



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2024 to 06/30/2024

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations, Directives, Orders 	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2024	02/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov

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East Fork Woodard Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Installation CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Facility management - Climate Change Adaptation 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/28/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Diane Hopster 541-340-4111 diane.hopster@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The proposed action is to replace the existing stream crossing structures with a bridge within the right-of-way where Kueffler Road (FSR 1400) crosses the East Fork Woodard Creek, providing aquatic organism passage and restoring the natural channel.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60274</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Forest Service System road portion (FSR 1400-000) extends from milepost 2.3 to 6.1. At milepost 2.7, Kueffler Road crosses the East Fork of Woodard Creek, where the bridge would be installed.</p>				
Federal Lands Access Program Signs Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Facility management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Morai Helfen 541-308-1713 morai.helfen@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The proposed Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Sign Project proposes to replace existing signs and install new, thematic and interpretive signs throughout the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62107</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Oregon, Washington. COUNTY - Clark, Klickitat, Skamania, Hood River, Multnomah, Wasco. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project activities will occur throughout the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Oregon and Washington.</p>				

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Herman Creek Campground Geotechnical Services CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/14/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Lorelei Haukness 541-308-1703 lorelei.haukness@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Forest Service is proposing geotechnical services which would involve excavation of up to four test pits within the existing Herman Creek campground and trailhead area.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61986</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Hood River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is in Hood River County, OR in T. 2 N., R. 8 E., sec. 4.</p>				
Legacy Pine Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project at Major Creek CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/31/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Sarah Callaghan 541-416-6588 sarah.callaghan@usda.gov
	<p>Description: This project would protect an ecologically important remnant stand of old-growth ponderosa pine. Initial treatment: undergrowth thinning, small tree removal, fuel manipulation and snag creation. Outyear treatments: pile burning and broadcast burning.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60270</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - T 3 N. R 11 E. section 2; Willamette Meridian. West Fork Major Creek, approximately 5 miles northeast of White Salmon, Washington.</p>				
Lower Woodard Creek Valley Bottom Reconnection Project CE	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Diane Hopster 541-416-6486 diane.hopster@usda.gov
	<p>Description: This project restore lower gradient reaches and complex low-energy habitats for Coho and Fall Chinook rearing and spawning by restoring valley bottom reconnection. This is the second phase of comprehensive restoration on Woodard Creek.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62308</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Woodard Creek Valley Bottom Reconnection Project is located directly west of Beacon Rock State Park and approximately 0.1 miles to 0.6 miles upstream of Highway 14 (see attached map).</p>				

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St. Cloud Recreation Site Improvements CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2022 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Lorelei Haukness 541-308-1703 lorelei.haukness@usda.gov
Description: Replacement of the existing restroom and reduce deferred maintenance at the site. Along with the restroom replacement project will replace the existing kiosk, install a fee tube for collection of recreation use fees, and improve accessibility.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61359					
Location: UNIT - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit. STATE - Washington. COUNTY - Skamania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. St. Cloud Day Use Area, Skamania County, Washington.					

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