



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

### Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.				
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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> .				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R8 - Southern Region

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Forest Plan Amendment to Update Bat Conservation Practices with A Focus on Indiana Bat</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2021	03/2021	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Amendment to Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for Ozark-St. Francis NFs to update bat conservation practices, with a specific focus on Indiana Bat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55628">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55628</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Phillips, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will include an amendment to the existing Revised Land and Resources Management Plan for the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests to address TES bats species, with focus on the Indiana bat.				
<b>Ozark Vegetation Management EA and Plan Amendment</b> EA	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management activities across Ozark National Forest, including timber, silvicultural treatments, burning, and wildlife management, also connected actions such as roads/firebreaks. Includes programmatic plan amendment to Forest Plan App F.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58633">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58633</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Phillips, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across entire Ozark National Forest landscape.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests</b>	<b>BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>2020 Richland Creek Road Land Slide</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Stabilize a section of Searcy County Road 1205 and remove material sliding down onto the road. Currently, the area impacted is less than five acres <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58055">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58055</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Searcy. LEGAL - Township 13 North, Range 18 West, Section 18. This project is less than 5 acres in size and has impacted Searcy County Road 1205 and the hillside above the road. Material would need to be removed and the road stabilized.				
<b>Robert's Gap Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/07/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Watershed level project including a wide range of proposed activities, such as, commercial timber harvesting, fuels management activities, wildlife activities, Mtn. Bike Trails, and wilderness trail activities. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53597">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53597</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Madison, Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Northwest corner of the Big Piney Ranger District close to the communities of Red Star, Fallsville, and Boston.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Devil's Den Trail System</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construct 6.27 miles of mountain bike trail, reconstruct 0.36 miles of existing mountain bike trail, and maintain 20.17 miles of existing hiking and horse trails in addition to the mountain bike trails on FS land adjacent to Devils Den State Park.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service System land surrounding Devil's Den State Park.				

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<b>Fanes Mill</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:08/2021	10/2021	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coylongshore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions; stands more resilient to stressors such as weather, insects, and disease. Improving habitat for game species as well as threatened, endangered, and sensitive species. Improving trails, roads.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57438">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57438</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin, Madison. LEGAL - multiple sections in T 12N R 26W, T 12N R 27W, T 13N R 26W, T 13N R 27W. Primarily in Madison and Franklin counties. Bounded on the north by the White River, the east by Highway 23. Near towns: Cass to the south, Brashears northeast, Combs northwest.				

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Ford Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area 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 12/19/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions with trees that are more resilient to insects, diseases, weather events; improve habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species; improve watershed conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980</a>				
<b>Hurricane Road ERFO Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin. LEGAL - multiple sections in townships 11N 28W, 11N 29W, 11N 30W, 12N 28W, 12N 29W, 12N 30W. On main division in vicinity of Mountainburg and Chester Arkansas. About 10 miles south of Winslow, AR and 15 miles North of Alma, AR. East of interstate I49 and north of interstate I40.				
	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Repair and Maintenance of Hurricane Road including road reconstruction, culvert replacement.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - section 13 T 12N R29 W. North of Richardson Mountain on the main unit.				

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests District) Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Range Allotment Management Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew Lark 479-667-2191 ext 2171 mrlark@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Manage allotments on district by grazing livestock to combat woody plant encroachment and maintain open conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53774">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53774</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Crawford, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple allotments on Wedington, Lee Creek, and Main Units of the district.				
<b>Rescue Training at Lake Wedington</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 ext. 2877 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Allow the use of Lake Wedington to train individuals on rescuing people from the lake using a helicopter.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lake Wedington Recreation Area.				
<b>White Rock Mountain Road Repair Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	11/2021	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Temporarily close White Rock Mountain Road between Ragtown and Potato knob to repair a section where road bed is sliding down slope, creating a safety hazard.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Sections 30 and 21 in T 12N R 27W and sections 25 and 36 in T12N R 28W. Main unit of Boston Mountain Ranger District west of Hwy 23 one mile west of Grey Spring.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests District)</b>	<b>Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Developed Recreation Improvements</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts developed recreation sites - Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake - on a sustainable basis.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Logan, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake Recreation Areas on the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.				
<b>Geotechnical Investigation at Existing Communication Site</b> CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/25/2021	01/2021	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 ext. 2877 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Geotechnical investigation and foundation survey at an existing communication tower within the Mt. Magazine Communication Site in order to ensure the tower can withstand the weight of additional communication equipment.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Magazine Communication Site within Section 20 of Township 6 North, Range 25 West, 5th Principal Meridian.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Apple &amp; McConnell Connectivity Project</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/20/2021	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Matthew Pfeifler 479-754-2864 mtpfeifler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would open some roads to OHV access for the purpose of improving overall connectivity of roads in the area. It will provide a more sustainable and better connected system of roads in the area around McConnell and Apple Roads,				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58527">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58527</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North boundary includes JO 4490 (Low Gap Road); the west boundary is Highway 103; the south boundary is the Forest Service proclamation boundary line; and the east boundary is Highway 21.				

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>New Communication Site on Fly Gap</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/23/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 x2877 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construct a new communication site off Fly Gap Road. Communication site will be for low power uses like private mobile radio service.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of E. Fly Gap Road in Section 32 of T13N R26W.				
<b>Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 ext 2877 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Provide access across a closed road to an adjacent private landowner. Landowner will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the closed road.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Road will go west starting at Forest Service Road 1434a and south of the Ozark Highlands Trail in Section 28 of T13N R24W.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment of Permits STF0138, STF0141, STF0151, and STF0155</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Responding to requests from recreation residence permit holders to modify or add authorized improvements on their respective use areas.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57697">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57697</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Use Areas 1, 15, 17 and 19.				



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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment to Special Use Authorization STF0131</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/04/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Permit holder requests increasing the size of cabin authorized on the permit face and requests authorization of a deck on the use area <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58114">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58114</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Use Area 22.				

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment of Special Use Permit SYL0026</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Amend existing special use permit SYL0026 to fully authorize an additional 4.5 miles of water transmission line on NFS lands to provide a reliable source of potable water for a rural community. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58862">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58862</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands within the existing cleared ROW of AR State Highway 14 measuring 8 feet wide and approximately 24, 000 feet long (4.5 miles) from Hidden Ridge Road to intersection of HWYS 14 and 87.				
<b>Blanchard Springs Caverns Facilities Renovation Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Jan Franks 870 269 3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Renovation of the Blanchard Springs Caverns Visitor Information Center and cavern trail infrastructure within Blanchard Springs Caverns <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58732">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58732</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs Caverns Visitor Information Center and cavern trails within the Blanchard Springs Developed Recreation Area Complex.				

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<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Blanchard Springs Recreation Area Complex Utility Replacement Project</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Replace existing utility lines crossing North Sylamore Creek <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57941">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57941</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs recreation area complex.				
<b>Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Proposing management of 4 range allotments with conversion from exotic pasture grass to native grasses, forbs and herbaceous species on fields; proposal includes placing 2 allotments in closed status and removing them from the NFS range system. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42968">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42968</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six range allotments on the Sylamore District located within Baxter (2 allotments) and Stone (4 allotments) County.				
<b>Walk and Roll Trail Management Project</b> EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Maintenance and improvement of non-motorized trails; actions will include realignment when needed;limited herbicide use; converting a road and a user-created trail to system trail; constructing new trail <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44724">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44724</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Searcy, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. corridors up to 400' wide of NFS land centered on system trail treads.				

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