



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

### Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 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> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

#### R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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<b>R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Regional Slow the Spread Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/01/2021	Expected:02/2023	06/2023	Robert Bergstrom 404-606-6151 robert.bergstrom@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Aerial treatments of an exotic moth known as Lymantria dispar using mating disruption, Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki, Nucleopolyhedrosis virus, or their combination.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60529">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60529</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units. STATE - Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia. COUNTY - Bath, Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Mitchell, Montgomery, Onslow, Randolph, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, McCreary, Madison, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe, Abbeville, Chester, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Union, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Pickett, Scott, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Davidson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Jones, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chattahoochee, Cherokee, Daniel Boone, Sumter, Jefferson, Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests and private, state, and other federal lands within their adjacent counties.					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests District	Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region			
<b>Blue Ridge Ranger District Small Tract Act land conveyance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Warren Carver 770/297-3041 warren.carver@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service is in the process of considering two applications that request conveyance of small tracts of National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Chattahoochee National Forest to private landowners per the provisions of the Small Tracts Act				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61032">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61032</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Small Tract #1 is located in USA Tract G-1320b in Land Lot 116, 15th District, 1st Section, Lumpkin County, Georgia. Small Tract #2 is located in USA Tract BRR-37 in Land Lot 86, 7th District, 2nd Sec.					

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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>Duncan Ridge Road AOP Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2022	05/2022	Steverson Moffat 706-745-6928 steverson.moffat@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Blue Ridge Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest is proposing to improve aquatic organism passage and restore natural hydrological processes in the headwaters of the Mulky Creek watershed in Union County, Georgia.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61747">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61747</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union County, GA.					
<b>Early Successional Habitat Creation Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/21/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	David Vinson 706-782-3320 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>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.					
<b>Gooch Mountain Campsite Improvement and Trail Relocation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Gooch Mountain Shelter Site is located along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT), in Union county, Georgia.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56923">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56923</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union county, Georgia.					

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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>Lake Winfield Scott Improvement Project.</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/03/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdy.tipton@usda.gov
	<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>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Union County, Georgia, Blue Ridge Ranger District.				
<b>Morganton Point Campground Phases I and II</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:01/2023	03/2023	John Stephens 706-745-6928 x114 john.r.stephens@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Expand public use opportunities at the Morganton Point Campground by adding new campsites, building small cabins at new camp sites, and expand utilities to service new sites and cabins.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Morganton Point Campground, Blue Ridge Ranger District, Fannin County, Georgia.				
<b>Rock Creek Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2022	09/2022	Joshua O'Neal 706-745-6928 joshua.oneal@usda.gov
	<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. 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>Spring 2022 Recreation Scoping</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Warren Carver 706-745-6928 warren.carver@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60898">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60898</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Gilmer, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.				

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<b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Blueridge Ranger District(rev) (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>BRRD Trout Stream Habitat Enhancement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/26/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Laura Brown 678-943-0764 laura.r.brown@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the project is to enhance stream habitat conditions for trout and other aquatic species, which would move these areas toward the desired conditions stated in the Forest Plan.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62094">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62094</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Towns, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project would contribute to the restoration, maintenance, and enhancement of aquatic habitats on the Blue Ridge Ranger District.					

<b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Chattooga River RD Trail Bridge Replacement and Trail Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/01/2022	10/2022	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 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.					
<b>Chattooga River Vault Toilet Replacement Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/01/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Ryan Foote 706-754-6221 ryan.foote@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This is to replace chemical toilets on the Chattooga River Ranger District with new vault toilets.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62721">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62721</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Habersham, Rabun, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is at various developed recreation sites across the District.					

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<b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Hale Ridge Road Aquatic Organism Passage</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/09/2022	08/2022	Ryan Foote 706-754-6221 ryan.foote@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The District is proposing to improve aquatic organism passage, reduce the potential of increased downstream sedimentation, and mitigate the risk of impacts to sensitive riparian and aquatic habitats within Metcalf Creek (Rabun County, Georgia). <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> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Gregg Slezak 706-754-6221 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.				

<b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Conasauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>High Point to Jenkins Gap-Pinhoti Trail Reroute</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Karen Larsen 715-373-2667 karen.larsen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project is located in the Chattooga County, GA. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60886">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60886</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Conasauga Ranger District.				

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<b>Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Conasauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Ocoee Horse Ride and Mulberry Gap O and G permits CE</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2021	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Jeff Gardner 706-695-6736 jeffrey.gardner1@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project is going to be implemented in the Conasauga Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60887">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60887</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Conasauga Ranger District.					
<b>Pinhoti Trail - Jenkins Gap Area Relocation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/30/2022	10/2022	Karen Larsen 706-695-6736 karen.larsen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> In cooperation with the GA Pinhoti Trail Assoc., the CRD is proposing multiple re-routes totaling 2.5 miles of Forest Development Trail 3 (FDT3), located between Pinhoti 100 trailhead of SR 100 and intersection of FSR 201 and FSR 205.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62416">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62416</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Walker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located between the Pinhoti Trail 100 Trailhead off SR 100 and the intersection of Jenkins Gap Road (FSR 201) and Forest Service Road 205.					

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