC (Arcadian)fiber optic facilities collocation within established roads RoWs CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/31/2022	10/2022	Christopher Welker 928-443-8072 Christopher.Welker@usda.gov
	Description: Construction/collocation of fiber optic facilities and appurtenant infrastructure within existing established road rights-of-ways located on the Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw and Chino Valley Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60769				
	Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District, Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Prescott N.F., Bradshaw and Chino Valley Ranger Districts. Prescott N.F., Bradshaw and Chino Valley Ranger Districts.				

Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
APS Pole Replacement (WA574508) with Trench (17') CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2020	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Matthew Georgeff 541-782-5335 mjgeorgeff@fs.fed.us
	Description: APS proposes the use heavy equipment to remove/replace a substandard utility pole with an upgraded pole in APS ROW.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59276				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Groom Creek: South Senator Hwy, turn west on E. Friendly Pines Rd., turn north on South Claim Jumper Trail (private residential driveway) which is the project site.				

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Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotments Range NEPA EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	John Kava 928-777-2200 johnakava@fs.fed.us
	Description: An analysis to determine whether to re-authorize grazing on the Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264				
Draconis Energy Project, LLC and 7x Energy, Inc. 500 kV electric transmission line EA	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue Bell and Wolf Creek grazing allotments.				
	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Christopher Welker 928-443-8072 Christopher.Welker@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to Draconis Energy Project, LLC (Draconis) for access to areas of the Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw and Chino Ranger District (PNF, BRD/CRD) to support electric transmission line construction.				
Greater Prescott Trails Plan - Bean Peaks MTB Trails. CE	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62358				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - N1/2 Section 22 and NW1/4 Section 23, T. 16 N., R. 1 E, G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. N1/2 Section 22 and NW1/4 Section 23, T. 16 N., R. 1 E, G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2022	Expected:09/2022	01/2023	Jason Williams 928-777-2220 jason.a.williams@usda.gov
	Description: Construct Forest Service trails by designing sections of trail that follow the natural contour of the terrain and use reversals in grade (undulating the trail surface) to achieve drainage for water.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61751				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T13N, R2W Sections 15, 16, 21, 22 and 28. T13N, R2W Sections 15, 16, 21, 22 and 28.				

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Jack's Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Zakiya Shivji 928-443-8083 zshivji@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Project would authorize mining placer deposits from approximately 11 acres for up to 20 years. Mining would be conducted with suction dredges, sluice boxes, dry washers, high bankers, metal detectors, gold pans, and hand tools				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Sections 23, 24, 26 & 27 T. 12.5 N., R. 1 W; Sections 35 & 36, T. 13 N., R. 1 W; Section 24 T. 12 N., R. 1 W; Section 36 T. 12 N., R. 2 W; Section 29 T. 13 N., R 3 W; Section 1 T. 10 N., R. 1 E GSRM. Big Bug Creek, Eugene Gulch, Poland Creek, Crooks Canyon, Wolf Creek, and Copper Basin Wash.				
Orme Ranch, Inc. Federal Land Policy and Management Act Easement for NFSR 9650K CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2021	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Christopher Welker 928-443-8072 Christopher.Welker@usda.gov
	Description: This action is for issuance of a Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) private driveway easement to Orme Ranch, Inc. to access private lands and subsequent long-term operation and maintenance responsibility for NFSR 9650K				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60811				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 20, T. 12 N., R. 3 E, G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 20, T. 12 N., R. 3 E, G&SRM, Verde Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would include gold mining operations on approximately 48 acres (10 acres in the Red Hill #2 placer mining claim (PMC) and 38 acres in the Riverbend PMC), with an additional 4 acres for processing facilities, settling ponds, and roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T12N,R3W,Sec11,14,15. The proposed mining project is just south of and adjacent to the existing Gold Basin mine, south of Wilhoit along the Hassayampa River.				

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AAM Priority River Rafting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest proposes to issue to the outfitter/guide known as AAM a 5-year priority special use permit for a river rafting outfitter guide operation on the Verde River and Verde Wild and Scenic River Segments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching will occur at White Bridge and Beasley Flats River access sites on the Prescott; take outs at GAP Creek, Childs and Hoseshoe reservoir on the Prescott, Coc, and Tonto.				
Gila Chub Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Albert Sillas 928-567-1124 asillas@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve pool habitat by sediment removal, instream structures, exclosure fences, and removal of juniper tree encroachment in three sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 4 E, sections 4, 16, 20. Near Sycamore Historic Site/Dugas area.				
Prescott N.F. Arizona Dept. of Public Safety Communcations Site Rebuild Mingus Mtn. and "Squaw Pk." CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/09/2022	09/2022	Christopher Welker 928-443-8072 Christopher.Welker@usda.gov
	Description: AZ DPS proposal to rebuild their existing telecommunications facilities located on both Mingus Mtn. and "Squaw Peak" and subsequent amendment to the AZ DPS leases for both AZ DPS communications sites on the Prescott National Forest, Verde RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61768				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Mingus Mtn. SE1/4 Sec. 2, T. 15 N., R. 2 E., and "Squaw Pk." SE1/4 Sec. 36, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. Mingus Mtn. SE1/4 Sec. 2, T. 15 N., R. 2 E., and "Squaw Pk." SE1/4 Sec. 36, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				

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Reissuance of a Water Development Special Use Permit to Frank and Wanita Melluzzo CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest is proposing to reissue a 10-year special use permit for 2 water pipelines, 1 springbox, 600 gallon water tank, and cattle exclosure fence. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T14N, R3E, Sect17. Off Cherry road in Cherry, AZ.				
Verde Adventures, Inc. Outfitter Guide Priority River Boating Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-687-1301 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: The PNF proposes to issue to Verde Adventures, Inc. a 10-year priority special use permit for a river boating outfitter guide operation on the Verde River. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching and take out will occur at Skidmore, Big Notti, Black Canyon, White Bridge, Clear Creek and Beasley Flats River access sites on the PNF.				
Verde Recreation Action Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/29/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Thomas Palmer 928-567-1114 thomas.palmer@usda.gov
	Description: Verde Recreation Action Plan (VRAP) is a multifaceted plan to provide sustainable recreation opportunities and address natural resource and public health and safety concerns. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61156				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Verde Ranger District.				

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