



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

### Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.				
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 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>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Land and Resource Management Plan - Forest Roads Supplemental Information Report</b> CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land management planning - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Review of new information or changed circumstances relative to forest-wide roads management direction. Review results will be the basis to determine whether changes can be documented as an administrative change or if a plan amendment is warranted.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59499">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59499</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.				

<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>2020 Finger Lakes Trail Improvements</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2021	03/2021	Matthew Kautz 607-546-4470 matthew.kautz@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of new trails or upgrade existing trails and parking areas on the FLNF in order to provide a wide array of recreation opportunities, increase safety, and reduce resource impacts.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57913">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57913</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				
<b>Drainage Tile Breakup</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Angelica Quintana 802-747-6742 angelica.quintana@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project purpose is to rehabilitate and restore natural soil water drainage rates by breaking up drainage tiles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59253">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59253</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Dunn Road Water Control Structure Replacement</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to replace the failing water control structure on the pond/wetland along Dunn Road and enhance the pond/wetland by dredging.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59254">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59254</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Dunn Road in the Town of Covert.				
<b>Finger Lakes Pond Stocking</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/01/2021	Expected:04/2021	11/2021	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 jeremy.mears@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Self-sustaining recreational fisheries would be created by stocking fish at four ponds on the Finger Lakes National Forest: Ballard, Teeter, Foster, and Potomac. Large woody debris would also be placed along the shoreline to provide cover for fish.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57403">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57403</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				
<b>Invasive Plant Control Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/31/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project aims to reduce the impacts that non-native invasive plants are having on the Forest by using a variety of treatment options for their control or eradication. This project would supersede the 2008 FLNF Invasive Plant Control decision.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57404">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57404</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, and Covert.				

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Satterly Hill and Smith West Field Tilling</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021	Expected:10/2021	06/2022	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to till and smooth fields to allow for desired future management. Old grape vineyard rows are present in the fields, which makes mowing and burning operations for grassland management very difficult.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59255">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59255</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				
<b>Soft Mast Release Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:04/2021	12/2021	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Releasing fruiting species from competing vegetation. Many heirloom varieties exist and have flourished on the FLNF. In order to keep them they need to be maintained.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53542">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53542</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi and Covert.				

<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Additional Apple Tree Release Stands</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would release apple trees by removing over-topping tree species and pruning excess vegetative growth to restore their fruit production and overall vigor.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59305">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59305</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Wallingford and Weston.				

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Cobb Log Landing Special Use Permit</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/21/2021	01/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the project is to respond to an application for winter use of an existing log landing and skid road from Cobb Lumber Inc. on National Forest Lands. Use of this log landing would be needed for two years. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59248">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59248</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Landgrove.				
<b>Hoosac Ridge Trail Relocation</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/27/2021	Expected:04/2021	08/2021	Andrew Clawson 802-681-6396 andrew.clawson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project purpose is to mitigate impacts and degradation of a wetland complex that the trail currently runs through. This proposal also seeks to address the recent loss of access to a connector trail through private property. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59256">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59256</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Readsboro.				
<b>Macintyre Permanent Opening Reclamation</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 02/22/2021	05/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project would remove trees on 21 acres from two permanent wildlife openings to allow for planned maintenance of the openings. This would be a complimentary action to a timber sale implemented for the Early Successional Habitat Project. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57923">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57923</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Sunderland.				

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests    Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)                          R9 - Eastern Region</b>					
<b>Mount Snow Epic Mix Installation</b> CE  <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2021	Expected:04/2021	09/2021	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project would authorize Mt. Snow to install infrastructure associated with an interactive skiing app and increase areas on the mountain where electrical power would be available. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57927">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57927</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District.   STATE - Vermont.   COUNTY - Windham.   LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West Dover.				
<b>Mount Snow Upper Carinthia Bypass Power and Communications Install</b> CE  <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project Cancelled - NEPA analysis no longer needed because the action was modified to fit within an existing pre-disturbed trail corridor and is covered by the ski area permit maintenance annual operating plan. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57929">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57929</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District.   STATE - Vermont.   COUNTY - Windham.   LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West Dover.				
<b>South Fork of the Roaring Branch Stream Restoration</b> CE  <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 03/15/2021	10/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project consists of large wood placement on approximately 2.1 miles of stream along the South Fork of the Roaring Branch where chainsaws will be used to directionally fell and position trees from the adjacent streamside. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57931">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57931</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District.   STATE - Vermont.   COUNTY - Bennington.   LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Sunderland and Glastenbury.				

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2019	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 x7725 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Add two sections of existing snowmobile trail totaling about 1.1 miles in use and maintained by the VT Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) to the Forest Service trail system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56382">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56382</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Winhall and Manchester.				
<b>Wilcox Special Use Permit Amendment</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2019	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project would consist of the issuance of a special use permit amendment to the Wilcox Cultivation Permit. The amendment would allow Mr. Wilcox to cultivate the 8.3 acre field adjacent to his current permit area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57935">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57935</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.				
<b>Woodford Estates Right-of-Way Authorization</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2021	03/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose for this project is to respond to an application for a right-of-way (ROW) permit from Woodford Lake Association Inc. for winter access by snowmobiles to an existing trail system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59257">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59257</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Woodford.				

<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region</b>					
<b>2021 Green Mountain Power Reconstruction Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose and need for this project is to respond to an application submitted by Green Mountain Power as part of an ongoing state-wide project to upgrade power lines to current standards and to provide more reliable service. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59807">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59807</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Goshen and Bristol.				
<b>Middlebury College Land Exchange</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 christopher.mattrick@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service proposes to exchange an approximately 475 acre tract of land on the GMNF for approximately 402 acres of land owned by Middlebury College in the Breadloaf area of Ripton, Vermont. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.				
<b>Middlebury Office Administrative Site Conveyance</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land ownership management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 christopher.mattrick@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project consists of the closure and conveyance of the Middlebury Office Administrative Site to reduce and align facilities and infrastructure with current staffing and budget levels. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59628">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59628</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Middlebury.				



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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Walters Right of Way Permit Authorization</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> A Special Use Permit would be issued with a term of twenty years for a road Right of Way for the existing snowmobile trail (Blue Ridge Mountain Trail, #136) that is 1,712 feet long and up to 16 feet wide.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.				

<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Rochester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Appalachian Trail Side &amp; Corridor Crossing Trail Designations</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would add three existing trail segments to the National Forest System in the Town of Norwich, Vermont (Dothan Brook, Joshua, and Griggs Mountain Trails).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Norwich.				
<b>Blueberry Lake Riparian Planting</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 jeremy.mears@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to prevent further resource damage from beaver activity by enhancing riparian vegetation at Blueberry Lake by live staking willow cuttings along sections of the shoreline.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59804">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59804</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.				

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