



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01-JUL-04 to 30-SEP-04

SOPA: Cherokee National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring on more than one District					
Forest Health Projects EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 06/08/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	10/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning stands to improve health and vigor of reserved trees				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Johnson, Unicoi. Sciota Road, Limestone Cove, Granny Hollow, Little Millegan, Sink Mountain, Stony Creek.				
Fuel Reduction Prescribed Burns 2004 DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	02/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed Burning to reduce fuel buildup, improve wildlife habitat, ecosystem restoration				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District, Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Cocke, Greene, Unicoi. Green Ridge, ATV, Spring Mountain, Dry Pond, Wagon Train, .				
Fuel Reduction Prescribed Burns 2005A DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 10/01/2002	Exptd:12/01/2004	02/01/2006	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning to reduce fuel buildup, improve wildlife habitat, ecosystem restoration				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District, Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi. Horse Creek, Brush Creek, Maple Branch, Shady Gap, Flatwoods, Rutter Ridge, Birch Branch.				
Fuel Reduction Prescribed Burns 2005B DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2005	02/01/2006	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning to reduce fuel buildup, improve wildlife habitat, ecosystem restoration.				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District, Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi. Pinnacle, Rich Mountain, Arnold Branch, Double Spring Gap, Flint Rock, Josiah, Old Road Ridge, Stillhouse.				



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Fuels Reduction DM	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 05/19/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	01/01/2005	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Perform dormant season burning on approximately 8, 500 acres				
	Location: UNIT- Hiwassee Ranger District, Ocoee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- McMinn, Monroe, Polk. Various locations on the south zone of the Cherokee National Forest.				
SPB Restoration Fy2005 DM	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 09/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	04/01/2005	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore stands impacted by SPB through site preparation, mechanical and burning, planting, and 2ed year release				
	Location: UNIT- Hiwassee Ranger District, Ocoee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- McMinn, Monroe, Polk. Various locations across the south zone of the CNF.				
Special Use Permits DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	07/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continual requests for Outfitter/Guide, Group Use, Special Use Permits				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District, Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington. Various locations on North end of Cherokee National Forest.				
Starr Mountain Recreation Developments EA	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: Decision (DN) signed 06/09/2004	Exptd:06/01/2004 06/07/2004	08/01/2004	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct campground, improve trailhead, road improvement, reconstruct shooting range decommission two shooting ranges, construct trails, close OHV road				
	Location: UNIT- Hiwassee Ranger District, Ocoee Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe, Polk. Spring Creek Shooting Range, Lost Corral Trailhead 6 miles south east of Etowah Tennessee.				
Towee II EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:02/01/2005	12/01/2005	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement, forest health management and transportation management				
	Location: UNIT- Hiwassee Ranger District, Ocoee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe, Polk. Approximately 9 miles south west of Tellico Plains Tennessee.				



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Vegetation Mangement with Herbicides EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Recreation management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 03/10/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	04/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Controlling exotic plants, Open Area Management, Pond Maintenance, and vista maintenance				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District, Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Washington. District wide.				
Walnut Mountain EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/13/2004 Estimated 215 comment 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	06/01/2005	Mark Pistrang 423-476-9757 mpistrang@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management for Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Forest Health				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District, Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Compartments 31-34, 301-304, 315-318, 322-323, and 334.				



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Cherokee National Forest Units		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Exotic and Invasive Plant Species Management for Cherokee National Forest EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 06/01/2004	Exptd:06/01/2005	07/01/2005	John Lane 423-476-9756 johnlane@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest-wide EA to provide effective methods for the control of exotic and invasive plant species.				
	Location: UNIT- Cherokee National Forest Units. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington. Forest-wide.				
Vegetative Management EA for Cherokee National Forest EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 06/01/2004	Exptd:06/01/2005	07/01/2005	Ed Brown (423)476-9753 ebrown01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Release yellow pine, except Virginia pine, to maintain growth and development for restoration of naturally occurring vegetative communities.				
	Location: UNIT- Cherokee National Forest Units. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington. Forest-wide.				



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Hiwassee Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Ruth's Golden Aster EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research	In Progress: Scoping start 01/29/2004 Estimated 215 comment 09/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	05/01/2005	John Lane 423-476-9756 johnlane@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of competing vegetation around the endangered plants through a combination of mechanical and chemical methods. Herbicides with the active ingredients glyphosate and triclopyr would likely be used for herbaceous and woody vegetation.				
	Location: UNIT- Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Polk. Hiwassee River Corridor, Polk County TN.				



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Nolichucky Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Brush Creek Mountain EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	06/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management for Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health Improvements				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Compartments 224, 227, 228.				
Dry Creek Parking Area DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	05/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Parking area on Dry Creek Road for trailhead to Marguerite Falls				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Greene. Intersection of Dry Creek Road and Forest Service Road #5099 in Greene County.				
Marguerite Falls Trail DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:06/01/2005	07/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocation of portions of Margarett Falls Trail and construction of footbridge				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Greene. Marguerite Falls Trail in Greene County.				
Paint Creek Trail Relocation DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	04/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate portions of flood damaged trail				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Greene. Along Paint Creek in Greene County.				
Precommercial Pine Thinning DM	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	09/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin young white pine stands to reduce stocking and improve health and growth				
	Location: UNIT- Nolichucky Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Cocke. Compartment 243 stands 5, 6, and 51. Compartment 244 stands 59, 62, and 63. Compartment 266 stands 21, 31, 35, and 40..				



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Ocoee Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Highway 64 EIS	- Road management	In Progress: NOI in FR 06/10/2000	Exptd:10/01/2006	10/01/2007	Stephanie Medlin (423) 476-9700 smedlin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate and improve Highway 64 from west of Ocoee River to State Route 68 near Ducktown Tennessee				
	Location: UNIT- Ocoee Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Polk. Highway 64 from just east of Cleveland Tennessee to Ducktown Tennessee along the Ocoee River.				
TVA Powerline Ocoee#2 to Ocoee #3 EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004			Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruction of TVA powerline from Ocoee #2 to Ocoee # 3. Involves 70 acres of land (TVA, TDOT, USFS) some previously disturbed.				
	Location: UNIT- Ocoee Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Polk. Along Highway 64 Between Ocoee #2 Dam and Ocoee#3 Dam.				



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Tellico Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Big Ridge EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 03/01/2004 Est. 215 comment 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	06/01/2005	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement, forest health management, transportation management and recreation enhancement				
	Location: UNIT- Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe. Two miles southeast of Tellico Plains TN, Generally bounded by Lyons Creek Rd (east) and Fall Branch (west).				
Bowen Road Easement DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/03/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Dan Herron 423-338-5201 dherron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue private road easement for 200 feet of existing road				
	Location: UNIT- Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe. At junction of County Roads 525 and 514 Six miles east of Tellico Plains, TN in the Turkey Creek Community.				
Doc Rogers Thinning DM	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 05/10/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	03/01/2005	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin approximately 100 acres of mixed pine/hardwood to 50 to 60 BA Targeting Virginia and white pines				
	Location: UNIT- Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe. Coker Creek TN Intersection of Hwy 68 and Joe Brown Highway.				
High Top EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 05/12/2004 Est. 215 comment 09/01/2004	Exptd:11/01/2004	06/01/2006	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement, forest health management and transportation management				
	Location: UNIT- Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe. Approximately 3 miles northeast of Tellico Plains Tennessee.				



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Unicoi Turnpike DM	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	In Progress: Scoping start 05/10/2004	Exptd:06/01/2004	07/01/2004	Janan Hay (423) 253-2520 jhay@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convert 2.5 miles of Unicoi Turnpike into an interpretive trail. In conjunction construct an additional .7 miles of trail to create an interpretive trail loop at "Doc Rogers Fields".				
	Location: UNIT- Tellico Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Monroe. Coker Creek Tennessee, Joe Brown Highway.				



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Unaka Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Appalachian Trail Relocations at Iron Mountain Gap DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004			Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate A. T. to better grade				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Iron Mountain Gap Southbound on Appalachian Trail.				
Bumpass Cove Trail DM	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 10/01/2003	Exptd:12/01/2004	06/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trail near Clarksville Iron Furnace over mountain to Bumpass Cove				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Near Clarksville Iron Furnace in Clarks Creek area, over mountain into Bumpass Cove.				
Clark Creek Trailhead Parking DM	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 10/01/2003	Exptd:09/01/2004	12/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Small parking area along Clark Creek Road Forest Service Road #25				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Along Forest Service Road #25 in Clarks Creek.				
Hackline Trail DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	06/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Extension of Hackline Trail at Carver Gap to provide safer access				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Carver Gap.				
Iron Mountain Gap EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 03/23/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	06/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management for Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health Improvement				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Compartments 342, 345.				



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Overmountain Victory Trail DM	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rerouting a portion of existing trail to trailhead in public ownership				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Yellow Mountain Gap Compartment 325.				
Privies for Appalachian Trail Shelters DM	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	06/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of two privies for Roan High Knob shelter				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Roan High Knob along Appalachian Trail.				
Yellow Pine Restoration Prescribed Burn DM	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 04/09/2004	Exptd:12/01/2005	03/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed Burn for site preparation for yellow pine restoration and fuel reduction				
	Location: UNIT- Unaka Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Unicoi. Right Prong Rock Creek.				



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Watauga Ranger District		Cherokee National Forest		R8 - Southern Region	
Cross Mountain Road DM	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 01/01/2003	Exptd:05/01/2005	05/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convey easement and maintenance responsibilities to Johnson County				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Johnson. Cross Mountain Road from Shady Valley.				
Flatwoods and Hickory Tree Road Improvements DM	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 06/23/2003	Exptd:09/01/2004	07/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Upgrading Forest Service Roads #87 and 251 from Hickory Tree Community to State Highway 421. May involve paving and/or graveling.				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Sullivan. Forest Service Roads #87 and 251 from Hickory Tree Community to State Highway 421.				
Gap Creek Road EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 02/11/2002	Exptd:09/01/2004	07/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tennessee Department of Transportation Hiway 362 Road Improvement				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Hiway 362 along Gap Creek in Carter County.				
Highway 321 DM	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 07/01/2003	Exptd:09/01/2004	05/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tennessee Department of Transportation Hiway 321 Slide repair near Elk Mills				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Hiway 321 near Elk Mills in Carter County.				
Laurel Creek Trail EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 10/17/2003	Exptd:12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convert old railroad grade to multi-use trail				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Johnson. Along Laurel Creek and Hiway 91 in Johnson County.				



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Wynn Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping start 01/08/2001	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Vern Maddux (423)735-1500 vmaddux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wynn (Siegfried) Land Exchange to consolidate ownership and reduce boundary line.				
	Location: UNIT- Watauga Ranger District. STATE- Tennessee. COUNTY- Carter. Carter County off of Hiway 91 (Stony Creek) in Rocky Hollow Branch.				

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