

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 04/01/2025 to 06/30/2025

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide							
Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System	- Land management planning		Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@u sda.gov	
EIS *UPDATED*	co		nagement plans for units of the Na ard existing and recruit future old-outering side of the Na NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356						
			level Units. STATE - All States. lands (128 units).	COUNTY - All Countie	s. LEGAL - Not Ap	pplicable. National	
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, D 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: ht	ttp://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, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R9 - Eastern Region

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Red Spruce Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Watershed management Road management Climate Change Adaptation Carbon Stewardship 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2025	Expected:10/2025	11/2025	Jessie Howard 540-492-1728 jessie.howard@usda.go v			
	and the National restoration. Web Link: http://www.fs.usc Location: UNIT - Mononga Pendleton, Poca	ational Forest, George Washington and Forests in North Carolina seek to impart a.gov/project/?project=66562 hela National Forest All Units. STATION Transport on the Monongahela National Forest on the Monongahela National Forest STATION Transport of the Monongahela National Forest STATION Transpor	olement large landsca E - West Virginia. CC LEGAL - Not Applical	pe red spruce - fir o	ecosystem eenbrier, Nicholas,			

Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern Region								
Forestwide Flood Repairs on Roads and Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation - Road man	management agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2024	Expected:05/2025	05/2025	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 Amy.Albright2@usda.go v		
OPDATED	Description	Description: With Federal Highways Administration, we are proposing to repair damage (slope failures, shoulder washouts, clogged culverts and trail bridges) incurred during flood events on roads and trails at 24 sites across the forest.						
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Greenbrier Ranger District, Marlinton Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District, Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Roads 102/86/90/17/13/707/19 and Williams River Trail, Two Camp Trail, West Fork Rail Trail, Camp Horseshoe Trail, Thomas Rail Trail, Big Run Trail, and Eliza Trail.							

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Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern									
Parking Improvements for Forest Roads 19 and 75 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation manageme - Special area manager - Road management		In Progress: Scoping Start 02/19/2025	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov			
	hardening Forest Roa Web Link: http://www Location: UNIT - Ch LEGAL - N	, signage, ad 19 picr r.fs.usda.g eat Range lot Applic	rking sites along the eastern bounew trail adoptions to the yellownic area. gov/project/?project=67619 er District, Potomac Ranger Distrable. The proposal takes place vold by Sods Wilderness. Specifically	r birch tree/ North Fork rict. STATE - West Virg	overlooks, and dec ginia. COUNTY - 0 enic area, which fo	ommissioning of the Grant, Tucker.			

Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Poton	neat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region						
Blackwater River Loop Trail Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation - Road man	management agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2025 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2025	Expected:09/2025	09/2025	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 Amy.Albright2@usda.go v		
GIBAILB	Description: Friends of Blackwater received a grant through Office of Surface Mining (administered by WVDEP) to develop the project o promote hiking, biking and tourism in the Blackwater River area by creating a loop trail to link the towns 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. Location 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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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potom	ac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R9 - Eastern Region
CHT251 Route 33 Aerial Broadband Special Use Proposal	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2025	03/2025	Michael Hancock 304-635-4438 michael.hancock2@usd a.gov
NEW LISTING	Description:		se authorization to install 2.97 miles tem lands via existing utility lines. N			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=67670			
	Location:		er District. STATE - West Virginia. ed in four segments along WV-33.			
Elklick Run Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed	management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/04/2023	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.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.					
Olson Tower Loop Trail Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation - Heritage re management		In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2024	Expected:05/2025	05/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov
	Description:		of trail construction/reconstruction are overlook near the tower.	at Olson tower. Also i	ncludes parking im	provements and
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=66168			
	Location:		er District. STATE - West Virginia. Tower, on FR 717, near WV-48 bet			icable. The

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dis	rict)	R9 - Eastern Region
Upper Cheat River EA EA *UPDATED*	 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:04/2025	05/2025	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 Amy.Albright2@usda.go v
	forest health & age stream/riparian con http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Cheat Rang Applicable. This 86	move the Upper Cheat watershed class diversity, providing recreation ditions. gov/project/?project=58364 er District. STATE - West Virginia., 138-acre project area is located no System land within the Upper Chear	COUNTY - Barbour orth of Parsons, WV.	nproving wildlife ha	LEGAL - Not
Upper John B. Hollow Prescribed Burn Research Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2025	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov
NEW LISTING	improvement. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Cheat Rang	gov/project/?project=67614 er District. STATE - West Virginia.	COUNTY - Tucker.	LEGAL - Not App	d wildlife habitat

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Rang	ger District (excludir	ng Projects occurring in more the	an one District)		R9 - Eastern Region	
Bishop Knob Salvage Project CE *UPDATED*		management orest products)	Completed	Actual: 01/15/2025	10/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov	
	Description	The project propose on Bishop Knob.	es 7 acres of regeneration harvest t	o salvage all the blow	vn down timber alo	ng Forest Road 81	
	Location:	project area is locat	ger District. STATE - West Virginia ed along Forest Service Road 81, a es southeast of Cowen, WV.				
Dogway Bridges Replacement CE CE	- Road mana	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2024	Expected:06/2025	07/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description: Replacement of road-stream crossings (vented fords and culverts) at 3 locations along Forest Road 78. Replacement is needed to maintain safe access for public and forest visitors.						
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Gauley Ranger District on Forest Road 78 in 3 locations where road crosses Dogway Fork.						
FR76 Landslide Repairs: Barrenshe and Cranberry Backcountry CE	- Road mana	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2024	Expected:06/2025	07/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov	
UPDATED	Description: This project proposes repair two landslides on Forest Road 76; at the Barrenshe slide (mile post 2.17) and at the Cranberry Backcountry slide (mile post 14.88).						
	Location:	Applicable. Barrens	ger District. STATE - West Virginia he slide -Forest Road 76 at mile po Forest Road 76 at mile post 14.88	ost 2.17, approx 4mi N	N of Richwood, We		

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Kennison Mountain EA *NEW LISTING*	- Heritage remanagemen - Wildlife, Fi - Forest pro - Vegetation (other than f - Fuels man	ot sh, Rare plants ducts n management orest products) nagement d management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2025	Expected:03/2026	06/2026	Adrienne Nottingham 304-799-4334 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov
	Web Link:	project primarily foc recreational enhance http://www.fs.usda.g UNIT - Gauley Rang	ntain project area includes 69,448 a uses on vegetation management, verents. gov/project/?project=67649 ger District. STATE - West Virginia cable. Project area is northeast of F	wildlife habitat improv	ements, watershed	d restoration and cahontas, Webster.
Upper Dogway-Dogway Bridge Replacements	- Road mana		shed and lesser extents of Headwa	aters of Gauley and W	Villiams River water	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov
UPDATED	Description:	UNIT - Gauley Rang Cranberry River-Do	placing existing vented fords at two ger District. STATE - West Virginia gway Fork project area is located r way is located on FR 78 (at mile po	a. COUNTY - Webst	er. LEGAL - Not A	pplicable. The

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Range	er District (excl	uding Projects occurring in more	e than one District)		R9 - Eastern Region		
Deer Creek Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation mana - Wildlife, Fish, R - Forest products - Fuels managem - Watershed mana - Road managem - Climate Change	are plants nent nagement nent	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/16/2024	Expected:08/2025	09/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov		
	web Link: http://www.h	eation and interpersity and wildlife ://www.fs.usda.g T - Greenbrier F 889,050-acre pro	co improve stream habitat, riparian of cretive opportunities, reduce fuel lost habitat. gov/project/?project=60882 Ranger District. STATE - West Virgoject area is centered on the town of Sitlington Creek headwaters. A	ginia. COUNTY - Poo of Green Bank, WV &	egeneration, and i cahontas. LEGAL contains Deer Cre	- Not Applicable. ek, Greenbrier		
TyChest Prescribed Fire Project CE *UPDATED*		are plants nagement products) nent	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2025	09/2026	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov		
	for a	Description: Proposes post-harvest prescribed fire on a 141 acre woodland burn block and an adjacent 469 acre northern unit for a total of 590 acres. The project aims to support early successional and oak woodland ecosystems.						
			Ranger District. STATE - West Virg vards Huttonsville WV. Forest Serv		ndolph. LEGAL - N	Not Applicable.		

Monongahela National Forest Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region

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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@usd a.gov	
	Description: Create early successional wildlife habitat by mulching and enhance tree regeneration for species preferred by wildlife.						
	Web Link:		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.						
Halfway Run Contemporary Trail System CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2024	Expected:05/2025	06/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.gov	
OFBALES	Description: This project proposes the construction of 6.4 miles of sustainable multiple use singletrack trail system and the conversion of about 1.5 miles of an old woods road to a 36-inch wide doubletrack trail near Marlinton, WV. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66972						
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the Marlinton Ranger Station in Pocahontas County, WV. The proposed trail system extends east and north of the Forest Service Office.						
Sitlington Creek - Greenbrier River Watershed Improvement EA *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management Road management 		In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2025	Expected:10/2025	11/2025	Adrienne Nottingham 304-636-1800 adrienne.nottingham@u sda.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						
	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.						

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Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC F	RANGER DISTRICT	excluding Projects occurring in	ojects occurring in more than one District)				
CHT205123 Amendment 8 (Smokehole)	- Special use management		Completed	Actual: 02/27/2025	02/2025	Sarah Heuer 304-635-4445 Sarah.Heuer@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description: Relocation of an existing utility line to another existing Frontier right of way nearby. Includes new anchors and brush clearing within the right of way. Some additional pole installment. No new poles where none previously existed.							
	Web Link:	ık: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67607						
	Location:							
Dolly Sods Trail Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Projects th	management nat may affect for mailing list	Completed	Actual: 02/20/2025	04/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov		
	Description:	 Maintenace on trails throughout the Dolly Sods Wilderness. Includes installation of water diversion features and tread maintenance up to 30ft from the trail centerline. Incorporates an existing social trail as a new trail to the Lionshead area. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67559 						
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Randolph, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project encompasses all trails within the Dolly Sods Wilderness which is located east of Canaan Valley, and west of Petersburg, West Virginia.							
POT202002-Swallow Rock Bridge Repair Access Special Use Authorization	- Special use	e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	John Barger 304-636-1800x232 john.barger@usda.gov		
CE	Description: The WV Division of Highways has applied to use 0.6 acres of Monongahela National Forest System lands to access an existing easement to perform repair work related to Swallow Rock Bridge.							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65620						
	Location:	UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Swallow Rock bridge is located near Whitmer, WV spanning Gandy Creek on CR 29 at MP 6.47 in Randolph County.						

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Potomac Area Trail System Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	evement Project		In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2025	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov	
	Description:	 Ption: New trail construction/connectors/trailheads around Peters Mtn, Rohrbaugh Cabin, Seneca Shadows, and North Fork Mtn Trail. Establish Forest Road (FR) 274 as a system trail, parking expansions at the FR 742, Rohrbaugh cabin, and FR 274 trailheads. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67615 					
	Web Link:						
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Pendleton, Randolph. LEG Not Applicable. Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area, Peter%u2019s Mountain, North Mountain, Smoke Hole Canyon, Seneca Shadows.						
Rohrbaugh Cabin and Hartman Cabin Restoration Projects CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation - Heritage re management - Grazing ma	•	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2025	Expected:06/2025	06/2025	Nathaniel Dulaney 304-478-2000 x5552104 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usd a.gov	
	Description: Web Link:	Cription: Restoration of two cabins to turn into public rentals. Composting or pit toilets would be installed at both sites. The Hartmann Cabin requires 600' of new trail construction to access the North Fork Mtn. Trail. Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67622					
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Government of Applicable. Rohrbaugh Cabin is 2.5 miles south along Smoke Hole Road Cabin is on North Fork Mountain approximately 12 miles south of the No					ar Cabins, West V	irginia. Hartman	
Special Use Permit Amendments for Pendleton County OEM	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 01/15/2025	02/2025	Sarah Heuer 304-635-4445 Sarah.Heuer@usda.gov	
CE *UPDATED*	Description:	 iption: Proposal to amend two existing permits to install 125ft of arial line over National Forest System land for the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management. Lines would power a traffic camera that will monitor road conditions for public safety. ink: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67401 					
	Web Link:						
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located near the intersection of WV-28 and Forest Road 112. New pole installations will occur within a State Department of Highway owned right-of-way. Vehicle staging will occur in a nearby gravel lot.						

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