



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

National Forests In Florida

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@fs.fed.us
Description: The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

National Forests In Florida, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R8 - Southern Region

Santa Rosa, Okaloosa County Land Sale EA *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/03/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	David Harris 850-523-8582 daharris@fs.fed.us
Description: Forest Service proposal to sell five isolated tracts of land totaling approximately 211 acres in Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties, Florida.					
Location: UNIT - National Forests In Florida All Units. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Okaloosa, Santa Rosa. 211 acres in Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties, Florida..					

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National Forests In Florida, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Church Lake Restoration EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore closed roads and trails. Restore pond wetlands. Rehabilitate old firelines. Remove excess mid-story oaks. Plant and seed native plants.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. Compartments: 52, 53, 69, 70, 71, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, and 226. .				
Fire Dip Site CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ken Gordon 850-926-3561 x 6522 kgordon01@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Apalachicola National Forest is proposing to make several new dip sites for helicopters during wildfire suppression activities. These dip sites will be located in the sections of the forest that currently do not have good water sources.				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District, Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Franklin, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla. Areas located farther than 2 miles from an open water source.				
Fuel Reduction CE	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/09/2007	08/2007	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: The US Forest Service is proposing to reduce the fuel adjacent to private property by mowing 30 foot wide strips along property line.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. Compartments 1, 2, 3, 15, 18, 19, 20, 26, 34, 36, 37, 44, 98, 99, 264, 265, 299, and 300.				

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National Forests In Florida, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Improving Camping Management on the Ocala NF CE	- Recreation management - Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2007	Expected:03/2008	08/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review designated primitive and hunt camps. Propose actions to provide a safer and more structured setting; promote their use for recreational purposes; prevent their use as season-long residences; and change the general gun season camping pass.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. Various dispersed primitive camps throughout the Ocala NF that have been used by the public for both recreational and non-recreational purposes. .				
Lacota Forest Health / Wildlife Improvement Project EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/21/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	04/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Intermediate thinnings for forest health in slash and longleaf pine stands, remove off-site species before longleaf pine restoration, and reduce brush to increase herbaceous groundcover for wildlife and improve fuels condition in the urban-interface				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - Vicinity of Township 14 and 15 South and Range 24 East. Compartments 52, 53, 54, 69, 70, 71, 96, 219, 220, and 221. This area is located in the west side of the Ocala NF on both sides of SR 40 and around the forest communities of Lacota and Lynne. .				
Long-Term Slash Conversion EA	- Research - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/07/2006	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Charles Hess 850-926-3561 chess@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to cooperate with a graduate student who has requested to study the possibility of converting slash pine plantations on wet flatwood sites to longleaf pine by planting longleaf seedlings in take row used to thin stands				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District, Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Leon, Liberty. Compartments 17, 22, 52, 207, 208, 245, and 246.				

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National Forests In Florida, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Recreation Residence Permit Renewal (Ocala National Forest) CE	- Special area management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/27/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	David Harris 850-523-8582 daharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of 140 existing Recreation Residence Special-use permits for a 20 year period. No changes to permitted activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. Lake Kerr, Clear Lake, Tomahawk Lake, Shoesole Lake, Sunrise Lake, Round Lake, Sellars Lake, Lake Dorr, Alexander Spring Creek.				
Route Designation (Apalachicola NF) EA	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/25/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	Cathleen Briggs 850-926-3561ext.6509 cbriggs@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is beginning to analyze a proposal to designate roads and trails for specific uses within certain the Apalachicola NF.				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District, Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Franklin, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla. LEGAL - Apalachicola National Forest. Apalachicola National Forest.				
Route Designation Ocala NF EA	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/25/2007	Expected:10/2007	01/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is needed to deal with resource damage, provide motorized use within the Sand Pine Scrub Ecosystem of the Ocala National Foreststand comply with 36 CFR 212 [Travel Management].				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion. Within a 120,000-acre portion of the Ocala NF where motorized vehicles and bicycles are restricted to open numbered roads, designated trails, and unmarked travelways (Forest Plan pp.3-2, AC-2).				
Special Forest Products Program EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Gathering of special forest products for personal and commercial use.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. Ocala NF.				

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Visitor Information Areas EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Cathleen Briggs 850-926-3561 ext.6509 cbriggs@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Apalachicola National Forest is proposing to place around 20 informational bulletin boards with rules and regulations at key entry points to the Forest. Small parking areas (1 to 3 spaces) will be provided.				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District, Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Franklin, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla. Information boards will be located on both the Apalachicola and Wakulla Ranger Districts.				

National Forests In Florida Apalachicola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bon Ami Analysis Area EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/06/2006	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	David Harris 850-523-8582 daharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to harvest timber for RCW habitat improvement on the Apalachicola National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Liberty. LEGAL - Township 4 South Range 7 West. compartments 63, 64, 65 and 66.				
USFS Helispot CE	- Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steven Parrish 850-926-3561 ext6523 sgparrish@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Apalachicola National Forest is proposing to improve an existing helispot for Type I (heavy) and Type II (medium) Helicopters. The primary use for this site will be fighting wildfire and prescribed burning.				
	Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Liberty. LEGAL - Section 18 of T4S R5W. This helispot will be located at the intersection of FH 13 and FDR 126 (compartment 56, stand 26) on the Apalachicola Ranger District. .				

National Forests In Florida Lake George Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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National Forests In Florida	Lake George Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Florida Scrub-jay Pipeline EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:04/2008	10/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Harvest about 3,000 ac. of sand pine and crookedwood to establish early successional scrub openings suitable for Florida-scrub jays and other rare species.					
Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. Compartments 25, 26, 27, 31, 42, 45, 49, 50, 57, 58, 84, 85 and 86..					
Ocklawaha River Canoe Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposing to partner with St. Johns River WMD and Greenways and Trails to establish canoe trails on the lower Ocklawaha River between Rodman Dam and St. Johns River.					
Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion, Putnam. Ocklawaha River adjacent to Ocala NF.					
Relocate Entrance Road CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:03/2008	07/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Relocate the entrance road to Sweetwater Cabin (FDR-1) to provide safer ingress and egress at State Road 19.					
Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. Entrance road to Sweetwater Cabin (FDR-1) at State Road 19.					
Salvage, Sanitation, and Rehabilitation - Redwater and Mud Lake Fires CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rick Lint 352-669-3153 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Salvage and sanitation harvest of pines on up to 200 ac. Site preparation and reforestation in dry and mesic flatwoods. Road maintenance by timber purchaser. Currently monitoring natural recovery and bark beetle activity.					
Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - Near Mud Lake and Redwater Lake. Compt. 40, stand 38; compt. 71, stands 6, 7, 11, and 15..					

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National Forests In Florida	Lake George Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Unmanaged Public Use at Juniper Creek and SR19 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:04/2008	04/2008	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Unmanaged public use has led to erosion, stream bank damage, sedimentation, and creation of an area known for fights, drug use, and trash. Proposal will determine level and type of use, ensure public health and safety, and protect the environment				
	Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - T15S, R26E. Juniper Creek at SR19. Compartment 93.				

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National Forests In Florida	Osceola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
FY 2007-2008 Human-ignited Prescribed Burning in Forest Compartments 7, 10, 70, and 78 CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/05/2006	Expected:11/2007	12/2007	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4511 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to include these areas in the list of currently approved areas for Prescribed Burning. Burning may be either during the growing season or dormant season, depending on fuel loads.				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker. East central area of the Osceola District.				
Florida Bugaboo Fire: Removal of Dead and Dying trees following the 2007 Florida Bugaboo Fire EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2007	08/2007	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4511 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Osceola National Forest proposes to remove dead and dying trees damaged as a result of the Florida Bugaboo Fire where it occurred on National Forest System land. Areas where timber is removed will be restored to longleaf pine.				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker. The project area boundary is defined by Eddy Grade Road, the Florida/Georgia state line, the Big Gum Swamp Wilderness, and the Green Shanty Road up to Cowhouse Bay.				

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Recreation Homes (Ocean Pond and Nettle's Bend) CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/19/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4511 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Osceola Ranger District proposes to continue the use, as is, for thirty-two recreation residences on National Forest System lands in the vicinity of Ocean Pond in two areas known as "Ocean Pond" and "Nettle's Bend".				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker. LEGAL - Nettle's Bend: T3S/R19E/S8,9 and 16; Ocean Pond: T3S/R19E/S19 and 20. . Nettle's Bend homes are on the north side of Ocean Pond and south of SR 250A; Ocean Pond homes are on the south side of Ocean Pond north of FDR 209..				
Route Designation Osceola National Forest EA	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/05/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4509 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Osceola National Forest is beginning the process to designate specific uses on roads north of Interstate 10.				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker, Columbia. Areas within the Osceola National Forest north of the Interstate 10 corridor..				
Suwannee Upper Basin Analysis Area Prescribed Burning Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/21/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4511 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Osceola Ranger District proposes to continue the use of prescribed fire for the restoration and maintenance of natural communities in the Suwannee Upper Basin Analysis Area				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Columbia. The project area is in the west side of the Osceola Ranger District within the Suwannee Upper Basin watershed..				

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National Forests In Florida		Seminole Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Big Scrub EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/20/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	12/2007	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Timber harvesting, site preparation, reforestation, wildlife improvements and prescribed fire					
Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion. Compartments 255, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 281, 282, 283 and 284..					
Lake Dorr South EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:09/2008	01/2009	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
Description: Restoration and maintenance on about 553 ac. of sand pine, longleaf pine, and slash pine.					
Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake. Compartment 292.					

National Forests In Florida		Wakulla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Alligator Pond Analysis Area EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuels management - Forest products 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/14/2006	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	Chandra Glass 850-926-3561 ext 6525 cglass@fs.fed.us
Description: The FS proposes to harvest timber on 20 to 96-year-old, longleaf and slash pine stands; thinnings (1,514ac), longleaf restoration w/ herbicide site prep (140 ac), girdling up to 6" dbh (10 ac), artificial RCW inserts, soil erosion restoration					
Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Wakulla. LEGAL - Several sections of Township 4 South (T4S), Range 4 West (R4W) and Township 5 South (T5S), Range 3 West (R3W) of Wakulla County, Florida.. Compartments 341, 342, 343 and 347.					

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National Forests In Florida Wakulla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Betsey Branch Analysis Area EA *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:02/2008	03/2008	Chandra Glass 850-926-3561 ext 6525 cglass@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to treat 1,358 ac of slash, longleaf, and loblolly pine stands within and surrounding Compartment 310. The proposed actions consist of harvesting timber, restoring longleaf, creating firebreaks, repairing erosion sites ..				
	Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Wakulla. LEGAL - Sections 31 and 32 of T2S, R4W; and several Sections of T3S, R4W, of Wakulla County Florida. Compartment 310 and related areas (Wakulla II stands).				
Flea Market and Black Creek Tract Land Exchange EA	- Land acquisition	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcus Beard 850-643-2282 mbeard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Blueprint 2000 is proposing to exchange the 640 acre privately owned Black Creek Tract for the 120 Acres Federally owned Flea Market Tract.				
	Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Leon. LEGAL - Flea Market is approximately 120 acres, in Section 25 T 1S, R 1W and the Black Creek Tract is approximately 640 acres in Section 18, T 2S, R4W both are in Leon County, Florida. There are two tracts involved in the proposed land exchange. .				
Simpler Easement EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/23/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	03/2008	Gary Hegg 850-926-3561 ext 6508 ghegg@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Apalachicola National Forest proposes to move forward on a proposal for a road easement from AI Simpler.				
	Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Leon. LEGAL - Section 13 Township 2 South and Range 5 West. Forest Road 30-H off State Highway 375.				
Trout Pond Recreation Area CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Cathleen Briggs 850-926-3561ext.6509 cbriggs@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest service is proposing upgrades to the existing recreation area - Improvements include: a new restroom, 2 new volunteer host sites, and re-pave existing parking area.				
	Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Leon. LEGAL - Section 1 and 2 of Township 2 South and Range 2 West. Trout Pond Recreation Area, 6553 LL Wallace Rd, Tallahassee, FL . 32305.				

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