



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

### Hiawatha National Forest

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| <b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>   |                                   |  |                  |         |   |
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| <b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b><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>   |                                   |  |                  |         |   |
| <b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b><br>EIS<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>  | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | In Progress:<br>DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022<br>Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2023 | Expected:04/2023 | 05/2023 | Laura Conway<br>406-802-4317<br>laura.conway@usda.gov       |
| <b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.  |                                   |  |                  |         |   |
| <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>   |                                   |  |                  |         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> 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.                                     |                                   |  |                  |         |   |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| <b>Hiawatha National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>  |                               |   |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                              |
| <b>Forest-wide Stream Crossing Project</b><br>CE  | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 11/2022 | Expected:02/2023 | 03/2023                 | Daryl Bingham<br>906 428 5885<br>daryl.bingham@usda.gov |
| <p><b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to authorize the repair or replacement of any human-made structure that impedes the natural passage of native and desirable non-native aquatic organisms at any life stage.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61492">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61492</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hiawatha National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac, Saginaw. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proclamation Boundary, Hiawatha National Forest.</p> |                               |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>  |  |         |     |     | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                            |
| <b>West Zone Timber Stand Improvement</b><br>CE  | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Laura Brown<br>906-387-2512<br>laura.e.brown@usda.gov |
| <p><b>Description:</b> The West Zone of the Hiawatha National Forest proposes timber stand improvement (TSI) activities to meet the desired conditions of a diverse, productive, healthy and sustainable forest resilient to natural and human caused disturbances.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54162">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54162</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands within Alger, Delta, and Schoolcraft counties.</p> |  |         |     |     |   |

**Hiawatha National Forest    Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)**

**R9 - Eastern Region**

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| Hiawatha National Forest  | Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)  |  |                    |                         | R9 - Eastern Region  |
| Baldy Shores Outfitting Permit<br>CE<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>                | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 03/24/2023 | Expected:04/2023   | 06/2023                 | Brian Hinch<br>906-367-2447<br>brian.hinch@usda.gov                  |
|   | <b>Description:</b> special use permit authorization for offering kayak rentals and transportation for clients to facilitate trips along the Indian River within the Hiawatha National Forest.   |  |                    |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along the recreation segment of the Indian Wild and Scenic River. Users will launch and take out from designated launch sites. Dispersed campsites will be used only in case of emergency. |  |                    |                         |  |
| Grand Island Habitat Restoration<br>CE                                      | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Fuels management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 06/15/2020 | Expected:01/2023   | 01/2023                 | Cory Henry<br>906-387-2512 ex 1039<br>cory.r.henry@usda.gov          |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Utilizing natural and manmade barriers, lakes and roads, prescribe burn 308 acres of the tombolo area and 2 acers of the historic farm field on Grand Island.  |  |                    |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - T. 47 N, R. 19 W, Sec; 11, 14, 13, 15. Grand Island NRA.   |  |                    |                         |  |
| Grand Island Rim Trail Improvement Project<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>        | - Recreation management  | Completed                                | Actual: 03/24/2023 | 06/2023                 | Brian Hinch<br>906-367-2447<br>brian.hinch@usda.gov                  |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Reconstruct 23 segments of the Rim Trail on Grand Island National Recreation Area to improve resource conditions and public safety.  |  |                    |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All reconstructed trail segments are along the Rim Trail on Grand Island NRA.  |  |                    |                         |  |
| Grand Island Special Use Cabin Relocation Project<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Special use management   | Completed                                | Actual: 02/22/2023 | 06/2023                 | Brenda Rebitzke<br>906-474-6442 ext. 117<br>brenda.rebitzke@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> There is request from the owners and permit holder of special use authorization MUN 209, issued to Gordon Moote located on Grand Island NRA, to relocate their residence, septic and well to prevent falling into Lake Superior.   |  |                    |                         |  |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - T48N, R19W, SECTION 4. West side of Grand Island National Recreation Area. Rec Residence known as the Playboy Club.  |  |                    |                         |  |

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| Hiawatha National Forest  | <b>Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>  |                 |          |                         | R9 - Eastern Region                                   |
| North Country Trail Reroute at the Rock River Canyon Wilderness | - Recreation management   | On Hold         | N/A      | N/A                     | Rebecca Cain<br>906-387-2512<br>rebecca.cain@usda.gov |
| CE  | <p><b>Description:</b> The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and Hiawatha National Forest (HIF) recreation staff are proposing to reroute 2 segments of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST).</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57211">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57211</a></p> |                 |          |                         |   |
|   | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T47N/R21W, Sec. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 15.</p>  |                 |          |                         |   |

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| Hiawatha National Forest                 | <b>Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |  |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region   |
| Stone Moss Vegetation Management Project | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Forest products<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Fuels management<br>- Road management   | On Hold                                  | N/A              | N/A                     | Christopher Williams<br>9064746442<br>christopher.williams@usda.gov |
| EA                                       | <p><b>Description:</b> The Forest Service is proposing to treat vegetation on approximately 16,000 acres to benefit forest health, to treat hazardous fuels, and to enhance wildlife habitat.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55809">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55809</a></p> |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula, Delta County, MI.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| Stonington Seed Orchard                  | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 03/02/2020 | Expected:11/2022 | 11/2022                 | Lucas Langstaff<br>906-387-2512 ext. 26<br>lucas.langstaff@usda.gov |
| CE                                       | <p><b>Description:</b> Establishment of a 5 acre seed orchard.</p>  |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |

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| Hiawatha National Forest | <b>Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b> |  |  |  | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Hiawatha National Forest   Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)  |   |  |  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region                                     |
| Bay Mills Indian Community<br>Easement Description<br>Correction<br>CE  | - Land ownership management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 08/15/2022 | Expected:08/2022                         | 08/2022                 | Daniel Aklufi<br>307-578-5151<br>daryl.bingham@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The proposal is to change the right-of-way description to reflect the existing road accurately.   |  |  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chippewa County, Bay Mills Township, immediately adjacent to and to the west of the Bay Mills Indian Community's West Campus property.                 |  |  |                         |   |
| Bay Road Permit<br>CE<br><b>*UPDATED*</b>   | - Special use management  | Completed                                | Actual: 03/06/2023                       | 06/2023                 | Melissa Drake<br>906-428-5833<br>Melissa.Drake@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> New road construction for access to private property.   |  |  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61737">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61737</a>  |  |  |                         |   |
| Bay View Lot 6 Amendment<br>CE<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed road permit location is situated along the Private/Federal land boundary in T. 43 N. R 3 W, S. 12 SW and T. 43 N. R. 3 W., S.13 SE SE SW. |  |  |                         |   |
|   | - Special use management  |  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 12/12/2022 | Expected:03/2023        | 05/2023   |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Permit holder for Bay View recreation residence tract lot 6 has proposed to add two rooms to their cabin, add a shed to their lot, change the concrete walkways to a Trex material, and reside, reroof, and replace all the windows in the cabin.         |  |  |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chippewa County, Michigan, about 15 miles west of Brimley on Lakeshore Drive, center of Section 23, T 47 N, R 4 W. |   |  |  |                         |   |

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| Hiawatha National Forest   Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) |  |  |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region                                     |
| Cranson and Drogowski Private Road Permits<br>CE   | - Special use management<br>- Road management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 09/03/2021 | Expected:04/2022 | 05/2022                 | Julia Hall<br>906-298-8124<br>julia.hall@usda.gov       |
|  | <p><b>Description:</b> Mr. Cranson is proposing to build about 100 long driveway. Mr. Drogowski is proposing to build about half mile long driveway. Both driveways would cross National Forest and could include use of gravel and heavy equipment.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60741">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60741</a></p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mr. Cranson's driveway request is along the Wilwin Road, and Mr. Drogowski's driveway request is along FR3511.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| DNR Access Road to State Timber Sale Off Wilwin Road<br>CE<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>                                   | - Special use management<br>- Road management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/01/2022 | Expected:03/2023 | 04/2023                 | Todd Kenyon<br>906-643-7900x141<br>todd.kenyon@usda.gov |
|  | <p><b>Description:</b> Permit issuance to the State of Michigan for the construction of a temporary access road.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 30, T45N, R6W.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
| Merit Network, Inc. Highway M-28 Buried Fiber Optic Installation<br>CE   | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 02/09/2022 | Expected:04/2022 | 05/2022                 | Daniel Aklufi<br>906-428-5827<br>daniel.aklufi@usda.gov |
|  | <p><b>Description:</b> Bury approximately 14 miles of fiber optic cable within the north shoulder of Highway M-28, within the highway right-of-way. The fiber optic cable would extend the entire length of M-28 on the East Zone of the Hiawatha National Forest.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61591">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61591</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The north shoulder of Highway M-28, within the highway right-of-way, within the East Zone Hiawatha National Forest Boundary.</p> |  |                  |                         |   |
| Road Permit Batterbee<br>CE  | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 04/19/2022 | Expected:11/2022 | 11/2022                 | Melissa Drake<br>906-428-5833<br>Melissa.Drake@usda.gov |
|  | <p><b>Description:</b> Vehicular access on FR 3113J and construction of a new road to the edge of private property that will serve as a driveway. The driveway will be gated at FR 3113J. Applicant's property is surrounded by National Forest System lands.</p>  |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - T. 43 N., R. 3 W., Sections 4 and 9. The permit area is located west off of FR 3113 on FR 3113J to the new driveway.</p>   |  |                  |                         |   |

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| Soldier Lake Hazard tree and Sustainability Harvest<br>CE<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b> | - Recreation management<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 01/31/2023 | Expected:03/2023 | 05/2023                 | Julia Hall<br>906-643-7900 ext:132<br>julia.hall@usda.gov |
|   | <b>Description:</b> Timber harvest in Soldier Lake recreation area that would remove dead and dying trees and thin remaining trees. Harvest area would include the road into the Soldier Lake recreation area.  |  |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SE quarter of Section 25, T46N, R5W, and SW quarter of Section 30, T46N, R4W, Chippewa County, mostly in Chippewa township but also in Superior Township. 46.452438, -84.771855. |  |                  |                         |   |

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| Hiawatha National Forest   | <b>St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |  |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region                                       |
| Lake Huron Boat Launch Decommissioning Project<br>CE                                     | - Recreation management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 08/09/2022 | Expected:08/2022 | 08/2022                 | Todd Kenyon<br>906-643-7900x141<br>todd.kenyon@usda.gov   |
|  | <b>Description:</b> This project proposes to decommission the Lake Huron boat launch by removing the existing break walls and concrete pads and allowing wind and wave action to return the site to its natural state      |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. St Ignace County Michigan.  |  |                  |                         |   |
| Sault and St. Ignace Districts<br>Vault Toilet Replacement<br>CE<br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b> | - Recreation management<br>- Facility management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 11/08/2022 | Expected:03/2023 | 05/2023                 | Julia Hall<br>906-643-7900 ext:132<br>julia.hall@usda.gov |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Replace all vault toilet buildings that are stick built with concrete style vault toilet buildings on the Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace Districts.   |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace Ranger Districts in Chippewa and Mackinac counties of Michigan. |  |                  |                         |   |

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| Hiawatha National Forest  | <b>St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>   |                 |                    |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>                                  |
| <b>Straits Project EA</b><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>- Road management</li> </ul> | Completed       | Actual: 12/07/2022 | 03/2023                 | Lyndella Hyslop<br>906-643-7900<br>lyndella.hyslop@usda.gov |
| <b>Description:</b> Manage natural resources to restore ecological conditions, and meet Forest Plan vegetation composition goals.<br><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59290">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59290</a> |  |                 |                    |                         |   |
| <b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is west of Hessel, east of Brevort, and north of Lakes Michigan and Huron, and includes Government Island.          |  |                 |                    |                         |   |

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