



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

**Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests**

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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> .				

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<b>New Jersey Legacy Tract Multi-Resource Management Plan</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Complete a multi-resource management plan for an 145-acre New Jersey tract purchased via the Forest Legacy Program. Although under USDA Forest Service jurisdiction, management will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60862">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60862</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forest All Units. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. New Jersey, Jefferson Township, Morris County.				

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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 - Roads Management Supplemental Information Report</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Review of new information for Forest Plan roads management direction is documented in the Final Roads Management Supplemental Information Report dated July 2021. Conclusion is no amendment is needed but Plan administrative changes have been.				
	<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>Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaption	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:09/2022	04/2023	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Multiple resource management to implement the Forest Plan across a large landscape area. Potential activities include timber harvesting, wildlife & fisheries habitat improvement, recreation & forest access opportunities, and restoration work.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, Rutland Town, and Stockbridge.					

<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>
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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>Drainage Tile Breakup</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
<b>Dunn Road Water Control Structure Replacement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/01/2021	Expected:11/2021	05/2022	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.				

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<b>Satterly Hill and Smith West Field Tilling</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:01/2022	04/2022	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:11/2021	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>2021 Apple Tree Release Stands</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2021	09/2021	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would remove encroaching, over-topping trees and other vegetation from around apple trees and would prune apple tree branches to restore their fruit production and overall vigor.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59924">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59924</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Mount Tabor, Weston, and Stratton.					

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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>Hoosac Ridge Trail Relocation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/27/2021	Expected:10/2021	04/2022	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>Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2019	Expected:10/2021	04/2022	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  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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>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)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>2021 Maple Tapping Special Use Permits</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2021	Expected:01/2022	01/2022	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action would authorize three maple tapping operations which have requested forest product special use permits to begin or expand operations.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60183">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60183</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Lincoln.					
<b>Gale Maple Tapping Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Forest products - Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action would authorize maple tapping operations through a Special Use Permit (SUP) to expand operations on lands administered by the GMNF. The permit would cover operations on 12 acres for up to ten years.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60765">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60765</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Lincoln.					
<b>Middlebury College Land Exchange</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	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.					

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<b>Middlebury Office Administrative Site Conveyance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	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.					
<b>Walters Right of Way Permit Authorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	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>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2021	Expected:11/2021	04/2022	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.					

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<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>Blueberry Lake Riparian Planting</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/07/2021	Expected:11/2021	04/2022	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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