



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

### Ottawa National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| <b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b><br><br>EIS | - Regulations, Directives, Orders  | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sarah Shoemaker<br>907-586-7886<br>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>   |         |     |     |   |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| <b>Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>  |   |   |                    |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>Baraga II Vegetation Management Project</b><br>EA<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource 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>- Road management</li> <li>- Climate Change Adaption</li> </ul> | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 07/16/2021<br>Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022 | Expected:07/2022   | 08/2022                 | Christopher Kovala<br>906-852-3500<br>christopherskovala@fs.fed.us |
| <p><b>Description:</b> The Baraga II VMP includes approximately 21,674 acres within Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, and Iron Counties, Michigan. Approximately 865 of these acres are comprised of jack pine stands located outside of the primary project area.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60519">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60519</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District, Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Baraga, Houghton, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - T48N,R35W,S1-3,10-15,22-24,26-27;T49N,R35W,1-3,10-15,22-26,35-36;T50N,R35W 13,23-26,34-36;T47N,R35W,19,30-31;T47N,R37W,2-3;T48N,R35W,S7-8,16-21;T48N, R36W,5-6,8,17;T48N,R37W,1,8-9,16-20,22,29-3, etc. The Baraga II VMP is located within Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, and Iron Counties, Michigan. Iron and Ontonagon counties only include scattered jack pine stands outside of the primary project area.</p> |   |   |                    |                         |  |
| <b>Ontonagon County Telephone Company Fiber Optics Project</b><br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special use management</li> </ul>  | Completed   | Actual: 08/19/2021 | 09/2021                 | Shawn Brown<br>906-285-6913<br>spbrown@fs.fed.us                   |
| <p><b>Description:</b> Ontonagon County Telephone Company is planning on placing a new fiber optic line in Ontonagon County, MI. Approximately 1.2 miles of fiber optic cable will be placed within the road right-of-way along Ottawa National Forest land.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59330">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59330</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District, Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - M-38: T50N, R39W, Sec 4 W1/2W1/2, Sect. 5 N1/2N1/2, W1/2NW, W1/2SW. Sleepy Hollow: T46N, R39W, Sect. 9 N1/2N1/2, Sect. 8 N1/2N1/2, Sect. 7 NENE, W1/2NE, Sect. 6 W1/2SE and T46N, R40W, Sect.11 NENE. M-38 and Sleepy Hollow road Right of Ways (see legal description).</p>  |   |   |                    |                         |  |

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| <b>Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b> |  |  |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                                    |
| <b>Sun Lake Vegetation Management Project EA</b><br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation 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>- Minerals and Geology</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul> | In Progress:<br>Comment Period Public Notice<br>10/28/2021 | Expected:03/2022 | 04/2022                 | Christine Makuck<br>906-358-4032<br>christine.makuck@usda.gov |

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| <b>Ottawa National Forest</b>  | <b>Bergland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>               |                  |         |  |
| <b>Bergland New Use - FR696,696-C</b><br><br><b>CE</b><br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special use management</li> </ul>               | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/26/2016 | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022 | Shawn Brown<br>906-285-6913<br>spbrown@fs.fed.us |

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| <b>Ottawa National Forest</b> | <b>Bessemer Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b> |
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| Ottawa National Forest   | <b>Bessemer Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |                 |                    |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>Black River Harbor Dock Improvement II Project</b><br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Facility management  | Completed       | Actual: 08/19/2021 | 04/2022                 | Nathaniel Dulaney<br>906-884-2085 x88420<br>Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov |
| <b>Description:</b> The project seeks to replace approximately 1,200ft of dock infrastructure in the Black River Harbor Recreation Area. The dock is requiring extensive maintenance and repair. This project also includes potential improvements to interpretative displays. |  |                 |                    |                         |  |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60088">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60088</a>   |  |                 |                    |                         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bessemer Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T49N, R36W, Section 3.   |  |                 |                    |                         |  |

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| Ottawa National Forest  | <b>Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |  |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                             |
| <b>2130 M Trail Association - Special use road request</b><br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Comment Period Public Notice<br>03/06/2020 | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022                 | Michelle Holland<br>906-358-4021<br>mholland@fs.fed.us |
| <b>Description:</b> proposal for a special use road permit that covers Forest Road 2130-M for use and maintenance to access private property. Approximately 0.45 miles of road.   |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237</a>  |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T46N, R35W, Sec. 26, SSW, SESW. Forest Road 2130-M on the east side of Perch Lake.   |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Iron River New Use - FR3460</b><br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/14/2013                   | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022                 | Michelle Holland<br>906-358-4021<br>mholland@fs.fed.us |
| <b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue a long-term special use permit to landowners for use and maintenance of FR 3460 and other existing roads approx. 0.83 miles in length on NFS lands in order to access private property.  |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50897">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50897</a>  |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R36W, Sec. 1, SESE, SENW; Sec. 12, N1/2NW and T44N, R35W, Sec. 6, SESW. Project is located off of CR 657, approx. 2 miles west of its intersection with Gibbs City Road. |  |  |                  |                         |  |

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| Ottawa National Forest  | <b>Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |  |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                             |
| Iron River New Uses - FR2184 and 4020<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/22/2016 | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022                 | Michelle Holland<br>906-358-4021<br>mholland@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land.<br><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50361">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50361</a>       |  |                  |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R37W, Sec 9 and 10; T45N, R35W, Sec 25 and 26. Forest Roads 2184, 4020 and 4020-A.   |  |                  |                         |  |
| Iron River New Uses - FR3409 and 3212<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/18/2015 | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022                 | Michelle Holland<br>906-358-4021<br>mholland@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue three special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land.<br><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47267">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47267</a> |  |                  |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T43N, R37W, Sec. 10; T45N, R36W, Sec. 8. Forest Roads 3212, 3409, and 3476 on the Iron River District.   |  |                  |                         |  |
| Mallard Lake, South 3340<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>              | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 10/19/2015 | Expected:02/2022 | 03/2022                 | Michelle Holland<br>906-358-4021<br>mholland@fs.fed.us |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue a special use permit for existing roads, in order to access private land.<br><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50348">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50348</a>            |  |                  |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T45N, R37W, Sec. 21. Non-system roads on the south side of FR 3340, approx. 1.5 miles west of FH16.  |  |                  |                         |  |

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| Ottawa National Forest | <b>Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b> |
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| Ottawa National Forest   | <b>Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |   |                    |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>2021 North Zone Special Use Permits Authorization</b><br>CE | - Special use management   | Completed   | Actual: 11/04/2021 | 12/2021                 | Shawn Brown<br>906-285-6913<br>spbrown@fs.fed.us                   |
| <b>*UPDATED*</b>   | <p><b>Description:</b> Proposal to issue three new Special Use Permits to separate private landowners to access their private property across National Forest land using existing and new travel ways. Permits would set terms/conditions for use up to 10 years starting in 2021</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59090">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59090</a></p>                |   |                    |                         |  |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Walton Crk-T47N R37W Sections 26 and 35, Houghton Cty. FR1750-T50N R36W Section 21, Houghton Cty. FR2210-I-T48N R35W Sections: 6, 18, and 19, Houghton Cty.</p>   |   |                    |                         |  |
| <b>Tepee Lake Vegetation Management Project</b><br>EA          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation 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>- Minerals and Geology</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>   | <p>In Progress:<br/>Comment Period Public Notice<br/>11/05/2021</p> | Expected:03/2022   | 04/2022                 | Christopher Kovala<br>906-852-3500<br>christopherskovala@fs.fed.us |
| <b>*UPDATED*</b>   | <p><b>Description:</b> The Tepee Lake VMP is located on the Kenton and Iron River Ranger Districts, in Houghton, Iron, and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. The project area includes approximately 45,940 acres, of which about 33,021 acres are National Forest System lands.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59634">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59634</a></p>                     |   |                    |                         |  |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - T47N, R37W, Sec 13-14, 24-28, 32-36; T45N, R36W Sec 5-7; T45N, R37W Sec 1-4, 10-15; T46N, R38W Sec 10-15, 24; T46N, R37W Sec 1-27, 33-36; T46N, R36W Sec 3-10, 15-22 and 27-34. The Tepee Lake VMP is located on the Kenton and Iron River Ranger Districts, in Houghton, Iron, and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan.</p> |   |                    |                         |  |

Ottawa National Forest    **Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**

**R9 - Eastern Region**

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| Ottawa National Forest  | <b>Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |   |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Hash Creek Special Use Permit Proposal</b><br>EA<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b> | - Special use management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2022   | Expected:03/2022 | 06/2022                 | Christine Makuck<br>906-358-4032<br>christine.makuck@usda.gov |  |
|   |   | <p><b>Description:</b> Vehicle access on an existing non-system road for approximately 0.61 miles (3,220ft. or 1.49 acres). Access will require brushing and tree removal for 0.19 miles of road construction to avoid sensitive soils and hydrological features.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61064">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61064</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Access is located in T49N R38W Section 3, Ontonagon County, MI.</p> |                  |                         |   |  |

| Project Name  | Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R9 - Eastern Region   |                    |  |
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| <b>Bridge Replacement</b><br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Road management   | Completed   | Actual: 12/03/2021 | 01/2022<br>Bryan Hewitt<br>906-285-6922<br>Bryan.Hewitt@usda.gov |
|   |   | <p><b>Description:</b> Replace 4 bridges that have deteriorated with time, and currently are posted for reduced load limits.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59859">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59859</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Watersmeet and Iron River District.</p> |                    |  |

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