



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2008 to 06/30/2008

Chippewa National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2008 10/11/2007	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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/15/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@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/2008_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.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

American Elm Restoration Planting CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Gary Swanson 218-335-8652 ghswanson@fs.fed.us
Description: Planting of American Elm seedlings on 3 1-acres sites across the forest. Sites will be mechanically site prepped and then fenced to exclude deer prior to planting.					
Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Three one acre sites across the forest.					

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Lower East Winnie Vegetation Management EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:07/2008	10/2008	Barb Knight 218-246-2362 bknight@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetative management that includes timber harvest, prescribed fire, wildlife and impoundment management and transportation system management activities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects/					
Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - T144N R28, 27, 26, 25W; T145N R 28, 27, 26 W; T146N R 27, 26 W. The project area is centered on Highway 2 from Bena to Ball Club and extends to the north to Lake Winnibigoshish and south to the district boundary in the Marcell/Deer River Ranger District.					
Non-native Invasive Plant (NNIP) Prevention, Treatment and Restoration EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:09/2008	05/2009	Ray Newman 218-335-8620 rwneman@fs.fed.us
Description: Use an adaptive management driven multi-agency approach to 1) Prevent the further spread of NNIP 2). Prevent and reduce impacts from existing NNIP infestations in the area. 3). Restore the land's resistance to NNIP					
Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Forest-wide.					
Reservoir Operating Plan Evaluation (ROPE) Study EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/12/2003 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2008	Luke Rutten 218-335-8666 lrutten@fs.fed.us
Description: 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					
Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Upper Mississippi River between Bemidji and St. Paul.					

Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Enbridge Energy Pipeline Construction EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/14/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of two pipelines (18" and 36") from Deer River to Cass Lake				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. Utility corridor right of way between Deer River and Cass Lake.				
Recreation Residence Permit Re-issuances CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/24/2008	01/2009	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project involves a decision to continue the use and issue new 20 year recreation residence term special use permits for 286 recreational residences.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa				
Transmission Project -- 230 - kV from Bemidji to Grand Rapids EIS	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2007	Expected:12/2009	10/2010	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of a 230 kV powerline from Deer River to Cass Lake on National Forest Lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.capx2020.com				
	Location: 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.				

Chippewa National Forest	Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Beltrami Electric Buried Cable - Scenic Highway CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2007	Expected:10/2008	06/2010	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Bury the existing powerline along the Scenic Highway in existing location and existing disturbance.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T149N R31W, T148N R30 & 31W, T147N R30W. West and north of the Scenic Highway.				
County Road 22 Buried Electric Line CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Beltrami Electric Coop will bury their powerline in the ROW of the newly reconstructed road. Work was just completed under the County Road 22 Reconstruction EA and a SIR.				
	Location: 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.				
Crane Creek Bridge Replacement EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/07/2003 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Leo Johnson 218-835-3107 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace the existing bridge over Crane Creek on FR 2203 with a 2-lane, similar bridge.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N, R29W, Section 1. Crane Creek and FR 2203, 1 1/2 miles south of Dixon Lake.				
Lydick Resource Management EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	Leo Johnson 218-835-3107 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber sale, reforestation, wildlife habitat, impoundment, and transportation system management near Cass Lake. Lot of jack pine restoration. Fuels management.				
	Location: 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.				

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North Winnie SPNM Forest Plan Amendment EA	- Special area management - Recreation management - Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Nancy Salminen 218-835-3116 nsalminen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Plan Amendment changing the boundary of the North Winnie Semi-primitive Non-motorized area. Moves south boundary to a road. Develops a trail system and decommissions more unclassified roads.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N R28W Sections 13-17 and 20-24. North of Lake Winibigoshish. North side of FR 2171 between FR 2382 and 2384.				
Paul Bunyan Buried Telephone Lines - Blackduck CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:07/2008	07/2008	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Bury existing and new telephone lines - fiber optic, about 42" deep, all in existing road rights-of-way. Total in six separate locations of about 5.7 miles on NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T146N, R30W, Sections 4, 6, 7, 16, 21, 22, and 23; T145N, R30W, Section 18; and T145N, R31W, Sections 13 and 14. Six locations near Cass Lake.				
Popple River Rock Spawning Reef CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:10/2008	02/2009	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reef of small rocks in Popple River for walleye spawning.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T149N R27W Section 15. In Popple River near bridge on County Road 126 (FR 3673).				
Scenic Gravel Pit Expansion EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Leo Johnson 218-835-3107 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expand the Scenic Gravel pit downward into the water table to get more gravel. Consider gating the access road.				
	Location: 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.				

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Shallow Pond Boat Access EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	10/2008	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T149N R28W Section 5. North side of Shallow Pond along Highway 46.					
Star Island Toilets EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Nancy Salminen 218-835-3116 nsalminen@fs.fed.us
Description: Construct a latrine with vault on the north side at Windigo Lake portage. Based on Cass Lake Vegetation Management EA plus followup analysis.					
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T146N R31W Section 35. In Cass Lake on Star Island.					
Sugarbush Township Road Easements CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeff Allison 218-835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
Description: Grant easements for existing township roads. On hold waiting for input from the Township.					
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T147N R31W. Various locations in Sugarbush Township (around Big Lake).					

Chippewa National Forest	Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Eagle Nest Road EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/26/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:06/2008	08/2008	Michael Martin 218-335-8633 mikemartin@fs.fed.us
Description: Project includes realignments, reconstructing bridges, and adding bituminous surface to Eagle Nest Road. Includes rehabilitation of East and West Seelye Campgrounds adjacent to road.					
Location: 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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Suomi Snowmobile Bridge Project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Michael Martin 218-335-8633 / 218-246-3479 mikemartin@fs.fed.us
Description: Snowmobile club want to construct a bridge over the Cranberry Lake flowage.					
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - 57N, 26W, Sec. 6, SW 1/4 of the SE 14. Part of the Highway 38 trail located across the Cranberry Lake Flowage in the Suomi Hills area.					

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Cass County Land Exchange CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/05/2004	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmit@fs.fed.us
Description: Cass County has initiated a land exchange proposal for 160 acres.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T141N, R26W, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 13. Southeast corner of the Walker Ranger District.					
Cuba Hill Resource Management Project EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/29/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	12/2008	Deborah Overton 218-547-6002 x130 dovert@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation management that includes: timber harvest, prescribed fire, mechanical methods, and biological controls; and transportation system management activities.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. south of US Hwy 2 and east of state highway 371, Cass County MN.					

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Description: Vegetation management that includes: timber harvest, prescribed fire, mechanical methods, and biological controls; and transportation system management activities.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. UNIT-Walker Ranger District. STATE-MN. County-Cass.					
Grave Lake Access CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steven Frick 218-547-6002 ext 112 scfrick@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction, use and maintenance of a road across NFS land to access private land.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T142N, R26W, Section 14. Grave Lake.					
Sale of Surplus Facilities CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/24/2004	Expected:06/2008	06/2008	Catherine Thompson 218-335-8655 cjthompson@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Location: 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.					
Walker Ranger District Administrative Site EA	- Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Deborah Overton 218-547-6002 x130 doverton@fs.fed.us
Description: Plan and construct Walker Ranger District administrative office and associated buildings.					
Location: 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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