



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2024 to 06/30/2024

Sierra National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/20/2023 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 505-377-3145 Jennifer.McRae@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
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 .				

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Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2024	02/2024	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.				

Sierra National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Project CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 extension 4938 judith.tapia@usda.gov
	Description: We propose to use prescribed fire (underburning and pile burning), up to 10,000 acres per year, to address fuel conditions throughout the Sierra National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53849				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sierra National Forest lands outside of wilderness.				
Kaiser East Restoration Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2023	Expected:02/2025	07/2025	Matthew Avery 559-297-0706 x4951 matthew.avery@usda.gov
	Description: help the project area to be more resilient to future drought, restore and preserve wildlife habitat to persist and to reduce the likelihood of uncharacteristic wildfire with all the associated damage that causes to resources				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65402				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. east of Huntington Lake between the Kaiser and Dinkey Lake Wildernesses.				

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Kelty Restoration Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2023	Expected:02/2025	07/2025	James Simmons 530-336-3316 james.m.simmons@usda.gov
	Description: help these project areas to be more resilient to drought, restore and preserve wildlife habitat to persist and to reduce the likelihood of uncharacteristic wildfire				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65401				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. east of Nelder Grove and west of Sierra Vista South Restoration Project including Fresno Dome and Kelty Meadow campgrounds.				
Priority Watershed OHV Route Restoration Project Upper Big Creek and South Fork Willow Creek CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kellen Takenaka 559-297-0706 x4936 kellen.takenaka@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to restore 9.55 miles of non-system OHV tracks in the Upper Big Creek Watershed and 3.25 miles of non-system tracks in the South Fork Willow Creek Watershed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48890				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Big Creek and South Form Willow Creeks watersheds.				
Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2024	Expected:09/2024	09/2024	Charles Sharp 970-403-6174 charles.sharp@usda.gov
	Description: Implement a range of prescribed fire techniques across the landscape.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65081				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The entirety of both the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests.				

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Sierra NF Roadside Hazard Abatement Project CE	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 judith.tapia@usda.gov
	Description: Abatement of hazardous trees along roadsides Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58469				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. up to 300 feet along maintenance level 2, 3 and 4 roads throughout the forest.				
Special Use Permit Issuance for Phase 2 of the Ferguson Slide Permanent Restoration Project EA	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 judith.tapia@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to approve an SUP allowing Caltrans to construct Phase 2 of the Rockshed/Tunnel Alternative (Alternative R in the FEIS) on the Sierra National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47068				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SR 140 from 5.1 kilometers (3.2 miles) east of Briceburg to approximately 9.7 kilometers (6.0 miles) west of El Portal.				

Sierra National Forest Bass Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Doublegate/Lone Sequoia/Timberloft Prescribed Burns - NEPA Review CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Burt Stalter 559-877-2218 burt.stalter@usda.gov
	Description: Improve forest health and wildlife forage though reduction of existing fuels, suppressed conifers and brush. A NEPA consistency review is needed so that prescribed burning may continue and achieve a "maintenance burn" level through multiple entries. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44590				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - T6S, R21E, Sec 2-4,9-16. See #15.				

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Graham Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2023	Expected:02/2025	07/2025	John Polisar 559-297-0706 John.Polisar@usda.gov
	Description: Fuel reduction, forest restoration, increase forest resilience and resistance to drought and inserts, and reduce likelihood of uncharacteristic severe wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65394				
Green Gate and Ross Saddle Holding Field Pastures CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NE of Bass Lake, in N Fork Willow Creek watershed, sub-watershed of Upper San Joaquin River Basin, surrounds Central Camp, includes Gagg's and Whisker's campgrounds.				
	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2024	06/2024	Aimee Cox 559-877-2218-3151 aimee.cox@usda.gov
	Description: This proposal aims to authorize the construction of (2) new livestock holding fields using cedar and steel t-posts and 4 strands of barbed wire to facilitate livestock management.				
Sierra Vista South Restoration Project CE	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - T7S R24E S33; T8S R24E S4 & 9. This project includes (2) proposed locations off the Scenic Byway along 4S81 Minarets Road on the Bass Lake Ranger District.				
	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2023	Expected:03/2025	07/2025	James Simmons 530-336-3316 james.m.simmons@usda.gov
	Description: located along portions of the Sierra Scenic Byway and is north of Chilkoot Lake and south of Globe Rock.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65404				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. located along portions of the Sierra Scenic Byway and is north of Chilkoot Lake and south of Globe Rock.				

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China Peak Snow-Making Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elaine.locke@usda.gov
	Description: China Peak proposes to install snowmaking pipeline (12 inch) in place of existing pipeline. Existing pipeline will stay in place and used to attach new pipeline to.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. China Peak Ski Resort off Highway 168, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest.				
Deer Creek Tract Permit Reissue with changes to Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tiffany Begaye 559-855-5355 tiffany.begaye@usda.gov
	Description: Cancelled - Project to reissue Deer Creek Tract Water System Permit and make changes to the authorized improvements to meet state water quality requirements and ensure the cabins have access to clean, safe water - Cancelled				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deer Creek Tract, Huntington Lake.				
Fence Meadow Hazard Abatement Project CE	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 judith.tapia@usda.gov
	Description: Hazard tree abatement on roads including sections of forest roads: 10S69, 10S24, 10S67, 11S08, 11S91 and 10S45.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. . The majority of the project, approximately 80 percent, is within the Dinkey creek watershed with the balance being located within the Pine Flat Reservoir %u2013 Kings River watershed.				
Florence Lake Area Recreation Rehabilitation Project CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elaine.locke@usda.gov
	Description: Florence				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T7S R27E Section 36.				

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Gigantea Fuels Reduction and Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/22/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2024	Expected:04/2024	07/2024	Tiffany Wade 559-855-7144 tiffany.wade@usda.gov
	Description: . The project is designed to reduce the threat of wildfire to the McKinley Grove of giant sequoias.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63529				
Issuance of New Private Camp Special Use Permit - Kennolyn Lake Camp CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in and around McKinley Grove.				
	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2018	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elaine.locke@usda.gov
	Description: The area authorized to De La Salle Institute, Camp La Salle, sold to Kennolyn Lake Camp. Use code change from 113, Organization Camp, to 115, Private Camp. No changes in scope to existing facilities or services currently offered or capacity of site.				
Mount Tom Allotment Corrals CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 12, Mt. Diablo Meridian. Huntington Lake near Lakeshore, CA, approximately 75 miles northeast of Fresno, CA. Permit area includes camp and boat dock area.				
	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2022	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Uyen Lien 559-593-3360 Uyen.Lien@usda.gov
	Description: The project proposal is to construct pipe corrals to facilitate livestock handling and management in the Mount Tom Allotment.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Township 7 South Range 25 E Sections. The proposed corrals are located within the Mount Tom Allotment near Brown Cone off 6S02 Road, near Heliport and West Kaiser off 6S31 Road and near Hoffman Meadow off the 6S69Y Road.				

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Rainbow Garnet AML Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/04/2019	Expected:05/2024	09/2024	Kellen Takenaka 559-385-6532 kellen.takenaka@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of four structures, closure of an open inclined shaft, re-contouring/restoration of two tailings ponds, and removal of mining debris throughout the mine site.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Township 9 South, Range 26 East, Sections 13 & 14. The abandoned mine site is located 0.5 miles to the east-southeast of the Dinkey Lakes Trailhead approximately 0.2 miles from the wilderness boundary.				
Red Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle Staging Area Toilet CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2023	Expected:05/2024	07/2024	John Polisar 559-297-0706 x4838 John.Polisar@usda.gov
	Description: Sierra National Forest (SNF) is proposing to construct a single vault toilet that will accompany an existing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Staging Area that serves the Red Mountain OHV trail system on the High Sierra Ranger District (HSRD).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64948				
Teakettle Prescribed Burn Project CE	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located within the Red Mountain OHV Staging Area in the Tamarack Creek drainage off Highway 168 below Huntington Lake, at the junction of Forest Roads 8S IO and 8S42. The legal descrip.				
	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/11/2023	Expected:04/2024	06/2024	Laura Hierholzer 707-562-8949 laura.hierholzer@usda.gov
	Description: prescribe burn approximately 3,800 acres, construct approximately 5 miles of fire control lines, and remove overhead hazards along approximately 16 miles of road				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64413				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Teakettle Experimental Forest.				

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