



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

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				
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.				
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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
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62769</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ottawa National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide.</p>					

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
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60519</p> <p>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.</p>					

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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.				

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 	<p>In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/18/2022</p>	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59634</p> <p>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.</p>					

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 	<p>In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2023</p>	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Shawn Brown 906-366-0076 shawn.brown@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>					

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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				
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@usd a.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.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63625</p> <p>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.</p>					

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