



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Shawnee National Forest

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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:07/2007	08/2007	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.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Kudzu Eradication EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
Description: Eradication of kudzu from six sites totalling less than 50 acres, using a combination of herbicide application and manual treatments					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/shawnee/					
Location: UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Jackson, Pope. Forest-wide.					
Natural Areas Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2003 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:07/2007	09/2007	Elizabeth Shimp (618) 658-2111 eshimp@fs.fed.us
Description: Prescribed burning and tree and shrub removal in natural areas.					
Location: UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Saline, Union, Williamson. Forest-wide.					

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Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Addendum to the Cistern and Well Closure Environmental Assessment EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Nick Giannettino 618-253-1025 ngiannettino@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Shawnee National Forest proposes to update the Cistern and Well Closure EA. The Forest has successfully implemented this project for the last 5 years and, although no major changes are expected, a review and update are required.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/				
Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Saline. Old homesites are scattered throughout the National Forest on the Hidden Springs Ranger District, and are located primarily on ridges. Many of these homesites have open cisterns or wells.					
Equality Cave Bat Gate CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 02/09/2007	05/2007	Rod McClanahan 618-658-2111 rmclanahan@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing to construct a bat gate and institute a seasonal closure at Equality Cave (Cave Hill Cave). The cave would be closed to the public from October 1 through April 30 and entry from May 1 to September 30 would be by permit only.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/				
Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Saline. Cave Hill area, near Equality.					
Harris Branch - Restoration of Hardwoods in Pine Stands EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/11/2007	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning of pine stands using commercial sale and prescribed fire to restore hardwoods in non-native pine stands. Note: This project has been renamed from Cadiz to Harris Branch to better describe its location.				
	Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Hardin. LEGAL - T11S, R8E, Section 24. Karbers Ridge, Cadiz Area.				

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Lake of Egypt North Prescribed Burn CE	- Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Lake of Egypt prescribed fire management unit consists of nine individual burn units. Total acres in Lake of Egypt North is about 3251 acres. The burning is to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands.				
	Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Sections 2,3,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18 Township 11S Range 3 E Sections 18,19,20 Township 11S Range 5E. Near Lake of Egypt .				
Lake of Egypt South Prescribed Burn CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Lake of Egypt prescribed fire management unit consists of 10 individual burn units. Total acres in Lake of Egypt South is 4056 acres. The burning is to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands.				
	Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Sections 31,32,33,34 Township 11S Range 3E and Sections 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12 Township 12S Range 2E. Near Lake of Egypt.				
Lee Mine Hardwood Restoration EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	06/2008	Tom Neal 618-658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning of pine sands using commercial timber sales and prescribed fire to restore hardwood in non-native pine stands .				
	Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Hardin. LEGAL - T11S, R8E, Section 10,11,15,22,23. About 2 miles south of Karbers Ridge Illinois.				
Lusk Creek Canoe Launch EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a small parking lot and stream access ramp for launching small watercraft.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/				
Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T12S R6E Sec 16. Eddyville Blacktop adjacent to the Eddyville Bridge over Lusk Creek.					

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One Horse Gap Wildlife Habitat and Timber Stand Improvement Prescribed Burn CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 02/23/2007	03/2007	Tom Neal 618-658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: One prescribed burn of approximately 3045 acres to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands in the area near One-Horse Gap Lake in Pope County.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/				
Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T11S, R7E and T12S,R6E. Near One-Horse Gap lake in Pope County.					
South Pope County Burning. CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: The South Pope burn consists of 21 different burn units totaling 4455 acres. The burning is to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands.				
	Location: UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. Six miles SE of Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.				

Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
AmerenCIPS Renew Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2005	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal to issue a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization with AmerenCIPS.				
	Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Jackson, Union. Various locations throughout the Mississippi Bluffs RD.				

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Big Muddy River Bottoms Habitat Improvement EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/21/2005	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Steve Widowski 618-833-8576 swidowski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Regeneration of bottomland oak forest and expansion of flooded compartments at Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/				
Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T10S, T11S, R4E, R3W. Along the Big Muddy River in Jackson County.					
Homestead Trail Head Development at Cedar Lake CE	- Facility management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/28/2007	07/2007	Kelly Pearson 618-687-1731 kdpearson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct and install trailhead facilities at Cedar Lake to include CXT (toilet) installation, 3 panel information board: enlarge and improve parking area and improve FS road in to site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/				
Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. Cedar Lake area.					
Kinkaid Lake Trail Realignment/Reconstruction CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/28/2007	04/2007	Kelly Pearson 618-687-1731 kdpearson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocating and realigning segments of the Kinkaid Lake Trail using hand tools.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/				
Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. Lake Kincaid Trail.					
Lincoln Memorial Interpretation Site Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management - Heritage resource management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Dan Lentz 618-833-8576 dlentz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve the existing memorial site to include one new short path, two new life-size statues, and foundation/wall/walkway work around the existing memorial				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/				
Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Union. Lincoln Memorial Interpretation Site - Jonesboro, IL.					

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NATRC - Annual Trail Ride Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is requesting to expand and amend an annual special use authorization for a North America Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), an equestrian recreation event using the Kinkaid Lake trail systems Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/				
	Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. Johnson Creek Recreation Area and trails near Kinkaid Lake..				
Prescribed Fire for Improvement of Wildlife Habitat and Urban Interface EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Crist 618-687-1731 scrist@fs.fed.us
	Description: Five separate prescribed burning projects, totaling about 23,400 acres (about 4,800 acres each). The projects are spread across the District. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/				
	Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson, Johnson, Pulaski, Union, Williamson. Lands administered by the ranger district.				
Verizon North, Inc. Renew Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization with Verizon Telephone. Inc.				
	Location: UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Jackson, Union. Various location throughout the Mississippi Bluffs RD.				

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