



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2025 to 06/30/2025

Ouachita 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	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@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					
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 .					

Ouachita National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R8 - Southern Region

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Ouachita National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
FY25 Prescribed Burn Additional Areas Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 01/24/2025	02/2025	Justus Beggs 870-867-2101 justus.beggs@usda.gov
	Description: The Caddo-Womble Ranger District is proposing to conduct prescribed burning treatments in various locations across the district				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66985				
Mena Oden FY 24 Farm Bill Thinning CE	Location: UNIT - Caddo Ranger District, Womble Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In various areas across the district.				
	Description: Thinning to promote resiliency to insect and disease infestations on approximately 710 acres in the Mena and Oden Ranger District.	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2024	Expected:07/2025	09/2025 Edwin Spence 435-826-5400 edwin.spence@usda.gov
Mount Ida 1, 5 and Norman to Pierce Hwy 27 Fiberoptic Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District, Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Scott. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stands within Clear Fork and Robertson Creek project areas. Clear Fork is North of Eagleton, AR and Robertson Creek is East of Parks, AR.				
	Description: Installation of three sections (approximately 13 miles) of fiber optic cable within the Arkansas State Highway 27 right-of-way that crosses the Ouachita National Forest.	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2025	Expected:05/2025	06/2025 Charity Ryles 479-394-2382 charity.j.ryles@usda.gov

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Ouachita National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Subscribe to Our Mailing Lists EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management - Land acquisition - Special use management - Facility management - Road management - Research and Development 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2027	Expected:04/2029	04/2029	Lisa Cline 501-321-5256 lcline@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: To better serve the public, the Forest has migrated to an electronic mailing platform. This project provides the public access to subscribe to electronic mailing lists, giving them direct control over the information they receive.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49516</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District, Kiamichi Ranger District, Caddo Ranger District, Cold Springs Ranger District, Fourche Ranger District, Oden Ranger District, Poteau Ranger District, Womble Ranger District, Winona Ranger District, Jessievile Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas, Oklahoma. COUNTY - Ashley, Garland, Hot Spring, Howard, Logan, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, Yell, Le Flore, McCurtain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Subscribe to our mailing lists.</p>					

Ouachita National Forest Caddo Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R8 - Southern Region

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Ouachita National Forest	Caddo Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Forest Service Road C02E Special Use Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2025	Expected:03/2025	04/2025	Derek Rollins 870-867-2101 x123 derek.rollins@usda.gov
UPDATED	<p>Description: The Caddo-Womble Ranger District is proposing to grant a special use road permit to Kingwood Forestry to construct a .3-mile temporary road to access some timber harvest areas. The temporary road is an old existing one used in the past.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67363</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Caddo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Garland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located 7.4 miles west of Hot Springs.</p>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/25/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2025	Expected:06/2025	06/2026	Mary Brown 870-867-2101 mary.e.brown@usda.gov
Mill Creek Watershed Project EA	<p>Description: The Caddo-Womble Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Mill Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the project area toward the desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64010</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Caddo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located .3 miles south of Norman and 2 miles northwest of Glenwood, Arkansas.</p>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2025	Expected:03/2025	04/2025	Clint Bryant 870-867-2101 clint.bryant@usda.gov
Windstream Copper Cable installation on Millers Lane CE *NEW LISTING*	<p>Description: Windstream Communications, Inc. is requesting the authorization of installing approximately 1,702 feet of underground copper cable on the National Forest System lands to provide telecommunications services.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67708</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Caddo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located 9 miles southwest of Black Springs Community.</p>				

Ouachita National Forest	Cold Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Ouachita National Forest	Cold Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Freedom Ecological Management Unit EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 01/27/2025	01/2025	Mary Newton 479-637-4174 ext 102 Mary.Newton@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Poteau-Cold Springs Ranger District proposes to implement management activities such as timber harvest, fuels treatments, silviculture treatments, wildlife treatments, and transportation treatments within the Freedom EMU.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63763</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Cold Springs Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Scott. LEGAL - T 3 N R 26 W (Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6), T 3 N R 27 W (Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11), T 4 N R 26 W (Sections 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34), and T 4 N R 27 W (Sections 25, 34, 35, and 36). 12 miles east of Waldron, Arkansas.</p>				

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Ouachita National Forest	Cold Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Logan Side Ecosystem Management Unit EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2025	Expected:05/2025	06/2025	Mary Newton 479-637-4174 Mary.Newton@usda.gov
Description: The Poteau-Cold Springs Ranger District proposes to implement management activities such as timber harvest, fuels treatments, silviculture treatments, and wildlife treatments within the Logan Side EMU. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66956					
Location: UNIT - Cold Springs Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in T4N, R28W, Sections 1-4 and 9-12 in Logan County, AR approximately 7 miles south of Booneville, AR.					

Ouachita National Forest	JESSIEVILLE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2023 JWF Mining Nominations EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2024	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Michael Welker 719-553-1515 719-553-1400 michael.welker@usda.gov
Description: Various areas have been nominated for mining. Some are for preferred rights quartz prospecting. Two are quartz nominations on public land that will be competitively bid. Two additional areas are nominated for hardrock mining.					
Location: UNIT - Jessievile Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Garland, Saline. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations. Refer to maps.					

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Ouachita National Forest	JESSIEVILLE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Cedar Fourche Watershed Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2025	Expected:08/2025	09/2028	Samuel Clark 501-984-5313 samuel.clark@usda.gov
Description: Timber management, watershed improvements. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64850					
Location: UNIT - Jessieville Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Garland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Garland County Arkansas. North of Lake Ouachita.					
Driveway Authorization - Nelson CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Vaughn 501-984-5313 rvaughn@fs.fed.us
Description: Special use permit for an existing driveway. Size 15' x 250'. Off Forest Rd Y09. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57401					
Location: UNIT - Jessieville Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Yell County at the end of Forest Road Y09.					
Little Cedar Creek Farm Bill CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hunter Speed 501-984-5313 hunter.speed@usda.gov
Description: Management for forest health Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58649					
Location: UNIT - Jessieville Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Perry, Saline. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartments 1426, 1428, 1429.					

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Ouachita National Forest	JESSIEVILLE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
McClellan Driveway Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Clint Bryant 870-867-2101 clint.bryant@usda.gov
Description: Access to private property.					
Location: UNIT - Jessievile Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Perry County.					
McNeal Barnes Driveway Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2024	Clint Bryant 870-867-2101 clint.bryant@usda.gov
Description: Access to private property.					
Location: UNIT - Jessievile Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Perry County.					
Rock Creek - Huston Watershed Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 02/21/2025	02/2025	Samuel Clark 870-867-2101 samuel.clark@usda.gov
Description: Watershed level management					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62664					
Location: UNIT - Jessievile Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T4N R17-19W, T3N R17-19W.					

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Ouachita National Forest	JESSIEVILLE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Sale of Perryville, Arkansas USFS Office CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/22/2022	Expected:03/2024	03/2024	Michael Welker 501-984-5313 michael.welker@usda.gov
	Description: USFS proposes to sell the building that served as its Perryville Office. Sale Date currently unknown.				
	Location: UNIT - Jessieville Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1069 N. Fourche Avenue, Perryville, AR 72126.				

Ouachita National Forest	Jessieville-Winona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Alum Fork Saline River Watershed Restoration Action Plan CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2023	Expected:03/2024	03/2024	Larry Seale 501-321-5333 x7246 lseale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Old stream/road crossing structures on the National Forest were designed with improper dimensions or capacity to pass high flows and bedload. The ability for native aquatic species to migrate past these structures is therefore negatively affected.				
	Location: UNIT - Winona Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Saline. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Four sites in Saline County. Three along FSR 114. One along FSR 2.				

Ouachita National Forest	Kiamichi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Ouachita National Forest	Kiamichi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Big Cedar Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management 	<p>In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2025</p>	Expected:11/2025	12/2025	Jona Tucker 580-494-6404 Jona.Tucker@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Oklahoma Ranger Districts propose to implement management activities to meet the needs for the Big Cedar VMP Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in the 2005 Revised Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63566</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Kiamichi Ranger District. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Le Flore. LEGAL - Sects 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 22, 23, 24 of T2N R25E; Sects 19 & 30 of T2N R26E; Sect 36 of T3N R24E; Sects 31, 32, 33 of T3N R25E of the I.B.M. East and southeast of Talihina near Big Cedar, Oklahoma.</p>					
Choctaw Electric Cooperative 3 Phase Underground Line Installation FS Road 52680 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2025	Expected:04/2025	05/2025	Jona Tucker 580-494-6404 Jona.Tucker@usda.gov
<p>Description: Installation of approx. 1,500 feet of underground 3 phase distribution line along NFS Road 52680.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67722</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Kiamichi Ranger District. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - McCurtain. LEGAL - In Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 24 East, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. North of Hochatown, OK near Lukfata Trail.</p>					
Choctaw Electric Cooperative Transmission Line Upgrades near Carter Mountain CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2025	02/2025	Jona Tucker 580-494-6404 Jona.Tucker@usda.gov
<p>Description: Choctaw Electric Cooperative, Inc. requests an amendment to their existing authorization to upgrade transmission capacity within an existing right of way across the Ouachita National Forest.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66698</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Kiamichi Ranger District. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - McCurtain. LEGAL - within Section 3 and Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 24 East; and, in Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 24 East, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. West of state highway 259 north of Hochatown, Oklahoma.</p>					

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Ouachita National Forest	Kiamichi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
East of Broken Bow Lake EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/21/2025	Expected:06/2025	08/2025	Jona Tucker 580-494-6502 x120 jona.tucker@usda.gov
	Description: The Oklahoma Ranger Districts propose to implement management activities to meet the needs of the East of the Lake Project Area and to move the project area toward desired conditions described in the Revised Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61462				
Hontubby Creek Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/07/2025	02/2025	Jona Tucker 580-494-6404 Jona.Tucker@usda.gov
	Description: Wildlife opening maintenance, pond construction, pond rehabilitation, and midstory reduction to improve wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64332				
Southwest Arkansas Telecommunications and Technology, Inc. Okla. Ext. Fiber Optic Line Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2025	Expected:05/2025	05/2025	Jona Tucker 580-594-6402 ext. 120 jona.tucker@usda.gov
	Description: Southwest Arkansas Telecommunications and Technology, Inc. requests authorization to install approximately 2 miles of fiber optic cable along existing roads on the Ouachita National Forest near Tom, Oklahoma.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67652				
Location: UNIT - Kiamichi Ranger District. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - McCurtain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Tom, Oklahoma.					

Ouachita National Forest **MENA RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**

R8 - Southern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Ouachita National Forest	MENA RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Brushy Creek EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Brushy Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the project area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63033					
Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Primarily south of the community of Dallas; east of Hatfield; and west of the community of Shady, Arkansas.					
Culvert Replacement Forest Service Road 30 CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/23/2024	Expected:07/2025	08/2025	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
Description: Removal of two culverts, a headwall, and excavate stream material to restore stream flow. Install a bottomless culvert at the site of the removed culverts. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66810					
Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 7 miles East of Hatfield, AR.					
Old Cedar Access CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Road management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Edwin Spence 479-394-2382 edwin.spence@usda.gov
Description: Construction of a Forest Service access road off of PK 48. The road would cross county owned lands. Forest Service is currently seeking an easement to allow permanent access. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62947					
Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 2 South, Range 32 West, Sections 9, 10, and 15 in Polk County, Arkansas.					

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Ouachita National Forest	MENA RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Trails at Mena EA	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/24/2024	Expected:03/2025	03/2025	Charity Ryles 479-394-2382 charity.j.ryles@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Arkansas State Parks, Heritage, and Tourism-Division of State Parks (ASP) is requesting issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an area of National Forest Service (NFS) Lands that would include trail and recreation related infrastructure.</p>				
	<p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63649</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mena Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service lands in Mena Arkansas between Queen Wilhelmina State Park and Ward Lake.</p>				

Ouachita National Forest	ODEN RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Dragover EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/31/2024	Expected:11/2026	06/2028	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Dragover Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p>				
	<p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65275</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Primarily North of Mt Ida, Arkansas.</p>				

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Ouachita National Forest	ODEN RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
FY24 Dragover Farm Bill Thinning CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Edwin Spence 479-394-2382 edwin.spence@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Thinning to promote resiliency to insect and disease infestations on approximately 138 acres in the Mena and Oden Ranger District.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65133</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stands within Dragover Project Area near Sims, AR.</p>				
Gafford Creek Shale Borrow Pits CE	- Minerals and Geology - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2024	Expected:02/2025	03/2025	Charity Ryles 479-675-3233 charity.j.ryles@usda.gov
	<p>Description: Extraction of native fill material needed to maintain roads from three existing pits and two new pits. Authorizing free use permit.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67358</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Forest Service Roads 776 and 627.</p>				
Little Texas EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Clear Fork Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the project area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62006</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Scott, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Primarily North of the communities of Nola and Gravelly, Arkansas; East of Waldron, Arkansas.</p>				

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Ouachita National Forest	ODEN RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Muddy Creek EA	<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: Scoping Start 12/05/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2025	Expected:04/2025	05/2030	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Muddy Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67342</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeast of Story, Arkansas.</p>				
OQC-162P Quartz Prospecting Permit and Mine EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2025	Expected:05/2025	06/2025	Andrew McCormick 501-321-5285 andrew.t.mccormick@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Forest Service proposes to allow quartz exploration and mining to occur on the proposed 10 acre tract.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64278</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 11 Township 1 South Range 26 West in Montgomery County, Arkansas.</p>				
Shack Creek Rock Creek EA	<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: Comment Period Public Notice 09/15/2024	Expected:09/2025	05/2028	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Shack Creek Rock Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66208</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of Oden, Arkansas.</p>				

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Ouachita National Forest ODEN RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R8 - Southern Region			
Shack Creek Rock Creek EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2024	Expected:09/2024	05/2028	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Shack Creek Rock Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Oden, Arkansas.</p>				
Upper Fiddlers Creek EA	<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: Comment Period Public Notice 06/11/2023	Expected:12/2024	04/2028	Jennifer Benefield 479-394-5595-222 jennifer.benefield@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to implement management activities to meet the needs for Upper Fiddlers Creek Project Area. The intent of these activities is to move the area toward desired conditions described in The Revised Forest Plan.</p>				
	<p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63994</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Oden Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery, Scott, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Primarily North of the community of Sims, Arkansas.</p>				

Ouachita National Forest Poteau Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R8 - Southern Region

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Ouachita National Forest Poteau Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region	
Forest Road Driveway Access Proposals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2025	Expected:04/2025	04/2025	Mary Newton 000-000-0000 Mary.Newton@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize the upgrade and use of three existing roads to provide driveway access for private landowners. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67663				
	Location: UNIT - Poteau Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Scott. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1.5 miles west of Beauchamp, Arkansas.				

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Ouachita National Forest Womble Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region	
Fancy Hill Mine Reclamation EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrew McCormick 501-321-5285 andrew.t.mccormick@usda.gov
	Description: Removing old mining structures left by the operator. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59326				
	Location: UNIT - Womble Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Montgomery County, AR.				
Headwaters Little Missouri EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/13/2024	Expected:03/2025	02/2026	Mary Brown 870-867-2101 mary.e.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation managements in the Headwaters Little Missouri Project Area Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58454				
	Location: UNIT - Womble Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Howard, Montgomery, Pike, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 7 miles west of Black Springs, AR.				

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Ouachita National Forest	Womble Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Montgomery County Water Source Protection Signs Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2025	Expected:04/2025	05/2025	Clint Bryant 870-867-2101 clint.bryant@usda.gov
<p>Description: Five "12x18" metal posts will be driven approxiamtely '18 to 24' into the ground within the road right-of-way. Maintenace will occur as needed.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67671</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Womble Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located on the Womble District three miles west of Mount Ida.</p>					

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