



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

Okanogan-Wenatchee 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.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	01/2024	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda.gov
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management objectives and practices and desired conditions for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Motorized Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sendi Kalcic 575-682-5307 sendi.kalcic@usda.gov
	Description: Designate roads/trails/areas open to motorized vehicle use outside of wilderness consistent with Travel Management Rule. Roads/trails/areas not designated as open would be closed to motorized use. Project does not address over-the-snow motorized use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46467				
Location: UNIT - Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, outside Wilderness.					

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Planning and Management of Domestic Sheep and Goat Grazing within the range of Bighorn Sheep EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/17/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Morgan Lawson (509)664-9208 morgan.lawson@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to amend Land and Resource Management Plans to provide forest plan direction for managing domestic sheep and goat grazing within the range of Bighorn sheep to better provide for bighorn sheep viability in the context of range management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53257				
Location: UNIT - Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest All Units. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest within the Range of Bighorn Sheep.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests Danger Tree Felling and Removal Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	John Dow 719-250-5311 john.dow@usda.gov
	Description: The project proposes danger tree removal along 452 miles of road. 130 miles of those roads are currently closed and additional roads will be closed in the future without danger tree removal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62402				
Location: UNIT - Chelan Ranger District, Cle Elum Ranger District, Naches Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the following fire perimeters from north to south:Diamond Creek, Mcleod, Cub Creek 2, Cedar Creek, Crescent Moutain, Twentyfive Mile, and Jolly Mountain.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Chelan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Chelan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Box Canyon Trail CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2014	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Paul Willard 509-682-4960 paul.willard@usda.gov
	Description: Construct approximately 5 miles of non-motorized trail from 25 Mile Creek Helibase to Box Canyon on the south shore of Lake Chelan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43304				
Location: UNIT - Chelan Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - T29N, R20E, Sections 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25. Proposed trail would be located northwest of 25 Mile Creek State Park.					

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Gold Creek Valley Restoration EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:06/2023	09/2023	Patricia GarveyDarda 509-852-1029 SM.FS.cmtcleelum@usda.gov
	Description: A multi-partner effort to recover Gold Creek bull trout populations by correcting habitat conditions which create significant mortality, reconnecting the creek and floodplain, and restoring natural processes. Provide recreation at this valued site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57415				
Location: UNIT - Cle Elum Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Kittitas. LEGAL - T 22N, R 11E, Sec 1, 2, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35; T 21N, R 11E, Sec 1, 2, 11, 12. Gold Creek drainage near Alpine Lakes Wilderness to Lake Keechelus.					
Potato Patch Plan of Operation EA	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Jamey Basye 509 852 1042 Jamey.Basye@usda.gov
	Description: Forest review of a submitted Plan of Operation for placer mining on claims associated with the Potato Patch mine.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59948				
Location: UNIT - Cle Elum Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Kittitas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Potato Patch mine is in the Swauk watershed, north of the town of Liberty along HWY 97.					

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Swauk Mining Plans of Operation Analysis EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/30/2019	Expected:02/2022	04/2022	Jamey Basye 509-852-1042 Jamey.Basye@usda.gov
	Description: This project will analyze ten mining Plans of Operations submitted to the Cle Elum Ranger District of the OWNF to fulfill responsibilities established by the 1872 Mining Law as amended and the Forest Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56466				
Location: UNIT - Cle Elum Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Kittitas. LEGAL - Multiple Sections T.20N., R.17E., Sections 1, 3, 10, 11 12; T.20N., R.18E., Section 6, 13, 34; T.21N., R.17E., Sections 13, 23, 24, 33; T.21N., R.18E. Sections 19, 30; W.M. Claims are located in the Swauk Creek drainage.					
Taneum Restoration Project EA	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/02/2019	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Jamey Basye 509-852-1042 Jamey.Basye@usda.gov
	Description: This project is evaluating opportunities for the restoration of riparian processes and forest vegetation structure and fuel patterns to improve forest resiliency to severe insect, disease, and wildfire disturbances and reduce the risk of habitat loss				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53450				
Location: UNIT - Cle Elum Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Kittitas. LEGAL - T19N R14E, T19N R15E, T18N R15E. The project area encompasses the Taneum Drainage, specifically focused on the North Fork Taneum Watershed and the Taneum Creek Watershed. These areas are accessed primarily via FS rd 3300 and 3330.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Entiat Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Entiat Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Mad Roaring Mills Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/26/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Paul Kelley 509-548-2583 paul.kelley@usda.gov
	Description: Terrestrial and Aquatic restoration treatments in Lower Mad, Roaring Creek, Mills Creek-Entiat River watersheds.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59963				
Location: UNIT - Entiat Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. lower Entiat Valley, encompassing the Lower Mad, Roaring Creek, and Mills Creek-Entiat River watersheds.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Methow Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Methow Valley Small Tracts Act Lands Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/02/2021	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Meg Trebon 509-996-4032 Margaret.Trebon@usda.gov
	Description: Up to 8.4 acres of NFS lands in four locations would be exchanged or sold for up to 13.1 acres of private lands. Acquired lands would be designated as Forest Plan Management Area 5/Matrix or Management Area 5/Late Successional Reserves.				
	Location: UNIT - Methow Valley Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Okanogan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project locations are in vicinity of Early Winters Creek, Patterson Lake, Twisp River, and Gold Creek.				
Twisp Restoration EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/30/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Eireann Pederson 509-996-4018 eireann.pederson@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape-scale aquatic and terrestrial restoration project including the lower Twisp River and Alder Creek drainages, excluding the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56554				
Location: UNIT - Methow Valley Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Okanogan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is SW, W, and NW of Twisp, Washington in the Alder Creek, Twisp River, Rader Creek, and Wolf Creek drainages. Project includes Roads End Campground at west end of Twisp River Road.					

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Methow Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
U.S. Border Patrol Radio Repeaters Special Use Permit CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2020	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Meg Trebon 509-996-4032 mtrebon@fs.fed.us
	Description: U.S. Border Patrol proposes to install radio repeaters at existing communication sites on Flagg Mtn, Sweetgrass Butte, North Twentymile Peak, and Slate Peak.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58481				
Location: UNIT - Methow Valley Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Okanogan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Communication Sites on Flagg Mtn, Sweetgrass Butte, North Twentymile Peak, and Slate Peak on the Methow Valley Ranger Districts, north/northwest of Winthrop, WA.					
Waterline Special Use Permit Renewals CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Robert George 509-996-4062 robert.george@usda.gov
	Description: Renew 21 special use authorizations for existing waterlines less than 12" diameter with no change in the scope or intensity of permitted activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Methow Valley Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Okanogan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Waterlines are located across district in the Methow River, Twisp River, Chewuch River, Rader Cr, Libby Cr, and Gold Cr drainages.				

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Little Naches River Floodplain Restoration, RM 3.25-4.49 (Longmire Levee) EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Climate Change Adaption	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/16/2022	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Gary Torretta 509-653-1433 gary.torretta@usda.gov
	Description: Restore stream complexity and reconnect floodplain for watershed and species restoration.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61200				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the Naches Ranger District, in the Little Naches River watershed.					

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Little Naches Upland Restoration EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/25/2022	Expected:05/2022	10/2022	Jamey Basye 509-852-1042 Jamey.Basye@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposes commercial harvest and non-commercial thinning in the project area and road decommissioning in Inventoried Roadless Area. Storymap link: https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=cc493b47b6c247c587f58db21e2a0d19				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58517				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forty miles Northwest of Naches, Washington.					
Pacific Power Distribution Line Rebuild - Nile Hendrix Project EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Jamey Basye 5098521042 Jamey.Basye@usda.gov
	Description: Pacific Power will upgrade 28 miles of distribution line and relocate parts of main distribution feeder to HWY 410 ROW (construct 14 linear miles); eight miles of distribution line will be removed from the current transmission right of way on Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59210				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This section of the Pacific Power transmission line parallels HWY 410 along the Little Naches and American rivers in Yakima county, Washington.					
YA4750 - AT&T FirstNet Communication Tower CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/06/2022	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Lee Ellis 503-808-2121 lee.l.ellis@usda.gov
	Description: Construct an AT&T FirstNet communication tower to enhance communications needed by first responders, search and rescue, disaster response and recovery, and everyday mobile users.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60962				
Location: UNIT - Naches Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Yakima. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tower will be constructed on FSR 1302, near the Jump Off lookout tower.					

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Tonasket Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Tonasket Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Crawfish Lake Campground Host Site Utility Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Anna Lowell 509-684-7266 anna.lowell@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a waste vault and power to an existing campsite to create a camp host site at Crawfish Lake Campground. Trenching of approximately 1,000 feet would be required to install the buried powerline.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61380				
Location: UNIT - Tonasket Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Okanogan. LEGAL - T35N, R29E, Section 32. Crawfish Lake Campground.					

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Merritt Oxbow Stream Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Mariah Mayfield 509-784-4620 mariah.mayfield@usda.gov
	Description: Increase habitat for various fish species in Nason Creek with two wood habitat structures. A temporary bridge is also needed. Other activities are also proposed adjacent to Forest Service land as part of this project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62458				
Location: UNIT - Wenatchee River Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - T26N, R16E, Sec. 3. On the south side of Highway 2 in and adjacent to Nason Creek.					
Mission Ridge Lighting CE CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2022	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Mason Schuur 509-548-2566 mason.schuur@usda.gov
	Description: The Chair 2 lighting project would require the installation of a continuous trigger wire, some new power lines, and new light poles from the top of the Wenatchee Express Lift to Midway. Existing snowmaking pedestals would be used to power lights.				
	Location: UNIT - Wenatchee River Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mission Ridge ski area.				

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort Expansion Project EA	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/26/2020	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Mason Schuur 509-548-2566 mschuur@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project is to amend the Mission Ridge Special Use Permit, building a new access road, constructing new alpine ski lifts and ski runs on Forest Service lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53981				
Location: UNIT - Wenatchee River Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - T21N R20E S30 and T21N R19E S24 and S25. Mission Ridge is about 8 miles southwest of Wenatchee, WA.					
Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/13/2021	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Paul Kelley 509-548-2583 paul.kelley@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape scale aquatic and terrestrial restoration project which includes fuels, roads, vegetation, and aquatic habitat improvement treatments. Details also here: https://arcg.is/S1X4z https://www.facebook.com/784196435031210/videos/236848004676892				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49124				
Location: UNIT - Wenatchee River Ranger District. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Chelan. LEGAL - T28N, R17E various sections; T27N, R17E various sections; T27N, R18E, various sections. Lake Wenatchee, Beaver Creek-Wenatchee River, Lower Chiwawa and Big Meadow subwatersheds.					

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