



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

Santa Fe 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.				

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Santa Fe National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Santa Fe National Forest Land Management Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/02/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Jennifer Cramer 505-438-5449 jennifer.cramer@usda.gov
	Description: Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) Revision				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3791442				
Location: UNIT - Santa Fe National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Santa Fe National Forest; Counties of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Taos, New Mexico.					

Santa Fe National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
New Mexico Gas Company Pipeline Maintenance Project EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 505-438-5443 comments-southwestern-santafe@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing to allow the implementation of pipeline inspections, maintenance, and repairs on the Department of Energy (DOE) natural gas pipeline on Santa Fe National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53854				
Location: UNIT - Cuba Ranger District, Jemez Ranger District, Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 25 miles of the Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) and approximately 13 miles of the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) lands in the Jemez Mountains, within Sandoval, Rio Arriba, and Los Alamos counties.					

Santa Fe National Forest	Coyote Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Santa Fe National Forest	Coyote Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 505.438.5443 sandrailmerjacquez@fs.fed.us
	Description: To restore the frequent-fire forests by modifying the arrangement of forest stands, openings, and interspaces in order to improve the potential for stand regeneration and offset the risk of forest type loss due to natural success an wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54965				
	Location: UNIT - Coyote Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project analysis area is located on the Coyote and Espanola Ranger Districts in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.				

Santa Fe National Forest		Espanola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
Army National Guard Helicopter Landing Zones on the Santa Fe National Forest. CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lynn Bjorklund 505-753-7331 lbjorklund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Army National Guard requests a 10 year authorization permit to use specific 30 meter radius locations on the Santa Fe National Forest as Helicopter landing Zones. Air Medical out of Los Alamos also requests to permit select locations west of Santa Fe				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52927				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various areas of National Forest System lands in the vicinity of Santa Fe New Mexico.				
Camp May Water Pipeline Project EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/02/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Lynn Bjorklund 505-753-7331 lbjorklund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of an underground water pipeline and pump stations from West Road to Pajarito Ski Area along the ski hill road for snow making and fire response. Includes a new water tank adjacent to the existing Tank along West Road on DOE land				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53328				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Los Alamos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Water Pipeline up Ski Hill Road to the Pajarito Ski Area.				

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Santa Fe National Forest Espanola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Cerro Pelon Timber Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Forest products	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Gilmore (505) 753-7331 davidgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin pinyon-juniper approximately 315 ac. to improve the health and fire resilience of the stand. Expected results of increased pinyon nut production for birds and wildlife. Some additional herbaceous forage should also result with reduced soil loss.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31395				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - T.22N., R.5E., Section 15. Northwest side of Cerro Pelon west of Abiquiu, NM.				
Los Alamos Master Trails Plan EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lynn Bjorklund 505-753-7331 lbjorklund@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal will create--to the extent possible--a collective vision of what a trail system should be in the National Forest system lands located in Los Alamos County. This collective vision would then form a proposed action for NEPA review.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53165				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Los Alamos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trails within the Santa Fe National Forest in Los Alamos County.				
Pajarito Mountain Nordic Trails CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lynn Bjorklund 505-753-7331 lbjorklund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hazard tree felling along Nordic ski trails and removal of top layer of stacked fuel along side of trail, except in Canada Bonita RNA. Also trail stabilization on eroded sections near Canada Bonita meadow.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53435				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Los Alamos. LEGAL - T19N, R5E, Sections 2, 3, 10, 11 and T 20 N, R 5E, sec 34. . Nordic Ski Trails north of Pajarito Mountain Ski Area.				

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Santa Fe National Forest Espanola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Rio Chama Aquatic and Wetland Habitat Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 505-438-5443 sandraimlerjacquez@fs.fed.us
	Description: To increase the diversity and quality of aquatic habitat for fish and invertebrates in the Rio Chama downstream from Abiquiu Dam to the vicinity of Highway 84 (near Abiquiu, NM).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54724				
Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project EA	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The analysis area is the Rio Chama from Abiquiu Dam downstream approximately 6.5 miles, between the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests, to the a point 1.35 miles upstream of the Highway 84 bridge.				
	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 575-581-4554 sandra.imler-jacquez@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve the resilience of a priority landscape to future disturbances by restoring forest and watershed health and reducing the risk for catastrophic wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55088				
	Location: UNIT - Espanola Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Santa Fe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located to the east of Santa Fe on the Espanola and Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger Districts.				

Santa Fe National Forest Jemez Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Cebolla/San Antonio Riparian Upland Restoration Wells CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2018	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	William Eaton 505-289-3264 weaton01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to drill 2 wells in the Cebolla/San Antonio allotment to provide reliable water sources and move livestock away from critical habitat for the New Mexico jumping mouse.				
	Location: UNIT - Jemez Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Sandoval. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cebolla/San Antonio allotment.				

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Mushroom and Pony Water Wells CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	William Eaton 505-289-3264 weaton01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Drill two wells within the Cebolla/San Antonio Allotment to provide a more reliable water source and allow the exclusion of livestock from the Rio Cebolla and San Antonio Creek riparian areas during critical times for the NM meadow jumping mouse.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56190				
	Location: UNIT - Jemez Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Sandoval. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cebolla/San Antonio Allotment.				
Ponderosa Water Association Amendment CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2018	Expected:03/2019	03/2019	Leah Hurley 541-592-4021 leahhurley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a new above ground water storage tank and establishing a 100 foot right-of-way to access the tank.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55452				
	Location: UNIT - Jemez Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Sandoval. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T17N/R3E/Section 30 in Sandoval County, New Mexico.				

Santa Fe National Forest Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Capulin/Walker Flats CFRP Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/14/2019	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Michael Lujan 505-425-3534 mihael.lujan@usda.gov
	Description: This project will engage the public and prepare the necessary requirements for vegetative treatments that will reduce overgrown and overstocked conditions and thereby promoting better forest health, watershed conditions and wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56452				
	Location: UNIT - Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Capulin and Walker Flat areas of Mora County, New Mexico.				

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Santa Fe National Forest Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Comexico Jones Hill Exploration EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2022	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Larry Gore 575-289-3264 larry.gore@usda.gov
	Description: Core drilling for mineral exploration on Jones Hill.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56733				
El Pueblo/Anton Chico Small Products CE	- Forest products - Fuels management		On Hold	N/A	N/A
	Description: The project area is overgrown and overstocked with woody vegetation consisting primarily of dense juniper and pinon. The majority of the trees are small averaging less than 12 inches DRC. The district proposes thinning and prescribed burning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55443				
Rowe Mesa II CE	- Fuels management		In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2018	Expected:09/2020	11/2020
	Description: proposing a project to promote a mosaic of healthy forests stands and natural grasslands by thinning and prescribed burning in pinon/juniper, and ponderosa pine trees that have encroached into the understory of woodlands and into meadows of Row Mesa.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55446				
Rowe Mesa II CE	- Fuels management		In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2018	Expected:09/2020	11/2020
	Description: proposing a project to promote a mosaic of healthy forests stands and natural grasslands by thinning and prescribed burning in pinon/juniper, and ponderosa pine trees that have encroached into the understory of woodlands and into meadows of Row Mesa.				
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