



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

National Forests In North Carolina

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: 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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R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Regional Slow the Spread Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/05/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Christopher Jones 307-461-2884 christopher.d.jones@usda.gov
	Description: Aerial treatments of an exotic moth known as <i>Lymantria dispar</i> using mating disruption, <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var. <i>kurstaki</i> , Nucleopolyhedrosis virus, or their combination.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60529				
	Location: 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, Meniffee, 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.				

National Forests In North Carolina, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R8 - Southern Region	
Wildlife Openings Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/16/2022	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Sheryl Bryan 828-257-4271 sbryan@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to maintain existing wildlife fields across North Carolina through the use of mechanical treatments, prescribed fire, and herbicides to control undesirable vegetation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55310				
	Location: UNIT - National Forests In North Carolina All Units. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Montgomery, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Davidson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Jones, McDowell, Macon, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests in North Carolina.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
National Forests In North Carolina, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Nantahala National Forest Programmatic EA for Stand Improvement Treatments EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Sarah Bridges 828-837-5152 sarahbridges@fs.fed.us
	Description: Provide programmatic direction for a standard set of treatments that promote the regeneration and survival of woody forest vegetation within the natural range of historic variation for a variety of ecosystem benefits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58407				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District, Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Areas on the Nantahala National Forest that meet programmatic direction and which are consistent with the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to environmental and heritage resources per the EA.				
Nantahala National Forest Wildlife Openings Rehabilitation Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jfarmer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to conduct rehabilitate select existing wildlife openings on the Nantahala and Tusquitee Ranger Districts in Macon and Cherokee Counties, NC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58851				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Select WL openings on the Nantahala and Tusquitee Ranger Districts.				
Nantahala and Pisgah NFs Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/21/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Heather Luczak 828-257-4817 heather.luczak@usda.gov
	Description: Revision of the Nantahala and Pisgah NFs Land Management Plan (Forest Plan)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43545				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District, Grandfather Ranger District, Pisgah Ranger District, Appalachian Ranger District, Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 18-county area in Western North Carolina.				

National Forests In North Carolina	Appalachian 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
National Forests In North Carolina Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Appalachian Trail Relocation at Log Cabin CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2020	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Michael Good 828-689-9694 x116 Michael.Good@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to relocate approximately 1.13 miles of trail to avoid private property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59211				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appalachian Trail near Log Cabin.				
Marty Huie Private Rd Construction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	James Owen 8288773265 ext. 233 james.owen@usda.gov
	Description: Construction/Reconstruction of driveway to provide access to private inholding completely surrounded by contiguous NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off of NFSR 5582.				
Roan Mountain Water Line Replacement EA *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	David McFee 828-682-6146 dmcfee@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes replacement of a water line from well pump to holding tank. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48779				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roan Mountain pump house to holding tank.				
Roan Peak Finder Spur Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2021	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Michael Good 828-689-9694 x116 Michael.Good@usda.gov
	Description: Two peak finder signs were installed on grassy ridge. Adding two short existing spur trails to those signs to the trail system.				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. AT North of Carvers Gap.				

National Forests In North Carolina	Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
AT&T Tower at Wauchechea Bald CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 revance@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove and replace the existing AT&T telecommunications tower at the existing communication tower complex on Wauchechea Bald in Graham County, NC. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58405				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Telecommunication complex on Wauchechea Bald, Graham County, NC.				
Crossover Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	10/2022	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes timber harvest, prescribed burning, and improvement of wildlife, fisheries, and botanical habitat to reestablish age class and structural diversity in NE Cherokee and southern Graham Counties, NC. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56347				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern and northern slopes of the Snowbird Mountains west of Tipton, North Carolina.				
Duke Energy Meetinghouse Mountain Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 revance@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to relocate approximately 1,750 linear feet of power line from the south side of U.S. Hwy 28 to the north side of Hwy 28 in the Meetinghouse Mountain area of Graham County, NC. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58848				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and south sides of U.S. Highway 28 in the Meetinghouse Mountain area of Graham County, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Lovin Landowners Access Across NFS Lands Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 x117 revance@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit to allow vehicular access to a tract of private land in Graham County, NC, that has been used by the same family since the early 1900s.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Buffalo area of Graham County, North Carolina.				
Meetinghouse Mountain Road Access Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 x117 revance@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant access across National Forest System lands on the Cheoah Ranger District in Graham County, North Carolina for vehicular access to private lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58850				
NCDOT Project - NC 143 Cherohala Skyway to Robbinsville EA	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off Meetinghouse Mountain Road near Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, North Carolina.				
	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/06/2020	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: NCDOT has proposed making improvements to NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville in Graham County. Portions of this project are located on National Forest System lands. Project currently on hold pending additional DOT funding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=20272				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
NCDOT Project - US Highway 74 (A-9) Robbinsville to Almond EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/29/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to improve transportation options from Robbinsville to Almond in Graham County to provide the transportation infrastructure necessary for the well-being of local and regional traffic.				
	Web Link: https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/corridor-k/Pages/default.aspx				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. US Highway 74 from Stecoah to Robbinsville.				
Water Tank Repair at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Heath Emmons 828-479-6431 heath.e.emmons@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to repair the concrete reservoir that supplies water to the flush restrooms at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest on the Cheoah Ranger District in Graham County, NC. Restrooms are currently closed to public use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60402				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness, but confined to the interior of an existing structure that predates wilderness designation. There would be no change to wilderness characteristics.				

National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Crooked Run Road EA *UPDATED*	- Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to restore access to FSR 204 by reconstructing an existing, closed system road (FSR 209) to a maintenance level (ML) 3. Proposed road reconstruction would be approximately 2.1 miles along FSR 209.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60346				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Jones. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jones County, Maysville, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Neuse River Recreation Sites EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The Neuse River Recreation Sites Project involves Flanners Beach, Fisher Landing, Pine Cliff and Siddie Fields Recreation sites. Potential activities include hurricane damage restoration and recreation site amenity improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60345				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Flanners Beach, Fisher's Landing, Pine Cliff, and Siddie Fields Recreation Sites.				
Newport Timber Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2014	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Victoria Payne 9286355632 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The Croatan RD is proposing to improve timber stand and wildlife habitat by conducting mngmt activities on approx. 2,669 acres. The project consists of various timber and wildlife related mngmt activities to move the Forest towards desired conditions				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37454				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan National Forest, just west of Newport, NC.				
Newport Transfer Station Permit Amendment EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/22/2022	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to issue an amended SUP for the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority to expand their existing transfer station located on the Croatan Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59766				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan Ranger District in Carteret County NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
White House Forks Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:10/2022	12/2022	Steven Maharrey 606-864-4163 steven.maharrey@usda.gov
	Description: The Croatan Ranger District is proposing to improve and restore timber and wildlife habitat through various management treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61240				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret, Jones. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jones and Carteret Counties in North Carolina.				

National Forests In North Carolina Grandfather Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Lovers Branch Wildfire Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	10/2022	Nicholas Larson 928-635-8230 nicholaslarson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes a combination of stand improvement, commercial thinning, regeneration, and prescribed burning proposed to reduce the risk and increase the resilience to wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59243				
	Location: UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lovers Branch Area. The area is within the 602(b) Designation of Insect and Disease Infestation Landscape area.				
Wilson Ridge Prescribed Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Greg Philipp 828-652-2144 gphilipp@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes an addition to a previously analyzed prescribed burn unit named Wilson Ridge. The addition is proposed to utilize system roads for control lines and create a better burn unit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51261				
	Location: UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and east of intersection of NFSR 45 and 4068, Wilson Ridge.				

National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bartram Trail Osage/Scaly Relocation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/07/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Viviana Ruiz 828-524-6441 x424 viviana.ruiz@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to improve and relocate a short section of the Bartram Trail on Scaly Mountain.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Scaly Mountain, Macon County, NC.				
Duke Energy Fontana Lake Power Line Relocation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2020	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to move a 4,900 foot segment of the existing overhead power line that crosses USFS and reinstall it on a series of new power poles within the NCDOT ROW along NC Hwy 28 near the Almond Community in Swain County, NC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58406				
Duke Energy Wesser - Silver Mine Power Line Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to replace power lines along U.S. Hwy 19 between Wesser Road and Silver Mine Road. Most of the work will occur within the existing NCDOT right-of-way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58849				
Haywood Electric McCall Road Powerline Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a special use authorization to Haywood Electric Company to install one wooden utility pole within the NCDOT ROW on McCall Road and install approximately 200 feet of powerline across NFS lands to an adjacent tract of private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. McCall Road area of Macon County, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Nantahala Fire and Rescue Boat Dock - Nantahala Lake CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2021	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use authorization to the Nantahala Fire and Rescue Squad to construct a 20' x 6' boardwalk and steps on NFS lands at the shore of Nantahala Lake, Nantahala Ranger District, Macon County, NC, and connect to a slip for a S&R boat. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60399				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eastern shoreline of Nantahala Lake, Macon County, NC.				
Nantahala Mountains Project EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/10/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 x 108 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multiple resource management treatments for the Nantahala Mountains area of western Macon County, NC. Formerly Turkey Pen and Redbird Projects.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nantahala Mountains area of Macon County, NC, west and southwest of Franklin, NC.				
Nantahala Ranger District 2021 Rx Burn Program Additions CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2021	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	James Browning 828-524-6441, Ext 429 james.browning@usda.gov
	Description: Add six areas totaling approximately 10,024 acres in Macon County, North Carolina to the district's prescribed burn program.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six areas in Macon County, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Nantahala Ranger District Post-Fire Crop Tree Release Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/08/2019	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Bryan Killian 828-524-6441 bkillian@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to conduct mechanical and chemical treatments to release stump sprouts of hard mast-producing trees that were top-killed during arson fires in fall of 2016.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54813				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Limited to areas on the Nantahala Ranger District in Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties that were affected by arson fires in 2016.				

National Forests In North Carolina Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bobby Setzer Fish Hatchery Redesign EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:12/2022	02/2023	Heather Luczak 828-257-4817 heather.luczak@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes replacing the dated and failing infrastructure of the existing fish hatchery and improving operational efficiency and healthy yield of fish.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59657				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery is located in Pisgah National Forest on National Forest land and is leased and operated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC).				
Butter Gap Trail Project CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:10/2022	04/2023	Patrick Scott 828-877-3350 patrick.scott2@usda.gov
	Description: New trail construction and reroute of unsustainable sections of trail on Butter Gap and Long Branch trails. Also the construction of a connector trail between Cove Creek Campground and Daniel Ridge Road (FS 5046) on established former system trail.				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Butter Gap Trail, eastern portions of Long Branch Trail, western portions of Cat Gap Trail.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Catheys Creek Watershed Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Brady Dodd 828-257-4214 bdodd@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Watershed Restoration Action Plan (WRAP) is in place for Catheys Creek as of 2019. The proposed activities would codify reclassifying the watershed into a %u201CProperly Functioning%u201D condition class.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60521				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Catheys Creek Watershed.				
Graveyard Fields Project 2019 CE	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2020	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Patrick Scott 828-877-3350 pscott@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes trail maintenance in Graveyard Fields and Graveyard Ridge area; regeneration of red spruce; stand improvement treatments in recently planted red spruce in Flat Laurel; and stream restoration along Yellowstone Prong.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55665				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The general area of Graveyard Fields, north of the Blue Ridge Parkway and south of Shining Rock Wilderness area.				
Lickstone Project EA	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Jason Herron 828-689-9694 jason.herron@usda.gov
	Description: The Lickstone Project is a forest vegetation, wildlife habitat, and watershed management project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57553				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Lickstone Project Area is comprised of all FS lands of the Pisgah Ranger District East of Lickstone Ridge which is approximately 25 miles southwest of Canton, NC.				

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NCDOT Project - Davidson River Pedestrian Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposal is to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Davidson River linking Brevard to the Pisgah NF. The City will own and maintain the bridge. Potential activities include clearing, grading, bridge construction and relocation of power-lines.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54691				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On Hwy 276 (Pisgah Hwy) near the intersection with Hwy 64, on the south side of the road just inside the Pisgah NF boundary.				
NCDOT Project - Hwy 276 Sight Distance Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/30/2016	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to remove vegetation and broaden road shoulders to improve sight distance for driver safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54709				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Last switchback curve on Hwy 276 when driving from Brevard to the Blue Ridge Parkway.				
NCDOT Transylvania 63 Bridge Replacement SR1309 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2022	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to issue a road easement to NCDOT for bridge replacement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61562				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SR 1309 Silverstein Road.				

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NCDOT Project - Replace Bridge 159 on SR 1326, Joe Brown Highway, over Hanging Dog Creek CE	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to replace the one-lane bridge on SR 1326, Joe Brown Hwy, over Hanging Dog Creek, with a 2-lane bridge. This would also straighten the curve on the western bridge approach.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56860				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The bridge over Hanging Dog Creek on Joe Brown Highway (SR 1326) in Cherokee County, North Carolina, northwest of Murphy.				
Shortoff Knob Backcountry Rx Burn Addition CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:06/2022	10/2022	Chad Cook 828-837-5152 chadcook@fs.fed.us
	Description: Add additional acres to the existing Shortoff Knob backcountry Rx burn unit.				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hickory Cove Creek headwaters, Fires Creek watershed, south side of the Valley River Mountains.				
Tusquittee Ranger District Insect Infestation Treatment Project - Phase 1 CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes planting and regeneration treatments in stands that are dominated by off-site white pine and which are at risk of insect infestation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54823				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Selected stands that meet criteria as supporting a majority of off-site white pine on National Forest System lands in Cherokee County, NC.				

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Tusquittee Ranger District Prescribed Fire Reauthorizations CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to use prescribed burning on 27 separate units totaling approximately 16,776 acres in Cherokee and Clay Counties.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54815				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing previously authorized prescribed burn units on National Forest System lands in Cherokee and Clay counties, North Carolina.				
White Grape Bend Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:12/2022	02/2023	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to conduct shortleaf pine ecosystem restoration, including timber harvest, prescribed burning, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, and botanical habitat improvement projects in Cherokee Co, NC near White Grape Bend on Hiawassee Lake.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56346				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Central Cherokee County, North Carolina, near the White Grape Bend area of Hiawassee Lake.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Uwharrie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Footpath Divide CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to authorize vegetation treatments on up to 3,000 acres of pine and/or mixed pine-hardwood stands to decrease susceptibility and increase resilience and resistance to insects and disease in the project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60461				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Uwharrie National Forest, Montgomery County, NC.				
Uwharrie Roads Project EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2022	Expected:10/2022	12/2022	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to improve management and maintenance of approximately 5 miles of road including Forest Roads (FRs) 576 (Moccasin Creek Rd), 553 (Dutch John Rd), and 6584 (Green Gap Rd).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59699				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on the Uwharrie Ranger District in Montgomery County, NC. Includes FSRs 576, 553, and 6584.				
Wood Run Recreation Area Improvements Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/27/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:02/2023	04/2023	Theresa Savery 910-576-6391 x 102 tsavery@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes expansion of the trailhead parking, new trail construction in the Wood Run Area and connection of the Wood Run mountain bike area to the Yates Place Camp.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58245				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wood Run Mountain Biking Area.				

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