



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

### Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

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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)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>E-Bike Use Ouachita and Ozark-St-Francis National Forest</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land management planning - Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Christopher Ham 501-321-5253 christopher.ham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Determination of how E-Bike directives will be applied on the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forest as a whole and to 3 selected trail systems.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ouachita National Forest All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Womble Trail, Upper Buffalo Trail, Syllamo Mountain Bike Trail.				
<b>E-bike Programmatic Environmental Assessment</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land management planning - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project to evaluate three purpose-built bike trails on the Ouachita and the Ozark NFs to allow use of e-bikes in accordance with revised FS directives. Will also establish criteria for future evaluation of additional trails for e-bike use.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62170">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62170</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mena Ranger District, Caddo Ranger District, Oden Ranger District, Womble Ranger District, Sylamore Ranger District, Buffalo Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Bike Trails on Big Piney Ranger District in Newton County, Syllamo Bike Trails on Sylamore Ranger District, and Womble Trail on the Caddo-Womble and Mena-Oden Ranger Districts.					

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment of Appendix F of the Forest Plan</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/11/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Janine Book 479-964-7282 janine.book@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This is a programmatic plan amendment affecting vegetation management practices described in Appendix F of the Forest Plan.				
	<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. Ozark-St. Francis National Forest.					

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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>Ozark Vegetation Management Project</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61695">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61695</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. Ozark National Forest.					

<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	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
<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>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou 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 Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>2022 Blue Hole Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Ensuring the Blue Hole Special Interest Area retain its undisturbed and natural conditions for primitive and non-mechanized recreational enjoyment, to improve water quality, and protect the geological and scenic values				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61646">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61646</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T10N R18W SEC14 the SIA covers parts of sec 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,22 ,23, 27. This project is approximately 3 miles northeast of the community of Hector, AR. Project lies north of White oak mountain and south of East Fork Wilderness Area.					
<b>Brock Creek Trail Sustainability Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/12/2022	05/2022	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 michael.mulford@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Make the trail system more sustainable by rerouting areas which have increased erosion due to being badly located and rehabilitating the closed sections. Additionally, maintain the whole trail system				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Van Buren. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Brock Creek Trail System in the Southeast corner of the Big Piney Ranger District approximately 6 miles north of the community of Jerusalem.				

<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:11/2022	12/2022	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>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Fanes Mill</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Grazing management</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:02/2023	04/2023	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coy.longshore@usda.gov
<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  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource management</li> <li>- Special area management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Special use management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/06/2022	Expected:08/2022	10/2022	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	<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.*Objection open thru 7/20  <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980</a>				
	<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.				
<b>Hurricane Road ERFO Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	<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 Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Range Allotment Management Project</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
<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>Sunset Salvage</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2021	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 jalindsay@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Salvage of dead and dying trees on 22 acres damaged by an EF-1 tornado on 15th October 2021.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61052">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61052</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Brannon Community in Madison County Arkansas on northern boundary of main unit.					
<b>Temple Hill Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/02/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	James Lindsay 479-667-2191 jalindsay@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 252 acres pine and 434 acres hardwood thinning. Prescribed burning in total project area of 2603 acres.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61864">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61864</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Washington. LEGAL - T13N R28W Sections 19 and 20. Main Unit near the Temple Hill Community.					

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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>Wedington Waterline Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	David Brickley 479-667-2191 david.brickley@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Convert water system at the Wedington Recreational Area from the current well water system to the Washington County public water system. Requires the construction of a new waterline along an existing road to tie into municipal line.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61063">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61063</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - sections 9 and 10 in T 16N R 32W. South of Lake Wedington to proclamation boundary along road 95630B.					
<b>White Rock Mountain Road Repair Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 x2175 jobi.brown@usda.gov
	<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 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	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 x2877 amanda.bataineh@usda.gov
	<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.				



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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>Carter Mountain Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Charles Stokes 479-264-6024 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Forest management in the Carter Mountain area of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60502">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60502</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T6N-7N, R22W-23W.					
<b>Cove Lake Dam Analysis Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Charles Stokes 870-867-2101 chip.stokes@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Geophysical investigations and analysis of the water control structures in Cove Lake Dam.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - T7N, R25W, Sec. 35. 7 mi. SE of Paris, AR.				

<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>Grassy-Batson Farm Bill</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Charles Stokes 479-754-2864 Charles.Stokes@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Forest management activities to reduce the risk of insect and disease outbreaks on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61633">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61633</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 11 North, Ranges 24 & 25 West, 5th Principal Meridian in Johnson County, Arkansas.					

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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>Provide Access to Private Property in Section 28 of T13N R24W</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	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>Bear Creek Lake Dam Spillway Rehabilitation Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of the Bear Creek Lake dam primary chute spillway & associated activities to address deficiencies that led to failure of the existing spillway in 2019 & to ensure the structure meets established national standards				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62111">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62111</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Bear Creek Lake, Lee County, AR T1N, R4E, Sec. 8 & 9. Dam creating Bear Creek Lake in Lee, County, AR.					

<b>Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore 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 Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Amendment-1 of Special Use Permit SYL0060</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2022	06/2022	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Permit amendment to add appx 5.6 miles of buried & and 0.6 miles of overhead fiber optic cable within the existing permitted use area of SYL0060 as an authorized improvement. Lead agency (USDA Rural Utilities Services) completed NEPA for installation <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62401">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62401</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Linear utility corridors in multiple locations in Stone County within the proclamation boundary of the Sylamore Ranger District. Overhead installations will be on existing poles.				
<b>Blanchard Springs Caverns Facilities Renovation Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	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.				
<b>Blanchard Springs Recreation Area Complex Utility Replacement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2020	Expected:08/2022 Actual: 04/19/2021	08/2022	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.				

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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>Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:11/2022	01/2023	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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