



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Ottawa National Forest

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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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected: 01/2023	02/2023	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.				

Ottawa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

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Ottawa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Hunter Walking Trail Improvement CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2022	Expected:12/2022	09/2023	Pamela Nankervis 906-852-3500 x19 pamela.nankervis@usda.gov
	Description: There are fourteen hunter walking trail (HWT) recreation areas on the Forest. The Ottawa is proposing trail and trailhead improvements as well as habitat enhancements adjacent to trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62769				
	Location: UNIT - Ottawa National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide.				

Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
2022 N. Zone New Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/10/2022	09/2022	Shawn Brown 906-285-6913 shawn.brown@usda.gov
	Description: Motorized Access to private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61516				
	Location: UNIT - Bergland Ranger District, Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Ontonagon. LEGAL - T49NR41W Sect18 NW1/4 NWNE, T49NRR41W Sect 2 SENE. T50NR36W Section 23 SESE SWSE SESW NWSW, and T50N R37W Section 29 S1/2SW Section 32 NWNW. Berland and Ontonagon Districts.				

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Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Baraga II Vegetation Management Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recreation management- Heritage resource management- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Forest products- Vegetation management (other than forest products)- Fuels management- Watershed management- Road management- Climate Change Adaption	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60519					
Location: 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.					

Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region	
2130 M Trail Association - Special use road request CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/06/2020	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T46N, R35W, Sec. 26, SWSW, SESW. Forest Road 2130-M on the east side of Perch Lake.				

Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
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Sparrow Rapids Trail Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/19/2022	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	Amber Tembreull 906-884-2085 ext 8842012 Amber.Tembreull@usda.gov
	Description: Reroute section of trail to new location so as to avoid areas of erosion.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62569				
	Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sparrow Rapids Campground.				
Tepee Lake Vegetation Management Project EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/18/2022	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59634				
	Location: 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.				

Ottawa National Forest Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Ottawa National Forest Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Hash Creek Special Use Permit Proposal EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Christine Makuck 906-358-4032 christine.makuck@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61064				
	Location: UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Access is located in T49N R38W Section 3, Ontonagon County, MI.				
Silver Mountain Trail CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2022	05/2023	Amber Tembreull 906-884-2085 ext 8842012 Amber.Tembreull@usda.gov
	Description: Silver Mountain is a popular site for hikers and rock climbers. This project proposes to create a new hiking trail that will allow rock climbers to safely access the base of the rock face used for climbers				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62198				
	Location: UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver Mountain Ontonagon District.				

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