



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Hiawatha 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 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.				

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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Hiawatha National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Forest-wide Stream Crossing Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2022	Expected:02/2023	03/2023	Daryl Bingham 906 428 5885 daryl.bingham@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61492				
	Location: UNIT - Hiawatha National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac, Saginaw. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proclamation Boundary, Hiawatha National Forest.				

Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
West Zone Timber Stand Improvement CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Laura Brown 906-387-2512 laura.e.brown@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54162				
	Location: 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.				

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 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2023	Expected:04/2023	06/2023	Brian Hinch 906-367-2447 brian.hinch@usda.gov
	Description: special use permit authorization for offering kayak rentals and transportation for clients to facilitate trips along the Indian River within the Hiawatha National Forest.				
	Location: 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 CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2020	Expected:01/2023	01/2023	Cory Henry 906-387-2512 ex 1039 cory.r.henry@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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 CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/24/2023	06/2023	Brian Hinch 906-367-2447 brian.hinch@usda.gov
	Description: Reconstruct 23 segments of the Rim Trail on Grand Island National Recreation Area to improve resource conditions and public safety.				
	Location: 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 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/22/2023	06/2023	Brenda Rebitzke 906-474-6442 ext. 117 brenda.rebitzke@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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 Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
North Country Trail Reroute at the Rock River Canyon Wilderness CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Cain 906-387-2512 rebecca.cain@usda.gov
	Description: 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).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57211				
	Location: UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T47N/R21W, Sec. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 15.				

Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Stone Moss Vegetation Management Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Christopher Williams 9064746442 christopher.williams@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55809				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula, Delta County, MI.				
Stonington Seed Orchard CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Lucas Langstaff 906-387-2512 ext. 26 lucas.langstaff@usda.gov
	Description: Establishment of a 5 acre seed orchard.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula.				

Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					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 Easement Description Correction CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Daniel Aklufi 307-578-5151 daryl.bingham@usda.gov
	Description: The proposal is to change the right-of-way description to reflect the existing road accurately.				
	Location: 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 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2023	06/2023	Melissa Drake 906-428-5833 Melissa.Drake@usda.gov
	Description: New road construction for access to private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61737				
Bay View Lot 6 Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2022	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Julia Hall 906-643-7900 ext:132 julia.hall@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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 CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/03/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Julia Hall 906-298-8124 julia.hall@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60741				
	Location: 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.				
DNR Access Road to State Timber Sale Off Wilwin Road CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Todd Kenyon 906-643-7900x141 todd.kenyon@usda.gov
	Description: Permit issuance to the State of Michigan for the construction of a temporary access road.				
	Location: 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.				
Merit Network, Inc. Highway M-28 Buried Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/09/2022	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Daniel Aklufi 906-428-5827 daniel.aklufi@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61591				
	Location: 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.				
Road Permit Batterbee CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/19/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Melissa Drake 906-428-5833 Melissa.Drake@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

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Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Soldier Lake Hazard tree and Sustainability Harvest CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/31/2023	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Julia Hall 906-643-7900 ext:132 julia.hall@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Lake Huron Boat Launch Decommissioning Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Todd Kenyon 906-643-7900x141 todd.kenyon@usda.gov
	Description: 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				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. St Ignace County Michigan.				
Sault and St. Ignace Districts Vault Toilet Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/08/2022	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Julia Hall 906-643-7900 ext:132 julia.hall@usda.gov
	Description: Replace all vault toilet buildings that are stick built with concrete style vault toilet buildings on the Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace Districts.				
	Location: 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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Straits Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 12/07/2022	03/2023	Lyndella Hyslop 906-643-7900 lyndella.hyslop@usda.gov
	Description: Manage natural resources to restore ecological conditions, and meet Forest Plan vegetation composition goals.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59290				
	Location: 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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