



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2024 to 09/30/2024

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
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 .				

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
2024 Reauthorization of Expiring Special Use Permits (Cheat-Potomac District) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2024	Expected:08/2024	01/2025	Sarah Heuer 304-635-4445 Sarah.Heuer@usda.gov
	Description: Reauthorization of three Special Use Permits on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District. Reauthorized activities would include: two spring boxes with buried water lines, and a private road use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66170				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Road use is located near Pleasant Run, WV off of WV-47. One box spring is located near Brushy Run, WV off of Route 220/2. The other is near Reeds Creek WV, off of WV-8.				

Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
2024 Allegheny Trail Improvements Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2024	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Thomas Craig 304-538-4446 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: Includes: trail relocation (two sections, 1700 ft total), construction of one bridge, construction of two trail shelters, and new trail construction (up to 2 segments, up to 235ft total).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66169				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located along the section of the Allegheny trail between the communities of Evenwood and Gladwin. One segment of trail construction is near Camp Horseshoe.				
Blackwater River Loop FY19 Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60885				
	Location: 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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Davis Trail Reconstruction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2019	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: Drainage improvement, trail relocation, and tread improvement/readjustment along the Davis Trail in the Canaan Mountain Backcountry Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55675				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Canaan Mountain Backcountry near the town of Thomas, WV and Blackwater Falls State Park.				
Dobbin House Trail System Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2023	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: Proposes converting 3 miles of existing social trails to forest service system trails with reroutes as needed, and maintenance on existing system trails in the Dobbin House trail system. Social trails not converted would be brushed in to prevent use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64942				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Dobbin House trail system is located in Tucker County West Virginia in the area of Blackwater Falls State Park. Some of the system trails and proposed trails are on state park property.				
Elklick Run Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/04/2023	Expected:10/2024	11/2024	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: 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 around the Fernow experimental forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63487				
	Location: 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.				

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Monongahela National Forest Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region					
Olson Tower Loop Trail Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2024	Expected:08/2024	11/2024	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: Includes a 1/2 mile of trail construction/reconstruction at Olson tower. Also includes parking improvements and creation of a 0.3 acre overlook near the tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66168				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Historic Olson Fire Tower, on FR 717, near WV-48 between Parsons and Thomas WV.				
Showalter Site Decommissioning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/07/2024	Expected:08/2024	11/2024	Thomas Craig 304-538-4446 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to decommission the Showalter Site improvements because of unsafe conditions from deterioration. Site consists of four structures, a water well, and a septic tank across approximately 3.3 acres of NFS lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65618				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1.5 miles west of Gladwin, WV along route 26/1 (Shavers Mountain Rd.).				
Stuart Bike Trail System CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Brooke Andrew 304-257-4488 ext 7124 brooke.andrew@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60389				
	Location: 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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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Upper Cheat River EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Forest products- Vegetation management (other than forest products)- Fuels management- Watershed management- Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/13/2022	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x 7128 amy.albright2@usda.gov
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364					
Location: 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.					

Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Birchlog and Tumbling Rock Bridge Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2024	06/2024	Adrienne Nottingham 304-799-4334 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: Replace bridge superstructures on National Forest System (FSR) 76 at Tumbling Rock and Birchlog Runs and protect abutments with riprap.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63893				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Road 76 bridges approximately 10 miles northwest of Richwood, WV.				

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Monongahela National Forest		Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Cranberry Spring Creek EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58824				
	Location: 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.				
Lake Sherwood Road Stream Bank Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 06/24/2024	09/2024	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: This project is needed to stabilize the streambank and protect road infrastructure leading to Lake Sherwood from damage caused by flooding events in Meadow Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65734				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along State Route 14 along a section of road approximately 2/10ths of a mile before the intersection of Ruck Gap Road.				

Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Deer Creek Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recreation management- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Forest products- Fuels management- Watershed management- Road management- Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/16/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Thomas Craig 304-538-4446 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60882					
Location: 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 & contains Deer Creek, Greenbrier River, and a portion of Sitlington Creek headwaters. Approx 39% is National Forest System land.					

Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Brushy Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chad Stachowiak 304-799-4334 x7995535 Chad.Stachowiak@usda.gov
	Description: Create early successional wildlife habitat by mulching and enhance tree regeneration for species preferred by wildlife.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54154				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Minnehaha Springs, West Virginia in Greenbrier County.				

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Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Rimel Picnic Area & Williams River Fishing Pier Vault Toilet Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 04/22/2024	06/2024	Adrienne Nottingham 304-799-4334 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: Three stick-built toilets at Rimel Picnic Area and Williams River Fishing Pier need to be replaced with newer, easier to clean concrete vault toilet to meet Forest Plan desired conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rimel Picnic Area is located on WV-39, approximately 2.75 miles southeast of Minnehaha Springs. Williams River Fishing Pier is along Williams River Rd, approximately 10 miles northwest of Marlinton.				
Sitlington Creek - Greenbrier River Watershed Improvement EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2024	Expected:08/2025	08/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: Needs exist in the project area include wildlife habitat improvement. Possible treatments include vegetation management and prescribed fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62246				
Tea Creek Bridge Replacement CE *UPDATED*	Location: 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.				
	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2024	Expected:07/2024	10/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-799-4334 adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov
	Description: Replace the low water crossing on National Forest System Road 135 at Williams River with a bridge designed for higher flows, aquatic organism passage and egress from Tea Creek Campground during high water flows.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63889				
	Location: 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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Upper Elk Ecological Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recreation management- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Grazing management- Forest products- Vegetation management (other than forest products)- Watershed management- Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/09/2021	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Jason Hattersley 540-291-2188 jason.hattersley@usda.gov
Description: 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					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57646					
Location: 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
POT206013-Timber LLC Skid Right-of-Way CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2023	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Thomas Craig 304-257-4488 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: proposing to temporarily improve, use, and restore a yarding corridor, using an old skid road on USFS to move timber cut on private property to a landing on private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64929				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 miles north of Seneca Rocks off of WV-28.				

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Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
POT206014-Briery Gap Gravity Water Pump Proposal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Carol Whetsell 304-478-3251 carol.whetsell@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to place a gravity powered (non-electric) pump and 300ft of 2" PVC pipe in Briery Gap Run on USFS property with 300ft of 1.25" PVC pipe extending on ground to a private residence.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64941				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Briery Gap Road approx. 1 mile east of FR 112 and 1.5 miles west of state route 28.				
Seneca Rocks Training Exercise Special Use Authorizations CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2024	05/2024	Thomas Craig 304-538-4446 Thomas.Craig@usda.gov
	Description: The Federal Bureau of Investigations has applied to use a helipad in the lower field of the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center adjacent to the Roy Gap Road bridge for training purposes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65621				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, located along WV-28 in Pendleton County, West Virginia.				

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