



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Ottawa National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| 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 04/2023 | Expected: 04/2023 | 05/2023 | 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 *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 03/23/2023 | 10/2025 | 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 |
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| 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. | | | | | |

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| 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. | | | | |

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| Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Sparrow Rapids Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 01/17/2023 | 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. | | | | |

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| Ottawa National Forest | Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Tepee Lake Vegetation Management Project EA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. | | | | | |

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| Ottawa National Forest Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| 2023 American Transmission Company Maintenance Project CE *NEW LISTING* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2023 | Expected:08/2023 | 09/2023 | Shawn Brown 906-366-0076 shawn.brown@usda.gov |
| | Description: Project 1: Remove two wooden structures and wire guidewires and replace with steel towers. Project 2: Vegetation Maintenance project by expanding the clearing within their right-of-way to 100 feet. Approximately 5 acres of timber will be removed. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - T50N, R38W, Section 16, NENESW, SENESW, E1/2SESW, Section 21, NWNESE, SENESW, E1/2SWSW, Section 28, W1/2NWNW, Ontonagon County, Michigan. Along transmission lines coming from Victoria Power Plant and up to and across the Victoria Dam Road to Tower 5. Project is west of the town of Rockland, MI. | | | | |

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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 *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2023 | Expected:10/2023 | 11/2023 | Marlanea French pombier 906-285-6893 marlanea.french-pombier@usda.gov |
| | Description: Vehicle access on an existing non-system road for approximately 0.61 miles (3,220ft or 1.49 acres). Access requires brushing and tree removal for 0.19 miles of road construction (Plan amendment) 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. | | | | |
| North Victoria Vegetation Management Project EA *NEW LISTING* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2023 | Expected:02/2024 | 05/2024 | Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopher.kovala@usda.gov |
| | Description: This project includes vegetation and old growth management, transportation system modifications, and recreation and wildlife improvements on the Ontonagon Ranger District. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63753 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The North Victoria VMP is located in the Bergland and Ontonagon Ranger Districts, in Ontonagon County, Michigan. The project area is approximately 5 miles west of Rockland, Michigan. | | | | |

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| Ottawa National Forest Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Ottawa National Forest Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Watersmeet Wild Rice Access Project CE *NEW LISTING* | - Regulations, Directives, Orders - Heritage resource management - Road management - Environmental Justice | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2023 | Expected:06/2023 | 07/2023 | Mitchell Ives 906-884-2085 ex. 8842038 mitchell.ives@usda.gov |
| | Description: Construction and reconstruction of roads, trails, a board walk and canoe access points to improve tribal access to wild rice resources in four spots on the Watersmeet district. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63625 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Brush Lake, Mallard Lake, Sucker Lake and The Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River are all located in Watersmeet Township in Gogebic County Michigan. | | | | |

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