



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

### Monongahela National Forest

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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> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	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.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.				

Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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<b>Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>2023 Reauthorization of Expiring SUP's (Forest Wide)</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2023	Expected:10/2023	01/2024	Nathaniel Dulaney (304) 478-3251 ext. 5552123 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project reauthorizes several special use permits across the Monongahela National Forest				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Greenbrier Ranger District, White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The area affected by this decision is located throughout the Monongahela National Forest. Maps can be found in the pinyon public folder for the project.				

<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Blackwater River Loop FY19 Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 amy.albright2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Friends of Blackwater received a grant through Office of Surface Mining (administered by WVDEP) to develop this project o promote hiking, biking and tourism in the Blackwater River area by creating a loop trail to link the towns of Davis & Thomas.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60885">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60885</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located south of the towns of Davis and Thomas, WV, on land owned by the WV Division of Natural Resources (Blackwater Falls State Park) and US Forest Service (Monongahela National Forest).				

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<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Elklick Run Stream Restoration Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/04/2023	Expected:11/2023	10/2024	Nathaniel Dulaney (304) 478-3251 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project proposes to drain the Elk Lick Reservoir in the Fernow Experimental Forest and either partially or fully remove the dam which created the reservoir. This project also includes stream restoration of Elk Lick Run to its pre-dam conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63487">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63487</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in the Fernow Experimental Forest, south of Parsons and Hambleton WV. The Reservoir is located along Forest Road 701 approximately 2.5 miles from the northern entrance to the forest.				
<b>Pheasant Mountain Trail System Improvements</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2023	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Brooke Andrew 304-257-4488 ext 7124 brooke.andrew@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This proposal includes new trail construction and overlook creation, existing trail maintenance, trail rerouting, and trailhead maintenance and expansion in order to protect natural resources and improve user experience.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59788">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59788</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in Tucker County, approximately two miles east of Parsons, WV and encompasses Shingletree Trail (#121), Pheasant Mtn Trail (#120), and Clover Trail (#124) and trailheads.				
<b>Stuart Bike Trail System</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2023	Expected:01/2024	03/2024	Brooke Andrew 304-257-4488 ext 7124 brooke.andrew@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of a 5 to 10 mile pedestrian/non-motorized vehicle trail system in the Stuart Recreation Area to meet the need for more mountain bike trails on the Forest in order to enhance recreation and tourism.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60389">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60389</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed trail system would be located in the vicinity of Stuart Recreation Area, approx. 4 miles to the east of the town of Elkins, WV. Trails would be planned both E and W of Shavers Fork Rd.				

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<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Upper Cheat River EA</b> *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/13/2022	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x 7128 amy.albright2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project aims to move the Upper Cheat watershed closer to the Forest Plan desired conditions by improving forest health & age class diversity, providing recreation opportunities, and improving wildlife habitat & stream/riparian conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Barbour, Preston, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This 86,138-acre project area is located north of Parsons, WV. The area encompasses 33,991 acres of National Forest System land within the Upper Cheat River watershed.				

<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Cranberry Spring Creek EA</b> *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Heritage resource 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>	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2023	Expected:11/2023	11/2023	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The focus of the proposed action is on improving forest health and resiliency, restoring red spruce/northern hardwood forests, improving wildlife habitat and increasing age class diversity based on the specific Forest Plan Desired Future Conditions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58824">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58824</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas, Pocahontas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Cranberry River/Spring Creek watersheds. Includes Cranberry Glades, the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center, part of the Cranberry Wilderness and the Falls of Hills. East of Richwood, WV.				

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
FSR 76 (Cranberry) and FSR 911 (Big Ditch) Bridge Repair and Maintenance  CE  *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Replace bridge superstructures on National Forest System (FSR) 76 at Tumbling Rock and Birchlog Runs and protect abutments with riprap. Replace decking on the Homcomb Run bridge on FSR 911 and spot paint girders that are exposed and corroding.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63893">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63893</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FSR 76 bridges approximately 10 miles northwest of Richwood, WV. Holcomb bridge is approximately 1.8 miles southeast of Cowen, WV.				

Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
<div>Deer Creek Integrated Resource Project</div> <div>EA</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	<div>- Recreation management</div> <div>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</div> <div>- Forest products</div> <div>- Fuels management</div> <div>- Watershed management</div> <div>- Road management</div> <div>- Climate Change Adaptation</div>	<div>In Progress:</div> <div>Scoping Start 10/27/2022</div> <div>Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2023</div>	<div>Expected:12/2023</div>	<div>01/2024</div>	<div>Thomas Craig</div> <div>304-635-4453</div> <div>Thomas.Craig@usda.gov</div>
<div><b>Description:</b> This project seeks to improve stream habitat, riparian corridors, and hydrologic connectivity, improve public recreation and interpretive opportunities, reduce fuel loads, encourage oak regeneration, and improve forest diversity and wildlife habitat.</div>					
<div><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60882">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60882</a></div>					
<div><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The 89,050-acre project area is centered on the town of Green Bank, WV &amp; contains Deer Creek, Greenbrier River, and a portion of Sitlington Creek headwaters. Approx 39% is National Forest System land.</div>					

<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
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<b>Monongahela National Forest</b>	<b>Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Aerial Fiber Installation Project</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:07/2023	01/2024	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Pocahontas County Commission is proposing to install 49 miles of aerial fiber along existing utility poles to provide broadband service to local businesses and residents.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64366">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64366</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Aerial fiber will be installed along existing utility poles crossing approximately 0.5 mile over three sections of Forest Service property in Pocahontas County.				
<b>Brushy Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2018	Expected:08/2023	08/2023	Chad Stachowiak 304-799-4334 x7995535 Chad.Stachowiak@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Create early successional wildlife habitat by mulching and enhance tree regeneration for species preferred by wildlife.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54154">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54154</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Minnehaha Springs, West Virginia in Greenbrier County.				
<b>FSR 135 (at Tea Creek Campground) Bridge Replacement</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaptation	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Replace the low water crossing on National Forest System Road 135 at Williams River with a bridge designed for higher flow passage, better adapted to changing climate conditions, and egress from Tea Creek Campground during high water flows.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63889">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63889</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to Tea Creek Campground. Approximately 2.3 miles northwest of Hadley Public Hunting and Fishing Area.				

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<b>MAR2030 Pocahontas County OEM Special Use Permit</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/24/2022	Expected:08/2023	08/2023	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To issue a special use permit to the Pocahontas County Office of Emergency Management for right-of-way (ROW) of road 438A for approximately 2.5 miles, allowing ingress/egress, routine maintenance, and limited road upgrades.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62958">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62958</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Road 438A on Day Mountain. Approximately 9 miles north of Mill Point.				
<b>MAR261 Road Right-of-Way Special Use Permit</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To authorize a special use permit to construct, maintain, and utilize a permitted use access road of approximately 70 feet in length and twenty feet wide for passenger vehicle travel to a part of the landowner's farmland that is inaccessible				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of the Greenbrier River trail in the Huntersville district of Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Near corner 29 on FS Tract 391.				
<b>Sitlington Creek - Greenbrier River Watershed Improvement</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2023	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Needs exist in the project area include wildlife habitat improvement. Possible treatments include vegetation management and prescribed fire.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62246">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62246</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier, Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boundary includes all of the Sitlington Creek-Greenbrier River watershed within the forest proclamation boundary. It centers around Marlinton, WV.				



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Upper Elk Ecological Restoration Project EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recreation management</li><li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li><li>- Grazing management</li><li>- Forest products</li><li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li><li>- Watershed management</li><li>- Road management</li></ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/09/2021	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Jason Hattersley 540-291-2188 jason.hattersley@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> The goals of the proposed action include improving forest health and resiliency, restoring red spruce/northern hardwood forests, improving wildlife habitat and increasing age class diversity based on the specific Forest Plan Desired Future Conditions					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57646">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57646</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is approximately 6 miles north of Marlinton, WV along US-219. The area encompasses the National Forest System land within the Upper Elk Watershed and is centered near Slaty Fork, WV.					

Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
2023 Bear Rocks Loop Trail Project CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2023	06/2023	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-3251 ex. 5552123 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Create a system trail that meanders back and forth through the Bear Rocks Preserve and USFS system lands outside of the Dolly Sods wilderness area. Includes 0.75 miles of trail construction, some trail restoration/revegetation, and interpretation.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63448">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63448</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Rocks Nature Preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy and neighboring USFS lands. Just North-West of the Dolly Sods Wilderness.				



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