



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

### Chippewa National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Aerial Application of Fire Retardant</b> EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire.retardant@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html</a> .					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

#### Chippewa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

#### R9 - Eastern Region

<b>Off Road Vehicle Travel Access Project</b> EA	- Road management - Recreation management - Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/22/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	01/2008	Ann Long-Voelkner 218-335-8616 alongvoelkner@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Identify FS system roads that off road vehicles may be operated on legally. May include a non-significant Forest Plan Amendment.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/recreation/atv-trails/index.php">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/recreation/atv-trails/index.php</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Forest Service System Raods within the Chippewa National Forest.					
<b>Reservoir Operating Plan Evaluation (ROPE) Study</b> EIS	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/12/2003 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2007	Expected:12/2007	05/2008	Chantel Cook 218-335-8662 cmcook@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Operation of Federal dams and coordination with operators of non-Federal dams in the headwaters of the Mississippi River area between Bemidji and St. Paul					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Upper Mississippi River between Bemidji and St. Paul.					

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<b>Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Enbridge Energy Pipeline Construction</b> EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:06/2008	12/2008	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of two pipelines (18" and 36") from Deer River to Cass Lake				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. Utility corridor right of way between Deer River and Cass Lake.				
<b>Recreation Residence Permit Re-issuances</b> CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/15/2005	Expected:04/2007	01/2009	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project involves a decision to continue the use and issue new 20 year recreation residence term special use permits for 286 recreational residences.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa</a>				
<b>Transmission Project -- 230 - kV from Bemidji to Grand Rapids</b> EIS	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 05/2007	Expected:12/2009	10/2010	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of a 230 kV powerline from Deer River to Cass Lake on National Forest Lands.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.capx2020.com">http://www.capx2020.com</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. Right of way 125 feet in width from Deer River to Call Lake on NFS lands. Entire project runs from Bemidji to Grand Rapids..				

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<b>Beltrami Electric Underground Line FR3448</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Bury an existing powerline in the ditch along FR 3448 and FR 3448B				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T147N R30W Section 30. Along FR 3448 and 3448B south of Big Rice Lake.				

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>County Road 22 Buried Electric Line</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Beltrami Electric Coop will bury their powerline in the ROW of the newly reconstructed road.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T147N R31W and T148N R31W. Along County Road 22 from the County Road 39 to the Forest Boundary..				
<b>Lydick Resource Management</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Road management - Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:04/2008	07/2008	Leo Johnson 218-835-3107 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Timber sale, reforestation, wildlife habitat, impoundment, and transportation system management near Cass Lake. Lot of jack pine restoration. Fuels management.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass. LEGAL - T145N R28 to 31W, T146N R29 to 30W. Between Cass Lake and Lake Winnibigoshish, Highway 2 and Mississippi River.				
<b>McArdle Lake Access Road</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	12/2007	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use permit for road access to Lake Winnibigoshish in the winter over National Forest lands on primarily an existing old roadbed.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T146N R29W, Section 34. Near the entrance of the Mississippi River into Lake Winnibigoshish.				
<b>Popple River Rock Spawning Reef</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reef of small rocks in Popple River for walleye spawning.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T149N R27W Section 15. In Popple River near bridge on County Road 126 (FR 3673).				

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Scenic Gravel Pit Expansion</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Leo Johnson 218-835-3107 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Expand the Scenic Gravel pit downward into the water table to get more gravel. Consider gating the access road.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T148N, R30W, Section 6 and T149N, R30W, Section 31.. East of the Scenic Highway 4 miles south of Blackduck..				
<b>Shallow Pond Boat Access</b> EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:07/2007	10/2007	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construct a small, native-surfaced parking lot and concrete boat landing on Shallow Pond. On hold waiting for Heritage Resources Site Evaluation. Possible DNR partnership.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T149N R28W Section 5. North side of Shallow Pond along Highway 46.				
<b>Shearing Woodcock Habitat</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2007	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	Stanley Kot 218-835-3119 sjkot@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Regenerate a 3 to 7 acre area of dense hardwood stems for woodcock habitat in a riparian area.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T146N R30W. In the vicinity of Tower Hunter Walking Trail.				
<b>Star Island Toilets</b> EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Nancy Salminen 218-835-3116 nsalminen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construct a latrine with vault on the north side at Windigo Lake portage. Based on Cass Lake Vegetation Management EA plus followup analysis.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T146N R31W Section 35. In Cass Lake on Star Island.				

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<b>Sugarbush Township Road Easements</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:07/2007	10/2007	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Grant easements for existing township roads					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T147N R31W. Various locations in Sugarbush Township (around Big Lake).					

<b>Chippewa National Forest</b>	<b>Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Bonderson Road Access</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2006	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Mary Humenberger 218-246-3455 mhumenberger@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The construction and maintenance of a 900 ft. long by 8 ft. wide driveway on NFS lands.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T57N R25W S12. T57N R25W S12.					
<b>Eagle Nest Road</b> EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/26/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Michael Martin 218-335-8633 mikemartin@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Project includes realignments, reconstructing bridges, and adding bituminous surface to Eagle Nest Road. Includes rehabilitation of East and West Seelye Campgrounds adjacent to road.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N R27W Secs 14, 15, 21, 22, & 28. Eagle Nest Road extending from Hwy 46 to South Deer Lake Campground.					

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Marcell Northeast Vegetative Management Project</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Kevin Bruce 218-246-3477 kbruce@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetative management of the Dry-mesic Pine-Oak Landscape Ecosystems in the northeast corner of the Marcell-Deer River Ranger District.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Generally T60N R26W south through T57N R25W in Itasca County, MN.. Northeast corner of the Marcell-Deer River Ranger District south of Bigfork to the Wabana Lake area and primarily east of HWY 38..				
<b>Marcell and McDonald Lake Gravel Pits Expansion</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	James Barott 218-335-8685 jbarott@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Evaluate proposed expansion of Marcell and McDonald Lake Gravel Pits.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T59N R26W Sec 20 NWNE, T58N R27W Sec 35 NWNE. South of town of Marcell and south of the community of Soumi near McDonald Lake.				

<b>Chippewa National Forest Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Cass County Land Exchange</b> CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/05/2004	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Cass County has initiated a land exchange proposal for 160 acres.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T141N, R26W, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 13. Southeast corner of the Walker Ranger District.				

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Forest Road 2862 Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Road management - Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mitch Bouchonville 218-547-1044 x 121 mbouchonville@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Applicant has requested a temporary use permit to maintain a portion of FR 2862 in order to access private property.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T141N, R28W, Section 7. Marshall Lake.				
<b>Grave Lake Access</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steven Frick 218-547-6002 ext 112 scfrick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construction, use and maintenance of a road across NFS land to access private land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T142N, R26W, Section 14. Grave Lake.				
<b>Sale of Ranger House</b> CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/24/2004	Expected:04/2007	06/2007	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Sale of former Ranger House in Walker, Minnesota. Sale implementation in RO for review.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T 142N, R 31W, Section 23.				
<b>Sale of Surplus Facilities</b> CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/24/2004	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Sale of three surplus properties: former Cass Lake Ranger Station; storm pond in Walker; and west branch storage area in Walker. Phase II waiting for analysis.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T145N R31W Sec 23; T142 N R31W Sec 23; T142N R31W Sec 21. Cass Lake and Walker.				

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<b>Steamboat Resource Management Project</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Road management</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:07/2007	10/2007	Deborah Overton 218-547-6002 x130 doverton@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management that includes: timber harvest, prescribed fire, mechanical methods, and biological controls; and transportation system management activities.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Portions of T141N R30,31W; T142N R30, 31W; T143N R30, 31W near the town of Walker, MN.. Southwest corner of the Walker Ranger District including Oak Point and Stony Point..					
<b>Walker Ranger District Administrative Site</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:01/2009	06/2009	Deborah Overton 218-547-6002 x130 doverton@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Plan and construct Walker Ranger District administrative office and associated buildings.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. Along State Highway 371 on the east side of Walker, Minnesota, overlooking Leech Lake. .					

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