



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

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**Projects Occurring Nationwide**

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| <b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b><br>EIS<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Regulations, Directives, Orders  | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sarah Shoemaker<br>907-586-7886<br>sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us |
|  | <b>Description:</b> 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   |         |     |     |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>   |         |     |     |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> . |         |     |     |   |

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R8 - Southern Region**

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| <b>Foothills Landscape Project</b><br>EA | - Recreation management<br>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management<br>- Watershed management  | In Progress:<br>Comment Period Public Notice<br>12/11/2019 | Expected:09/2021 | 12/2021 | Ruth Stokes<br>706-695-6736<br>ruth.stokes@usda.gov |
|  | <b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to maintain or restore biologic integrity, connectivity, resilience, and soil and water quality on the 157,625 acres of the Foothills Landscape. More at: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Foothills">www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Foothills</a>   |  |                  |         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52509">https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52509</a>  |  |                  |         |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District, Blueridge Ranger District, Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. It includes a portion of the Cohutta WMA, and Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun and White Counties. |  |                  |         |   |

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests R8 - Southern Region**  
**Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**

| Project Name  | Project Purpose   | Planning Status                          | Decision           | Expected Implementation | Project Contact   |
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| <b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |   |  |                    |                         | <b>R8 - Southern Region</b>                             |
| <b>Early Successional Habitat Creation Project CE</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management<br>- Watershed management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 06/21/2021 | Expected:10/2021   | 11/2021                 | David Vinson<br>706-782-3320<br>david.vinson@usda.gov   |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The BRRD is proposing 183 total acres of early-successional habitat across the district, including areas within the Coopers Creek and Swallow Creek Wildlife Management Areas, through commercial and non-commercial means.   |  |                    |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60330">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60330</a><br><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.               |  |                    |                         |   |
| <b>Fall Recreation Events CE</b><br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Special use management  | Completed                                | Actual: 04/12/2021 | 07/2021                 | Warren Carver<br>706-745-6928<br>warren.carver@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The recreation events are going to be conducted in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.  |  |                    |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58648">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58648</a><br><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The creation events are going to be located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District. |  |                    |                         |   |
| <b>Lake Winfield Scott Improvement Project CE</b><br><br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>   | - Recreation management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 04/05/2021 | Expected:09/2021   | 02/2022                 | Mike Chambers<br>706-745-6928<br>mechambers@fs.fed.us   |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Offers year-round recreation opportunities including, camping, boating, hiking, fishing and picnicking.   |  |                    |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59867">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59867</a><br><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Union County, Georgia, Blue Ridge Ranger District.                   |  |                    |                         |   |

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| <b>Rock Creek Restoration Project CE</b><br>CE   | - Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Watershed management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 12/04/2020 | Expected:05/2021 | 07/2021                 | Towdy Tipton<br>706-745-6928<br>towdytipton@fs.fed.us |
|  | <b>Description:</b> The location of the proposed project area is south of Forest Service Road 69E (Totem Pole) and east of Forest Service Road 69 (Rock Creek). |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59189">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59189</a>                                      |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The location of the proposed project area is south of Forest Service Road 69E (Totem Pole) and east of Forest Service Road 69 (Rock Creek). |   |  |                  |                         |   |

| <b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |  |   |                  |         | <b>R8 - Southern Region</b>                             |
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| <b>Chattooga River R.D. Fiscal Year (FY21) Prescribed Fire Project</b><br>CE  | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management                | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/13/2020          | Expected:05/2021 | 01/2022 | Amy McClave<br>706-754-6221<br>amy.mcclave@usda.gov     |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.  |   |                  |         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56866">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56866</a> |   |                  |         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.       |  |   |                  |         |   |
| <b>Chattooga River RD Trail Bridge Replacement and Trail Improvement Project</b><br>CE  | - Recreation management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2021 | Expected:08/2021 | 09/2021 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District.   |   |                  |         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59762">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59762</a> |   |                  |         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District. |  |   |                  |         |   |

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| <b>Daniel's Discovery Tours Shady Creek Expeditions SUP</b><br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/22/2019          | Expected:05/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> An applicant is requesting authorization to use National Forest lands for a variety of outfitter and guided uses, including hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, mountain bike riding and waterfall hikes. |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57277">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57277</a>   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county, Georgia.  |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Hale Ridge Road Aquatic Organism Passage</b><br>CE   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2021 | Expected:08/2021 | 09/2021                 | Ryan Foote<br>706-754-6221<br>ryan.foote@usda.gov       |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District.   |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59760">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59760</a>   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District.  |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Lake Russell Rare Plant Habitat Improvement Project</b><br>CE  | - Vegetation management<br>(other than forest products)  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 12/16/2020          | Expected:05/2021 | 07/2021                 | Gregg Slezak<br>706-754-6221<br>gregg.slezak@usda.gov   |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The 1,300 acre Lake Russell Rare Plant Habitat Improvement Project is located within the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Stephens County, Georgia.  |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59178">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59178</a>   |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed activities would occur within Compartment 215 & portions of Compartments 210, 214, & 216. The project is located in Stephens County, Georgia. |  |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Outfitter-Guide - Rob McLarty for Guided Hikes using Bartram Trail</b><br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/22/2019 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> An applicant is requesting authorization to use the Bartram Trail (the Georgia section in Rabun County) for outfitter/guided hiking and camping trips. |  |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56952">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56952</a>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county, Georgia.  |  |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Outfitter/Guide - Daniel's Discovery Tours</b><br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/22/2019 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.  |  |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56865">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56865</a>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the CRRD.  |  |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Outfitter/Guide - James Hames III for Guided Horse Riding</b><br>CE  | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/22/2019 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Outfitter/Guide permit for guided horseback riding tours.  |  |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53118">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53118</a>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Habersham, Rabun and Stephens Counties, GA on the Chattahoochee National Forest. |  |  |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Outfitter/Guide Adventures in Horseback SUP</b><br>CE  | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/22/2019          | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> An applicant is requesting authorization to use the National Forest for outfitter/guided horse riding and camping. |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57276">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57276</a>             |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county in Georgia.             |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Satolah Fire House Relocation - Special Use Permit</b><br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 07/29/2019          | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Relocate the Satolah Fire House on Forest Service land.  |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50856">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50856</a>             |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rabun County, Georgia.  |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Soque River Fishing Pier</b><br>CE   | - Recreation management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2021 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | David Vinson<br>706-754-6221<br>david.vinson@usda.gov   |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Soque River fishing pier on the CRRD.  |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53654">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53654</a>             |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Soque River located in Habersham County, Georgia.                     |  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Stephen Tomasovich dba Big T Fly Fishing</b><br>CE   | - Recreation management<br>- Special use management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2021 | Expected:06/2021 | 07/2021                 | Barbara Ramey<br>706-754-6221<br>barbara.ramey@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District.   |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59759">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59759</a>             |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District. |  |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Storey Mill Creek Forest Health and Restoration Project</b><br>EA<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Vegetation management (other than forest products)   | Completed       | Actual: 06/14/2021 | 01/2022                 | Ruth Stokes<br>706-695-6736<br>ruth.stokes@usda.gov |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Project stands are located in the Storey Mill Creek watershed and include Compartments 946 and 948 on the east side of Taylor Ridge south of US Highway 27. All treatment areas are considered wildland urban interface (WUI).                           |                 |                    |                         |   |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55168">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55168</a>   |                 |                    |                         |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The analysis area for this project includes National Forest System lands on the Armuchee unit of the Conasauga Ranger District in Chattooga County, Georgia. |                 |                    |                         |   |

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