

## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

## **Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest**

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact			
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>									
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.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						
		regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral enti sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	ig laws. More Infor	mation is available			
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2023	Expected:07/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v			
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	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60450						
			level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive						

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa	al Forest, Occ	urring in more than	one District (excluding Forestw	ide)		R9 - Eastern Region
2023 Special Use Permits November 2022 Batch CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	e management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Kelly Scarbrough 715-362-1314 Kelly.Scarbrough@usda .gov
	Description Web Link:	road permits and 1	sts for seven special use permits o log landing. Reissuance includes a gov/project/?project=64377			uests include 4 new
	Location:	District, Great Divid	-Florence Ranger District, Lakewoo de Ranger District. STATE - Wisco AL - Not Applicable. Located on fou	nsin. COUNTY - Ash		
2023 Watershed Improvement Project CE		sh, Rare plants d management	Completed	Actual: 05/24/2023	05/2023	Jennifer Maziasz 616-581-5756 jennifer.maziasz@usda. gov
*UPDATED*	Description: Proposal to conduct forest wide watershed improvements including replacing 30 culverts that do not meet Forest Service standards, replace, and rehabilitate three road and trail bridges, and improve drainage at two road locations.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63688					
	Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, Washburn Ranger District, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Sawyer, Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Locations across the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest.					
Krawze Land Exchange CE	- Land acqui	isition	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mary Scheuerman 715-362-1331 mary.scheuerman@usd a.gov
	Description: Exchanging land on the east side of the forest. Lakewood-Laona Ranger District in Forest County would be exchanging land for land in Eagle River-Florence Ranger District.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59900					
	Location:	UNIT - Eagle River	r-Florence Ranger District, Lakewoo LEGAL - Not Applicable. East side			

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)								
North Country Trail Dispersed Campsite Development and Improvements CE	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2019	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usd a.gov		
	Description: Web Link:	Description: Eight to 10 backpacker campsites would be developed or improved to provide long-distance hikers a consistent experience when they hike the North Country Trail in Wisconsin.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55297						
	Location:							

Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa one District)	l Forest Ea	gle River-Florence	Ranger District (excluding Pr	ojects occurring in more	than	R9 - Eastern Region	
2022 Spectrum Mid-America LLC SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2023	04/2023	Casey Swanson 715-889-4917 Casey.Swanson@usda. gov	
OFDATED		ground vaults".	al use permit to Spectrum Mid-A	merica LLC for installing 2	fiber optic cable	e and 30 "flush	
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61588						
	Location:	UNIT - Eagle Rive Project is listed ald	r-Florence Ranger District. STA ong Military Road.	TE - Wisconsin. COUNT	Y - Vilas. LEGA	L - Not Applicable.	
2022 Town of Hiles Hazard and High-Risk Vegetation Removal CE	- Fuels mana - Road mana	•	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Pao Vue 608-738-1652 pao.vue@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	<b>Description:</b> The Town of Hiles has identified a need to remove trees from the road rights-of-way. Furthermore, approximately 50.66 acres of dead and/or dying balsam fir and spruce patches along Fournier Road but outside of the 50 feet ROW need to be cleared.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda	.gov/project/?project=63568				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. ERFL Ranger District and LKLN Ranger District.						

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2023 DREAM Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Climate Change Adaptation		Completed	Actual: 05/15/2023	06/2023	Pao Vue 608-738-1652 pao.vue@usda.gov		
	Description: Web Link: Location:	escription: This project is in partnership with the Northern Research Station. Part of a larger research study to adapted species into in a northern hardwood stand under different harvest conditions.  eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63776						
2023 Eagle River-Florence Programmatic Salvage CE	- Forest products		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2023	Expected:04/2023	06/2023	Pao Vue 7155284464 pao.vue@usda.gov		
	Description:	<b>Description:</b> The project calls for the harvest of dead, dying, and broken top trees from wind or ice events in the future.						

Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa District)	l Forest Gr	eat Divide Ranger [	District (excluding Projects occu	ırring in more than on	е	R9 - Eastern Region		
Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association Trail Maintenance, Rehab and Reroutes - Namekagon Cluster	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/05/2022	Expected:12/2023	12/2023	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usd a.gov		
CE *UPDATED*	Description	ion: Restore trails in the Namakagon Cluster of the CAMBA mountain bike trail system to the sustainable standards to which they were originally constructed and reroute some sections from timber sale haul routes to single-track routes.						
	Web Link:	Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61353						
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable.  CAMBA Mountain Bike Trail System - Namakagon Cluster.						

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National District)	Forest Gr	eat Divide Ranger D	District (excluding Projects occu	rring in more than o	ne	R9 - Eastern Region	
Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association Trail Maintenance, Rehab and Reroutes Treasures Trace			In Progress: Scoping Start 02/06/2023	Expected:12/2023	12/2023	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usd a.gov	
CE *UPDATED*	Description		Treasures Trace segments of the they were originally constructed an				
	Location:		e Ranger District. STATE - Wiscon system near Cable and Seeley, Wis		ield. LEGAL - Not	Applicable.	
Forest Lodge Nature Trail Trailhead Parking Area and Traffic Circulation CE	- Watershed management - Facility management		In Progress: Scoping Start 05/28/2021	Expected:11/2023	12/2023	Debra Proctor 715-580-0412 debra.proctor@usda.go v	
	Description: Improve Forest Lodge road and trail infrastructure to accommodate increased use of Forest Lodge and the Nature Trail - parking, road and trail capacity, drainage, stormwater treatment, traffic sight lines within the complex and ingress and egress.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58868						
	Location:						
Forest Road 164 Reconstruction EA *UPDATED*	- Road mana	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/31/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2023	Expected:11/2023	11/2023	Eric Lynch 715-762-5137 eric.lynch@usda.gov	
G. 57.1125	<b>Description:</b> The 11.6-mile-long project area will be cleared and grubbed within 16 feet of the road centerline or as needed to create ditching. All cross-drain culverts will be replaced with polymer coated arch pipes. The entire road length will be resurfaced.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=61289				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Road 164 between County Highway GG and Forest Road 163.						

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Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa District)	Forest Gro	eat Divide Ranger D	District (excluding Projects occur	ring in more than o	ne	R9 - Eastern Region	
Landscape Management in the Moose Two Axe Project Area EA *UPDATED*	- Forest prod - Fuels man	agement management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Nicole Molitor 715-638-0272 nicole.g.molitor@usda.g ov	
	Description: Web Link:	<ul> <li>Vegetation treatment to improve health, productivity, and resiliency of northern hardwood, spruce, pine balsam fir, birch, and aspen stands. Wildlife, fisheries, and rare plant habitat management. Fuels treatments. Road network improvements.</li> <li>http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61327</li> </ul>					
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Wiscons of the Great Divide Ranger District.	sin. COUNTY - Saw	yer. LEGAL - Not	Applicable.	
Veikko Cross-Country Trail Improvement and Development CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:10/2023	11/2023	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usd a.gov	
OFBATEB	Description:	The Veikko Trail, an old cross-country ski trail in the St. Peter's Dome area developed by a local ski group, will be improved and realigned to fix drainage issues. Additional trail will be developed to connect to the St. Peter's Dome Trail network.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=58459				
	Location:	UNIT - Great Divide Peter's Dome area.	Ranger District. STATE - Wiscon	sin. COUNTY - Fore	st. LEGAL - Not A	pplicable. St.	

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National District)	Forest La	kewood-Laona Ran	ger District (excluding Projects o	occurring in more th	an one	R9 - Eastern Region
Five Star Energy Oconto CTH W Fiber LKLN 2023 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Casey Swanson 715-889-4917 Casey.Swanson@usda. gov
OPDATED	Description: Web Link:	in Oconto County W	5.05 miles (approximately 6.1 acre/isconsin.	es) of underground fib	er optic line along	County Highway W
	Location:	UNIT - Lakewood-L	aona Ranger District. STATE - Wi 17E, Sections 5,6; T32N, R17E, Se			
Jones Springs Project EA	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Evan Miller 715-674-4481 evan.miller@usda.gov
	Description: This recreation area was heavily impacted by the 2019 blowdown. This project is reviewing the recreation opportunities in the area to see if any changes are needed.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59902					
	Location:	UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Langlade, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Jones Springs area, legal T33N, R14 and R15E; T32N, R14 and 15 E.				
<b>Lakewood-Laona Plantation III</b> EA	- Forest prod	ducts	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Benjamin Walker 715-276-6333 benjamin.walker@usda. gov
			anger District is planning on thinnir	ng red pine plantation	across the district.	
	Web Link:	·	gov/project/?project=59903			
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Langlade, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located at Townships 31-37 North and Ranges 12-17 East.				

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Lakewood-Laona Programmatic Salvage II CE *UPDATED*		management prest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	John Lampereur 715-276-6333 john.lampereur@usda.g ov
OFBATEB	Description: Web Link:	specialist review.	salvage timber on the district under gov/project/?project=59925	certain criteria and de	esign features. Ea	ch site will have a
	Location:		aona Ranger District. STATE - Wi ewood-Laona Ranger District.	sconsin. COUNTY -	Forest, Langlade,	Oconto. LEGAL -
Town of Freedom ROW Clearing CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road mana	gement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:08/2023	11/2023	Adrian Ackley 715-276-6333 adrian.a.ackley@usda.g ov
NEW EloTino	Description: The Town of Freedom will be upgrading Woodlawn Road. The right-of way would be cleared, road paved, and ditches installed.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64209					
	Location:					
WPS Forest County STH 32 LKLN 2023 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Casey Swanson 715-362-1300 Casey.Swanson@usda. gov
OFDATED	Description: Replacing the old wire with new wire along Hwy 32.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=63719			
	Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable Legal is Township 34 North, Range 15 east, Section 21. Along Highway 32.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National one District)	I Forest Medford-Park Fa	ills Ranger District (excluding Project	s occurring in more	than	R9 - Eastern Region	
Flambeau Trail 111 Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/25/2023	06/2023	Matthew Monahan 715-748-4875 Ext.7484834 matthew.monahan@us da.gov	
	and running a	of Flambeau Trail 111 includes placing in approximately 220 feet west towards the usda.gov/project/?project=63340		locking starting at	the top of the hill	
		rd-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - ' ay Creek on trail 111, approximately 1 m		- Price. LEGAL -	T40N R1E Sec	
John's Creek Gravel Pit Expansion EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Maziasz 616-581-5756 jennifer.maziasz@usda. gov	
	<b>Description:</b> This project consists of expansion of an existing gravel pit to meet road construction, re-construction, and maintenance needs in the project vicinity. This is an existing pit that has an additional source of gravel that has not been developed.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54736				
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Grover, Township 31 North, Range 2 West, Section 7, Taylor County, Wisconsin.					
Kidrick Vegetation Management EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management		Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Matthew Monahan 715-762-2461 Ext. 5125 matthew.monahan@us da.gov	
	Description: This project is primarily a vegetation management project with focus on mid to late successional hardwood forest.  Primary purpose is to maintain forest health and diversity. Project will also include a transportation analysis.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50889					
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the northwest portion of the Forest within Taylor County in T32N, R2-3W and T33N, R1-3W.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa one District)	l Forest Me	dford-Park Falls Ra	anger District (excluding Project	s occurring in more	than	R9 - Eastern Region
Round Lake Fish Passage and Water Level Control CE	- Watershed	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew Monahan 715-762-2461 Ext. 5125 matthew.monahan@us da.gov
	Description: Web Link:	way fish passage a Rive	er modelling/engineering plans are nd reconnect the ecosystems of th gov/project/?project=55358			
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T40N, R3E, Sections 23-26, Price County, WI.					
Taylor Electric 108 Underground Line Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	emanagement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Matthew Monahan 715-748-4875 Ext. 7484834 matthew.monahan@us da.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Taylor Electric Cooperative (TEC) is proposing to install new underground electric cable from the south side of CTH M going north 1275 feet along Knuth Rd (FR 108). Cable location would be on the east edge of the gravel road (FR 108).					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64364  Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 36, T32N, R2W, Taylor County. Medford Land base, FR 108/ CTY Highway M intersection. North from County M approximately quarter mile. East side of FR 108.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact			
Chequamegon / Nicolet Nationa District)	l Forest Wa	shburn Ranger Dis	trict (excluding Projects occurri	ng in more than one		R9 - Eastern Region			
2023 Barrens Habitat Improvement CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2023	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Sarah Holmes 715-373-2667 sarah.holmes@usda.go			
*UPDATED*	Description: Proposal is to improve barrens habitat at 4 locations. Surveys show areas are overgrown with brush/trees decreasing their habitat suitability. Restoration activities may include prescribed burning, mowing, biomass removal and/or mastication.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63371								
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sun Bowl (153 acres near Valhalla), 241 Habitat Treatment Unit (48 acres in the Moquah Barrens), 419 Pocket Barrens (37 acres) & Badger Pocket Barrens (48 acres) are near FR 236, north of Ino, WI.								
2023 Fish Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fis	h, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2023	07/2023	Sarah Holmes 715-373-2667 sarah.holmes@usda.go v			
	Description: Proposal to improve fish habitat by adding large woody debris into lakes over the next 10 years (1-2 lakes/year).  Woody structure may include tree drops, half-logs, pyramid-type brush shelters, and/or fish cribs.  Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63370								
	Location:	UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bass Lake (near Two Lakes Campground); Esox Lake (North of Drummond); Mirror Lake (East of Iron River); Bladder Lake (East of Iron River); Camp Two Lake (South of Iron River); Drummond Lake.							
Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership SUP CE	- Special use	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 comments-eastern- chequamegon-nicolet- washburn@usda.gov			
	Description: Web Link:	The proposal is to re-issue a special use authorization for a new term for Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership's existing pipeline system, pumping station, and associated improvements.  http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44889							
	Location:	UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project includes 11.5 miles of existing pipeline system, the pumping station, and associated improvements on Forest Service lands north of US Highway 2.							

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R9 - Eastern Region District)										
Wildcat Motorized Trail Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2023	06/2023	Sarah Holmes 715-373-2667 sarah.holmes@usda.go v				
			lowland area. The pro Owen Station Road.							
	Location:	UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wildcat Motorized trail south of the Town of Drummond to Lake Owen Station Road.								

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