



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Santa Fe National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| 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 |
| <p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | | |
| 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 01/2023 | Expected:01/2023 | 02/2023 | Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov |
| <p>Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | | |

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| 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 | |
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| 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 sandraimlerjacquez@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. | | | | | |

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| 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 | | | | |
| 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. | | | | | |
| Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project EA *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/09/2022 | Expected:05/2023 | 05/2023 | 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 |
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| 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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| Santa Fe National Forest Jemez Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R3 - Southwestern Region |
| 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. | | | | | |

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| 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 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - San Miguel, Santa Fe. LEGAL - T.17 N., R.11 E., sec. 1 T.17 N., R.12 E., sec. 5,6,8 NMPM. Jones Hill in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Santa Fe and San Miguel Counties, New Mexico. | | | | | |
| El Pueblo/Anton Chico Small Products CE | - Forest products - Fuels management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Alberta Maez 505-425-3534 amaez@fs.fed.us |
| | 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 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. El Pueblo/Anton Chico area on the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District. | | | | | |
| HPCC Reforestation CE *NEW LISTING* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2023 | Expected:06/2023 | 08/2023 | Gennaro Falco 575-829-3535 gennaro.falco@usda.gov |
| | Description: Reforestation of HPCC burn scar with native tree species. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora, San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. HPCC burn scar. | | | | |

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| Rowe Mesa II CE | - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2018 | Expected:09/2020 | 11/2020 | Alberta Maez 505-425-3534 amaez@fs.fed.us |
| | 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 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - San Miguel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rowe Mesa. | | | | |

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