



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009

National Forests In Florida

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National Forests In Florida, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Forest Plan Amendment #8 (Wildlife Management Updates) EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 07/31/2008	Expected:03/2009	04/2009	David Harris 850-523-8582 daharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: Update Forest-wide standards WL-11, RE-4, WL-4, WL-5, WL-16, WL-17. Combine Management Areas 8.1 and 8.2 and increase created opening limit from 160 acres to 320-800 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - National Forests In Florida All Units. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker, Lake, Leon, Liberty, Marion. NFs in Florida, Forest-wide.				
Forest Plan Amendment #9 (Vegetation Management Updates) EA	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 03/2009	Expected:06/2009	08/2009	David Harris 850-523-8582 daharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal is to update Forest-wide standards VG-18, WA-1, WA-3, FI-12, FI-15, FI-16, remove Forest-wide objective #18, and update Forest-wide objective #4,				
	Location: UNIT - National Forests In Florida All Units. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker, Lake, Leon, Liberty, Marion. NFs in Florida, Forest-wide.				
Longleaf-Sandhill Restoration for St. Joe Tract EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/09/2008	12/2008	Haven Cook 850-523-8572 hcook@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to remove sand pine and plant longleaf pine on a 320-acre tract of land in Bay County, Florida to restore the native sandhill community. Activities include burning on regular intervals.				
	Location: UNIT - National Forests In Florida All Units. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Bay. St. Joe Tract approximately 1.5 miles west of Highway 231 in Bay County, Florida.				

National Forests In Florida, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R8 - Southern Region

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Church Lake Restoration EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	William Carromero 352-625-2520, ext. 2514 wcarromero@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.				
Improving Camping Management on the Ocala NF CE	- Recreation management - Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2007	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	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.				

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Lacota Forest Health / Wildlife Improvement Project EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/20/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Janet Hinchee 352-669-3153, ext. 5529 jhinchee@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.				
Lacota Forest Health/Wildlife Improvement/Brush Reduction EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/20/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Janet Hinchee 352-669-3153, ext. 5529 jhinchee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Intermediate reduction of brush and shrubs to allow increase in herbaceous groundcover for improved wildlife habitat and improved fuels condition in the wildland-urban-interface				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - Township 14 and 15 South, Range 24 East. Compartments 53, 54, 69, 70, 71, 96, 219, 220, and 221.				
Mechanical Fuel Reduction in Wildland Urban Interface Ocala NF EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/25/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Frank Brandt 352-625-2520, ext. 2507 fbrandt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanically reduce hazardous fuels, primarily by mowing or chipping within a 30 to 60 foot wide strip inward from private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. LEGAL - T11S (R24E, R25E), T12S (R24E, R25E, R26E), T13S (R24E, R25E, R26E), T17S (R25E, R28E, R29E). Deerhaven, Big Scrub, Hog Valley, Norwalk Island, and Lake Kerr.				

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National Forests In Florida, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Non-Native Invasive Plant Species Control EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2009	Expected:03/2009	04/2009	William Carromero 352-625-2520, ext. 2514 wcarromero@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use herbicides to control several non-native invasive plant species.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District, Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion, Putnam. LEGAL - T11S through T17S, Range 23E through 29E. The entire area of the Ocala National Forest (excluding Wilderness), and some private land.				
Recreation Residence Permit Renewal (Ocala National Forest) CE	- Special area management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/27/2007	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Antoinette Davis 352-625-2520, ext. 2516 aldavis@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.				
Special Forest Products Program EA	- Special use management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:05/2009	06/2009	Frank Brandt 352-625-2520, ext. 2507 fbrandt@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.				
Visitor Information Areas EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Shanon Harvey 850-926-3561 sharvey@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.				

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Smokehouse KV Projects CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/16/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Chandra Roberts 850-926-3561 ext. 6525 chandraroberts@fs.fed. us
Description: The FS is proposing to reconstruct 0.8 mile of Forest Road 150-A, obliterate and rehabilitate a forest non-system road (formerly 112-Y), and girdle pine trees in five sensitive areas to restore historic savannas and to improve T&E species habitat.					
Location: UNIT - Apalachicola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Liberty. LEGAL - Sections 23, 24, 25, and 35 of Township 2 South (T2S), Range 8 West (R4W), of Liberty County, Florida. Compartments 4 & 13, Apalachicola Ranger District.					
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
2009 Scrub-jay Management Area EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2009	Expected:07/2009	10/2009	Janet Hinchee 352-669-3153, ext. 5529 jhinchee@fs.fed.us
Description: Over the next 15 years use timber harvest, prescribed burning and mechanical treatments to change 1,000 acres from sand pine to oak scrub to increase habitat quality for Florida scrub-jays and other scrub endemics including Lewton's polygala.					
Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - T14S, R25E, parts of Sections 25 and 26; T14S, R26E, part of Section 30. Adjacent to the south end of Hughes Island, south of FS 46.					

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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	- Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/29/2008	10/2008	Frank Brandt 352-625-2520, ext. 2507 fbrandt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest about 3,087 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, Putnam. Compartments 25, 26, 27, 31, 42, 45, 49, 50, 57, 58, 84, 85 and 86.				
Hog Valley Scrub EA	- Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:09/2009	10/2009	Frank Brandt 352-625-2520, ext. 2507 fbrandt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest between 2,500 and 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, Putnam. Compartments: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 31, 32 and 35.				
Midstory Removal and Artificial Insert Cavities for RCW CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/09/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Laura Lowery 352-625-2520 ext 2528 llowery@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce midstory oaks to three per acre in six new 10-acre Red-Cockaded Woodpecker recruitment stands (60 acres total).				
	Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion, Putnam. LEGAL - T 12 S, R 25 E. Norwalk Island west of SR-19, Compartment 19.				
Relocate Entrance Road CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Antoinette Davis 352-625-2520, ext. 2516 aldavis@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.				

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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	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/31/2007	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Unmanaged public use has led to erosion, stream bank damage, and sedimentation. Project would control erosion and protect the environment.				
	Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - T15S, R26E. Juniper Creek at SR19. Compartment 93.				
Yearling Trail Shortcut CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:02/2009	02/2009	Eve Shackleton 352-625-2520 ext. 2517 eshackleton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a 200 yard shortcut between 2 historic sites on the Yearling Trail to make a shorter loop for school tours and other hikers.				
	Location: UNIT - Lake George Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - Sec. 26, T14S, R26E. Juniper Prairie Wilderness, Pat's Island. The shortcut would be created between point 2 and point 11 on the Yearling Trail map.				

National Forests In Florida		Osceola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Osceola National Forest Forestwide Treatment for Non-native Invasive Plant Species EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2008	Expected:07/2009	10/2009	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4509 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Osceola National Forest proposes a program of Integrated Pest Management for the treatment of non-native invasive plants across the forest. Methods may include one or a combination of mechanical, manual, biological and EPA-approved herbicides.				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Baker, Columbia. Osceola National Forest.				

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National Forests In Florida Osceola Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Suwannee Upper Basin Analysis Area Priority Area 3 Hazardous Fuels Removal EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Cynthia Thompson 386-752-2577 ext. 4509 cynthiathompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is third priority for projects identified in the Suwannee Upper Basin Landscape Analysis and will involve mechanical fuel reduction, timber thinnings and planting longleaf pine to reduce risks from wildfire and improve wildlife habitat.				
	Location: UNIT - Osceola Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Columbia. LEGAL - T2S, R17E Sections 1 thru 3, 10 thru 12, and 28; T2S R18E Sections 5 thru 8; 17 thru 20, 29 and 30. T1S R17E Sections 25 thru 27, 34 thru 36; T1S 18E Sections 31 and 32. West-central area of the Osceola National Forest and bordered by Forest Development Roads 237, 263, 234, and 262.				

National Forests In Florida Seminole Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Improving Management of Blue Sink and 52-Landing CE	- Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2007	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Erosion control.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Lake, Marion. LEGAL - Blue Sink: NW, W section 36, T16S, R26E. 52-Landing: parts of sections 3 and 37, T17S, R28E. Blue Sink: MA 8.2 around sink, compartment 270, stand 21. 52-Landing: MA 0.3, compartment 302, where FR 552 terminates at canoe landing on Alexander Creek and surrounding area.				
Little Lake Bryant Road: Problems in Prairie CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/27/2008	Expected:01/2009	01/2009	Rick Lint 352-669-3153, ext. 5501 rlint@fs.fed.us
	Description: Resource protection. Repair and prevent erosion. Decommission and rehabilitate portions of FR 314A-4.41 and FR 314A-4.5.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. LEGAL - Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 24 East. South end of Little Lake Bryant in compartment 218.				

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National Forests In Florida Seminole Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
South Ocala Scrub EA	- Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:09/2009	10/2009	Janet Hinchee 352-669-3153, ext. 5529 jhinchee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Harvest about 2,000 acres of sand pine and crookedwood to establish early successional scrub openings suitable for Florida scrub-jays and other rare species.				
	Location: UNIT - Seminole Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Marion. Compartments: 271, 273, 281, 282, 283, 285, 286, 287, 293, 294, 295 and 298.				

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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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/28/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	01/2009	Chandra Roberts 850-926-3561 ext. 6525 chandrarooberts@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).				
Phase VIII Expansion Project EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/19/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:09/2009	01/2010	Harold Shenk 850-926-3561 hshenk@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project involves the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline and compressor facilities in various counties in Alabama and Florida. Portions of the existing pipeline on the Apalachicola National Forest will be modified.				
	Location: UNIT - Wakulla Ranger District. STATE - Florida. COUNTY - Leon. Apalachicola National Forest.				

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